

What to Expect on Surgery Day

Before Surgery

1. **Additional Testing (30-45 minutes).** Some patients may require additional testing before surgery.
2. **Medication Dispensing and Confirmation.** After additional testing is complete, medications for all patients will be dispensed and confirmed in the conference room. We will provide pictorial directions for when to take your medications. Percocet will be dispensed to PRK patients only. Percocet is a controlled substance and should be used as directed ONLY during the first 72 hours following surgery and ONLY by the individual for whom it was prescribed. Unused Percocet should be disposed of or returned to the blue “MedSafe” bin in the Arrowhead Pharmacy located in Building 9 of WRNMMC.
3. **Informed Consent Brief.** After medications are dispensed, your surgeon will brief you on the risks and benefits of your surgery. 15-30 minutes is provided for any questions you may have at this time. You will then sign the informed consent forms.
4. **Surgery Schedule Identified.** The order of surgeries is established. You will be given a name tag to be placed upside down on your left hand side.
5. **Application of Eye Drops.** According to the order of surgeries, you will put three drops of antibiotic (Vigamox) into each eye 15-30 minutes BEFORE your surgery.

During Surgery

- PRK patients are in the laser room about 15 minutes each (4 patients per hour)
- LASIK patients are in the laser room about 25 – 30 minutes each (2 patients per hour)

After Surgery

- After LASIK surgery, the flap is checked by your surgeon.
- LASIK patients are required to return for a one day follow up. PRK patients may be instructed to have a one day follow-up as well.
- You are NOT allowed to drive home or to the one day follow-up appointment.
- After surgery, it is NORMAL to be sensitive to light and experience tearing (watery eyes), burning and stinging. Sunglasses help. Many patients nap after returning home. Be sure to use the required eye drops before napping.
- You DO NOT need to be awakened to take your eye drops. Follow all medication directions while you are awake.
- Burning, stinging, tearing and sensitivity to light are NORMAL during the first 12 – 24 hours for LASIK patients and through the first 3-4 days for PRK patients. It is normal for one eye to be more uncomfortable than the other.