

Doctor Discussion Guide

When you go in for a consultation with an eye surgeon, having a list of questions to ask can be helpful. These can assist in guiding you and your surgeon to the right solution for your particular situation.

Questions to Ask Before Cataract Surgery

How advanced are my cataracts?

What are my treatment options?

What are the different types of intraocular lenses (IOLs)?

Which IOL is best for me and why?

When would you recommend I seek treatment?

How much does cataract surgery cost?

What is the surgical process like?

Who will perform the actual surgical procedure, you or a technician?

How long does the entire process usually take?

What are the different cataract surgery risks I should be concerned with?

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Will any of my other eye conditions affect my treatment options?

What medications will you likely prescribe before and after the procedure?

Will any of the prescriptions I'm taking complicate the surgical or recovery process?

How should I care for my eyes prior to surgery?

Are there any things I need to think about between now and treatment?

Is there anything I should or shouldn't do?

Is there anything I need to tell my family or caregiver?

How much time should I plan to take off from work?

When can I resume everyday activities?

How should I care for my eyes in the meantime?

What should I wear on the day of the surgery?

When is the latest I can eat or drink the day before or on the day of my surgery?

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What can I do to avoid complications after the procedure?

What are some red flags for serious complications after surgery?

What should I do if problems occur?

What type of recovery should I expect?
