

ReSTOR® Lens

What is the ReSTOR® lens?

The AcrySof® ReSTOR® lens offers a high level of glasses-free vision for cataracts patients with or without presbyopia, an age-related condition resulting from a gradual loss of flexibility in the eye's natural lens. It is an intraocular lens, meaning it is a plastic lens that may be surgically implanted to replace the eye's natural lens. The optic design of the AcrySof® ReSTOR® lens allows patients to read clearly and see distant objects. On March 23, 2005, the ReSTOR® lens was approved for use in the U.S. by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Am I eligible for the surgery?

The ReSTOR® lens was initially designed for cataract patients. However, the lens can be used to correct vision in patients who do not require cataract surgery and have presbyopia, myopia or hyperopia.

Is the surgery painful?

The procedure is performed in an operating room using strong anesthetics to numb the eye. The lens has no nerve fibers, so pain in this area is not possible. Some patients report a pressure sensation. Patients usually spend only a few hours at the hospital or surgery center, and are allowed to go home the very same day.

After surgery, when will I be able to see?

Every patient is different, but patients commonly see well enough to drive the day after surgery. Most patients can resume normal basic activities like reading and watching TV by the next day, and return to work within two to seven days. Doctors typically recommend not engaging in any strenuous activity for about two weeks. Ask your doctor what is best for you.

What are the results?

In clinical trials, 80 percent of patients with the new lens in both eyes no longer needed to wear glasses. Only three percent of patients continued to wear glasses full-time. In most cases, the lens provides the patient with a wider range of vision, the ability to read quickly and easily and better vision in different lighting situations. Also, in clinical studies, nearly 94 percent of respondents said they were so satisfied with their new quality of vision that they would have the ReSTOR® lens implanted again.

What are the potential side effects?

The ReSTOR® lens offers the best possibility to see long distances, in addition to reading and performing close-up tasks, without glasses. However, clinical trial results indicated that there is a slightly greater chance of seeing halos, a circular flare or hazy ring that may appear around a headlight or other lighted object. Your doctor can give you more detailed information about potential risks and benefits to help decide if the ReSTOR® lens is right for you.

To Find Out More

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Dr. John Conklin, a UK HealthCare ophthalmologist, successfully performed Central Kentucky's first implantation of the ReSTOR® lens. For more information, or to make an appointment, call (859) 257-1000 or toll free (800) 333-8874.

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