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An information guide



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What is Yag laser capsulotomy?

Yag laser capsulotomy is a laser treatment. After a cataract operation the lens capsule, which supports the artificial lens can become cloudy. This then prevents the light from reaching the back of the eye (retina). To treat this, a laser beam is used to make a small opening in the cloudy membrane to improve the eyesight. This is a painless procedure and lasts between 15-45 minutes. It is carried out at your outpatients' appointment.

Why do I need laser treatment?

Laser treatment will improve your vision, allowing you to see more clearly.

Please eat, drink and take your medication as normal. If possible, bring someone with you, as it is illegal to drive yourself to or from your appointment. If there is no one to help you, then a taxi is advisable.

Before treatment

Your vision will be checked on arrival. Drops will then be put into your eye to make the pupil dilate (get bigger).

Possible risks

Risks can never be completely removed, but unexpected problems are rare, they may include:

- Retinal Detachment (less than 1%)
- Transient increase in eye pressure, known as Glaucoma (7.5%)
- Long term increase in eye pressure, also known as Glaucoma (less than 1.0%)
- Accumulation of fluid at the back of the eye (retina), known as Macular Oedema (less than 1%)
- Lens displacement (less than 1%)
- Laser unsuccessful (less than 1%)
- Inflammation in the eye, known as Uveitis (rare)
- Reduction in vision (very rare).

After the laser treatment

You may find that immediately following the procedure you are unable to see properly. This is due to the bright flash of light from the laser. Your vision should become clearer in about 40 minutes. The drops you will have to dilate your pupils will blur your vision for several hours. If you are diabetic, you may find that your vision is blurred for up to 10 days. Slight pain or discomfort may be experienced afterwards, although taking your usual painkillers should help, but do not exceed the recommended dose.

After treatment you will be allowed to go home. However, if you have any of the following conditions, then a further appointment for 3-4 months will be given:

- Pre-existing Glaucoma
- Uveitis
- Excessive short sightedness
- Difficulty in seeing the back of the eye due to the cloudy membrane.

Usually no further treatment is required unless there was pre-existing uveitis, which can be treated with a short course of eye drops.

Vision after laser treatment

The vision usually improves after the laser treatment. However, if there are other pre-existing eye conditions such as macular degeneration, then your vision may not improve to the expected standards.

Important

If you experience any of the following, then please contact the hospital immediately.

- Flashing lights
- A large number of floaters or existing floaters worsening
- A curtain covering part of your vision
- Pain that does not resolve after taking painkillers.

Contact Numbers

The Royal Oldham Hospital, Oldham

A&E Department - 0161 627 8933

Friday 5pm until Monday 9am

Oldham Integrated Care Centre Eye Clinic -0161 621 38721

Monday – Friday 9am - 4.30pm

Rochdale Infirmary, Rochdale

Eye Clinic - 01706 901757

Monday - Thursday 9am until 5pm. Friday 9am until 12.30pm

Eye Ward - 01706 901765

Monday - Friday 8am until 8pm (answer machine after 8pm)

Urgent Care Centre - 01706 517005

Monday - Friday after 8pm. Friday 8pm until Monday 9am

Fairfield General, Bury

A&E Department - 0161 778 2600

Monday - Friday after 8pm. Friday 8pm until Monday 8am

Eye Ward and Clinic - same contact details as Rochdale Infirmary

Tameside Hospital Foundation Trust

A&E Department - 0161 922 6000

Available 24 hours

Eye secretary - 0161 331 6388

Notes:

If English is not your first language and you need help, please contact the Ethnic Health Team on 0161 627 8770

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Jeżeli angielski nie jest twoim pierwszym językiem i potrzebujesz pomocy proszę skontaktować się z załogą Ethnic Health pod numerem telefonu 0161 627 8770

For general enquiries please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 0161 604 5897

For enquiries regarding clinic appointments, clinical care and treatment please contact 0161 624 0420 and the Switchboard Operator will put you through to the correct department / service

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