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**INFORMED CONSENT FOR  
 CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH OR WITHOUT IMPLANTATION OF  
 INTRAOCULAR LENS**

PATIENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

***TO THE PATIENT:** You have the right, as a patient, to be informed about your cataract condition and the recommended surgical procedure to be used, so that you may make the decision whether or not to undergo the cataract surgery after knowing the risks, possible complications, and alternatives available. This disclosure is not meant to scare or alarm you; it is simply an effort to make you better informed so that you may give or withhold your consent to cataract surgery and should reflect the information provided by your eye surgeon. If you have any questions or do not understand the information, please discuss the procedure with your eye surgeon prior to signing.*

**WHAT IS A CATARACT?**

The lens in the eye can become cloudy and hard, a condition known as a cataract. Cataracts can develop from normal aging, from an eye injury, various medical conditions or if you have taken certain medications such as steroids. Cataracts may cause blurred vision, dulled vision, sensitivity to light and glare, and/or ghost images. In some cases the cataract changes vision so much that it may interfere with your daily life.

**INDICATIONS FOR CATARACT EXTRACTION**

The need for cataract extraction depends on your degree of vision impairment. If your vision is satisfactory and the symptoms caused by the cataract are not too bothersome to you, there is usually no need to undergo surgery right away. However, if the cataract is interfering with your work, lifestyle, or desired activities, keeping you from doing the things you want or need to do, then cataract extraction is indicated. In most cases, cataract extraction is considered an elective procedure, and the decision to have surgery is up to you, after evaluation and discussion with your doctor.

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