CLEAR LENS EXCHANGE SURGERY

Intra-ocular lens implant guide

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The surgeons of Shoreline Vision are pleased to offer patients the possibility of complete independence from glasses, bifocals, and contact lenses. The procedure is called **Clear Lens Exchange**. This involves the exchange of your natural lens with a new Intraocular Lens Implant (IOL). This procedure is the same as cataract surgery but without having a cataract. Further discussion with your doctor will, first determine if you are candidate and second, which implant would be best suited for your lifestyle. Insurance companies do not cover this procedure; however, financing is available. The following options are available to you:

- **Monofocal IOL**: Monofocal lens technology is performed for patients wishing to have clear vision for either distance or near. This technology has been around for many years and has improved millions of patient’s vision. Using a monofocal IOL, your surgeon is able to choose the post-operative power of your eyes. This means that you can have improved distance or near vision, but not both. The monofocal IOL corrects your vision for one distance only. In other words, you will still depend on glasses for some tasks. The cost for this procedure is $2750 per eye.

- **CrystaLens IOL**: The CrystaLens is the first and only FDA approved accommodating lens. It is designed like your natural lens. Working with the eyes natural muscle, CrystaLens flexes to focus at near, intermediate, and distant objects. This lens works best for patients who have a higher demand for intermediate vision, such as working on a computer. You may still depend on reading glasses for fine or near work. The cost for this procedure is $3500 per eye.

- **ReSTOR IOL**: Multifocal lens implants are designed to improve your vision to see near, far, and everything in-between. Based on FDA clinical data, there is an 80% chance you will not have to wear eyeglasses again. Because of the multifocal nature of the lens, you may see halos, especially at night. This lens is best when it is implanted in both eyes in a timely fashion. There is a temporary period after insertion where your brain has to adapt to the new implants. This lens performs best in people who tend to not be Type A, detail oriented people. Even though this lens does not imply a perfect visual system, the lens will give you good vision at all distances MOST of the time. The cost of this procedure is $3500 per eye.

- **Toric IOL**: Toric lens implants are used in patients who have astigmatism in their eyes. Astigmatism occurs when your eye is shaped more like a football than a basketball, causing blurred vision at all distances. The unique design of the Acrysof® Toric IOL makes it possible to reduce or eliminate astigmatism and significantly improve uncorrected distance vision. Not all patients are good candidates for the IOL and more advanced measurements may need to be taken prior to your surgery. This lens does NOT allow you to read at near without your glasses. The cost of this procedure is $3000 per eye.