

## Your Eye Care is Our Number One Concern

At TLC Eyecare and Laser Centers, we are committed to providing premier eye care service. Our state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment allows early diagnosis of common eye problems such as cataract, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy, often before symptoms occur. Our board-certified ophthalmologists and optometrists use the newest technologies and treatments available in the United States today, allowing us to treat eye ailments safely and effectively.

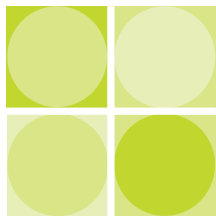
## Offering State-of-the-Art Eye Care to Our Patients

Vision is one of the most important of the five senses, and healthy eyes are necessary for good vision. Eye problems can occur at any age, but the chance for developing them increases as we age. Vision problems can affect a person's overall health, causing disability, stress, and a decreased quality of life.

Early detection of eye problems is vital for maintaining healthy eyes. Diagnosing an eye disease in its early stages minimizes its damage and greatly affects the success of treatment. Because many eye ailments have no symptoms until their advanced stages, regular and thorough eye exams with our affiliate network of optometrists are necessary throughout your lifetime to help maintain healthy eyes.

## We Make it Easy for You To Maintain Healthy Eyes

With several centers located throughout Michigan and Ohio, our patients enjoy easy access to quality eye care whenever and wherever they need it. Because TLC Eyecare and Laser Centers have doctors on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, our patients have immediate access to treatment for unforeseen eye injuries and accidents.



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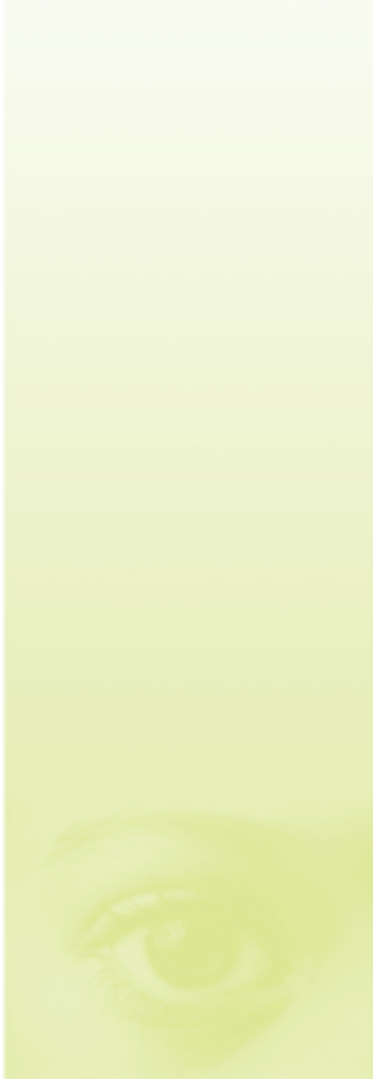
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## Your Care Following Cataract Surgery



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This information is designed for patients who have been diagnosed as having cataracts and who intend to have cataract surgery. Any surgical procedure contains some element of risk in the post-operative period. For your health and safety, it is imperative that you receive proper follow-up care after your cataract surgery. This fact sheet will explain what follow-up care is, and who may perform it.

## The Need for Follow-Up Care

Before undergoing cataract surgery, your surgeon will ask you to read and sign an Informed Consent form. This form will explain to you the risks involved in cataract surgery and the implantation of intraocular lenses. Please be certain that you read and understand this information thoroughly. You should understand that complications may not necessarily occur during surgery, but may occur after the surgery has been performed. For this reason, it is imperative that you have appropriate care by a qualified eye care professional following your surgery. We call this "follow-up care."

## What is Follow-Up Care?

After your cataract surgery, you will have several appointments with eye care professionals; they will perform tests to measure your visual acuity, carefully examine your eyes, and, ultimately, you will be fitted for eyeglasses. In addition, they will ensure that any post-surgery complications are detected and treated.

## Who Should Perform Your Follow-Up Care?

It is critical that your follow-up care be performed by an eye care professional familiar with your case and qualified to render the necessary care. Several different professionals may "fit the bill." You should understand the roles that different professionals may play in your recovery. These are the eye care professionals who may be involved in your follow-up care:

**Your Surgeon:** Your surgeon is a licensed ophthalmologist, a medical doctor who specializes in diseases of the eye. You may always request to receive all your follow-up care from your surgeon. If you are not experiencing any problems after

surgery, you may choose to receive your follow-up visits from another eye care professional. If you choose to receive care from another professional and you experience any problems relating to your surgery not readily treatable by the eye care professional from whom you receive post follow-up care, your surgeon should be informed immediately.

**Other Ophthalmologists:** If you travel away from home to have surgery and wish to return home soon after surgery, if your surgeon is not conveniently available to you, or if you have any other personal reason for not receiving your follow-up care from your surgeon, you may decide to see another ophthalmologist for your follow-up care. An ophthalmologist other than your surgeon can perform your follow-up care. However, you must make arrangements with the ophthalmologist before you have your surgery.

**Optometrists:** Doctors of Optometry ("optometrists" or "O.D.s") are licensed professionals who have received special training in providing eye care services. They are qualified to provide your follow-up care as well. You may receive this care from, and be fitted for your glasses by your optometrist if you prefer. (If problems develop during the post-surgery follow-up period, however, it may be necessary for you to return to your surgeon for care and treatment until the problem has been resolved.) As with ophthalmologists, if you wish to receive follow-up care services from an optometrist, you must make the arrangements with your optometrist and inform your surgeon before your surgery.

## Summary

Your eye care professional has explained to you what a cataract is and the improvements in your vision that you may enjoy after cataract surgery or the benefit of the surgery for diagnostic or other purposes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us @ 800 551 7347 anytime.