

Standard cataract surgery is done with ultrasound technology through a small incision. It is the standard technique in North America today and an excellent and safe surgery. It is covered by OHIP.

At KEI, patients also have the option of having Femto-Laser Assisted Refractive-Cataract Surgery (FLARCS) for part of their procedure.

OPTION FOR LASER REFRACTIVE-CATARACT SURGERY

FLARCS is performed with the Femtosecond Laser ("laser"). It allows your surgeon to plan and perform your surgery using a bladeless, computer-controlled laser to do many of the steps that were previously done by hand or with standard surgical instruments and blades. FLARCS is also used to correct astigmatism by performing relaxing cuts on the cornea or aligning incisions in order to reduce the need for glasses following surgery. The need for glasses after surgery may also depend on the style of replacement lens selected by the patient. Patients considering Laser Refractive-Cataract Surgery may have to undergo additional testing which is not medically necessary and is <u>not</u> covered by OHIP. While the medically necessary steps of cataract surgery performed by the laser are insured, the corneal relaxing incisions are a non-insured service and are not covered by OHIP.

Like standard cataract surgery, FLARCS is performed under light sedation and topical anesthesia. Once you are prepared for surgery, a small suction device will hold the position of your eye steady.

_____ I wish to have Femto-laser Assisted Refractive Cataract Surgery for part of my cataract operation.

Laser Refractive Cataract Surgery (FLARCS) involves certain cuts to the eye (corneal relaxing incisions) that are not necessary to the cataract surgery but reduce the need for glasses. FLARCS also requires certain non-insured tests to be performed prior to the laser procedure. An additional cost is associated with the relaxing incisions and pre-operative testing which is not covered by OHIP.

I have been given the option of standard cataract surgery, which has excellent results and is not associated with any additional costs.

I understand that if at any point in this procedure my doctor feels that it is not possible to proceed with the laser surgery, the procedure will be stopped and will proceed with traditional cataract surgery.

All information has been explained to me by the surgeon and I have had time to ask questions.

I confirm that the nature of the treatment(s), expected benefits, material side effects, material risks, special or unusual risks, alternative courses of action, as well as the consequences of not having the treatment, have been explained to me.

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Surgeon Name	 Surgeon Signature)	