

CATARACT PATIENTS NOW HAVE AN OPTION AT MORETSKY CASSIDY VISION CORRECTION

BASIC vs ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INTRAOCULAR LENS IMPLANTS

If you are diagnosed with cataract formation, we want you to be aware that there are different treatment options available for you. Cataracts develop when the natural lens of our eyes become cloudy, affecting our sight. Visually significant cataracts can be removed and replaced with an intraocular lens implant on an outpatient basis. Implants are similar to a small, soft contact lens, which contains your prescription. We have two choices – basic and advanced technology implants.

BASIC IMPLANTS

Traditionally, the basic intraocular lens was designed to improve vision to the level the eye saw before cataract formation occurred with the aid of glasses. We can insert a basic implant, which is designed to provide vision similar to your vision before you develop cataracts. Reading glasses or bifocals are then used for reading vision. Most patients accept this, as they are accustomed to bifocals, progressive glasses, or reading glasses. Medicare and commercial insurance companies cover the cost of basic implants.

WHAT IS PRESBYOPIA?

Presbyopia is a condition that requires the aid of reading glasses or bifocals to see near. Modern **advanced technology** or presbyopia correcting intraocular lens implants are now available to permit patients to be less dependent on glasses, both for distance and near.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IMPLANTS (PRESBYOPIA CORRECTING)

With advanced technology (presbyopia correcting) intraocular lens implants, patients have the ability to see better without glasses, than they did before they developed cataracts. These advanced technology lens implants allow you to see in the distance while also allowing you to see near objects. These advanced technology lenses provide individuals who like reading, spending time on the computer, and participating in other closeup activities or hobbies the freedom to do so without the constant use of reading glasses or bifocals. In fact, most of our patients that select the advanced technology lens implants do not wear glasses for reading or driving and are the happiest patients in our practice. These advanced technology lens implants are available to most patients who require cataract surgery. Advanced technology lens implants are recommended for patients with healthy retinas and function best when implanted in both eyes. **Your insurance company will pay for the cataract surgery and the basic intraocular lens. Should you choose an advanced technology (presbyopia correcting) lens, there will be an additional “out-of-pocket,” charge to you.** You will also be responsible for your co-pays and deductibles that have not been satisfied with either basic or advanced technology lens implants.

We are pleased to offer the following advanced technology lens implants **RESTOR®**, **TECNIS™** **MULTIFOCAL**, and **CRYSTALENS**. Our physicians will determine which one will be best for you.

Other treatment options include advanced technology Toric intraocular lens implantation, to correct for existing astigmatism. This improves the quality of vision for distance in patients with excess astigmatism. With the Toric lens, patients will still require reading glasses. This is an advanced technology option.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Patient's Name: _____

Are you interested in being generally “glasses free?” Yes No

Are you interested in an *advanced technology* near and far correcting intraocular lens? Yes No

Please review the following and answer the questions in the survey to help us determine which of the many intraocular lens options may best suit your needs. We will discuss these questions at your exam.

1. Which activities would be ***most important*** for you to do without glasses?
Check all appropriate boxes-

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading books/ newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer work | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading restaurant menus | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch TV | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone and text messaging | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf or tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts | | |

2. How much time do you spend at your computer?

Hours per week ? _____ Desktop Laptop

3. How much hours per week do you drive?

During the daytime hours? _____ During the nighttime hours? _____

4. Given options with near vision, would you prefer to have: **(Pick only one.)**

- Better quality computer vision Desktop without glasses (arm-length vision)?
- Laptop vision without glasses (close up)?
- Better quality newspaper reading?

5. A common observation seen with some *advanced technology* lens implants is the presence of halos around lights at night. This is a byproduct of the lens technology that allows you to reduce your dependency on reading glasses after surgery. Would this be an acceptable tradeoff if it means significantly reducing your needs for reading glasses after surgery?

Yes No

Patient's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

