

Cataract Self-Assessment Questionnaire

Section 1: Past eye history

1. Do you currently have, or have you previously had, any other eye conditions?	Yes		No
<i>If yes, please give details:</i>			
2. Have you had any previous eye operations including refractive surgery or laser treatment?	Yes		No
<i>If yes, please give details:</i>			
<i>Please describe any problems with the operation (if applicable):</i>			

Section 2: Your general health

1. Do you have high blood pressure requiring treatment?	Yes		No
If yes:	Are you on treatment?	Yes	No
	Is it currently stable?	Yes	No
2. Do you have diabetes? (high blood sugar)	Yes		No
If yes:	Do you take insulin?	Yes	No
	Do you take tablets?	Yes	No
	Or is it managed by diet?	Yes	No
	What is your most recent HbA1C reading (if known)		
3. Do you have angina?	Yes		No
4. Have you had a heart attack within the last three months?	Yes		No
5. Do you have epilepsy or blackouts	Yes		No
6. Do you suffer from head or neck stiffness?	Yes		No
7. Do you have recurrent breathing difficulties? <i>(e.g. severe asthma or chronic bronchitis)</i>	Yes		No
8. Can you walk a single flight of stairs without getting short of breath?	Yes		No
9. Can you lie flat for up to 30 minutes?	Yes		No
If no:	Is this due to shortness of breath?	Yes	No
	Is this due to joint or muscle stiffness?	Yes	No
10. Do you suffer from panic attacks or claustrophobia?	Yes		No
11. Do you smoke?	Yes		No

Section 3: Medicine

1. Do you regularly take any of the following medicines?			
Heart medicine (e.g. Digoxin)	Yes		No
High blood pressure medicine	Yes		No
Steroids	Yes		No
Aspirin	Yes		No
Anticoagulants or blood thinning medicines (e.g. Warfarin or Clopidrogel)	Yes		No
Tamulosin (Flomax)	Yes		No
Inhalers	Yes		No
Insulin or blood sugar tablets	Yes		No
2. Are you allergic to local anaesthetic?			
	Yes		No
3. Are you allergic to any medicine? If yes, please give details (if applicable)			
	Yes		No
4. Please detail any other medicine/tablets you are taking (or attach a repeat prescription)			

Section 4: Practical concerns

1. Are you able to walk unaided?			
	Yes		No
If no:	Can you do so with the aid of a stick or helper?	Yes	No
2. If required, would you be able to apply eye drops?			
	Yes		No
If no:	Do you have family or friends who could do so?	Yes	No
3. If you need a home visit for the assessment, are you able to travel to the treatment?			
	Yes		No
4. Do you have <u>significant</u> hearing loss?			
	Yes		No
If so, do you require someone who can use sign language to be present?	Yes		No
5. Do you require an interpreter?			
	Yes		No
If so, which language do you require the interpreter to speak?			

Section 5: How is the cataract affecting your life?

1. Is your sight causing you any difficulty with mobility e.g. crossing roads, managing steps, using buses?			
	Yes		No
2. Do you have problems with glare in sunlight, or from car headlights?			
	Yes		No
3. If you drive, do you still feel confident to do so?			
	Yes		No
4. Is your vision affecting your ability to look after yourself? e.g. cooking, housework, dressing			
	Yes		No
5. Is your quality of life affected by visual difficulties? e.g. reading, watching TV, hobbies, sport			
	Yes		No
6. Is your vision causing problems socially? e.g. recognising people, handling coins and notes?			
	Yes		No
7. How much better do you think your life would be without a cataract?			
A lot?	Moderately?	Slightly?	Not at all?

Finally

If the eye specialist was to offer you cataract surgery, would you want it at this time?	Yes		No
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