

# YAG Laser Capsulotomy

## What is YAG Laser Capsulotomy?

After cataract surgery, it is common for some patients to develop a clouding of the membrane behind the intraocular lens. This is called posterior capsule opacification (PCO). YAG laser capsulotomy is a simple, outpatient procedure used to restore clear vision by creating an opening in the cloudy capsule using a laser. It takes only a few minutes and has no incisions or stitches.

## Benefits of the Procedure

- Quick outpatient treatment (5-10 minutes)
- Immediate improvement in vision for most patients
- No incisions or need for eye patches
- Minimal downtime - normal activities can usually be resumed the same day

## Possible Side Effects

- Mild discomfort or redness
- Floaters (small moving spots in vision)
- Temporary increase in eye pressure (usually managed with drops)
- Rare risk of retinal detachment (especially in very short-sighted patients)

## Learn More

For a helpful video animation explaining YAG laser capsulotomy, watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aWtq3yQa68>

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