

# YAG LASER CAPSULOTOMY

Many people who have had cataract surgery may develop some blurriness in the eye months or years after their surgery. This is not a recurrence of the cataract, but is instead the clouding of the membrane behind the lens implant. This cloudy membrane acts like hazy or wrinkled cellophane and may cause vision problems similar to those caused by a cataract.

Fortunately, making a hole in the center of the membrane with a laser can easily and very effectively treat this problem. This procedure, a YAG laser capsulotomy, is quick and virtually painless. Almost everyone in need of this treatment will gain improved vision, often in as little as a few days. Usually, no special post-operative treatment is required and complications from the laser surgery are very rare. These infrequent complications occur in less than 1% of patients.

Because this laser surgery is so common to patients with cloudy membranes following cataract surgery, people often have the impression that cataract surgery itself can be performed with a laser. Presently, laser cannot remove a cataract. It is only after cataract surgery has already been performed that YAG laser surgery may be helpful in returning the eye to its best possible vision.

The YAG laser capsulotomy is performed at our office. Your eye will be dilated and “numbed” with anesthetic drops. You will not have your activities restricted after the procedure.

As always, should you have any questions concerning your care, please give us a call.