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Coeur d'Alene Office

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Thank you for choosing Empire Eye Physicians for your eye care needs! Please review the information on this page and contact us before your surgery if you have any questions.

Cataract Surgery Day Checklist:

- ✓ *Please arrange for a responsible adult to drive/accompany you on the day of surgery. Because of the anesthesia we use, you will be unable to drive yourself. We will not dismiss you to a taxi service. The appointment typically takes between 2-3 hours. We also recommend that a driver brings you to your post op appointment the next day.*
- ✓ *Please refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages and smoking 24 hours prior to surgery.*
- ✓ ***Do not eat or drink anything, including water, for 2 hours prior to your arrival. Do not consume any dairy products after midnight the night before surgery. This includes milk, creamer, cheese, butter, yogurt, etc***
- ✓ *Continue taking your current medications as prescribed by your primary care physician. Take your normal morning medications with a small sip of water the morning of surgery, even if it's within the 2 hour window. **Diabetics:** Take your insulin injection or tablets as usual.*
- ✓ *Please thoroughly wash your face the morning of surgery and do not wear any makeup, perfume, false eyelashes, or jewelry to your appointment.*
- ✓ *Wear loose, comfortable clothing the day of surgery.*
- ✓ ***Eye Drops:*** *Please start your surgical drops one day prior to surgery, close your eye for 2 minutes after instilling any drop, and wait 5 minutes between drops if you were prescribed multiple. Continue using your glaucoma medications unless directed otherwise by your surgeon. If you're unsure how to use your eye drops, please contact our office.*
- ✓ *Please bring a printed list of all medications, along with your surgery eye drops with you to your surgery.*
- ✓ *Be prepared to pay any fees for surgery in full if you did not pre-pay. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Care Credit, checks, and exact cash. **You may receive a separate bill in the mail for unmet insurance requirements and/or lab services provided.***

If you have any questions prior to your surgical appointment, please call our office at (509) 928-8040 and listen to the prompts to be connected to your respective surgical coordinator.

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