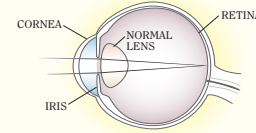


CATARACTS



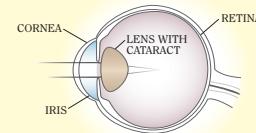
Normal Eye

In a normal eye, the lens is almost transparent allowing light to reach the retina without obstruction.



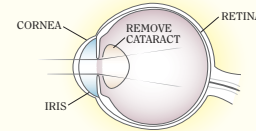
Cataract

When the lens turns opaque and does not allow light to reach the retina adequately, it is called a cataract. Eyeglasses will not improve vision.



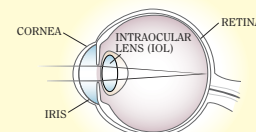
Surgery

The cataract must be removed in order to clear the way for light. It must be replaced with an artificial lens to focus images adequately on the retina.



Intraocular Lens (IOL)

An artificial lens is placed inside the capsule, a thin membrane which normally holds the natural lens. The IOL is an absolutely transparent lens that will focus light on the retina.



“I’m extremely happy with my cataract surgery. Colors are brighter, more vivid than ever, and I’m really enjoying my painting again!”

— Stacy Holliday, Artist



Our doctors (from left): Matt Oliva, MD • Paul Imperia, MD • Paul Jorizzo, MD
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You can depend on us.

We’re a full-service eye care practice assisted by an exceptionally qualified staff. Medical Eye Center was founded in 1921 on the principle of preserving the health of our patients and the quality of their vision through comprehensive eye care and surgical services.



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is a cataract?

A cataract occurs when the lens of the eye turns cloudy. As a result, the light entering the eye is scattered causing blurred vision.

What causes cataracts?

Cataracts develop as part of the normal aging process. Contributing factors may also be:

- Other eye diseases
- Systemic diseases including diabetes
- Medications
- Hereditary factors
- Ultraviolet light



Ed Pentkowski
Retired, City of Ashland

"I had terrible double-vision and I couldn't drive at night. I felt no pain whatsoever during my procedure and now I have 20/20 vision without glasses!"

What are the symptoms?

- Reduced vision
- Glare
- Dulling of colors
- Occasional double-vision

What are the treatment options?

Glasses do not eliminate these symptoms. Since the light is scattered inside the eye, surgery to implant an intraocular lens (IOL) is the only effective treatment. There are several types of IOL implants including monofocal, multifocal and accommodating lenses that reduce your dependency on corrective lenses after surgery. Your surgeon will work with you to determine which implant is best for you based on your eye condition, vision goals and lifestyle.

What is the surgical procedure?

At Medical Eye Center we use the most advanced technique called Phacoemulsification. With this

approach, a very tiny incision is made in the eye and the cataract is broken up and removed. A new, clear lens (IOL) is then placed in the eye to reduce the need for glasses. The eye can be anesthetized using eye drops so no shot is required, and the eye does not need to be patched following surgery. This allows patients to start enjoying their improved vision immediately.

Surgeons you can trust.

Medical and surgical technology continues to advance in this field. Our surgeons maintain their expertise through continual training and education. We use state-of-the-art technology to achieve excellent outcomes.

Our surgeons perform several thousand procedures every year, making Medical Eye Center one of the most patient-preferred ophthalmology practices in Oregon.

Dr. Jorizzo completed a fellowship in glaucoma with an additional year focusing on diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration.

Dr. Imperia completed a fellowship in corneal and refractive surgery.



Helen and Tom Neal
Grandparents

"Both of us had cataract surgery at Medical Eye Center and right away we knew we were in top hands. Now we can see everything so clearly!"

Our surgery center.

Medical Eye Center has a specialized ambulatory surgery center devoted exclusively to surgical treatment of the eye. Our dedicated team performs thousands of cataract microsurgeries and laser vision correction procedures each year.

Anesthesia providers are integrated into the team, enhancing our ability to provide comfort and safety to our patients. All our providers, including the anesthetist, accept Medicare assignment, reducing your out-of-pocket expense.

Your referring doctor.

We work closely with other physicians in the region. If you have been referred to us for evaluation or treatment, we will send a report of your examination to your doctor.



Charlotte Riley
Retired, Medford School District

"The staff was wonderful. They explained everything, made me feel comfortable and even gave me a warm blanket. I'm so happy I had my cataract procedure at Medical Eye Center. It was a piece of cake!"

