



First Visit

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WELCOME! Here's what to expect at your first visit:

Thank you for scheduling an appointment for your eye exam with us, we make every effort to see all patients as close to their appointment time as possible. With this in mind, we ask that you plan to arrive for your visit fifteen minutes prior to your appointment time. This will give both you and our staff an opportunity to register you in our system before starting your exam.



1. Check In: Please Sign in, after which we will collect your forms and make a copy of your insurance cards and photo I.D./Drivers License.

2. Ophthalmic Technician Evaluation: You will be taken to an assessment area where your vision will be evaluated.



3. Dilating your Eyes: Dilation is necessary to completely examine your eyes, especially the retina. Because you will have temporarily blurred vision in bright light after dilation, you should have someone drive for you after the exam.



4. Dr Brown's Exam: When your pupils are fully dilated, your eyes will be thoroughly examined by Dr. Brown. He will then share his thoughts on how to best restore your vision.



5. Schedule Surgery: If surgery is needed, the necessary paperwork will be completed and a surgery date will be scheduled. The dos and don'ts after surgery will be discussed at this time.



6. Check Out: You will be required to provide payment for co-pays, deductibles and uninsured services. Please review our Payment Policy for details.



Waiting Time: Please let your driver know that a comprehensive eye exam with dilation requires approximately 2-3 hours.



Please be sure to bring these forms completed if you have not sent them to us before your exam:

Patient Information

HIPPA/Privacy Form

Patient Medical History/Medication List

Consent for Treatment, Payment, etc.

Lifestyle Questionnaire

Payment Policy Form

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Lens Options

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Until recently most patients having cataract surgery received a monofocal or single focus lens to replace their natural lens. Monofocal or Standard lenses generally provide good vision but many patients still require glasses to see clearly at distance, intermediate and near. These lenses also do not correct astigmatism. Below are some available Lifestyle Lens options to become less dependent on your glasses.

Toric Lens



A person who has both a cataract and astigmatism may not achieve good distance vision without glasses after surgery to remove the cataract unless the astigmatism is also corrected. One option Dr. Brown may choose to treat astigmatism is Limbal Relaxing Incisions (LRI). However if you are planning to have surgery to remove a cataract, you now have an additional option...an implantable lens makes it possible to treat the cataract and correct the corneal astigmatism at the same time. This implant is used to make you less dependant on distance glasses but will do nothing to help you see up close without glasses.

Multifocal Lenses

A multifocal lens is a break-through for cataract surgery with a unique design that has helped tens of thousands see near, far, and everything in between without depending on glasses in most situations. Some patients may notice rings around lights at night with multifocal lenses, but most say that the rings are a small price to pay for the visual freedom they experience with these lenses.



Accommodating Lenses



The natural lens of the eye stops focusing well around age 45 because the lens gets too large or stiff to work with the eyes focusing muscles. Replacing the aging lens with the flexible accommodating lens allows the focusing muscles to work again. These muscles are able to focus the new lens like the natural lens focused before age 40. This revolutionary vision enhancement procedure allows for continuous vision from distance to intermediate and often near, giving cataract patients the freedom of seeing well at most distances.

Dr. Brown will recommend the option that is best for you. Like all refractive surgery procedures, it may take some time to adapt to your new vision with the Lifestyle IOL implant. Most insurance plans now cover a portion of the surgical fees when you choose a Lifestyle lens. Lifestyle IOL fees are similar to other refractive procedures depending on your insurance/financing contribution. There are financing plans available to make the advanced technology affordable for everyone. Even so, Dr Brown believes that patients should only choose a Lifestyle IOL if the extra cost involved will not be burdensome to their family finances. If the extra cost would **not** be a burden, these lenses are **highly recommended** due to the lifelong visual freedom they provide.

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