

PATIENT INFORMATION SURGERY DAY NOVAMED SURGERY CENTER OF CHATTANOOGA
Anesthesia will ask you these questions:

Last time you ate or drank? Allergies?

Have you had any dental work?

Any issues/problems with anesthesia in the past?

Do pain medications make you nauseated?

Anesthesia will explain:

Conscious Sedation- You will not be fully asleep, but you will be given medication through your IV to relax and keep you comfortable. You will also receive topical drops or gel to the operative eye to assist in keeping you pain free. It is normal to feel touch or slight pressure at the operative area. Anesthesia will be with you during your procedure to assist in making you as comfortable as possible. Do not hesitate to verbalize to anesthesia any pain or discomfort.

Laser Cataract patients: Anesthesia will give you medication through your IV to help relax you during the laser procedure. The laser procedure takes approximately 30 seconds. It is normal to feel pressure on the operative eye during the laser procedure. It is very important that you remain very still during those 30 seconds. After the laser procedure you will be taken to the surgical suite to complete your surgery. Anesthesia will continue to monitor you during that time.

Pain Management patients: Individuals currently on a pain management regimen will typically be more aware than others. This is primarily due to the body being accustomed to pain medications taken on a daily basis. Anesthesia will do all they can to keep you pain free and comfortable, as is done with all patients.

Anesthesia Questions: Please feel free to ask Anesthesia any question or concerns.
You may feel groggy/sleepy the rest of the day. (This is why we ask you to have a responsible person to drive you home and stay with you for 24 hours). It is normal for both the first and/or second eye surgery to not remember everything that happens or is said to you after anesthetic medications.

Pain after Cataract surgery:

Typically after Cataract surgery most patients do not experience significant pain. You may experience aching of the eye area, or a scratchy feeling. Extra strength Tylenol can often relieve these discomforts. Your surgeon may also recommend or order something for discomfort. For significant, persistent, pain or decrease in your vision notify your Surgeon's office.

Nausea or vomiting

After your discharge from the Center if you have persistent nausea and vomiting, please notify your surgeon.

Bleeding after surgery

After Cataract surgery you may have a slight amount of pink tinged drainage. It is not unusual to have small red spots on the white part of your eye. Do notify your surgeon of significant bleeding or decrease in vision.

Infection

Notify your surgeon of any redness, pain, swelling, unusual drainage or decrease in vision after your Cataract surgery

Signature

Date

** You will sign this on admission to the Center