

# Laser posterior capsulotomy



## Your condition

During cataract surgery your normal lens (which sits behind the iris or coloured part of the eye) is removed and an artificial lens replaces it. Surrounding your lens is a bag called a 'capsule' which is left behind once your natural lens has been removed. The new artificial lens is placed inside this capsule to help keep it in position.

Sometimes the back or posterior of this capsule behind the new lens becomes cloudy. This can happen weeks or months after cataract surgery causing glare and blurry vision.



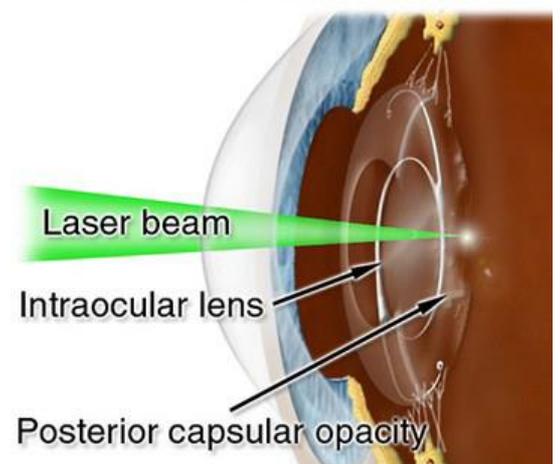
## What does the laser do and how does it work?

Your ophthalmologist (eye doctor) can use a laser to create a hole through the cloudy capsule to allow more light to enter the eye.

The treatment usually improves vision, provided there are no other problems affecting the eye.

This procedure may need to be repeated.

### YAG Laser Capsulotomy



## What to expect

- You will be at the hospital for at least 2 hours.
- You will be given drops to dilate your pupil (make it large) which last for several hours, so you will be unable to drive home.
- Local anaesthetic drops will also be put in your eye before the procedure.
- Treatment is delivered through a lens which rests against the eye.
- Please take all of your usual medications prior to your appointment, unless otherwise advised by your doctor.
- Side effects may include slight discomfort, sensitivity to light (photophobia), red eye, occasional swelling and blurred vision. Wearing sunglasses (with your prescription, if required) can make the trip home more comfortable.
- Please arrange for someone to pick you up and drive/take you home.

## More information

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