

## LENS IMPLANT CHOICES

**\*\*YOU WILL DISCUSS THESE OPTIONS WITH DR. HODGES AT YOUR ASCAN APPOINTMENT\*\***

There are several lens implant options available to use as part of the cataract surgery process. A cataract is the clouding of the natural lens in the eye. When the cataract is removed, a new artificial lens must be used in its place. Prior to the surgery, the eyes are measured (this measurement procedure is called an ASCAN) to calculate the proper power of the lens that will be used for the surgery. Typically, the implant power is chosen to correct for distance vision and means glasses will still be needed for activities such as reading and computer use. Listed at the options Dr. Hodges offers his patients.

**\*\*PATIENTS WHO HAVE HAD LASIK SURGERY** - There is a **\$250** charge for the extra time Dr. Hodges must spend reviewing LASIK notes and Topography notes as well as the calculations needed in order to ensure the correct lens is selected. **COLLECTED AT ASCAN APPOINTMENT**

Summarized below are the differences between four lenses commonly used for surgery.

**MONOFOCAL** - This is a single power lens and the focal power is typically chosen to correct for distance vision with glasses required for near vision. If desired, the power can be chosen to correct for near vision in which case glasses will be needed for distance vision. This lens is ideal for patients with little to no astigmatism. This lens is covered fully by insurance.

**TORIC** - This lens is not covered by insurance as it is a specialty lens. The cost is \$850 total per eye and is non negotiable. \$400 is due at the surgical center the day of the procedure and \$450 due at the office the following day. This lens is designed to correct for astigmatism as well as the desired near or distance correction. For individuals with a significant amount of astigmatism, this lens yields the best quality of correction. The Toric lens requires more time during the calculation process to ensure the correct power is selected as well as more time during surgery to be properly placed. For these reasons it is considered a 'premium' lens by insurance companies and is not covered. If this lens is chosen it will be an out of pocket expense to the patient.

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**VIVITY MULTIFOCAL** - This lens is not covered by insurance as it is a specialty lens. The cost is \$1650 total per eye and is non negotiable. \$900 is due at the surgical center day of the procedure and \$750 due at the office the following day. This lens is designed to yield the best corrective vision for distance, intermediate, and reasonable near. This lens is the best option for patients wishing to eliminate the need for glasses as much as possible. However, reading glasses may still be required for small fine print. This lens does not have any correction for astigmatism. So, for patients with a significant amount of astigmatism this would not be an appropriate lens. The Vivity lens requires more time during the calculation process to ensure the correct power is selected as well as more time during surgery to be properly placed. For these reasons it is considered a 'premium' lens by insurance companies and is not covered. If this lens is chosen it will be an out of pocket expense to the patient.

**VIVITY TORIC MULTIFOCAL** - This lens is not covered by insurance as it is a specialty lens. The cost is \$1800 total per eye and is non negotiable. \$900 is due at the surgical center day of the procedure and \$900 due at the office the following day. This lens is designed to yield the best corrective vision for distance, intermediate, and reasonable near. This lens is the best option for patients wishing to eliminate the need for glasses as much as possible. However, reading glasses may still be required for small fine print. This lens does provide correction for patients with astigmatism. The Vivity Toric lens requires more time during the calculation process to ensure the correct power is selected as well as more time during surgery to be properly placed. For these reasons it is considered a 'premium' lens by insurance companies and is not covered. If this lens is chosen it will be an out of pocket expense to the patient.

**\*\*\*Regardless of which type of lens is chosen, please remember that during the course of surgery, situations may arise that prevent the use of the lens originally intended. In the event of such an occurrence, the best lens option given the condition of the eye or the complications will be used. This may affect the need for glasses following the surgery and will be addressed by the surgeon under post-operative care\*\*\***