

# Preparing for Cataract Surgery – **POSTOPERATIVE CONCERNS**

## **QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SURGEON**

- **How long will I need to wear an eye patch? Are there other precautions I need to take?**
- **Will I have pain after surgery? What level of pain is considered normal, and when should I contact my doctor?**
- **How much drainage should I expect?**
- **Will there be swelling, and will my eye be red? For how long?**
- **How long will it take for my vision to improve?**
- **Are there any physical restrictions after surgery?**
- **When may I resume normal activities and return to work? What activities should I avoid?**
- **Are there any restrictions on my driving?**
- **Can I travel?**
- **When can I shower and wash my hair? When can I use makeup and wash my face?**
- **When will I see the doctor after surgery?**

**Taking all the medications as indicated by your clinician is critical as part of your postoperative recovery. Make sure that you understand these instructions before you go home, and raise any concerns with your clinician immediately.**