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Risk Factors in Cataract Surgery

Before you proceed with surgery, there are several factors of which you should be aware.

1. Elective Surgery:

Cataract surgery is elective but it is considered major eye surgery. It includes the implantation of an intraocular lens, which remains permanently within the eye.

2. Alternatives to Surgery:

There is no alternative treatment for regaining the vision lost due to the cataract.

3. Success Rate:

Cataract removal restores the vision lost due to the cataract but cannot change vision affected by retinal changes, glaucoma or other eye diseases. Successful removal of the cataract without complications is 95%.

4. Minor Complications:

Complications in the remaining 5% are often temporary and resolve without treatment. Minor complications include bruising, swelling or droopiness around the eye, dryness and irritation of the eye, floaters, double vision, reflections or slight distortions from the lens implant.

5. Significant Complications:

Significant complications occur in less than 1% and generally can be treated successfully. While remote, some have the potential to cause permanent loss of vision. You must also be aware of surgical complications in general. There is always the remote possibility of complications due to anesthesia, drug reactions or other factors, which may result in temporary, mild or serious injury.

I have reviewed and understand the information given to me regarding "Risk Factors in Cataract Surgery" and the Doctor has answered all questions to my satisfaction.

Date

Patient Signature