

# YAG CAPSULOTOMY

After cataract surgery, your vision can become cloudy, like it was when you had a cataract. This is sometimes called “after-cataract.” But it isn’t a new cataract. Instead, the posterior capsule, which holds the lens in place, becomes cloudy. Your vision can most likely be restored with a simple laser treatment called a YAG capsulotomy. YAG stands for the Yttrium, Aluminum and Garnet crystals that are used to generate the laser.

YAG laser posterior capsulotomy is an outpatient procedure so you will be able to go home the same day. In addition, you should not feel any pain after the surgery.

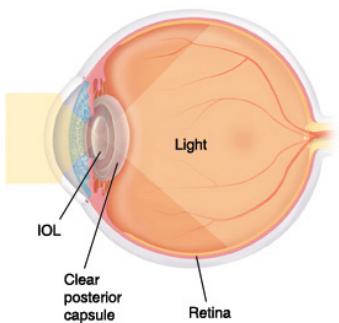
The decision to have this procedure is based on the same criteria as the decision to have the original cataract surgery:

- Vision problems are affecting your work or lifestyle.
- Glare caused by bright lights is a problem.
- You cannot pass a vision test required for a driver’s license.
- You have double vision or the difference in vision between your two eyes is significant.
- You have another vision-threatening eye disease.

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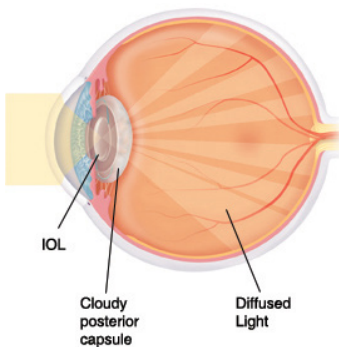
## Your Eye After Cataract Surgery

When your cataract was removed, your eye's lens was replaced with an intraocular lens, or IOL. This clear lens is placed in the posterior capsule, which held the old lens. You could see again because the IOL allowed light to reach your retina (a layer that lines the back of the eye.)



## If the Capsule Becomes Cloudy

The posterior capsule is a thin, clear film, much like a piece of cellophane. Months or even years after cataract surgery, the posterior capsule can become cloudy. This may block light from reaching your retina.



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