

ECCARIUS EYE CLINIC

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Surgery date: _____ **Arrival time:** _____ **Location:** Same Day Surgery Center

One day check: _____

Preparing for surgery

- We will contact you the week before your scheduled surgery to review instructions and confirm your arrival time.
- For several weeks after your surgery, you will need to administer prescribed eye drops daily. Please make arrangements with a family member or friend to assist you if needed.
- You will need to make arrangements for someone to take you to and from the surgical center. Someone should stay with you the evening after surgery.
- If you take blood thinners, please discuss this with Dr. Eccarius.

Day before surgery

- Start using your antibiotic drop the day before surgery by instilling one drop in the operative eye at noon and continue every two hours until bedtime. Keep the bottle of drops as you will use it again after surgery.
- Do not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before surgery.

Day of surgery

- Place one antibiotic drop in the operative eye in the morning.
- Do not eat or drink anything. Take your regular prescriptions (unless you've been advised to stop) with a small glass of water.
- If you use drops for glaucoma, take them as prescribed unless instructed to do differently.
- Ladies, please do not apply makeup, powder, lipstick or nail polish.

Following surgery

Before you leave the surgery center, you will receive instructions from the nursing staff on what to do (and not do) after surgery. We will also give you written instructions after your check up in the office the next day.

Your vision may be slightly blurred. This will improve during the next few days. Things may appear darker at night if your pupil is constricted. You will notice redness, scratchiness or "flickering" which is normal and should improve over time. Call our office immediately if you have increased pain or sudden change of vision. Tylenol™ is recommended for any discomfort.

After surgery, your old glasses may not work for the operative eye. As your eye heals, your prescription will change. You will be ready for new glasses in about a month.

What to avoid:

- Rubbing or bumping the operative eye.
- Swimming or using a hot tub for one week.
- Dusty or dirty environments unless you have your protective glasses for at least a week.

What you may resume after surgery:

- Doing normal activities
- Showering and hair washing
- Walking, reading and watching TV
- Eating and drinking
- Taking medications

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SURGERY BILLING

Surgery fees include all post-operative appointments for the operated eye during a 90-day period. The fee for surgery does not include fees for pre-operative tests (lens implant measurements, lab tests, etc.), surgical center, anesthesia charges and glasses following surgery.

As you prepare for your surgery, we want to make sure you understand how you will be billed for the services you receive. At a minimum, you will receive FOUR separate bills (see below). Depending on your specific surgery, you may also get additional bills. The success of your surgery depends on a team effort by many dedicated professionals, including those in our office. Because government and insurance rules do not permit us to bill or collect money for other members of that team, each member of the team must send you a separate bill and collect payment from you separately.

We realize that these multiple bills can be confusing. Our staff will do their very best to help you with questions and guide you to the proper sources of information.

Here is an explanation of the bills you will receive:

1. SURGERY CENTER'S BILL

You will get a bill from Same Day Surgery Center, LLC for what is known as the facility fee. This fee is for the staff and equipment they provide for your safe and successful experience there. Questions and payments regarding your surgery center billing should be directed to:

Same Day Surgery Center, LLC (605-755-9998 or 605-755-9994)

2. PHYSICIAN'S BILL

Your surgery will be performed by **Scott Eccarius, MD**. Since Dr. Eccarius is not an employee of the surgery center, he will bill you separately for his surgical services. Dr. Eccarius' bill will be sent from our office. Please address all questions, and send payments to:

Eccarius Eye Clinic, PC. (605-343-4120 or 800-368-3596)

3. ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S BILL

The anesthesia you receive during your surgery will be provided by West River Anesthesiology Consultants, PC. The anesthesiologist will oversee the anesthesia services needed during your surgery. You will receive a separate bill for these services. Please address questions regarding these services and send payments to:

West River Anesthesiology Consultants, PC. (605-343-1333)

4. NURSE ANESTHETIST'S BILL

The anesthesiologist works with a nurse anesthetist. The nurse anesthetist is employed by Rapid City Regional Hospital. The nurse anesthetist is part of the anesthesia team that cares for you while you are having surgery. You will receive a separate bill for these services. Please address questions regarding these services and send payments to:

Rapid City Regional Hospital. (605-719-1740)

OTHER BILLS

Depending on several factors related to your particular surgery, you might receive services for which you will receive additional bills. These additional bills may include:

- Laboratory/Pathology bill – which may include, for example, fees for blood tests or tissue sampling;
- Radiology bill – which may include, for example, charges for X-rays, MRIs, or ultrasounds.

Insurance Coverage

Please notify us of your primary and secondary insurance carriers. You are responsible for any portion of your bill that will not be paid by insurance.