

# Cataract removal and new lens implant / Phacoemulsification and Intraocular Lens (IOL) consent form



This form should only be used if the patient has capacity to give consent. If support is required with consent (interpreter, witness, carer, guardian, parent, or any other relevant support) please ensure they are present. If the patient does not legally have capacity, please use an appropriate alternative consent form from your hospital or hub. This form will be the result of a shared decision conversation between a clinician and patient. "You / your / me / my" hereby refers to the patient.

Please note it is common NHS practice for your consent to be taken by a clinician other than the operating or listing surgeon. This clinician will be suitably trained and competent to take consent. They will be referred to as the "responsible healthcare professional" in this form.

You will be provided with additional patient information about your procedure by your hospital or hub site. These will be provided in a language and format that suits you.

You may have questions before starting, during or after your procedure. Contact details are provided for any further queries, concerns or if you would like to discuss your treatment further. The risks quoted in this consent form for surgery assume that you have no additional factors which would increase your risk. The clinician discussing the consent with you will explain if you have health conditions or factors that may increase your risk.

## Your details (Print or sticker)

First name:

Last name:

Date of birth:

NHS or Hospital number:

Responsible Health Professional:

My requirements: e.g, transport, interpreter, assistance

## Details of Cataract removal and new lens implant

**Cataract removal and new lens implant Procedure:**

**Cataract surgery involves replacing the cloudy lens inside your eye with an artificial lens**

**Extra procedures:**

**Site and side:**  
(Tick as appropriate)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Left                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Both same day - Right first      | <input type="checkbox"/> Both same day - Left first      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Both different day - Right first | <input type="checkbox"/> Both different day - Left first |

**Indication for, and purpose of surgery / benefits:**  
(Tick as appropriate)

- To improve vision, most people will still need glasses
- Other(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternatives considered:**  
(Tick as appropriate)

- Conservative management**  
Conservative management is a term used when a condition is managed without surgery or other invasive procedures or treatments. This is often tried initially especially if symptoms are mild or manageable, this may include updating spectacles or contact lenses.
- Other(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## Possible early or short-term risks

**Expected**

Will probably happen



**Discomfort** The eye can feel dry and scratchy for several months after surgery. This may be relieved by lubricant eye drops.

**Bruising of the eye** This will resolve on its own in a few weeks.

**Uncommon**

Unlikely to happen (fewer than 1 in 20)



**Rupture of the membrane or capsule holding the cataract** This may require further follow-up treatment, or possible further surgery.

**High pressure and inflammation that may require temporary treatment with drops**

**Damage to the iris, the coloured part of your eye**

## Possible late or long-term risks

**Uncommon**

Unlikely to happen (fewer than 1 in 20)



**Unexpected refractive outcome after surgery** Cataract surgery is to remove visually troublesome cataract not to achieve spectacle independence. You may still need spectacle correction for certain tasks after surgery. Visit your optician for further advice.

**Temporary reduction in vision** This is due to swelling at the back of the eye (Cystoid macular oedema) and can be managed with more drops.

**Clouding behind the lens implant** This may occur months or years and may require laser treatment.

**Droopy eyelid** This may occur months or years after treatment and may require laser treatment.

**Rare**

Probably won't happen (fewer than 1 in 100)



**Vision does not improve**

**Swelling of the cornea** (clear window of the eye) This may require long term treatment or surgery.

**Double Vision**

**Retinal detachment** This can be treated with surgery.

**Very rare**

Extremely unlikely to happen (less than 1 in 1000)



**Infection (endophthalmitis) or bleeding (suprachoroidal haemorrhage) inside eye which may lead to permanent severe loss of vision** This may mean that vision cannot be improved with glasses or further surgery

**Inflammation which could affect the vision in both eyes (sympathetic ophthalmia)**

## Patient specific risks

Patient  
Specific Risks

## Patient specific concerns

If you have any **specific concerns or personal risks** to you from your treatment, you can record them here. Please use this space to **record any concerns around allergies / reactions** and also any life saving **procedures that you do not wish to be carried out** without further discussion.

Any extra procedures which may become necessary during the procedure:

Blood transfusion:

Other procedures (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## Surgical care during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

In the majority, COVID-19 causes a mild self-limiting illness, but symptoms may be highly variable amongst individuals, and it is important you understand the specific risk profile to yourself. There is no guarantee of zero risk of COVID-19 transmission. Read more at **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** on the NHS website.

## Anaesthesia

Anaesthetic is used to allow surgery to take place painlessly. It may include medicines which put you to sleep or those which only numb the area you are having operated on while you remain awake. This can be done in a variety of ways. If you need to be put to sleep, your anaesthetist will advise you on your options and talk to you about the risks, complications and benefits of your choice.

