
UNDERSTANDING CO-MANAGEMENT FOR YOUR CATARACT SURGERY

- **What is Co-Management?**

Co-management is a collaborative care approach between your optometrist and your surgeon at Eye Surgeons of Indiana. In many cases, your optometrist may be able to manage all or some of your post-operative care, while your surgery will be performed by one of our highly skilled surgeons.

- **Post-Operative Care with Your Optometrist**

After your surgery, you may choose to return to your optometrist for all or some of your post-operative care. This allows you to stay close to home and receive care from a provider you know and trust. Release for co-management will not occur until it is clinically appropriate as determined by your surgeon and team at Eye Surgeons of Indiana.

- **Co-Management Agreement**

Co-management requires your **consent**. You must agree to have both your optometrist and Eye Surgeons of Indiana share responsibility for your care. It is your right to decline co-management, as well as your right to return to Eye Surgeons of Indiana for post-operative care for any reason. If there is a complication related to your surgery, your optometrist may refer you back to Eye Surgeons of Indiana for further evaluation and treatment.

- **Insurance Coverage**

In order for co-management to occur, both your optometrist and Eye Surgeons of Indiana must accept your medical insurance. It's important to confirm with your optometrist that they accept your medical insurance.

- **Billing Insurance for Cataract Surgery**

Eye Surgeons of Indiana will bill your medical insurance for your cataract surgery. Your optometrist will bill your medical insurance for your post-operative visits.

- **Payment Process for Cataract Surgery with Advanced Technology**

Advanced Technology options are not covered fully by insurance, therefore, there is an out-of-pocket fee associated. This fee not only covers the technology itself but also includes extended post-operative care to ensure the best possible outcome.

- **Optometrist Fees:** The fee for your extended post-operative visits with your optometrist will be processed through a third-party company called **CoFi**. This service ensures the funds are paid directly to your optometrist.
 - If your optometrist is not participating in CoFi, you will be required to pay your optometrist **directly** for your extended post-operative care.
- **Surgeon and Facility Fees:** The fee for your surgery will be processed through CoFi by Eye Surgeons of Indiana.

If you have any questions about co-management or the payment process, please do not hesitate to ask our staff for more details!