

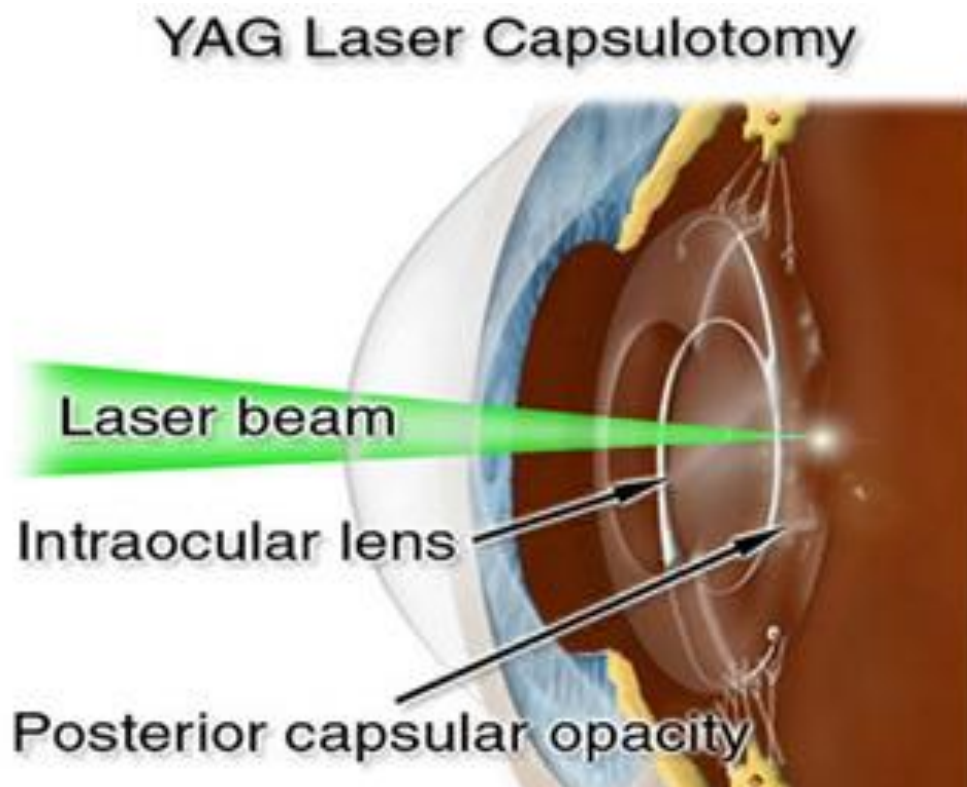
## Patient information

# YAG laser capsulotomy: after cataract surgery

Clouding of the capsule behind the lens implant after cataract surgery is the most common complication of modern cataract surgery. This occurs in about 10% of patients. This may occur months or years after the operation.

The effect of this clouding causes blurred vision, glare and decrease in vision.

Fortunately this condition can be treated with laser in the outpatient department of the Eye Treatment Centre. A laser is used to make a hole in the centre of the capsule to allow light through the cloudy membrane.



## **What to expect**

- On arrival you will have drops to dilate the pupil. The effect of these can last up to 24 hours.
- You will not be able to drive home from the appointment because of the dilating drops.
- You will be asked to sign a form consenting to the treatment.
- You will be seated at the laser machine for the procedure which takes a few minutes. You should not feel anything.

## **The risks of the procedure are**

- Swelling of the central retina (macular oedema)
- Raised pressure in the eye
- Inflammation in the eye
- Increased floaters
- “Pitting” of the lens (marks made by the laser)
- Retinal detachment (extremely rare)

## **After your laser procedure**

You will be kept for 10 minutes after the treatment to be observed in the waiting area.

You may then be driven home.

If the eye becomes sore and red after your procedure then contact the hospital. It is quite normal to see more floaters after laser capsulotomy. Vision often takes a few days to improve.

You may be asked to take some drops in order to reduce the risks of inflammation further.

If you wish to contact the

**EYE DEPARTMENT**

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Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm

Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm

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Telephone 01284 713000 and ask to speak

to the 'on call' ophthalmic doctor

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