

Patient details or pre-printed label

Surname _____

First names _____

Date of Birth _____

NHS and/or hospital number _____

Special requirements e.g. communication:

**For adult patients with mental capacity to give valid consent to
Cataract removal and new lens implant /
Phacoemulsification and IOL
Right eye / Left eye**

**Signed copy to be kept in health records, further copy to be given to
patient**

Source of Patient Information & Charities:

RNIB: <https://www.rnib.org.uk/eye-health/your-guide-cataracts/when-should-i-have-cataracts-surgery>

NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cataract-surgery/>

Hospital eye clinic leaflet – please ask for one if not provided

Cataract removal and new lens implant Right eye / Left eye

To prevent pain you will be given drops

or other anaesthetic: injection general anaesthesia sedation

The intended benefit: **To improve vision. Most patients still need glasses.**

Other benefit:

Serious, significant or frequently occurring risks:

Common up to 1 in 20

- **Clouding behind new lens needing laser**
- **Vision does not improve**
- **Complications in surgery that can be treated then or later such as rupture of membrane behind cataract or some cataract left in eye**
- **High pressure needing temporary treatment**

Uncommon less than 1 in 100

- **Need for further surgery**
- **Retina problems (detachment, fluid build-up)**
- **Inflammation or bleeding inside eye**
- **Unexpected focus problems, may need contact lenses or surgery**

Rare less than 1 in 1000

- **Infection inside eye**
- **Glaucoma**
- **Severe or permanent vision loss**
- **Other e.g. pupil shape change, double vision, droopy eyelid**

Vere rare less than 1 in 10,000

- **Inflammation which could affect vision in both eyes**

Specific or material risks for this patient:

COVID-19: In the majority of people, COVID-19 causes a mild, self-limiting illness. However, some people get a more severe form of the disease and it is important you understand your specific risk.

We cannot guarantee zero risk of COVID-19 transmission. For more information: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Health Professional: I assess that this patient has capacity to give valid consent. I have discussed what the procedure is likely to involve, the benefits and risks of this and of any available alternative treatments. I have also discussed the option of no treatment and any particular concerns of this patient. The patient has been given the opportunity to ask questions. I have provided the **Cataract surgery leaflet**.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name _____ Job title _____

Patient: Please read this form carefully, it describes the benefits and risks of the treatment. **You will be given a copy of this form** to keep and a copy of an information leaflet about cataract surgery. **Please ask for a leaflet if not offered one.** 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.

My surgeon and I have discussed the option of non-surgical treatment and have decided that in my case surgery is the best option at this time.

I agree to the procedure described on this form.

I understand that you cannot give me a guarantee that a particular person will perform the procedure. The person will, however, have appropriate experience.

I understand that any procedure in addition to that described on this form will only be carried out if it is necessary to save my life or to prevent serious harm to my general or eye health.

Patient's signature _____ Date _____

Name (PRINT) _____

Contact name and telephone number if patient wishes to discuss later

Interpreter (where appropriate): I have interpreted the information above and the discussions between the patient and the professional to the best of my ability and in a way in which I believe s/he can understand.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name (PRINT) _____

A witness should sign if the patient is unable to sign but has indicated consent.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name (PRINT) _____