

## GENERAL EYE SURGERY PATIENT INFORMATION

I understand that the following factors are important in making my decision to proceed with eye surgery:

- 1. Elective Surgery:** EYE surgery is usually an elective procedure. There is seldom any urgency for this operation and I am proceeding because Dr Hogden and I have agreed that the benefits outweigh the risks for my eyes at this stage.
- 2. Alternatives to Surgery:** Contact lenses or glasses may improve my vision. Eye drops may improve my vision if my eye problems are minor. Doing nothing may be an option but my vision will not improve if I do this.
- 3. Possible Further Surgery:** It is possible that further surgery or laser correction will be needed to obtain the best possible outcome. I understand that this may incur additional cost.
- 4. Potential Minor Side Effects:** Some of the possible side effects include but are not limited to:
  - a. Temporary bruising
  - b. Dryness and irritation which is usually temporary but may be permanent
  - c. Increased number of visual floaters
  - d. Droopy eyelid or other cosmetic changes
  - e. Persisting eye inflammation (iritis)
  - f. Retinal swelling (macular oedema)
- 5. Potential Significant Complications:** While corneal transplantation is considered major eye surgery the risk of serious complications is low. These include but are not limited to:
  - a. Infection
  - b. Bleeding
  - c. Cataract
  - d. Retinal detachment requiring laser or surgical repair
  - e. High eye pressure and glaucoma

- f. Double vision
- g. Sympathetic ophthalmia – poor vision in both eyes
- h. Permanent reduction in quality of vision and in the worst case scenario blindness and/or loss of the eye

**6. Additional Specific Risks:**

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- 7. General Surgical Complications:** As well as the above specific risks to the eye there is also a very small risk of general complications as with any form of surgery including adverse reactions to anaesthetic and drug reactions.
- 8.** The majority of complications are treatable but there is a small risk they may be permanent
- 9.** Any of the above may result in distorted or impaired vision or discomfort. The majority of complications are treatable but there is a small risk they may be permanent. Further surgery may be required including referral to another surgeon which may result in additional cost.

**Summary:**

In the large majority of cases eye surgery is a safe and effective. Like any surgery outcomes can never be guaranteed however and serious complications though uncommon are possible. Most complications are correctible with further surgery, laser or medical treatment but occasionally may result in permanent reduction in quality of vision or in the worst cases loss of sight.

The above list of complications covers most possibilities but is not complete and if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to discuss these with Dr Hogden pre-operatively.