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Patient Name: _____ Date: _____

Cataract Surgery & Refractive Surgery and Fee Agreements

We have recommended cataract surgery to help you improve your vision. **Cataract surgery** is meant to just correct the cataract and we expect that your health care insurance plan or Medicare will pay for it in accordance with your plan rules. With standard cataract surgery alone you should expect to wear glasses full-time after surgery.

Refractive surgery is designed to minimize the use of glasses, such as performing LASIK laser vision correction for people with nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism. Refractive surgery is not covered by insurance plans or Medicare; the patient is financially responsible for this cost. Refractive surgery will provide you a large degree of great vision without glasses, but it won't give you the eyes of a teenager.

At the time of your cataract surgery, if you would like to decrease your dependence on glasses, refractive services and refractive surgery can be performed at the same sitting to optimize your vision. This includes a more detailed pre-operative assessment, proprietary focusing power calculations, addressing astigmatism, use of specialty lens implants, intra-operative laser guided measurements, and other techniques including any required fine-tuning done after surgery with LASIK. Patients who elect to have refractive services and refractive surgery done at the time of cataract surgery will be responsible for these fees.

Our surgery center was the first in California to offer **femto-second laser** which can be used as an aid for certain cataract surgery steps. It does not replace the cataract surgery, but rather it simply helps with parts of the procedure particularly in challenging or difficult situations. In a more routine cataract surgery, there may not be a significant benefit to using this laser. The use of the femto laser is optional and it is not covered by insurance plans, so the patient is responsible for the fees associated with its use. For most patients, Dr. Devgan does not need or recommend the femtosecond laser.

Depending on your desires, you can have just standard cataract surgery with the understanding that you'll wear glasses full-time after surgery. Or you can have refractive services at the same sitting as cataract surgery to maximize your vision so that you can decrease the need for glasses for many activities. More than 90% of patients choose to do the refractive services to deliver the best vision possible.

Cataract / Lens Surgery (listed as cost for one eye)

	<u>With Insurance</u>	<u>No Insurance</u>
<u>Costs paid to Surgery Center</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Surgery Center	covered	\$1150
<input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesiologist	covered	\$ 300
<u>Surgeon Fees paid to Surgeon</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cataract Surgery	covered	\$4300
<input type="checkbox"/> Refractive Services & Surgery to decrease glasses dependence	\$2150	\$2150
<input type="checkbox"/> with Femto Laser use	\$1050	\$1050
<u>Cost of Lens Implant paid to Surgery Center</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Choice of <u>one</u> of the following:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Aspheric Single-focus Lens	included	included
<input type="checkbox"/> Toric Lens (High Astigmatism)	\$ 450	\$ 450
<input type="checkbox"/> Multifocal / Symphony Lens	\$ 850	\$ 850
<input type="checkbox"/> Crystalens	\$ 850	\$ 850

TOTAL

Note that you are still responsible for the rules of your insurance plan including payment of co-pays, deductibles, and determining coverage.