

# *Presbyopia-correcting Lens Implant* **COUNSELING NOTES**

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 the education process and should not be printed for patients.

## **INTRODUCTION**

- Presbyopia-correcting lens implants are best suited for people highly 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 the surgery center, and additional follow-up care.
- Presbyopia-correcting lens implants work wonderfully 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 that usually diminish over time

## **CANDIDATES**

- Presbyopia-correcting lens implants are available to correct a wide range of nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism.
- Best candidates:
  - No macular disease or vision-threatening condition
  - Pupils 2 mm or greater in normal light
  - Less than or equal to 3 diopters of corneal astigmatism (we have an excellent toric multifocal option)
  - Plan to have similar implants in both eyes
  - 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 risks warrant benefits, 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 lens implant procedure—once the refraction is stable and repeatable.

## **FEES**

- Our Surgery Fee Schedule outlines the extra fees that accompany upgrades to presbyopia-correcting lens implants (extended range of focus and multifocal).
- Our fees for pre and post-op care may be reduced depending on the level of care you provide.
- Financing is available for patients' out-of-pocket costs.
- In the rare instance where a patient is unable to adapt to their new vision, the single-focus lens 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 dealt with before patients proceed.
- Our Vision and Lifestyle questionnaire may be helpful to you as a preliminary screening tool.
- Same day evaluation and surgery is not available at this time.
- 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.

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