

YAG Posterior Capsulotomy - INFORMED CONSENT

In modern cataract with lens implant surgery, the back membrane of the cataract is left in place to support the lens implant. This membrane may become cloudy and cause blurred vision, and sometimes patients will see streaks or haloes around lights. These problems worsen over time.

In the past, a trip back to the operating room was necessary. A small incision was made and a needle introduced to cut the cloudy membrane. Complications of the surgery included possible infection, retinal swelling, or retinal detachment with possible loss of vision. An anesthetic injection was necessary and complications from the injection included heart or breathing disturbances, damage to the optic nerve, or perforation of the eyeball with the needle.

Fortunately, a modern YAG laser treatment can be done without a need for an anesthetic injection or incisions. Many of the complications noted previously are thereby eliminated. There is no interruption in physical activities and no patch after the laser treatment is needed.

Laser surgery is still surgery. Complications can still occur. Some new floaters or spots may be seen. Retinal swelling or detachment can follow this type of surgery as well. The eye pressure may rise temporarily after the YAG laser treatment.

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 YAG Capsulotomy surgery.
- You understand you may need to wear glasses after surgery.

I consent to have YAG surgery in my **RIGHT eye** **LEFT eye** **BOTH eyes.**

Signature _____ Date _____ Witness _____