

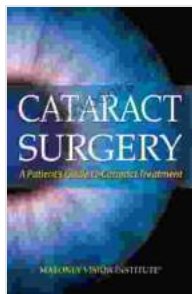
The Patient's Guide to Cataract Treatment: Everything You Need to Know

Cataracts are a clouding of the natural lens of the eye. The lens is responsible for focusing light on the retina, which is the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. Cataracts can cause blurred vision, glare, and difficulty seeing at night.

Cataracts are most commonly caused by aging. As we get older, the proteins in the lens of the eye break down and clump together, causing the lens to become cloudy. Other risk factors for cataracts include:

- Diabetes
- Smoking
- Prolonged exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation
- Eye injuries
- Certain medications, such as steroids

The most common symptom of cataracts is blurred vision. Other symptoms can include:



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- Glare
- Difficulty seeing at night
- Double vision
- Fading colors
- Difficulty reading
- Needing more light to see

Cataracts are diagnosed with a comprehensive eye exam. During the exam, your ophthalmologist will:

- Check your vision
- Dilate your pupils
- Examine your eyes with a slit lamp

The only effective treatment for cataracts is surgery. Cataract surgery is a relatively simple procedure that takes about 15 minutes to perform. During surgery, your ophthalmologist will remove the cloudy lens from your eye and replace it with an artificial lens.

There are two main types of cataract surgery:

- **Phacoemulsification** is the most common type of cataract surgery. During phacoemulsification, your ophthalmologist will use a laser to break up the cloudy lens into small pieces. The pieces are then removed from the eye using a vacuum.
- **Extracapsular cataract extraction** is a less common type of cataract surgery. During extracapsular cataract extraction, your ophthalmologist will remove the entire lens, including the capsule that surrounds it.

Most people recover from cataract surgery quickly and without any complications. You will likely be able to go home the same day as your surgery. You may experience some mild discomfort, such as pain, itching, or redness. Your ophthalmologist will prescribe eye drops to help reduce inflammation and prevent infection.

You will need to wear an eye patch or shield for a few days after surgery. You should also avoid strenuous activity for a week or two. Most people can return to their normal activities within a few weeks of surgery.

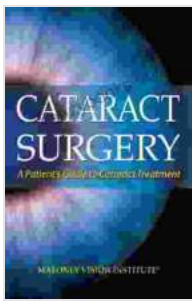
Cataract surgery is a very safe procedure. However, as with any surgery, there are some risks involved. These risks include:

- Infection
- Bleeding
- Swelling
- Glaucoma
- Retinal detachment

There is no surefire way to prevent cataracts. However, you can reduce your risk by:

- Quitting smoking
- Protecting your eyes from UV radiation
- Eating a healthy diet
- Managing your blood sugar if you have diabetes

Cataracts are a common eye condition that can lead to vision loss. However, cataract surgery is a safe and effective way to restore vision. If you are experiencing any of the symptoms of cataracts, be sure to see your ophthalmologist for a comprehensive eye exam.



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