

LENS IMPLANT - PRIOR REFRACTIVE SURGERY - INFORMED CONSENT

Your surgeon must choose an appropriate lens power to deliver the best possible vision after cataract removal and lens replacement. If you've undergone previous refractive surgery (LASIK, PRK, ASA, CK or RK), you have surgically-induced changes to your cornea. These corneal changes were necessary to improve vision at that time. However, previous refractive surgery complicates the accuracy and predictability of lens implant power calculations.

1. I understand that having undergone prior refractive surgery, the accuracy and predictability of lens implant power calculations are reduced when compared to patients who have not undergone prior refractive surgery.
2. I accept that there is an increased possibility for subsequent surgeries, such as intraocular lens exchange, piggyback intraocular lens implantation, repeat refractive surgery, and/or wearing contact lenses or glasses.
3. Despite every effort that will be made on my behalf, there is no guarantee that I will not require spectacles (glasses) to maximize my visual acuity.
4. The advantages, disadvantages, risks and possible complications of the surgery and alternative treatments have been explained to me. I have had a discussion with my surgeon about this matter and all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

By signing this consent I acknowledge that due to prior refractive surgery, my results are less predictable and more prone to enhancement than a person who has not had prior refractive surgery. My surgeon will do everything possible; in pre-operative testing, surgical planning, cataract removal, lens implantation and subsequent touch-up procedures, to deliver the best possible visual outcome.

I am making an informed decision in giving my permission to have CATARACT REMOVAL AND LENS IMPLANTATION SURGERY after prior refractive surgery. I understand it is impossible for my surgeon to guarantee the precision of my post-surgical visual acuity.

Patient Signature _____ Date _____ Witness _____