

Today you have had your preoperative assessment for your cataract / eye surgery.

It is important that you read the patient information that has been given to you as it will answer any further questions you may have about your operation.

It is usual that you will be admitted to the **Eye Theatre Reception** which is the daycase unit, it is situated opposite the hospital chapel near the Swannery Restaurant in the main hospital.

Occasionally, you may be admitted to a ward but details of this will be given to you before your admission.

Day cases

The majority of eye surgery is performed under local anaesthetic. This means that you will be awake during your surgery, but there will be someone holding your hand throughout the operation on most occasions.

Please do not wear makeup on day of surgery. You will go home about one hour after you return from your surgery.

It is not necessary that you stay in hospital, however

we do advise you to have a responsible adult to stay with you overnight or for you to arrange to stay overnight with family or friends.

Your eye will be covered over with a dressing after your operation, this can sometimes make you feel disorientated. You will be instructed by the nurse about when to remove your dressing.

You will be given solutions to clean your eye with. After this you can commence your eye drops as instructed.

Some patients are required to attend the clinic the morning following their surgery, we shall inform you when you are discharged after your operation whether this applies to you. Please make provision for this appointment in your plans.

You will need to apply your eyedrops as directed following surgery.

We will review you in the eye clinic after five weeks **you must not drive to this appointment.** Following this you can see your optician for new glasses if required.

If you have any further question regarding your admission or surgery then please phone the eye clinic.

We are open
Monday to Friday between the hours of
9am and 5pm.

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Cataract Surgery



Information for patients who have been placed on the waiting list for Cataract / eye surgery.

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