



*Murray McFadden, MD*

BSc, MD, FRCS(C), Diplomat of the  
American Board of Ophthalmology

## Instructions for Dr. McFadden's Patients After Having a Cataract Membrane Removed with the YAG Laser

Just after laser treatment your vision will be blurry because your pupil was dilated with drops and the special contact lens placed on your eye is lubricated with a gooey liquid. The blurriness will usually clear by evening if your retina (the film at the back of the eye) is working normally, and if your glasses are correct for your eye.

It is normal to see a few black spots floating around because the laser exploded the thin membrane (posterior natural lens capsule), which lies behind the new artificial lens, which was placed in your eye at the time of surgery. During the cataract surgery we remove the front membrane and clouded lens leaving the natural back membrane in the eye to help hold the new artificial lens in place. This membrane will frequently become cloudy from the normal healing process which is basically the normal scarring (healing) that occurs in any ordinary cut.

**After surgery you will be asked to use Voltaren Ophtha (anti-inflammatory drops also known as diclofenac sodium) 4 times a day to reduce any possible swelling in the eye. Please continue to take all regular medications unless otherwise indicated by your doctor(s).**

It is important to know that some people have a thin retina and that very occasionally in rare cases the laser explosion can lead to a complication of retinal detachment. Retinal detachment will cause a black curtain to rise or fall (or come from either side) over your side vision. If this complication occurs it is an emergency that needs to be dealt with immediately. You are asked to contact Dr. McFadden immediately should you experience this uncommon problem. The **office number is 604-530-3332** and his **home number is 604-535-6257**. Should a black curtain occur and should you not be able to contact Dr. McFadden you should go to your emergency department so that another Ophthalmologist can be contacted. Retinal detachments can be preceded by flashing lights - seen usually in your side vision, and so a flashing peripheral light should also be reported.

It is a good idea to have your vision and pressure checked after the Yag laser surgery as sometimes a new spectacle lens is needed for best vision.

Your postoperative visit is scheduled for:

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

All of Dr. McFadden's Patient Instructions can be viewed on the Internet by visiting

<http://www.prk.com/eye-surgeons/mcfadden>

BY REFERRAL ONLY