

Consent: Addendum for Premium Lens Surgery **(Must be signed only if having Premium Lens Surgery)**

Introduction: This information is given to me so that I can make an informed decision about having Premium Lens Surgery that intends to correct my refractive error, thereby reducing my need for glasses after cataract/lens surgery. The refractive errors corrected by Premium Lens Surgery are myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), astigmatism, and presbyopia. Astigmatism: most people have some amount of astigmatism, which is a condition of the eye's shape being out-of-round causing blurred uncorrected vision at all distances. Astigmatism is corrected by glasses, contact lenses, laser vision correction and Premium Lenses. Presbyopia: most people over age 40 have Presbyopia, which is blurred near vision, due to loss of elasticity of the natural lens. Presbyopia is corrected by reading glasses, bifocals, trifocals, progressive lens glasses, bifocal contact lenses, and Premium Lenses.

Standard Cataract Surgery (SCS) may correct myopia and hyperopia. However, SCS does not correct astigmatism or presbyopia, thereby requiring me to wear glasses after cataract surgery, even if I do not wear glasses at all times now.

Premium Lens Surgery is a surgical process indicated for reducing my need for glasses and/or contact lenses by correcting my specific refractive error. The Premium Lens options are the Crystalens made by Bausch & Lomb, and the Toric and ReSTOR, both made by Alcon. The correction of refractive errors in conjunction with cataract surgery is not *medically* necessary, and consequently not covered by any insurance plan. I pay out-of-pocket when choosing the Premium Lens Surgery option.

Procedure: Advanced techniques and Premium Lenses are utilized to ensure the best possible outcome with Premium Lens Surgery. Astigmatism correction involves either implanting a Toric, or changing the shape of the cornea with incisions (LRIs) or Laser Vision Correction (LASIK or PRK). Limbal Relaxing Incisions (LRIs) are performed by placing incisions in the peripheral cornea to change the shape of the cornea from ovoid (like a football) to round (like a basketball.) LRIs may be performed at the time of cataract/lens surgery or later. Laser Vision Correction may be performed after cataract/lens surgery, usually three or more months later. Presbyopia correction involves the use of Premium Lenses having multifocal properties intended to provide good vision for far and near activities.

Outcomes: The desired outcome of this procedure is reducing my need for glasses and/or contact lenses. I will probably need glasses for some activities. Even though the success rate is greater than 90%, Premium Lens Surgery is not a perfect science and can lead to unpredictable outcomes. Although unlikely, I could possibly need glasses for all activities following surgery. I may possibly want an enhancement to fine-tune my vision. Although it is possible that I will not need glasses for any activities, **I understand that no one can guarantee me this outcome.**

Limitations: Some possible compromises with ReSTOR may include increased glare and halo around lights at night, reduced vision in dim light, and reduced visual clarity under certain conditions. Because the Crystalens' performance depends upon the eye's focusing muscle, which in some eyes may not fully function after the age of 40, Crystalens may not fully correct my near vision. Monovision with standard lenses may reduce my need for reading glasses. However, trade-offs with monovision may include reduced depth perception, glare and possible intolerance of the eyes being focused differently.

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Alternatives: SCS is the alternative to Premium Lens Surgery. SCS would likely require me to wear glasses or contact lenses at all times.

Risks: There is very little increased risk of Premium Lens Surgery versus SCS. If LRIs are performed, the risk of infection, dry eye, and eye irritation increases because instead of two incisions made with SCS, three or four incisions may be made with Premium Lens Surgery. Although future problems are not anticipated, Premium Lenses are more “high-tech” than standard lenses and could theoretically have more issues in the future.

Complications: Rarely LRIs could go too deep, in which case a suture may be required for closure. It is possible that I may not receive the desired Premium Lens if there is a problem during surgery. Rarely, a Premium Lens may later need to be removed or exchanged for a different lens. Fees could not be refunded. Fortunately, many of the possible complications can be managed with further surgery or laser treatments.

Further Treatment: Because different eyes respond to the surgery differently, I may desire additional treatment and/or surgery to further reduce my need for glasses. Because my outcome cannot be guaranteed, I understand that I may have to pay extra for an enhancement with LRIs, Laser Vision Correction (LASIK or PRK), or additional IOL surgery.

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Consent Statement: In signing below I am stating that I have read this informed consent (or it has been read to me) and I understand the basic procedures of Premium Lens Surgery, the desired outcome, limitations, alternatives, risks, possible complications and the need for further treatment. I understand that the results of surgery in my case cannot be guaranteed and that unforeseen complications can occur with any surgical procedure. I am aware that I may need to wear glasses after surgery. Although it is impossible that I could be informed of every possible complication that may occur, all of my questions have been answered to my understanding and satisfaction.

I consent to have Premium Lens Surgery on my:

Right Eye

Left Eye

Both Eyes

X _____
Patient (Guardian)

Date

Witness