

Corneal Graft Surgery – Post-operative Instructions

Wear the clear shield overnight for at least the first week after surgery

On the first day after the surgery some patients may experience double vision – this is because sometimes the effect of the local anaesthetic may not have completely worn off yet – this can be normal, and will soon pass. It may be more comfortable to apply the plastic shield on the first day to cover the operated eye and alleviate the symptoms of double vision.

Do not drive until you have checked with the doctor when it is safe to resume driving.

Avoid bending, lifting or strenuous activity. Do not get the eye wet for the first 2 weeks after surgery.

Use the post-operative drops as prescribed. These are important to prevent rejection.

Check with the doctor regarding ongoing use of any other eye drops you may have been using prior to the surgery.

Some irritation or sensitivity to light can be normal. If there is significant pain, though, you must contact the rooms immediately

The vision can take some time to improve, depending on the particulars of your case.

Do not read for long periods until the eye settles from the surgery.

In the weeks following surgery if you experience **ANY PAIN OR DECREASED VISION** **LET US KNOW STRAIGHT AWAY.**

Down The Track

- Check with the doctor when it would be a good time to update your glasses.
- Patients who have had a corneal transplant procedure, require lifelong follow up to monitor the health of the corneal graft.
- ANY redness, pain, or decreased vision in the eye with the corneal transplant *at any stage* (even years after your surgery) could indicate graft rejection and you must seek attention straight away.