



Dear Patient,

You are receiving this letter because you've recently been told you have cataracts by either your optometrist or one of our own doctors, and they are recommending that you have a cataract evaluation.

Cataract Evaluations tend to be a rather lengthy appointment. We have to take precise measurements of your eyes, discuss different options available to you to customize your treatment plan to your specific needs, dilate your eyes, have you meet with our surgeon, Dr. Jerome Swale, and finally, schedule your procedure with one of our surgical coordinators. (Approximately 2 ½+ hours from start to finish)

We have put together a guide to help explain and streamline your upcoming appointment(s) with our office:

1. When scheduling your cataract evaluation, you will receive two separate appointments we call *pre-testing* and a *Cataract Evaluation*. At your pre-testing appointment, your measurements and counseling will be done. This will cut down on the time you are here for your cataract evaluation with Dr. Swale.
2. Prior to your first appointment, please see our contact lens guidelines below. Contact lenses change the shape of your eye. **It is crucial that contact lens wear be discontinued prior to your pre-testing and/or evaluation appointment(s).**

Contact Lens Wear Guide:

Monthly disposable soft contact lenses: Discontinue **THREE days** prior to your appointment(s)
Daily wear soft contact lenses: Discontinue **SEVEN days** prior to your appointment(s)
Toric (astigmatism) soft contact lenses: Discontinue **SEVEN days** prior to your appointment(s)
RGP (Gas Permeable) Hard Lenses*: Discontinue **TWO WEEKS** prior to your upcoming appointment(s)
**A second measurement will be necessary to ensure accurate results*

3. A technician will call you about a week prior to your appointment to go over your medical history and medications/dosages you're currently taking.
4. Please provide our office with your correct insurance information, including ID numbers and group numbers, if applicable.

If you have any questions or concerns prior to your appointment, please contact our office at (815) 932-2020. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff is ready to help.