There are a variety of anaesthetic options, and this is a shared decision-making process, and you will jointly decide and agree which anaesthetic option is best for you. Please remember that if there are any complications during surgery, an anaesthetist may need to alter the type of anaesthesia and will explain this to you during the procedure.

### Anaesthetic

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local anaesthetic drops     | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral sedation        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local anaesthetic injection | <input type="checkbox"/> Intravenous sedation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General anaesthetic         |   |

Patient name: \_\_\_\_\_

NHS or Hospital number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Statement of healthcare professional

(to be filled in by health professional with appropriate knowledge of proposed procedure)

- I am suitably trained and competent and have sufficient knowledge to consent this patient in line with the requirements of my regulatory body.
- I have discussed what the treatment is likely to involve, the benefits and risks of this procedure.
- I have discussed the benefits and risks of any available alternative procedures or treatments including no treatment.
- I have considered any additional patient-specific factors and discussed these with the patient alongside their particular concerns.
- I can confirm that the patient has the capacity to give consent.

Patient information leaflet provided:  Yes /  No – Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of consent form accepted by patient:  Yes /  No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Statement of patient

**Please read this form carefully. If you have any further questions, do ask – we are here to help you. You have the right to change your mind at any time, including after you have signed this form.**

**You must consent to the following section to proceed with your surgery:**

- I confirm that I have read and understood Page No 1 to 4 of the consent form.
- I understand the diagnosis and agree with the course of treatment described on this form.
- I have had the opportunity to discuss treatment alternatives, including no treatment.
- I have had the purpose, aims and possible risks of treatment explained to me.
- I understand that the operating person, who will have appropriate expertise to carry out the procedure, may not have been involved in my pre-operative assessment or care to date.
- I understand my anaesthetic options will be or have been discussed with a

Healthcare professional where we will jointly decide which option is best for me. I understand that the type of anaesthesia may need to be altered if there are any complications during the procedure.

- I have been told about additional procedures which are necessary prior to treatment or may become necessary during my treatment. This may include permanent skin marks, photographs, and / or tissue samples to help with treatment planning and identification.
- I understand that any procedure in addition to those described on this form will only be carried out if it is necessary to save my life or to prevent serious harm to my health. I have spoken to my health care professional about any lifesaving procedures I do not wish to happen.
- I understand that relevant and appropriate patient specific data for this procedure will be collected and may be used in the context of providing clinical care, and/or audit purposes in compliance with Data Protection Act (2018).

**Additional Consent: This section will not stop you from receiving surgery but will help with future learning and training. Please tick if you consent:**

- I understand that there may be health care professionals that are training during my procedures such as medical students, and trainee nurses. I consent that they may participate in examinations relevant to my procedure, supervised by a fully qualified professional.

- I understand that information collected during my procedure including images, may be used for education and research (which may be published in medical journals). All information will be anonymised and used in a way that I cannot be identified.
- I agree that my health records may be used by authorised members of staff, who are not directly involved in my clinical care, for research approved by a research ethics committee and in compliance with the Data Protection Act (2018).

Tick if relevant:  I confirm that there is no risk that I could be pregnant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Statement of: interpreter witness

(where appropriate)

- I have interpreted the information contained in this form to the best of my ability and in a way in which I believe they can understand.

or

- I confirm that the patient is unable to sign but has indicated their consent.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient name:

NHS or Hospital number:

## Additional Resources

### Patient information & Advice

RNIB: [www.rnib.org.uk/eye-health/eye-conditions/cataracts](http://www.rnib.org.uk/eye-health/eye-conditions/cataracts)

RNIB's Sight Advice Service available on 0303 123 9999



NHS.UK: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/cataract-surgery/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cataract-surgery/)



Hospital eye clinic leaflet or Cataract booklet – please ask for one if not provided from the Eye Clinic Liaison Officer at Hospital

## To be filled out by your responsible healthcare professional (On day of surgery)

### Reconfirmation of consent / Withdrawal of consent (where appropriate)

Reconfirmation of consent:

Withdrawal of consent:

See advance decision to refuse treatment:

Name:

Date:

Signature:

The responsibility for informed consent is between the patient and the consenting clinician and the NHS trust. NHS England, Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) and associated organisations are supplying this resource which should be used/amended by the clinician as they see fit according to their clinical judgement. NHS England, GIRFT and associated organisations do not accept any liability for the consent collected using this resource or the subsequent treatment including surgical and additional procedures.