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CATARACT





THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE BLINDNESS IN THE WORLD

FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT TREATMENT FOR CATARACT







Cataract simply means lens opacity

白内障就是浑浊了的晶状体

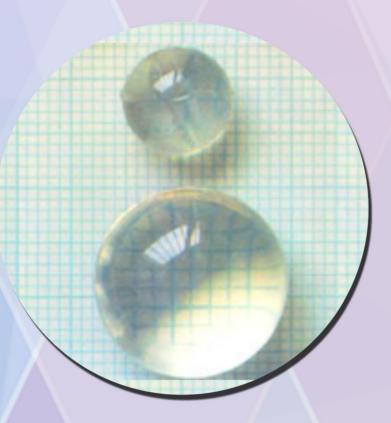
Results in reduction of vision Often develops slowly and painlessly

Leads to permanent blindness when left untreated, it is the Number ONE cause of REVERSIBLE blindness in the world (WHO 2010)

It complicates eye examination by your Doctor, especially if you are Diabetic

It is associated with increased risk of ACCIDENTS, INJURIES and other social problems

CATARACT (Opaque/Cloudy Lens)



I. The human lens is a structure in the eye which is equivalent to the lens system in a camera.

II. Its function is to focus the images onto the retina.

III. Young lens (<40 years old) are flexible and able to change its shape and power, allowing us to see clear images at all distances.

IV. Damage to the lens will cause lens opacity, called **cataract**.

WHAT is the CAUSE of Cataract?

It is due to our aging process.

70% of people aged above 70 have cataract.

It is almost an inevitable process of aging.

OTHER CAUSES:

Diabetes
Drug induced
Trauma
Injury
Radiation
Inflammation
Genetics
Idiopathic cause



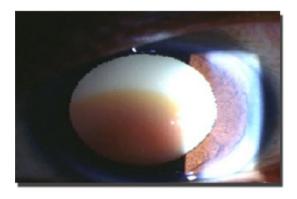
CATARACT TREATMENT

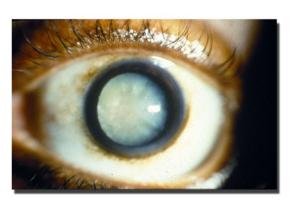
The ONLY effective treatment of cataract is by surgical removal of the cataract and secondary lens implantation

However, not all cataract needs treatment



If the cataract is mild and your vision is only mildly affected, and as long as you can tolerate the symptoms, surgery can wait.





Significant opacity warrants treatment as this will result in symptoms such as blurry vision, reduced contrast, double vision, dim vision and more.

If the cataract is thick and dense (hypermature and mature cataract), it can lead to serious conditions like glaucoma or severe inflammation of the eye, eventually leading to blindness.

Cataract surgeries in mature and hypermature cataract can be tricky and carries higher risks of complications during surgery.

Thus, do not wait too long before deciding on cataract surgery!

Phacoemulsification Surgery

The most common form of cataract surgery.

It is the gold standard treatment for cataract using high frequency ultrasound technology to crush the cataract and aspirate it through a few incisions less than 2.75mm within 15 minutes.

It is one of the safest and most performed surgery in the world.

利用超音波把浑浊的晶状体击碎, 然后吸出。 把先进的镜片注射进入,

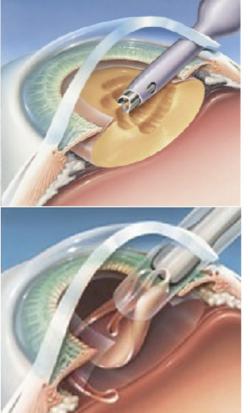
代替晶状体的功能。

Cataract Surgery is painless with topical anaesthesia

It is like undergoing a dental procedure but you can talk.
The procedure is also short and painless.



Main Steps in Cataract Surgery



01

Using Ultrasound, the opaque lens is broken up into small pieces and aspirated out.

02

The Intraocular lens (usually foldable) is injected into the eye to replace the function of the original lens.

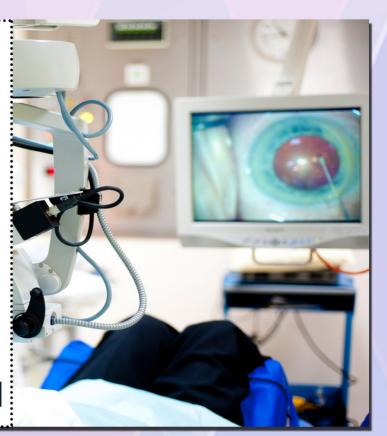
Choices of Intraocular Lens

1 Monofocal (most common)

100 Monofocal Toric

Bifocal
Bifocal Toric

Multifocal
Toric multifocal



Which is BEST for YOU?

Please speak with our doctor!

What is it like after cataract surgery?

How to take care of my eye after cataract surgery?

What are the drawbacks of undergoing cataract surgery?



