

Terrace Eye Centre

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On the Day of your Cataract Surgery

Please take all your eye drops to the hospital

Before you arrive

Please read all the information contained in this pre-operative pack.

Have a shower or bath at home. You may use deodorant, but do not use any:

- Talcum powder, face creams or moisturiser
- Make-up
- Perfumes or after-shave

You may wear your wedding ring but please leave all other valuables at home.

It is important to continue all your medications, including your eye drops. Please take your medication with a sip of water regardless of your fasting times unless you have been instructed otherwise. There are general guidelines on the next page regarding medications that you may need to cease. However, please check with your GP or specialist before you discontinue any medication to ensure that it is safe for you to do so.

What to expect on arrival

After you have arrived and checked in, you will be changed into a hospital gown so please wear comfortable clothing that is easily removed. You are not required to remove your underwear. The operating theatres are kept at a constant temperature of 22-degrees Celsius, so you may wish to bring socks and a singlet to wear into the theatre. There will be blankets available.

You will meet the team looking after you, including your anaesthetist.

After your surgery, you will be brought to the Recovery area where you will be given a sandwich and coffee or tea, and your post-operative instructions will be explained to you before you are ready to go home. Please ensure that you have a carer to take you home.

For patients having cataract surgery:

Standard advice for patients taking aspirin, warfarin and other medications

Please note that the table below is only a guide. Please check with Dr Chow, your GP or other specialist (eg. cardiologist, neurologist) if you have any questions.

Medication	Brand names	Instructions
Aspirin and aspirin-containing medications	Astrix, Cartia, Solprin, Disprin, Aspro, Asasantin	Continue your usual dose
Clopidogrel	Plavix, Iscover	Continue your usual dose
Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)	Nurofen, Voltaren, Indocid, Mobic	Discontinue for 3 days before surgery
COX-2 inhibitors	Celebrex	
Warfarin		Continue your usual dose <ul style="list-style-type: none">You should arrange to have your INR checked the day prior to surgery.
Newer oral anti-coagulants (NOACs) <ul style="list-style-type: none">DabigatranRivaroxabanApixaban	Pradaxa Xarelto Eliquis	Please see your GP or specialist at least 2 weeks before surgery to discuss if you are able to discontinue this. <ul style="list-style-type: none">You may need to stop this 48 hours before surgery, and re-start it 24hrs after surgery.
Prasugrel	Effient	Please see your GP or specialist at least 2 weeks before surgery to discuss if you are able to discontinue this. <ul style="list-style-type: none">You may need to stop this for 7 days before surgery, but can continue on aspirin.
Ticagrelor	Brilinta	
Herbal and natural supplements, especially if they contain garlic, ginkgo, ginseng, ginger or fish oil		Cease for 14 days prior to surgery

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Cataract Surgery Instructions

Discomfort:

- You should not experience pain in your eye beyond mild irritation or discomfort.
- Panadol or Panamax should be all you need to ease your discomfort.
- **If you feel pain that does not settle, please call Dr Chow on 0455 036 988.**

Hygiene:

- Always wash and dry your hands prior to instillation of your eye drops.
- You can gently wipe any discharge around your eye with a clean cotton pad moistened with cooled boiled water (whilst keeping your eye closed). Do not put pressure on your eyeball.
- Avoid soap or shampoo in your eye, and do not immerse your eye in water.
- No eye make-up for one week.

Activities

- Do not drive until Dr Chow has told you that it is safe to do so.
- For the first two weeks:
 - No swimming.
 - Avoid rubbing or bumping your eye.
 - Avoid any heavy lifting.
 - Avoid excessively dusty, dirty or dry conditions if possible.
- You can resume other activities as soon as you feel able.

Glasses and shields

- Wear the eye shield overnight for the first week. This is to protect you from bumping or rubbing your eye while you are sleeping.
- If you normally wear sunglasses, you may continue to do so if you wish.

Your post-operative appointments

- Your first post-operative appointment with Dr Chow is at Terrace Eye Centre (2nd floor, 87 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane)
Date:..... Time:.....
- You will need a follow-up appointment with Dr Chow 4-6 weeks after surgery.
- If your eye becomes more red, more uncomfortable or painful, or if the vision becomes worse, **please call Dr Chow on 07 3831 0101 during business hours.**

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Eye Drops Following Cataract Surgery

You will have three bottles of eye drops to use:

1. Ocuflax (antibiotic)
2. Prednefrin Forte (anti-inflammatory)
3. Acular (anti-inflammatory)

It is important to follow the instructions for using your eye drops over the next four weeks. This will help your eye recover from surgery and prevent complications.

- Remember to shake the Prednefrin forte bottle before using it.
- Leave 5 minutes between each drop.
- You may find it helpful to tick each medication off as you use them.

The day before surgery:

- **Please start Ocuflax 24 hours before your cataract surgery.**
 - Instill Ocuflax FOUR times a day (ie. every 4 hours whilst awake)
- Prednefrin Forte and Acular will commence the day after surgery.

Week 1:

- Use Ocuflax (O), Prednefrin Forte (P) and Acular (A) FOUR times a day.

Week 1	Day 1			Day 2			Day 3			Day 4			Day 5			Day 6			Day 7			
	O	P	A	O	P	A	O	P	A	O	P	A	O	P	A	O	P	A	O	P	A	
Breakfast																						
Lunch																						
Dinner																						
Bedtime																						

Week 2, 3 and 4:

- Stop Ocuflax (O).
- Use Prednefrin Forte (P) and Acular (A) FOUR times a day.

Week 2	Day 1		Day 2		Day 3		Day 4		Day 5		Day 6		Day 7	
	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A
Breakfast														
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Week 3	Day 1		Day 2		Day 3		Day 4		Day 5		Day 6		Day 7	
	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A
Breakfast														
Lunch														
Dinner														
Bedtime														

Week 4	Day 1		Day 2		Day 3		Day 4		Day 5		Day 6		Day 7	
	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A
Breakfast														
Lunch														
Dinner														
Bedtime														

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