

# CATARACT REFERRAL

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You have been referred to see Dr. Francis/Dr. Dhurjon/Dr. Bhambhwani with the diagnosis of Cataract in one or both eyes. **Expect to spend up to 2.5 hours at this appointment.**

A cataract is a cloudiness in the natural lens of the eye which gradually increases over time and causes either blurred vision or sensitivity to glare. If it is confirmed that you have cataracts the treatment is surgery during which the natural lens is removed and implant lens is inserted in replacement.

Cataract surgery is a 15 minute procedure performed in the operating room at the hospital done under local anesthetic. Patients are usually at the hospital for 3 hours in total.

**Cataract surgery is covered by OHIP however there are a few upgraded options to consider. Your doctor will be able to help guide you to the best option for you.**

CATARACT LENS AND TESTING OPTIONS			
	OPTION #1	OPTION #2	OPTION #3
LENS	BASIC LENS	UPGRADED LENS	TORIC LENS
TESTING REQUIRED	ULTRASOUND	ULTRASOUND, IOL AND ALADDIN	ULTRASOUND, IOL, ALADDIN AND CORNEAL TOPOGRAPHY
BENEFITS OF LENS OPTION		MORE CLOSELY MIMICS THE NATURAL LENS. LESS DISTORTION.	<b>ONLY</b> INDICATED IN PATIENTS WITH SIGNIFICANT ASTIGMATISM.
COST/LENS	\$0	\$85	\$450
BENEFITS OF TESTING		A MORE ACCURATE MEASUREMENT FOR BEST POSSIBLE SURGICAL RESULT.	CORNEAL TOPOGRAPHY IS REQUIRED TO RULE OUT IRREGULAR CONDITIONS FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE SURGICAL RESULT.
COST/TESTING	\$0	\$200	\$300
OPTION CHOSEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PAYMENT:**

Cost for testing payable to Port Arthur Health Centre at time of measurements.

Cost for lens option payable to Thunder Bay Regional Hospital on day of surgery.

**I acknowledge that I understand lens options and testing required for cataract surgery.**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_