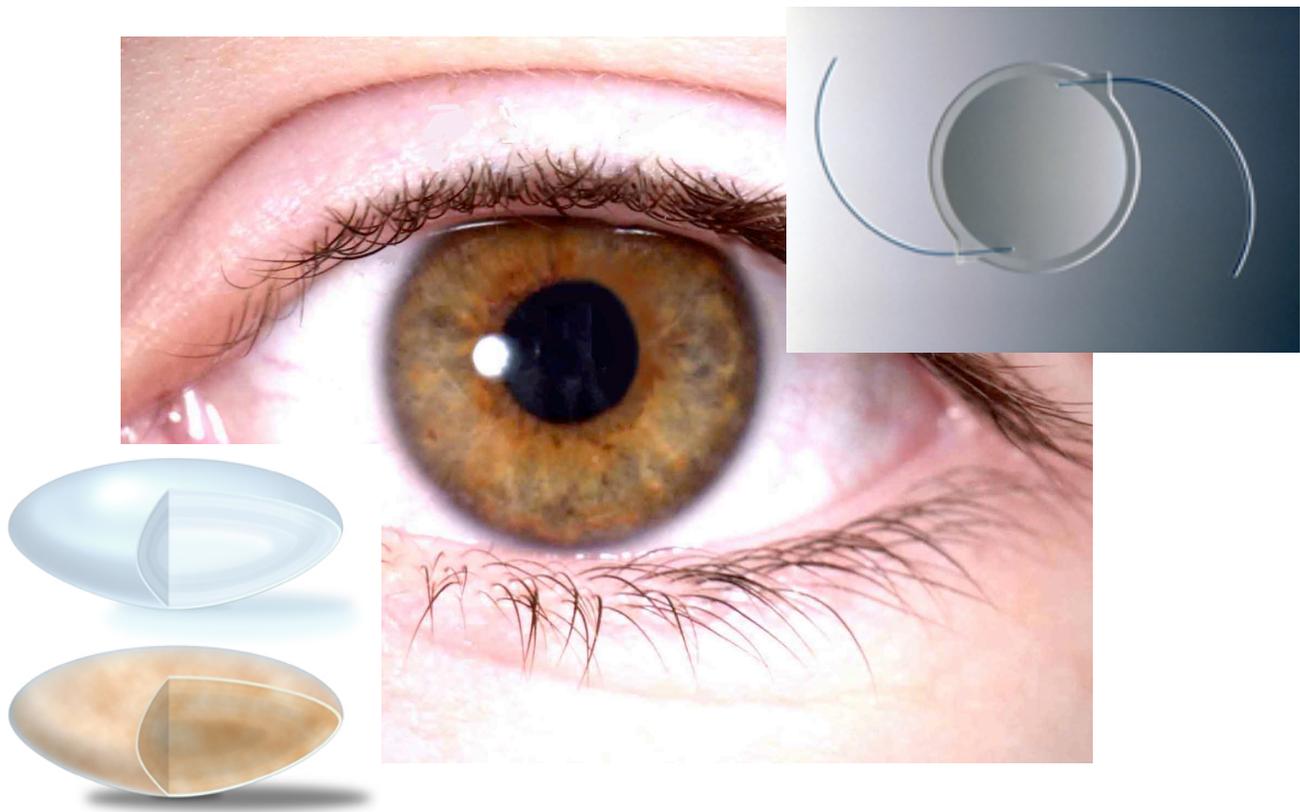

Important Information about Cataracts



Your Eyesight is our Priority

Each year, we meet hundreds of patients with cataracts. Cataracts are the leading cause of reversible blindness in the US. If you have been diagnosed with cataracts, or if you think you may have cataracts, you're in the right place! Restoring your sight is our goal.

A cataract is the clouding of the eye's naturally clear lens. This clouding is usually caused by normal aging changes. Some conditions like Diabetes and smoking can accelerate cataract formation. When the cataract blurs vision, the only treatment is surgical removal. Dr. Powell performs nearly a thousand cataract surgeries each year.

During the surgery, Dr. Powell will replace the cloudy lens with a clear plastic lens implant. Traditional implants will correct your distance vision, and you will need to wear glasses for reading and sometimes for the distance as well. Some lens implants will correct your vision for distance, near, and in between, but not everyone is a candidate for them. They are also more expensive than a traditional implant. Many people who choose a premium implant want to reduce their need for glasses and bifocals. When you come in for your cataract examination, you will learn about these options and other details about cataracts and cataract surgery.



We want you to be an informed health care consumer. Feel free to make a list of questions before you arrive. You may also want to bring a friend or family member with you for "another set of eyes and ears."

Your surgery will be performed at a surgery center or hospital, depending on where you live and your insurance. If you have questions about where your procedure will be performed, please call us at (405) 701-8408 to find out. Dr. Powell accepts Medicare and most major insurances. Our Surgery Counselor can help answer your questions about your insurance and cataract surgery.