

PRESBYOPIA-CORRECTING LENS IMPLANT

Comanagement Guidelines

We hope these notes are helpful to you and your staff as you share the option of presbyopia-correcting lens implants with your patients. This information is intended to guide eyecare providers and should not be printed for patients.

INTRODUCTION

- Presbyopia-correcting lens implants are best suited for people motivated to be less dependent on corrective lenses.
They are allowed by Medicare but the extra costs are not covered by Medicare and most insurance carriers.
- Surgery is performed the same as with standard lens implants.
- Patients require additional education and counseling, a number of special pre-op tests by their referring doctor and/or the surgery center, and additional follow-up care.
- Presbyopia-correcting lens implants work well for many people.
- It can take several months for some patients to adapt to their new vision.

TRADE-OFFS

- Patients must be willing to accept small trade-offs in exchange for less dependence on glasses:
 - Slight decrease in sharpness of vision
 - Halos around lights

CANDIDATES

- Presbyopia-correcting lens implants are available to correct myopia, hyperopia and astigmatism
- Best candidates:
 - No uncorrectable visually-significant ocular disease
 - Have pupils within normal parameters—that can vary for different lens implants
 - Have regular astigmatism with no corneal distortion
 - Have adaptable personalities
 - Have realistic expectations
 - Understand they may need spectacles for some activities depending on the visual task and tolerance to small variations in clarity of vision

SATISFACTION

- We are happy to work with you to give your patients the highest likelihood of success and satisfaction.
- When the benefit exceeds the risk, enhancement surgery to correct residual refractive error is provided free of charge within 6 months.
- When needed, laser vision correction enhancements are performed 2 to 6 months after the initial surgery—once the refraction is stable and repeatable.

FEES

- Our Surgery Fee Schedule outlines the extra fees that accompany upgrades to presbyopia and astigmatism-correcting lens implants.
- Our fees for post-op care are reduced when patients choose follow-up care with their family eye doctor.
- Financing is available for patients' out-of-pocket costs.
- In the rare instance where a patient is unable to adapt to their new vision, presbyopia-correcting lenses can be exchanged with a standard single-focus implant free of charge. However, presbyopia-correcting lens implant service fees are non-refundable.

SCHEDULING

- Dry eye issues should be managed before patients proceed.
- Our Vision and Lifestyle questionnaire may be helpful to you as a preliminary tool. Additional information is provided by our counselors. Just make sure your patient expresses interest in premium vision when they schedule their appointment.
- We also provide online and telephone screening and education.
- Same-day evaluation and surgery is not generally preferred.
- Surgery will be scheduled one eye at a time.

QUESTIONS

Please feel free to call or email any of our doctors if you have questions about a patient or lens implant option.