

**T**hank you for choosing our practice. Here at the Tarantino Eye Center, we strive to provide the best quality of care and customized vision solutions for our patients. This specific information is provided to all of our patients 55 years old and over so that you have the opportunity to be fully informed before any decisions need to be made.

Cataracts are a normal part of the aging process, and at age 55, you may or may not have been diagnosed with cataracts. Cataracts are typically linked to birthdays—the more birthdays you have, the more likely you are to develop a cataract. Being diagnosed with a cataract may seem frightening at first. However, due to advancements in technology, cataract surgery is considered to be one of the safest and most successful surgeries in the United States today.

A **cataract** is a clouding of all or part of the normally clear lens within your eye, which results in blurred or distorted vision. Cataracts are most often found in persons over age 55, but they are also occasionally found in younger people. A cataract can progress until eventually there is a complete loss of vision in your eye, and neither diet nor laser treatment will make the cataract go away. Cataract surgery can help restore your vision long before you experience loss of vision significant enough to interfere with your daily activities.



At the Tarantino Eye Center, we offer the most advanced options to customize your vision after cataract surgery, based on your individual lifestyle needs. Based on our findings during your upcoming examination, we will inform you of which lens is the best option for you. On the following page, you will find information that helps you understand three different options:

- Basic monofocal lens implant
- Multifocal Premium Lens implant
- Acrysof® Toric premium lens implant

## Basic Monofocal Lens

With single-vision lens implants, there is a very high likelihood that you will need glasses for most near-vision activities after surgery, even if you do not wear near-vision glasses before surgery. These activities include such things as reading, applying makeup, shaving, sewing, reading your watch, dialing a cell phone, and baiting fishhooks. Medicare and most private insurance carriers will cover your cataract surgery and the monofocal lens. This is considered basic coverage.



## Multifocal Lens

New technology implants are designed to provide a full range of vision--near, far and everything in between. Medicare and private insurance provide basic coverage and allow you to pay for the upgrade, if you choose to do so. Based on FDA clinical data, 80% of patients never need glasses again for any activities. Those who do need glasses need them only for very specific tasks. The goal is to allow you to live a spectacle-free life, to see things near and far without glasses. There is an additional cost for this technology. If it is determined that you are a candidate for the multifocal lens, we can discuss payment plans that make this option affordable for our patients.

## Acrysof<sup>®</sup> Toric

The Acrysof<sup>®</sup> Toric lens is specifically designed to address those who have a significant amount of astigmatism. In years past, cataract surgery removed the cataract, but a patient with high astigmatism still required glasses for near and distance vision. The design of the Acrysof<sup>®</sup> Toric lens makes it possible to reduce or eliminate astigmatism and significantly improve uncorrected distance vision. There is an additional cost for this lens implant. Again, we strive to make the Acrysof<sup>®</sup> Toric lens affordable for our patients by offering payment options here in our office.

- Yes, I would like to hear more about freedom from glasses after cataract surgery.**
- No, I want just my basic coverage.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

