

BLOOMINGTON EYE INSTITUTE

SURGICAL INFORMATION

You should have been given a “**Patient Rights and Responsibilities**” sheet that outlines your rights and responsibilities as a patient, as well as statements on Bloomington Eye Institute’s policy on advance directives and facility ownership. If you did not receive this form, or want further clarification on anything regarding this form, please call us at 309-827-2020 and ask for a pre-testing nurse to answer your questions.

****If you were given prescription/s for medications to use before surgery, follow the instructions on the medication label for specific eye use. It is okay to use these prescription eye drops the morning of your surgery.**

BEFORE SURGERY:

How to use drops before surgery: Wash hands carefully. Shake bottle, open eye, look up, gently pull lower lid down and instill one drop. Do not touch eye or eyelid with the tip of the bottle. If instilling more than one drop, wait one minute between drops.

► **Bloomington Eye Institute** is open from **7am - 5pm Monday through Thursday**. Two working days prior to your surgery, you will receive a call with instructions on your arrival time. If you have not received a phone call, please call the day before and ask to speak to a pre-testing nurse at 309-827-2020.

• **1. Arrival time** _____

Morning surgery arrival time **could be** between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Afternoon surgery arrival time **could be** between 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

You may spend approximately 2 hours at the surgical facility.

• **2. Stop eating solid foods and drinking liquids the day of your surgery according to your arrival time.**

Morning Surgery - STOP eating and drinking at **midnight**

Afternoon Surgery - STOP eating and drinking at **4 a.m.**

• **3. Take all of your usual medications** with small sips of water the morning of your procedure, unless the pre-testing nurse has instructed you otherwise. **Exception: Do not take diuretics (“water pills”)** the morning of surgery, but **do take any blood pressure/diuretic combo** medications.

Diabetic medications will be addressed at the time of the pre-op phone call with the BEI staff member.

Blood thinners/herbals are to be stopped **only** if instructed to do so.

• **4. Do not drink alcohol** 24 hours prior to your procedure.

• **5. Do not smoke** the **day** of surgery.

If you are having **General anesthesia: Do not smoke 24 hours** prior to your procedure and arrange for 24 hour post procedure supervision.

• Please be sure the Bloomington Eye Institute nurse is aware of any recent changes in your health or if you are currently ill.

DAY OF SURGERY:

- Wash your face with soap and water; wear comfortable clothing, and a **short sleeved shirt**.
- Do **not** wear makeup or nail polish.
- **Remove all jewelry and metal objects and leave them at home.**
- **Bring a photo ID, current insurance cards, and any advance directive** (*ie: living will or power of attorney for healthcare*).
- **Bring** the post-op kit and eye medications **if** you were required to get them.
- **Bring** insulin, nitroglycerin, inhalers, or portable oxygen if you are using them.
- **You will need a driver on the day of surgery. Your driver is to stay at the facility for the duration of your visit.**
- **Bring** appropriate amount and method of **payment** if you were asked to do so.
- You will be asked to sign consents; in the case of minors, the consents must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

AFTER SURGERY: Not all surgeries require drops and/or ointment after surgery. Refer to your discharge instructions that you will receive after surgery for specific instructions!

- If you are instructed to **clean your operative eye after surgery:** Wash hands. With operative eye closed, gently wipe with a tap water moistened clean cloth along lash line and below from nose outward. Avoid exerting pressure on the eye. Do one time daily for seven days or as instructed.
- If you are instructed to use **ointment after surgery:**
 - **Using Ointment IN the eye:** Gently pull down lower lid and apply 1/4” - 1/2” of prescribed ointment into the pocket of the lower lid. Gently close your eyes for 1-2 minutes. Do not squeeze your lids. Your vision will be blurred as a result of the ointment.
 - **Using Ointment ON an incision:** Apply small amount of the ointment to the operative area. Do not be concerned if the ointment gets in the eye, however, it will make your vision blurry.

Billing Information:

The patient is responsible for contacting their insurance provider to verify insurance coverage for each of the individual services listed below.

1. Physician Fee

Gailey Eye Clinic: 1-800-325-7706 or 1-309-829-5311

This charge is for the doctor's fee. Please contact the clinic for specific questions concerning this portion of your bill.

2. Surgical Facility Fee

Bloomington Eye Institute: 1-309-827-2020

This charge is for the surgical facility, equipment/supplies and support staff.

The day of your surgery we require and will collect any co-payments, co-insurance and/or deductibles; please be prepared to make this payment. Bloomington Eye Institute accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, money orders, cash (exact change please) and personal checks that are provided to us 7 business days **in advance** of your surgery. Please contact the facility for specific questions concerning this portion of your bill.

3. Anesthesiology Fee

Anesthesia Pain Services: 1-800-444-6110 or 1-217-464-5839

This charge is for anesthesia/monitoring. Please contact them for specific questions concerning this portion of your bill.

4. Ancillary Fees

There may also be charges for laboratory and/or pathologist services from, but not limited to, Advocate BroMenn, OSF St. Joseph, and/or University of Illinois-Chicago.

Directions to Bloomington Eye Institute:

1008 N. Center Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

Additional instructions are available upon request at Gailey Eye Clinic.

Convenience Maps:

