



Frequently Asked Surgery Questions

■ **How long will I need to be off work?**

Plan on 2 weeks. For more extensive surgeries, ie: Retinal Detachments, the time off work could be longer.

■ **What kind of Anesthesia will I be getting?**

Local anesthesia is typically used. An IV might be started and medication given to you through the IV.

■ **Is there any pain associated with my surgery?**

There is usually no pain or little pain with most of our surgeries. However, the Doctor will give you a prescription for pain medication.

■ **How long is my surgery?**

Most surgeries are about an hour. Plan on being at the surgery center 3½ to 4 hours.

■ **How long will the bubble be in my eye?**

A gas bubble can remain in the eye for up to two months. During this time you will not be able to travel to high altitude. Please discuss this with your physician.

■ **How soon will I be able to travel, fly or drive?**

Depending on the type of surgery you have, you will not be able to travel for at least 2 weeks. If a gas bubble was put in your eye, you won't be able to travel until the gas bubble is completely gone.

■ **Will I need additional surgery in the future for the same or different condition?**

In some cases, more surgery of the same or different type may be needed in the future.

■ **Will the surgery be covered by my insurance?**

Yes, your surgery is medically necessary so it is covered by your insurance. However, you may have a deductible or co-payment.

■ **How long will I need to use eye drops and ointments?**

Most eye drops and ointments are stopped at 10 – 14 days after your surgery.

Some will be used for several weeks after your surgery.

■ **Does the Doctor do many of these surgeries?**

All of our Surgeons have extensive experience with these surgeries.