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Patient Name:		Date:
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Cataract Surgery & Refractive Surgery and Fee Agreements

We have recommended cataract surgery to help you improve your vision. **Cataract surgery** is meant to just correct the cataract and we expect that your health care insurance plan or Medicare will pay for it in accordance with your plan rules. With standard cataract surgery alone, you should expect to wear glasses full-time after surgery.

Refractive surgery is designed to minimize the use of glasses by correcting the glasses prescription. Examples include correction for people with nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism. Refractive surgery is <u>not</u> covered by insurance plans or Medicare; the patient is financially responsible for this cost. Refractive surgery will provide you a large degree of great vision without glasses, but it won't give you the eyes of a teenager. More than 95% of patients choose this to achieve the best vision possible.

At the time of your cataract surgery, if you would like to decrease your dependence on glasses, refractive services and refractive surgery can be performed at the same sitting to optimize your vision. This includes a more detailed pre-operative assessment, proprietary focusing power calculations, addressing astigmatism, use of specialty lens implants, intra-operative laser guided measurements, and other techniques including any required fine-tuning done after surgery with laser. Patients who elect to have refractive services and refractive surgery done at the time of cataract surgery will be responsible for these fees.

Our surgery center was the first in California to offer **femto-second laser** which can be used as an aid for certain cataract surgery steps. It does not replace the cataract surgery, but rather it simply helps with parts of the procedure, particularly in challenging or difficult situations. In a more routine cataract surgery, there may not be a significant benefit to using this laser. For the patients who are electing for the refractive surgery at the same time as the cataract surgery, if Dr. Devgan deems it beneficial to use this femto-second laser, then it will be done for you at no additional cost. This also applies for other advanced imaging and biometric devices which can provide additional benefits in certain cases.

Depending on your desires and finances, you can have just standard cataract surgery with the understanding that you'll wear glasses full-time after surgery. Or you can have refractive services at the same sitting as cataract surgery to maximize your vision so that you can decrease the need for glasses for many activities. More than 95% of patients choose to do the refractive services to deliver the best vision possible.

Please choose which option you would like for your surgery: I want customized refractive surgery performed in conjunction with my cataract surgery in order to provide a large degree of great vision without glasses. I may still need glasses for some activities. There is an additional fee of \$3550 per eye for this. Use of the femto-second laser, advanced imaging, and biometric devices intended to improve accuracy are all included if needed for your specific case. I want just the **standard cataract surgery** and I should expect to wear prescription glasses full-time after surgery. My glasses prescription may change from what it is today. There is no additional cost for non-covered services at this level of care. Note that no matter which option you choose, you are responsible for the usual and customary co-payments and deductibles associated with covered services (i.e. cataract surgery) in accordance with the rules of your insurance carrier. initial here For all patients, we use high-quality, brand-name lens implants at the time of surgery. The single-focus lens implant is either \$475 to \$650 (higher degrees of astigmatism) or included at no additional charge (lower degrees of astigmatism). The extended depth of focus lens (such as Alcon Vivity) and the multi/tri-focal lens (such as PanOptix or Synergy) are each \$950 to \$1100. The cost of these lenses is paid by the patient directly to the surgery center on the morning of surgery, typically with a credit card. Note that Specialty Surgical Center does have contracts with several private insurance carriers that may pay a portion of the extra cost for these premium lens implants. Coverage varies depending upon your specific insurance plan. Costs may be more than quoted above for certain private insurance plans. For any questions about costs for lens implants, please direct these to the billing department at Specialty Surgery Center. **Beneficiary Agreement**

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Signature of patient or person acting on patient's behalf

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correction of prescription and multi-focal / tri-focal lens cataract surgery with

standard cataract surgery

correction of prescription and extended depth of focus lens cataract surgery with

good far, intermediate, and near vision without glasses

very good far and intermediate

excellent far vision without

glasses (or near vision)

vision without glasses

prescription glasses for ALL ranges of vision, near to far

will need full-time

will **NOT** fix astigmatism

not included

including laser, robotic, and biometric devices, if needed

most advanced equipment

corrects astigmatism

3 months post-op care

1 year post-op care & eye drops

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corrects astigmatism

1 year post-op care & eye drops What will my vision be like after surgery?

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What is

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cell phone and email 24 hrs/day direct access to Dr Devgan via

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billed to medical insurance

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billed to medical insurance not covered by insurance \$3550 additional fee

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\$3550 additional fee

covered by insurance

Fee per eye

billed to medical insurance

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any additional laser treatment

to enhance the focusing

no additional surgeon fee

\$950-\$1100 additional fee for lens paid to surgery center

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not covered by insurance

\$3550 additional fee

no additional fee for lens

lower astigmatism paid to surgery center

patient's choice

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\$475-\$650 additional fee for lens

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Medically necessary services are covered by your insurance plan, minus any co-pays or deductibles, for which you will be billed separately.

Your insurance company will decide what is medically necessary and what they will cover. This guide shows the expected benefits; individual results cannot be guaranteed. signature

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Cataract / Lens Surgery (listed as cost for one eye)

Costs paid to Surgery Center				
These two fees are <u>not</u> billed by Dr. Devgan. Rather they are directly billed by Specialty Surgical Center, 9001 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 100, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, phone 310-275-2339				
□ Surgery Center Facility Fee	insurance applied			
☐ Anesthesiologist's Fee	insurance applied			
Surgeon Fees paid to Surgeon				
□ Cataract Surgery Surgeon Fee	insurance applied			
□ Refractive Services & Surgery				
to decrease glasses dependence	\$3550			
includes use of femto-second laser, advanced imaging, intra-op biometry if needed				
Cost of Lens Implant paid to Surgery Center on morning of surgery				
☐ Choice of one of the following:				
□ Single-focus Lens \$475 - \$650 or \$0 (low astig				
☐ Extended depth of focus lens (Vivi	ity) \$950 - \$1100			
☐ Multi/Tri-focal Lens (PanOptix or s	similar) \$950 - \$1100			

TOTAL ____

Note that you are still responsible for the rules of your insurance plan including payment of co-pays, deductibles, and determining coverage.