



Madison Street Surgery Center

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Specializing in Ophthalmic Surgery

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What to Expect At the Surgery Center for Cataract Surgery

A nurse from MSSC will attempt to call you before your surgery to review your health information and to go over some instructions. We usually try calling anywhere from a week to a day before your surgery. Please feel free to call us or visit prior to your surgery.

We will give you your arrival time, which is one to two hours before your scheduled surgery. This gives us time to prepare you for surgery which includes: reviewing your health history, having you change into a patient gown, checking your vital signs, starting an intravenous line (IV), and giving you several drops in your operative eye to prepare it for surgery. It is important that all of our information about you is accurate and up to date. If we seem repetitious as we review your medical history, it is not because we do not know; we are confirming and looking out for your well being.

We will ask you to remove your shirt or blouse only, and change into a patient gown. In surgery, you will have your heart monitored. We start an IV to give you medication during surgery to help you relax. The drops given prior to surgery include an antibiotic, an anti-inflammatory, and a dilator. Before surgery, the operative eye will be clearly marked with a sticker above your eyebrow, and we will place a clear shield over the eye that we are NOT operating on that day. An anesthesiologist will speak with you prior to going to the operating room, again reviewing and confirming your health information.

Your surgeon will greet you before you enter the operating room. Most patients walk into and out of the operating room. The temperature of the operating room is cooler for infection control purposes. We will give you a warm blanket so that you are comfortable during the procedure.

In the operating room, we will have you sit on the operating room 'chair' (this is very similar to a dentist chair, but somewhat larger). Once you are seated, we will raise the foot of the chair and lower the head. You will be given oxygen during the procedure, and your arms will be on armrests with a soft pad under them as a strap is secured across your lower arms. The strap is a reminder for you not to reach up to your face during surgery. Once you are properly positioned, the anesthesiologist will give some medication through the IV that will allow you to take a very brief 'nap'. The anesthesiologist or your surgeon will use local anesthesia to numb your eye for surgery. After a few minutes you will arouse from your nap and a nurse will be washing around your eye in preparation for surgery.

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A sterile surgical drape is placed over your eye and face. During the surgery, you may feel pressure on your eye and the surgeon may move your head a little. You may notice the sound of the equipment used in the operating room. You may feel some discomfort during surgery. It is important that you lay still for the procedure and only talk if you are experiencing discomfort. If you are experiencing discomfort we would like you to tell us so that additional medications may be given before proceeding.

When the surgery is completed, a nurse will place a patch and/or a shield over your operative eye. You will be assisted to the recovery area, and your surgeon will speak to you. Your family or friends may sit with you while we continue to monitor you following surgery. Most patients are ready to go home within a half hour after surgery, but the time can vary. We will direct you to go home and take it easy for the rest of the day, and we will plan to call you a day or two after your surgery to see how you are doing.

We look forward to seeing you at Madison Street Surgery Center!