

WORDS TO KNOW:

Capsule – A clear pouch of tissue in the eye that surrounds the lens.

IOL – An abbreviation for 'Intraocular Lens', the artificial lens placed in the eye following cataract removal surgery.

WHY IS THIS PROCEDURE NEEDED?

After cataract removal surgery the capsule may become puckered or hazy, causing blurred vision.

WHAT IS A POSTERIOR CAPSULOTOMY?

A posterior capsulotomy (pronounced: cap-su-lot-o-mee) is a procedure where the ophthalmologist (eye physician) makes a small hole in the back portion of the lens capsule with a laser. This opening corrects the blurred vision caused by the capsule changes.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER THIS PROCEDURE:

Vision should improve quickly following the posterior capsulotomy procedure. Normal activities can be resumed right away (unless instructed otherwise by the physician).

RISKS OF A POSTERIOR CAPSULOTOMY:

Risks associated with this procedure are rare, but can include:

- increased pressure within the eye
- inflammation
- retinal detachment
- the IOL slipping backwards through the opening in the capsule

EYE EMERGENCY?

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