

## Toric Lens Information Sheet

The toric intraocular lens service is Dr. Shalwala's favorite premium service to offer.

One of the primary reasons that patients may not see well without glasses after a conventional insurance-covered cataract surgery is that they have some astigmatism of their cornea. Astigmatism is anything other than perfectly round and symmetric shape of the cornea. This is something that was present before the surgery in most cases.

Sometimes we can use conventional cataract surgery to reduce the astigmatism, but it is often not enough to fully correct the cornea. In most cases, the astigmatism of the cornea can be corrected by the insertion of an intraocular lens implant that compensates for it. This compensating implant is called a toric lens.

Being that this is a premium out-of-pocket service, Dr. Shalwala may not offer the toric lens implant to you if you have other eye problems that could prevent you from fully enjoying the benefits of this purchase. We want you to be very happy with your new eyes, and eye diseases can interfere with satisfaction with the lens and vision.

If you elect a toric lens, it should decrease your dependence on glasses. Without a toric lens, you will always need glasses at every distance (far away and up close) because the glasses will need to correct the astigmatism.



Occasionally, the toric lens will rotate in the eye and will require an adjustment in the operating room.

The cost of the premium service is not covered by any insurance, so it is completely out-of-pocket, but many people insist on the lens. We love our premium toric lens service due to the rate of patient satisfaction.

Patients are less consistently satisfied with our near-and-distance correction premium service, which we call the presbyopia-correcting lens implant service. Dr. Shalwala believes that the reason we don't achieve the same level of patient satisfaction in the other premium service is that lens technology has not advanced to the point where we have a really tried-and-true lens implant that can correct vision at both distance and near.

We do have a tried-and-true fix for astigmatism that doesn't compromise anything--the toric lens implant. We believe that we can decrease your need for glasses with the toric lens service, and we hope that you love our toric lens service as much as we do!

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