

Glasses After Cataract Surgery

Frequently Asked Questions

Will I need glasses after cataract surgery?

That depends on you, your eye health, implant type, and vision demands. Some patients report never wearing glasses, while others report always wearing them. While glasses use is an individual matter, most active people will want to wear glasses at least sometimes. We recommend that everyone wear sunglasses when outdoors. These recommendations will be reviewed with you after your surgeries are complete.

Will my glasses prescription change after cataract surgery?

Yes. In almost all cases, your glasses prescription will change. We usually test for new glasses one week after surgery.

After my surgery, how many pairs of eyeglasses does Medicare cover?

Most Medicare plans allow you benefits toward one complete pair of eyeglasses after cataract surgery. MEI offers you additional benefits toward a second pair, recommended for sunglasses, which our opticians will be more than happy to discuss with you. They will also review your Medicare plan and its coverage.

Will I get FREE eyeglasses?

Most Medicare plans allow you benefits *toward* one complete pair of eyeglasses after cataract surgery. Our opticians will be happy to review your benefits with you to determine your coverage.

Will I have an eye examination after my first surgery?

We will perform a refraction after each eye surgery. However, the refraction to determine your final prescription will be performed after both eye surgeries are complete.

When should I get eyeglasses?

The refraction to determine your final prescription will be performed after both eye surgeries are complete. From that prescription, we will make recommendations for your eye wear needs, considering both dress eyeglasses and sunglasses.

May I have a copy of the prescriptions?

Absolutely. You are entitled to a copy of your prescription after we perform a refraction. Please keep in mind, the first refraction and prescription is for documenting the changes to your vision after your first surgery. The second refraction will determine your optical needs, and this prescription is the one we recommend you use to purchase post-operative eye wear.

Do I get my eyeglasses here at Michigan Eye Institute?

Ordering your new eyeglasses from Michigan Eye Institute is the best way to ensure the highest quality vision after surgery. Our opticians, optometrists, and surgeons work together to make sure your vision gains its full potential.

What do I do for eyeglasses during the time between my surgeries?

We understand that you may still need to wear your current eyeglasses until your second eye surgery is complete. We will gladly take you to our Optical Department and have them remove the (1st surgery eye) lens from your eyeglasses. (*In our Flint office, we can replace it with a plain, non-prescription lens.*) This will allow you continued wear of your current eyeglasses until you receive a final prescription for eye wear.