

The Quick Summary

You have a membrane growing behind your lens implant. You will not achieve your best possible vision unless you have the membrane removed with a laser.

Posterior Capsule Opacification

You have a posterior capsule opacification, and Dr. Shalwala thinks it might be time to laser it out. After your cataract surgery was complete, a lens implant was placed in your eye. It was placed inside the capsule that was holding the original cataract. Even though we clean out the whole cataract, it is very common for a few little fibers of the cataract that can hardly be seen to remain. If these fibers grow, they can form a cloudy sheet behind the lens implant. The cloudy sheet acts just like a cataract.

Removal involves using the laser to cut the membrane out of its position. The membrane then floats into your eye. Since the membrane floats into your eye, you can expect to have 1-5 large floaters. Relatedly, you should know that one of the risks of doing the laser is having a retinal tear. The chance is low (about 1-2% in most cases). You would know that something suspicious is happening if you have 100s of floaters, flashing lights in your far side vision, or curtains over your vision (a part of your side vision that you can't see out of that doesn't improve (with blinking or anything else)). **The bottom line is that 1-5 floaters are okay, but 100s of floaters are worrisome.**



The laser to remove the sheet is done pretty quickly, and it is painless. After the laser, your glasses prescription might change, so we will have to monitor you post-operatively. We also like to put you on a drop to decrease the chance of inflammation after the laser, so we will have you take prednisolone eye drops:

4 times a day for 4 days, then
3 times a day for 4 days, then
2 times a day for 4 days, then
1 time a day for 4 days, then STOP.

We never *force* anyone to have this laser. Someone like you, with a visually significant membrane can have the laser, but you don't have to unless you want to.

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