

EXCIMER LASER EYE SURGERY CLINIC

In January 1993, the University of Ottawa Eye Institute became the first university teaching facility in Canada to obtain an Excimer Laser for laser eye surgery to evaluate its use for the treatment of nearsighted, farsighted, astigmatism and bifocal prescriptions. The Excimer Laser program at the Eye Institute has become recognized internationally for its expertise in clinical and basic research. The Eye Institute offers the most advanced laser eye surgery techniques along with Wavefront technology to evaluate patients and to plan their laser treatment using custom designed software. We perform both PRK and iLASIK techniques.

Laser Eye Surgery Schedule at the University of Ottawa Eye Institute

1. Information session :

You do not need a referral from your eye care doctor to register for the information session. The appointments are available on Wednesday afternoons. There are 2 sessions available, one at 12:30pm and the other at 2:00pm. These information sessions are approximately 1.5 hours. If you wear contact lenses, please bring a case with solution and your glasses. Several screening tests will be performed along with a discussion of the various surgical techniques.

2. Pre-operative examination :

The appointment is on a Tuesday afternoon. This will last approximately 2-3 hours. All necessary pre-operative tests will be performed along with dilation of the pupils and measurement of eye pressure. If you have difficulty driving when dilated, please arrange for a drive home.

Very important that for this visit you have stopped wearing your soft contact lenses for 1 week and hard lenses for 4 weeks prior to this examination. They must remain out prior to surgery.

3. Surgery day :

This will be booked for either Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. You will be scheduled to arrive 30-45 minutes ahead of time to allow you to make your payment with the hospital's finance office and any further pre-operative tests.

4. Post-operative examinations :

Depending on the surgical technique, you will be returning to the Eye Institute daily for several days as the eye(s) heals. Healing takes approximately one week, however individual healing times may vary.

5. Follow-up visits :

Follow-up visits are scheduled at 1 week, 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 6 months and 12 months post-operatively.

If you wish to book an information session or have any questions, please contact:

Excimer Laser Clinic at 613-737-8899 x71548

☺ Thank you. ☺

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