
YAG Capsulotomy: Your Experience

YAG capsulotomy is done in your eye care provider's office or at an outpatient surgery center. The treatment is often quick and painless. You can often return to your normal routine right away. There are no needles or stitches. There is no risk of infection. Your vision will likely be fully restored soon after treatment.

Possible risks

Laser treatment is safe. But all procedures have some risks. The risks of this treatment include:

- Your eye pressure may rise, often only for a short time.
- The laser can scratch your IOL (intraocular lens). But this almost never affects vision.
- In rare cases, the retina may become detached.

Before capsulotomy

Ask your eye care provider if you need to have someone drive you to and from your treatment. Most people see clearly again right away and go home shortly after treatment.

During capsulotomy

First, your eye is numbed and your pupil is enlarged (dilated) with eye drops. Then you rest your chin on a chin rest on the laser machine. You may see flashes of light and hear a faint clicking sound as the laser enters your eye. But you should not feel any pain. You can help by staying relaxed and still.



After capsulotomy

You should begin to see better in 24 hours. Your eye care provider may check your eye pressure later that day or the next. They may also give you eye drops or an ointment. Once

the laser makes an opening in the part of the eye that holds the lens in place (the posterior capsule), it allows light to pass through again. This improves your vision.

When to call your eye care provider

Call your eye care provider right away if you have any of the following:

- More pain
- Sudden decrease in vision
- More flashing lights or floaters
- A shadow covering your vision