

TRABECULECTOMY

In most cases, eye drops are prescribed to treat glaucoma. If one medication does not control the disease, another medication may be prescribed. If your eye drops do not keep the glaucoma from progressing, surgery may be necessary.

One type of surgery used to treat glaucoma is called a trabeculectomy. During this surgery a new drainage area is created in the eye to create better fluid outflow. The new drain is generally located on the white part of the eye hidden under the upper eyelid. The eye pressure is relieved because fluid can now drain through the new area. The surgery itself takes 35 minutes to an hour in most cases.

During and after surgery topical medications are used to prevent infection and scarring. The drops you will use after surgery can make a great difference in the success of the procedure and it is very important you use your drops exactly as directed.

The first few weeks after the surgery you will be followed very closely. We need to make sure the pressure in your eye is not too high or too low. Frequently, a laser surgery may be performed in the office in the first few weeks after surgery to help the drain work even better.

Glaucoma is a very serious disease that can cause irreversible loss of vision. It is our commitment to treat you with the latest medications and surgery possible to control this condition.

