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Dear Patient,

Thank you for choosing **Florida Eye Institute** for your **Cataract Consultation!**

Did you know cataract surgery is considered the **safest** and **most successful** procedure performed in the US today? Cataract surgery is a one-in-a-lifetime procedure. It offers an unparalleled opportunity to permanently change how you see the world.

At Florida Eye Institute we offer the very best **customized options** for your enhanced quality of life.

Once you've decided to have cataract surgery, there are important **custom options** to consider based on your **personal vision preferences**. Advances in lens (IOL) and laser technology can now reduce or eliminate dependence on eyeglasses.

Here are samples of patient comments about how cataract surgery has changed their life. You can find additional [patient testimonials and videos HERE.](#)

- *I have a brand-new life. For as long as I can remember, I was never able to see clearly. Now, I just walk around smiling because I can see so well. It has made me so happy!*
Donna W, Vero Beach
- *I despised wearing glasses all my life. Two years ago, we both had ReSTOR lens implants. It was a wonderful experience. We each achieved 20/20 vision and don't need to buy expensive eyeglasses. We constantly recommend Florida Eye Institute!*
Ivy and Bill W, Melbourne
- *I was so tired of wearing glasses for everything that I did. Dr. Zudans explained the cataract removal procedure expertly, and my results have been fabulous. I am free to read, drive and see everyone now – without glasses!*
Pam B, Vero Beach

Learn more about cataract procedures and lens options on our [Cataract Center page.](#)

Before your consult, please peruse the following lens options and complete a **Vision Preferences Checklist** to bring to with you. We look forward to helping you **see your best!**

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Vision Preferences Checklist

Cataract surgery replaces the natural lens within the eye when it becomes hard and clouded. A new artificial lens (IOL) is used to restore vision.

Cataract surgery is a **once-in-a-lifetime opportunity** to permanently change how you see the world. New lens and laser options offer exceptional vision with less dependence on glasses.

Trust your **Florida Eye Institute team** to fully inform you about the procedure and discuss the variety of choices available. Completing the **Vision Preference Checklist** provides insight into how you expect to see and perform normal activities after cataract surgery.

Important! Most patients will need glasses for at least some activities after cataract surgery. Answer the following questions as honestly as possible.

1. Are you interested in seeing well in the distance without glasses? **Yes** **No**
2. Are you interested in seeing well near (arms-length and within) without glasses? **Yes** **No**
3. What near vision, hand/eye activities do you enjoy or perform often? (check all that apply)
 Carpentry **Painting** **Cooking** **Driving** **Cards** **Reading**
 Gardening **Puzzles/Crosswords** **Needlepoint/Crocheting** **Sewing**
 Play Musical Instrument **Mobile Phone/Tablet** **Other** _____
4. What activities do you enjoy/perform most often? (check all that apply)
 Biking **Fishing** **Bowling** **Hunting** **Computer** **Shopping**
 Golfing **Swimming** **Driving (Night/Day)** **Tennis** **Traveling**
 Writing **Watching TV** **Time with kids'** **Other** _____
5. How enjoyable would it be for you to be free of glasses for all daily activities?
 Awesome **Very Nice** **Not Sure** **Not a Big Deal**
6. Do you do a lot of night driving? **Yes** **No** **Somewhat**
7. How would you describe your personality? (Place an "X" on the following scale)
Easy Going-----|-----**Perfectionist**
8. Do you have any lifestyle or visual concerns: _____

Patient Name: _____ **DOB:** _____ **Date:** _____

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Custom Cataract Surgery

Review the Quality of Vision Questionnaire to select options that best meet your needs.

Option 1- Standard Cataract Surgery with Monofocal Lens

The **HD/HDO** lens provides a single focal point, designed to correct cataracts and provide distance vision with enhanced image quality for patients **without** astigmatism. The standard option is often the best for individuals who do not mind wearing glasses after cataract surgery.

HD/HDO Lens Package is included in the Florida Eye Institute SurgiCenter fee.

- Expect good distant focus post-op for patients without astigmatism or other ocular pathology.
- You will likely need glasses for close-up vision or bifocals, depending on your eyes.

Option 2- Custom Cataract Surgery to Correct Astigmatism with Toric Lens

High amounts of astigmatism can be highly reduced at the time of cataract surgery with a **Toric** lens implant. Toric is available in both mono-focal and extended range of vision. These options allow enhanced image quality and clear vision at a **distance** without glasses. However, you may need glasses for reading & near vision tasks depending on the specific lens selected. Patients must be an appropriate candidate for this option, and there is an out-of-pocket fee.

Moderate to High Astigmatism Package with Toric Lens: Added Cost: \$2500 - \$3300 per eye

- Expect good distance vision (beyond arm's length) after surgery without glasses, including driving, TV, and sports.
- You will most likely need glasses for close up vision. Over-the-counter readers are usually sufficient.

Option 3- Custom Cataract Surgery for Complete Range of Vision with Premium Lens

A **premium lens** is designed to provide a **full range of vision** that helps you see near, far, and in-between - without glasses or bifocals for the **majority** of activities. A premium lens is the best choice for patients who want to reduce their dependency on glasses after cataract surgery. Patients must be a candidate for this option, and there is an out-of-pocket fee.

Premium Extended Range Lens: Added Cost: \$3300 per eye.

- Expect good vision at distance, intermediate, and near. The specific **choice of lens** is **customized** to each patient.
- Expect a reduced or eliminated need for glasses. **Not all patients** are good candidates for these lenses.
- You may experience halo rings or difficulty seeing in low light situations. Brighter lighting will help and may be needed for reading after surgery.
- Over-the-counter reading glasses may be necessary for small details such as threading a needle, low light reading, and computer work.