Natural Lens Changes Within The Eye: Presbyopia And Cataracts

Presbyopia normally increases as you age, and so your near vision will change. Because we account for this change, your monovision laser vision correction should provide you with functional vision for most of your up close activities for many years. Our goal with monovision laser vision correction is to provide you with the best possible vision with the least amount of dependence on glasses.

PATIENT MONOVISION STATEMENT: I understand that if I have both eyes treated for distance vision, I will need reading glasses after my laser vision correction procedure. This is typically due to presbyopia and usually begins sometime after the age of 40.

❑ I WANT monovision laser vision correction. I understand that monovision focuses one eye for distance vision and one eye for near vision. I will need to adapt to monovision, which can take up to 12 weeks or more. I may still need to wear glasses for some tasks such as night driving, prolonged reading, or other activities that require both eyes focusing together.

Right Eye: ❑ Near ❑ Distance

Left Eye: ❑ Near ❑ Distance

❑ I do NOT want monovision. I want both eyes focused for distance. I understand that today after the treatment, if I am older than 40 years of age, I will need reading glasses for near vision, including computer work and reading.

By signing below you are indicating that you understand that you may still develop presbyopia even after undergoing Laser Vision Correction and that you have indicated above your decision regarding monovision.

_____ Date: _____

Patient's Signature

CATARACTS

Typically cataracts occur with aging. Over time, the crystalline lens becomes so hazy that it may not transmit light clearly. Cataracts cannot be corrected with glasses, contacts, or laser vision correction. A cataract removal procedure is required. Early cataracts that are not in the field of vision are typically slow to develop and slow to have an impact on your vision, and laser vision correction can still provide you with good vision for an extended period of time. Your eye doctor will help guide you in deciding if laser vision correction is appropriate, or if you should seek counsel for cataract removal.

Laser vision correction will not impact the rate of cataract formation because laser vision correction is performed on the cornea (front surface) of the eye while cataracts develop in the lens inside of the eye.

By signing below you are indicating that you understand that you may still develop cataracts even after undergoing Laser Vision Correction and that in the future your vision may change because of cataracts and cataract removal surgery may be necessary.

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Patient's Name (Please Type or Print) Patient's Date of Birth

_____ Date: _____

Patient's Signature

_____ Date: _____

Physician's Signature