



Cataract Surgery Refractive Questionnaire

I. Astigmatism

The importance of astigmatic management increases depending on how much astigmatism you have. See website for details and simulators.

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- I have been told that I have astigmatism
- I have worn astigmatic contact lenses in the past
- I am detail oriented
- I am willing to pay extra to get the best optical result
- I have hobbies such as birdwatching or stargazing
- I am an outdoor person who likes to see detail at distance, for example while hiking
- I drive at night a lot
- I am particular by nature
- Detailed near tasks such as drawing, making jewelry, crafts, or reading music are important to me.
- The second number of my glasses (not contacts) prescription is 1.00 or larger in one or both eyes.

II. Presbyopia

Presbyopia correction during cataract surgery works well for many patients. Patients experience some glare at night and some loss of contrast. Vision may be good at near- but not always crystal clear. It is uncommon to completely get rid of glasses.

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- I don't like wearing glasses
- I don't like the way I look with glasses
- I would like to drive without glasses
- I would be willing to trade some glare and halos at night for the convenience of getting rid of glasses
- I don't sit down a lot
- I don't like having glasses between me and another person when we talk
- I use my near vision mainly for texting and checking my smartphone
- People describe me as having a low maintenance personality.
- I am ok with wearing readers occasionally, such as for reading a book.
- I would like to hike or sail without having to keep readers handy
- Detailed near tasks such as making jewelry or drawing are NOT important to me
- I do NOT have any of the following conditions: diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, optic neuropathy, corneal disease, history of corneal injury, severe dry eye, glaucoma
- I have NOT had LASIK, PRK, or radial keratotomy
- I do NOT have a history of lazy eye or wearing a patch over one eye as a child
- I do NOT have severe dry eye.

III. Custom Refractive Design

A. Near to Intermediate Refractive Path

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- I spend most of my time reading or working on the computer
- I would like to read fine print, or perform fine crafts without glasses
- I want to see people's faces clearly without glasses when I talk with them
- I currently read without glasses
- I currently use glasses to drive a car
- I am ok with wearing glasses to drive a car or watch a movie

B. Distance Refractive Path

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- I want to see distance without glasses
- I am active and don't sit down a lot
- I currently drive without glasses
- I currently need glasses to read
- I am ok with using readers

No single question rules in or out a particular strategy. Look for a pattern.

Consider giving a second copy of this questionnaire to your spouse, a family member, or someone who knows you well- ask them to fill it out as if they were you. If they answer the questions differently than you did, explore why.