

Cataract Surgery Instructions

Dr. Reiter informed you that you need cataract surgery. He performs these on Wednesday. The surgeries are scheduled in the morning at the Newport Surgicare Center. You will need to be flexible with your time of arrival due to changes in the schedule that happen at short notice. You will be at the surgery center a total of approximately three hours.

The procedure requires some preparation. You need to have a medical clearance from your family practitioner/ internist or cardiologist. A Hoag Memorial Hospital Preoperative Testing Guidelines form tells your medical doctor what tests are necessary for your surgery.

You need to fill out some forms for your next visit here. These are the Patient History Questionnaire, the Patient Stated Home Medication List, and Cataract and Refractive Lens Exchange Questionnaire. In preparation for your next visit here, if you are a contact lens wearer, you need to remove your contact lenses. Gas permeable lenses (hard contact lenses) need to be out a minimum of two weeks before your next visit. Soft contact lenses need to be removed for a minimum of three days prior to your next visit.

You should allow at least two hours for your next visit. Dr. Reiter will discuss intraocular lens types and his staff will discuss what you have to do, where you have to do it, and when to do it. Everything will be written down for you.