Advanced Technology Cataract Surgery Options

New, advanced technology lenses offer cataract and refractive lens exchange patients a full range of vision enabling them to obtain quality near, intermediate and distance vision.

Carolina Eye Associates offers a variety of lenses to fit your individual needs.

**Near Vision**

**Intermediate Vision**

**Distance Vision**

**Crystalens**
Crystalens is a new advanced technology lens. It is referred to as an “accommodative” lens. Unlike traditional lenses that focus at only one or two distances, the Crystalens moves fluidly with the natural action of the eye’s muscle.

However, as with all cataract surgery, there is no guarantee that patients will not require glasses or contacts after surgery.

**ReSTOR**
The AcrySof ReSTOR lens is what is referred to as a “multifocal” lens. This type of lens is also designed to reduce a patient’s reliance on glasses or contacts, though some may still require additional correction after surgery.

**Toric**
Some patients have astigmatism, which simply involves a different shape of the front surface of the eye.

The Toric lens implant can help reduce astigmatism, though it is not a multifocal lens.

**Blended Vision/Monovision**
This is a sophisticated eye treatment which corrects short-sightedness (myopia) in one eye and long-sightedness (hyperopia) in the other eye. Primarily the treatment is for a condition called presbyopia, a progressive loss of the ability to focus on nearby objects.

**Monovision**
With monovision, one eye is fit with a distance lens (if needed) and the other eye is fit with a near lens, providing clear vision for both distance vision and near.

**Blended Vision**
Blended vision or targeted vision, is modified monovision and is set somewhere between distance and near.

**How do I decide which lens is best for me?**
After a thorough examination of your individual needs, your doctor can help you decide which lens is right for you.

**Do advanced technology lenses cost more?**
Medicare and private insurance companies will only pay for single vision lenses so there is an additional non-covered fee for each of the advanced technology lenses we offer.

See back for more information...
What will my vision be like after surgery?
Usually your distance vision will be very good within a day or two after surgery. It will take a month or so for your eyes to reach their full focusing potential. However, some people may be more comfortable with additional correction, particularly at night or in dim light.

CareCredit
For those on a fixed budget, we offer the services of CareCredit to help with a portion of this uncovered expense. CareCredit is North America’s leading patient payment program specifically designed for health care expenses. CareCredit offers several payment options including the popular six and 12 month no-interest plans and low interest financing programs. For information about CareCredit, visit their website at www.carecredit.com or call toll-free at (800) 365-8295. Please note, if you are using CareCredit for your financing, only the portion of Carolina Eye fees can be financed. As a reminder, Carolina Eye does accept Discover, MasterCard, Visa credit cards, checks and cash.

Carolina Eye continues to be on the leading edge of technology with the ORA™ System Optiwave Refractive Analysis. The ORA also know as OptiPlus is a revolutionary new option used during cataract surgery to optimize your postoperative outcomes.

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Near Vision
Technology
Carolina Eye is the first ophthalmic center on the East Coast and second in the U.S. to offer cataract surgery with Catalys™ Laser. The Catalys system is the world’s most sophisticated laser cataract surgery system. Catalys features a state-of-art laser and advanced 3D imaging, customized to each individual patient’s eye anatomy. The laser delivers the highest level of precise control and efficiency for cataract surgery.

What will my vision be like after surgery?

Intermediate Vision

Refractive Cataract Surgery Options:

Astigmatism correction and presbyopia correction with an accommodative or multifocal intraocular lens.
* Costs about $3120 per eye.

Toric Intraocular lens with a large amount of astigmatism, as well as blended vision/monovision.
* Costs about $2015 per eye.

Blended & Astigmatism— Small amounts of astigmatism, as well as blended vision/monovision.
* Costs about $1435 per eye.

* The above mentioned options include additional testing, advanced surgical technology and extended post-operative care.

A pre-qualification fee of $300 will be due prior to receiving your evaluation.

Distance Vision

You will be making three payments on the day of your surgery. One payment will need to be a check payable to your local optometrist. Your local optometrist will see you after cataract surgery. The other payments will be to SCA ambulatory Surgery Center and Carolina Eye Associates.

* Prices are subject to change.