

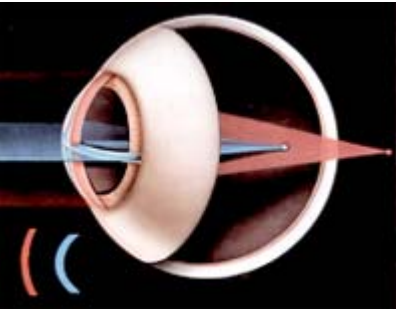
RESTOR MULTIFOCAL: READING WITHOUT GLASSES

Only private patients have option of the new multifocal lens technology rather allows them to read without spectacles. The additional cost of Restor intraocular lenses for uninsured patients is approximately \$1400 a pair. Not all eyes are suitable for multifocal lenses and detailed information on them can be obtained from your ophthalmologist and at the www.berwickeye.com.au website.



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ASTIGMATISM: TORIC LENSES



The best way to treat significant astigmatism (when your cornea is not spherical) is with a Toric lens. Otherwise one has to wear glasses for both distance and reading . Only

private patients have access to Toric lenses. that allows one to be free of spectacles for distance. The additional cost is approximately \$500 per eye.

BLUE BLOCKING AND ASPHERIC LENSES

Only private patients have access to the retinal-protective yellow tinted lenses (blue blocking that are thought to guard against the development of macular degeneration. As well, the standard lens we use (the Alcon SN60WF IQ lens) is an aspheric lens that gives you better vision at night. This is included at no extra cost.

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GUIDE TO CATARACT SURGERY FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE

YOUR OPTIONS

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Your options as a private patient.

As a private patient you are entitled to benefits and options of self-insuring your care.

You will be operated at your convenience rather than placed on a waiting list for an assessment then another waiting list for the operation.

You will receive premium lenses that protect the retina and give better vision for night driving rather than those stocked by public hospital based on cost.

Your surgery is performed using the most modern equipment and with premium viscoelastics to protect you eye and allow quickest recovery.

If you have astigmatism you will have the option of Toric lens technology to be free of you distance glasses if you have minimal astigmatism you may be a candidate for multifocal lenses to allow maximal independence from reading glasses too.

As a private patient you have the right to choose the anesthetic you prefer including the comfortable no-needle no-bruising topical technique that most opt for.

And best of all you have the comfort of knowing the surgeon is locally trained and highly experienced.

Private care means also meticulous care before and after your surgery. The doctor will measure

your eyes using

lasers or ultrasound to best ensure your freedom from spectacles.

Your surgeon may prescribe pre-operative medications to improve the quality of the outcome. Your own surgeon will follow you up personally to conduct your aftercare.

COMPLICATION (VITRECTOMY) RATES 2004

Royal Victorian Eye and Eyar Hosptial (Public)	1ST 6 MONTHS	2ND 6 Months
PUBLIC	2.53%	1.93%
PRIVATE	0.40%	0.69%
Cranbourne_Monash (Public)		
CONSULTANT	0.64%	1.28%
FELLOW	5.83%	1.46%
SENIOR REGISTRAR	4.04%	1.10%
Berwick Surgicentre (Dr Ed Hauptman)	0.00%	0.47%

On the left are the comparative complication rates for cataract surgery (anterior vitrectomies) for 2004 . Berwick Surgicentre has significantly lower rates that are statistically significant from improved surgical technique and instrumentation . Berwick Surgicentre has been infection free for 5 consecutive years through meticulous attention to sterility and cleanliness .

	Surgicentre	RVEEH Self Insured	Public
Wait for appointment	0	0	3 - 6 months ¹
Wait for surgery	0	0	3 - 6 months ¹
Out -Of Pocket Cost			
Surgeon Fee ¹	\$600.00	\$ 600.00	
Anaesthetist Fee ¹	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	
Theatre and Prosthesis ¹	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 670.00	
Surgeon	Specialist	Specialist	Trainee ²
Anaesthetist	Specialist	Specialist	Trainee ²
Lens	Aspheric, blue blocking	Aspheric, blue blocking	Foldable
Viscoelastic	DuoVisc	DuoVisc	Provisc
Multifocal Option	Available	Available	No
Toric Lens Option	Available	Available	No
OZil technology	Available	No	No
Saturday Operating	Available	No	No

¹ Waiting times and out-of-pocket costs after Medicare rebate are approximate and subject to change without notice

² Trainee or Hospital appointed doctor. No implication is made between the quality of specialist or public care.

DuoVisc and OZIL

Private patients have their surgery with DuoVisc viscoelastic. This is a premium surgical tool that gives maximal protection against postoperative corneal swelling that may blur vision. At Berwick Surgicentre, we use OZiL technology phaco-emulsification technology.

DISCLAIMER

Cataract surgery is a surgical procedure and like all surgery involves risk to eyesight and health. The risks of such surgery and alternatives to surgery must be discussed with your ophthalmologist.