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Dear

Thank you for choosing [Premier Vision Consultants](#). We look forward to seeing you for your upcoming cataract evaluation on _____ at _____. We strive to provide the best quality of care to our patients and take pride in educating our patients about all of their options when considering cataract surgery.

A cataract is a clouding of all or part of the normally clear lens inside of your eye, resulting in blurred or distorted vision. Being diagnosed with a cataract may seem frightening at first; however, it is a very normal part of the aging process. Due to advances in technology, cataract surgery is one of the safest and most successful surgeries in the United States today.

During cataract surgery, your natural lens where the cataract is located, is removed and is replaced with an artificial lens. At [Premier Vision Consultants](#), we offer the most advanced options to customize your vision after cataract surgery. Based on our findings during your upcoming examination, we will help you determine which lens is the best option for you. On the following page, you will find information that helps explain three different lens options, as well as the benefits of laser cataract surgery with the LenSx® laser.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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**** IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT ****

- Please remember to bring your insurance card, ID, and co-pay to your appointment.
- If a referral is required by your insurance, please have it faxed to our office prior to your evaluation.
 - Please also note that you will be dilated at the appointment and will need a driver.
 - Please discontinue contact lens wear 2 weeks prior to your evaluation. If you are not able to discontinue wear in advance, we will need to schedule an additional visit to obtain the most precise measurements before planning your procedure. Thank you.



LenSx® Laser Cataract Surgery

Premier Vision Consultants is excited about the addition of the LenSx® laser to our practice. We are now able to customize cataract surgery and astigmatism treatment to the individual patient, more than ever before. In traditional cataract surgery, the surgeon makes manual incisions using surgical instruments and blades. During **laser cataract surgery** several of the most critical steps of the surgical process are performed by a computer-controlled bladeless laser. Additionally, the LenSx® is able to customize a treatment specifically to the anatomy of a patient's eye, leading to more predictable outcomes. Overall, the LenSx provides patients with a gentler, more accurate and precise surgical experience.

Multifocal Lens

Multifocal lens implants such as the TECNIS® lens are designed to provide a **full range of vision**. The goal of the TECNIS® lens is to allow you see things near, far, and everything in-between, without the need for glasses. Based on FDA clinical data, 90% of patients are able to function comfortably without glasses at ALL distances with the TECNIS multifocal IOL. Those who do need glasses typically need them only for very specific tasks, such as night driving or reading fine print.

Toric Lens

A toric lens is specifically designed to address those patients who have significant amounts of **astigmatism**. In years past, cataract surgery removed the cataract, but a patient with high amounts of astigmatism still required glasses for near and distance. The design of a toric lens makes it possible to reduce or eliminate astigmatism and significantly improve uncorrected distance vision, reducing your reliance on glasses dramatically. Our surgeon will help to determine if a toric lens is right for you during your evaluation.

Basic Monofocal Lens

Monofocal, or single vision lenses, are considered **standard**, and replace your natural lens (cataract). With Monofocal lenses, you typically can aim to have your vision corrected for only one field of vision (distance, intermediate or near). **Most** patients chose to have their distance vision corrected and will need glasses for any near tasks. Monofocal lenses DO NOT correct astigmatism. Patients opting for a Monofocal lens who have astigmatism, will need glasses after cataract surgery. Medicare and most private insurance carriers will pay up to 80% of your cataract surgery and the monofocal lens. This is considered basic coverage.