

Following Cataract surgery, the transparent membrane behind the implant may become cloudy. This occurs in 10% of patients who have undergone surgery. As a result of this happening the vision gradually worsens. This can happen weeks, months or years after cataract surgery.

The purpose of the laser treatment is to make an opening in the membrane, to restore the vision.

### **Before laser treatment**

Thickened membrane



### **After laser treatment**

Opening made by YAG laser



The treatment itself takes approximately 15 Minutes, but please allow about 90 minutes for your appointment as you will require dilating drops to the affected eye.

Your treatment will be carried out by a doctor or specialist ophthalmic nurse who has been trained to carry out this procedure.

On the day of treatment your pupil will be dilated so **DO NOT DRIVE** as your vision can remain blurry up to 24hrs.

You will be given an explanation of the treatment and then be required to sign a consent form.

You will be asked to sit at the laser where the treatment will take place. A beam of light is aimed at your eye when the treatment is given. You must be very still whilst this is being done. The treatment does not hurt; you may hear a clicking noise when the laser is in operation.

When the treatment is complete you will have some more drops instilled into your eye. You will be given eye drops to use following your treatment. We do not routinely make you another appointment for you to be seen, but advise you to contact us if you are experiencing any problems within six weeks of treatment.

After a month you may visit your optician to check if your glasses need changing.

### **What to do if you are worried about your eye after treatment**

In the unlikely event of pain not relieved by painkillers or you experience redness or a reduction in your vision please phone the eye clinic and ask to speak to the specialist nurse or nurse in charge.

For further information please contact the eye clinic on 01234 792643 or on weekends or after 5pm please call 01582 491122 and ask for the eye doctor on call.



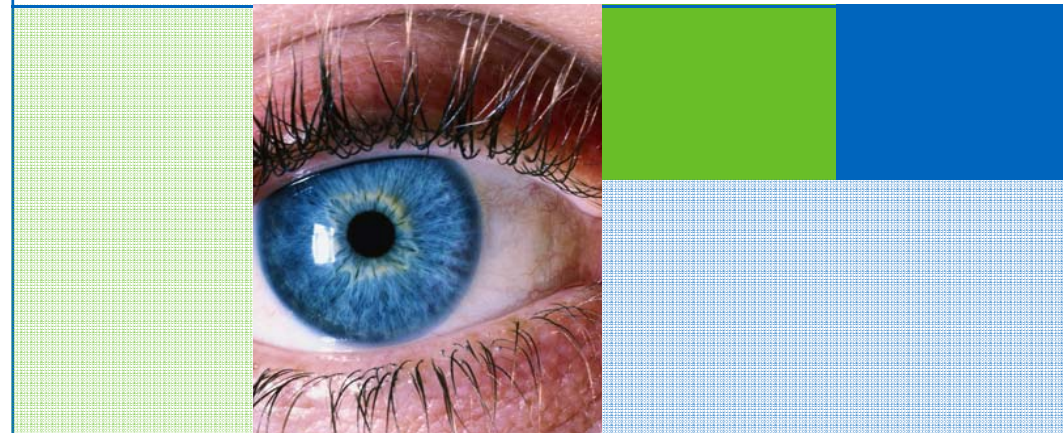
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### Nd Yag Capsulotomy Laser Treatment



Information about Nd Yag Capsulotomy laser treatment and caring for your eye after the procedure.

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