Center for Sight
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LASER
CATARACT SURGERY

Clearly
Life Changing
Center for Sight is proud to offer laser cataract surgery, the first of its kind approved by the FDA. It is designed to provide more accuracy, safety and precision to the cataract procedure. This laser uses 3-D image guided technology that maps the eye, allowing precise blade-free surgery.

Robert Harbour, M.D. and Cataract Surgeon states, “Center for Sight is very excited about being one of the pioneers in Northwest Florida to offer Laser Cataract Surgery. The introduction of Laser Cataract Surgery offers patients a more innovative and effective treatment option for removing cataracts.”

**Laser-Assisted Cataract Surgery**
During your cataract consultation, all options will be provided by your surgeon, so that the best decision can be made for your situation and goals.

**What is a cataract?**
As we age, the natural lenses in our eyes can become clouded. Though painless, cataracts can cause hazy vision, unusual glare, poor night vision, or reduced color perception. People especially notice difficulty in low-light situations like night driving.

Dr. Tip McKnight states, “The femtosecond laser uses tiny ultra-short and ultra-fast pulses of light to create a perfect, circular incision in the capsule of the cataract. This precision allows the ophthalmologist to more accurately position the intraocular lens implant, resulting in better vision.”
Who performs cataract surgery?

Drs. Robert Harbour, Tipton McKnight and Clinton Fletcher are our cataract surgeons. Your surgeon along with Dr. Terry Fall and Dr. Mary Beth Young will be with you from start to finish.

If I have cataracts in both eyes, will they do them at the same time?

We typically do cataract surgeries four weeks apart. Your doctor will give the recommendation as to which eye will be the first and how far apart the surgeries need to be.

What type of anesthesia will be used for cataract surgery?

We will use a topical/local anesthesia along with a mild IV sedation for your comfort throughout the surgery. You will be able to follow instructions and respond to the surgeon and staff.

Can you drive yourself to the procedure?

You will need a driver the day of your surgery and for your one day post-op appointment. Following your surgery, your vision will be blurry and you will have had anesthesia, making it difficult to drive.

Will I have a lot of pain following cataract surgery?

Pain is not typically experienced during or after your cataract surgery. Numbing medications and sedation make the cataract surgery a pleasant experience. Some mild irritation can be experienced the first couple of days after surgery.
Custom Cataract Surgery Options

Premium Vision Package

$2,400 per eye
• Laser Assisted Cataract Surgery and Astigmatism Correction
• Multifocal Lens Implant
• Advanced Preoperative Diagnosis
Includes additional technology not covered by Medicare/Insurance

High Astigmatism Correction

$1,800 per eye
• Laser Assisted Cataract Surgery and Astigmatism Correction
• Toric Lens Implant
• Advanced Preoperative Diagnosis
Includes additional technology not covered by Medicare/Insurance

Mild Astigmatism Correction

$1,250 per eye
• Laser Assisted Cataract Surgery and Astigmatism Correction
• Aspheric Single Vision Lens Implant
• Advanced Preoperative Diagnostics
Includes additional technology not covered by Medicare/Insurance

Traditional Cataract Surgery

Covered by Medicare/Insurance
• Traditional Cataract Surgery
• Standard Single Vision Lens Implant
• Multifocal Lens
A Multifocal Lens can provide you with high-quality vision at several distances.

The advanced Multifocal is an implanted lens that significantly improves vision after cataract surgery and corrects presbyopia. If you enjoy activities such as reading, playing golf or surfing the internet, the Multifocal Lens is the ideal lens for an active lifestyle.

• Toric Lens
A Toric Lens can be selected to provide either near or distance vision as well as correcting astigmatism.

The unique design of the Toric Lens makes it possible to reduce or eliminate corneal astigmatism and significantly improve uncorrected distance vision, independent of eyeglasses and contact lenses.

• Standard Monofocal Lens
The standard lens allows you to see well at one distance only (usually far), if astigmatism or other ocular conditions don’t exist.

This lens does not offer near vision or guarantee intermediate vision. You will likely need reading glasses to view objects clearly up close.
How does the laser reduce or eliminate astigmatism?
The laser places incisions on the cornea in specific areas to “relax” the eye to a more round shape (like a basketball).

What are my lens implant options?
Cataract surgery is a life-changing procedure for many patients, with one of the lowest complication rates in medicine.

All patients receive an implant at time of surgery to help the eye focus for clearer vision.

One of the many options we offer includes premium implants which allow less dependence on glasses.

What should I expect after surgery?
- The ability for you to see more clearly.
- You may begin noticing the improvement in as little as 24 hours.

Will cataract surgeries only be done by laser from now on?
Your surgeon will decide the best technology for you based on your specific condition.

Clinton L. Fletcher, MD
“When used in conjunction with the laser, these lenses may mean a lot more visual freedom for this group of people who remain very active for decades after retirement.”

Lens Implant Options
When considering cataract surgery, it is important to go to a practice that offers several implant options to match your lifestyle. “For years we have offered premium intraocular lenses that replace the cloudy lens we remove in cataract surgery” says Dr. Clint Fletcher. He continues, “These lens options help people improve their vision at distance, at near, and even help people with astigmatism.

Center for Sight offers a full menu of lens implant options for distance-vision and near-vision functioning. In addition we can fine tune your vision with laser vision correction after cataract surgery.

Multi-Focal Lens Implants
A multi-focal lens has the ability to focus at more than one distance, much like bifocal spectacles or contact lenses.

If you would like to reduce your need for glasses after cataract surgery, a multi-focal lens may be your best option.

Astigmatism Correcting Lens
Toric lenses are specially designed to help reduce or eliminate astigmatism and provide excellent distance vision. Toric lenses also improve contrast sensitivity (the ability to see shades of gray) in low light situations and improve vision in challenging environments like fog and night glare. Toric lenses correct astigmatism at the time of surgery, giving you greater visual freedom.

Standard Mono-Focal Lens Implants
Standard mono-focal lens implants have been used for many years to reduce glare and visual disturbances. Standard implants are effective but are only able to correct your vision to one distance, often requiring full time spectacle wear afterward. If you wore prescription glasses or contact lenses prior to cataract surgery, then with a Standard Mono-Focal lens implant, you may have to wear them after.