

# POSTERIOR CAPSULOTOMY

## WHAT IS A POSTERIOR CAPSULOTOMY?

The normal lens inside the eye focuses light rays. This lens has a cellophane-like outer lining called the capsule, and inner layers called the cortex and the nucleus. Normally, the lens is clear. When it becomes cloudy and interferes with vision, it is called a cataract, and the treatment is to remove it surgically.

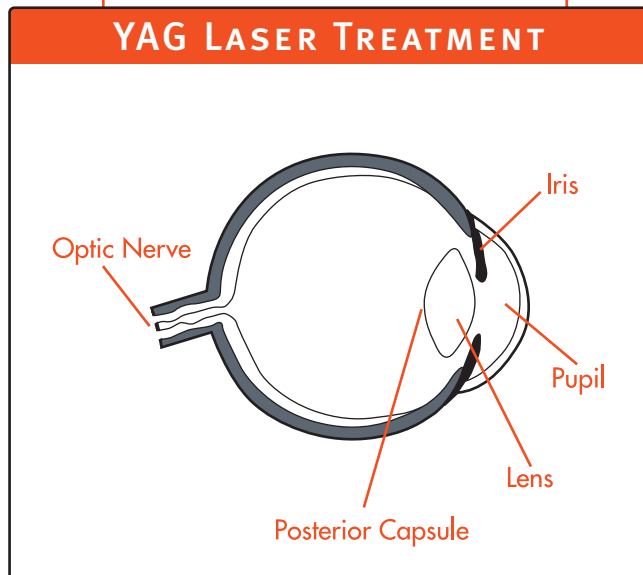
Cataract surgery has a very high success rate of 98%. As incredible as this rate is, it is not 100%, so there are still complications that can arise after having your cataracts removed. The most common complication of cataract surgery is clouding of the part of the lens covering (capsule) that remains after surgery. This is not uncommon and can develop weeks, months or even years following cataract surgery. Because this cloudiness can affect your vision, you may choose to have a laser surgery called Nd:YAG posterior

capsulotomy to correct this problem. The YAG Laser Treatment begins with the doctor applying topical anesthetic (eye drops) so that you won't feel pain. Then he or she will use a laser (Nd: YAG laser) to make a tiny opening in the clouded back lining of the lens capsule. This allows light to pass through the membrane to the retina at the back of the eye.

waiting period allows the patient to have the pressure in the eye (intraocular pressure) checked. You should not feel pain after the surgery.

This treatment usually results in an immediate and dramatic change in vision. The earlier you and your doctor decide that this laser treatment will benefit you, the better your chance for restoring the clarity of your vision. The need for a capsulotomy should not cause undue concern since the clouding or wrinkling is part of the body's normal healing process in a certain percentage of patients.

Patients should be aware that Medicare Insurance does not include YAG Laser Treatment in the price of cataract surgery, so we will bill your insurance carrier separately for this procedure when it is performed.



Laser posterior capsulotomy is an outpatient procedure. After the procedure, it is recommended to wait 1 to 2 hours in the doctor's office before going home. This

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