

LASER PERIPHERAL IRIDOTOMY (YAG PI) - INFORMED CONSENT

Laser Peripheral Iridotomy is used for people with narrow-angles or the possibility of angle-related issues. The laser makes a small opening in the iris (colored part of the eye). The laser opening should let more fluid flow through the drain in the eye. It will hopefully prevent scar formation between the iris and cornea which can lead to progression of glaucoma. There are some individuals who respond well to LPI and others who do not respond at all to the surgery. Your response is determined by the type of narrow-angles you have and the basic anatomy of your eye.

The procedure can be done in one or two treatments. The laser itself makes little noise and flashes a light about as bright as a flash on a camera. Almost everybody finds the procedure comfortable and without pain. Some individuals feel a little pressure during the procedure, which usually takes less than ten minutes.

You may need drops before and after treatment. Your doctor will keep close watch on your eye pressure afterwards, which is the greatest risk for this procedure. If there is a significant pressure rise, you may require medications to lower the pressure. Rarely, the pressure in the eye elevates to a very high pressure and does not come down. If this happens, you may require surgery to lower it. This is a most unusual event.

You will need to use drops for about one week after the laser to help the eye heal correctly. In most cases, you are asked to continue your other eye medications after the laser procedure. The doctor will advise you if there is any exception to continuing your medications.

Most people notice some blurring in their vision afterwards. This clears within a few hours in most individuals. The chance of your vision being permanently affected from this procedure is very, very small. Other risks include inflammation in the eye, cataract formation, bleeding, double vision, scar formation between the iris and lens of the eye (synechia) that prevents the pupil from moving correctly, late closure of the iridotomy opening that requires repeat laser surgery to open the hole again, and (rarely) damage to the cornea or retina from the laser light.

CONSENT

By signing below, you agree that:

- You read this informed consent, or someone read it to you.
- You understand the information, including the risks, benefits and alternatives to surgery.
- Dr. Harvey and/or his staff offered you a copy of this informed consent form.
- Dr. Harvey and/or his staff answered your questions about LPI surgery.

I consent to have Laser Peripheral Iridotomy surgery in my **RIGHT eye** **LEFT eye** **BOTH eyes.**

Signature _____ Date _____ Witness _____