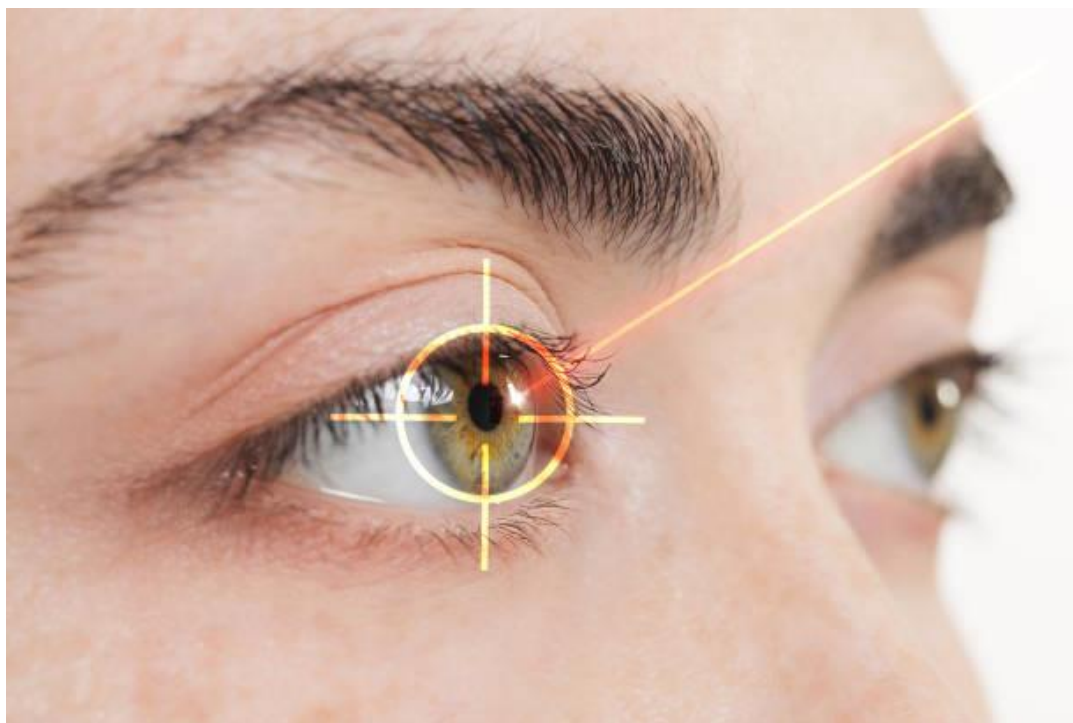


YAG LASER CAPSULOTOMY



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PATIENT INFORMATION

YOU WILL BE UNDERGOING YAG LASER CAPSULOTOMY TREATMENT

During cataract surgery, the lens is placed in the envelope that contained the cataract. The envelope can become opaque naturally over time.

■ What is involved in this procedure?

- YAG laser is used to make an opening in the capsule (capsulotomy) the way you make an opening in plastic film packaging. Vision is usually clearer a day or two after the procedure.
- Drops to dilate the pupil will be administered before the procedure.
- During the procedure, you will sit facing the laser. Drops to freeze your eye will be administered. A lens will be placed on the eye to properly see the location of the treatment. The procedure is not painful and lasts for less than 5 minutes.

■ How do I prepare for it?

- Put in your drops and take your medications as usual.
- Have your normal meals before going to the clinic.
- You cannot drive on the day of the procedure and must have somebody to accompany you.

■ What are the possible complications?

- YAG laser capsulotomy is a very safe procedure, and complications are rare.
- The most common side effect of YAG laser capsulotomy is the presence of floaters. Floaters are black spots and small lines that appear in your field of vision. They usually disappear over time.
- The inflammation inside your eye is caused by use of the laser. You may be prescribed anti-inflammatory drops to begin using the same day.

■ When will I have my next appointment?

- Your next appointment with your doctor will take place on: _____

■ When should I seek a consultation?

- Persistent redness and pain.
- Vision that remains blurry for more than 2 days, or reduced vision.
- Appearance of many floating black spots or flashes in your eye in the days following the procedure.

- Shadows appearing that give the impression of a curtain in your peripheral (side) vision.



Who should I consult?

- Sainte-Agathe ophthalmology clinic: 819-324-4000, ext. 34590
- Saint-Jérôme and Boisbriand ophthalmology clinic: 450-431-8310

OR

- The Info-Santé nurse at 811 (available 24/7)

OR

- The emergency room at your hospital; tell the ER doctor about the examination you recently underwent.

Have a good stay with us and a good recovery!

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Hôpital de Mont-Laurier: 1-819-623-1234

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