

Advice regarding YAG laser capsulotomy

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YAG laser may be used to create a small opening in a thickened capsule (membrane), just behind the artificial lens of the eye (after cataract surgery).

There are no special preparations before eye laser treatment. You should eat normally and take your regularly prescribed medications before surgery.

Nd-YAG laser capsulotomy (laser surgery) is performed in the consulting room or a special laser room.

Eye drops will be given to dilate the pupil and numb the eye. The treatment is performed while you are seated in a chair, similar to the one used for regular eye examinations. You will remain awake and comfortable.

Treatment is usually painless.

The treatment generally takes 5 to 10 minutes after starting the procedure.

Most people will notice improved vision approximately 3-4 hours after the procedure (if there is no other eye condition affecting the eye or vision)

Almost all patients can expect floaters. These floaters usually settle down after a few weeks and become less troublesome. Some floaters may take a few months and in very rare patients remain permanent.

You may expect improvement in vision. In particular the brightness, colour and contrast should improve.

Post operative medications are usually not required in a significant proportion of patients. In some patients drops and tablets may be required for a few days after the laser treatment. This may depend on your individual circumstances and the doctor's preference. The surgeon will write you a prescription only if it is required.

There are virtually no restrictions following retinal laser surgery, and you should be able to resume your normal activities and work schedule the following day.

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