

Cataract Surgery Information

Start using Acuvail on _____, one drop
twice per day in _____ eye.

Day of Surgery _____

Medications Morning of Surgery:

If you are an insulin dependent diabetic, DO NOT take your insulin the morning of surgery.

If you are a non-insulin dependent diabetic, DO NOT take your diabetes medicine the morning of surgery.

Take all regular medications as prescribed except diuretics (“water pills”) and any supplements you may be taking. Remember to take your medicine with only a small sip of water.

The hospital will call you on the day before your surgery with an arrival time for your surgery. You will check-in at out patient registration about 1-2 hours before your surgery. They will direct you to the surgical area.

During the time before surgery many things will occur:

~ An I.V. will be started

~ Dilating drops will be put into your operative eye.

~ You will be moved to the operating room and you will be given a short acting anesthetic medicine.

- ~Surgery usually takes a half hour to one hour.**
- ~You will be brought back to Day Surgery for a short time**
- ~Your I.V. will be removed.**
- ~You will get something to eat.**
- ~When the nurses feel you are ready, they will let you go home.**
- ~The nurses will send you home with instructions on using your drops and a follow up appointment with Dr. Whitaker.**
- ~You will need someone to drive you to and from the hospital on day of surgery.**
- ~You will need someone to stay with you after surgery for the day and over night.**

The Next Day:

- ~You can expect your vision to be a little blurry.**
- ~ You will have a follow up appointment with Dr Whitaker and need to have a driver.**
- ~Please bring your blue bag with you.**

If you have any questions please call 743-0027

You will also have follow up appointments one week and one month after surgery. Please bring your blue bag to those appointments.