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OPHTHALMOLOGY CONSULTANTS  
OF FORT WAYNE, P.C.  
CATARACT INSTRUCTIONS—BEFORE SURGERY

You are scheduled for cataract surgery: \_\_\_\_\_  
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At our Surgery Center on ENGLE ROAD by: Jeffrey Hudson, MD Brian Miller, MD

• **Please read these instructions entirely.**

- **A nurse from our surgery center will call you TWO business days prior to your surgery to review your medical history, medications, allergies, these instructions, and questions.**
- **If you have not already returned your medical history and medication forms, do so immediately.**

To ensure that all goes well with your surgery and that you achieve the best possible surgical result, several guidelines should be followed. **PLEASE WEAR A MASK.**

1. You will not be permitted to eat anything 6 hours prior to your arrival to the surgery center. Only water is permitted up to 2 hours prior to arrival (Due to conscious sedation that is offered for this procedure). If you are diabetic and are concerned about your diabetic medications during this short time of fasting, please refer to your prescribing physician.

**It is vital that you take your blood pressure medication. If your blood pressure is too high on arrival, your surgery WILL BE CANCELLED. Typically, anything >185/90**

2. Dress comfortably. You will not be asked to change out of your clothes. If applicable, please wear your hearing aids and bring sunglasses.
3. Do not wear ANY make-up (mascara, foundation, eye makeup) or moisturizer/after shave – the morning of surgery. Do not use body lotion over your chest prior to surgery. Our EKG leads will not stick to you.
4. It is very important to have your eye drops before the date of surgery. If you do not, please call Kim (ext. 334) immediately.
5. Due to COVID-19, no patients or their driver will be allowed to wait in the waiting area.

There are 3 parking spaces in the front of the surgery center (lower level) under the green awning. These 3 spaces will be reserved for surgery check-in only. Please park in one of these three spaces. If the spaces are full, please call ext. 332 and let us know you are here and where you are parked. Please do not call if you are parked in a reserved spot. We will be out to greet you shortly. Once you are in one of those spaces, you will be met outside, your temperature will be taken, and you will also be asked COVID screening questions. Next, surgical consents will be reviewed and signed by the patient. Once this is completed, you will be escorted inside and your driver should park in an unreserved space, so the next patient can utilize the check in parking area.

**Please note: Your driver is NOT permitted to leave at any time. In case of an emergency during your surgery, your driver will need to be immediately available.**

Please allow ample time for travel so that you will arrive at the scheduled time. You will not be permitted to drive yourself home. Please make arrangements for transportation. Again, please ensure that your driver is aware that they must remain at the surgery center for the duration of your surgery. Also, please make sure they understand that they must wait in their vehicle the entire time. Total wait time is 90 minutes to 2 hours. **If you use public transportation, and are dropped off, you will be asked to endure surgery without any sort of sedative. We cannot safely release you to a stranger when you are in an altered state of consciousness.**

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or need to cancel your surgery, please make every attempt to do so during business hours with surgery scheduling M-F 8am – 5pm, ext. 315. In the unforeseen event you need to cancel surgery after 5pm the night before surgery, call our office at 260-436-7205 ext. 323.

To ease the directions of your questions, please call 260-436-7205, and:

For eye drop or implant questions: ask for Kim, ext. 334

For surgery scheduling questions: ask for Jamie, ext. 315

For pre-op surgery questions: ask for Emma ext. 356

If you need to cancel your surgery, please make every attempt to do so during business hours with Jamie, M-F 8am – 5pm.

In the unforeseen event you need to cancel surgery after 5pm the night before surgery, call ext. 323 and leave a message. It will be heard prior to surgery the next morning. This extension is ONLY to be used for emergency cancellations.