Plaza Del Rio Eye Clinic, P.C.

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After modern cataract with lens implant surgery, the back capsule or membrane surrounding the cataract is left in place to support the lens implant. This membrane may become cloudy and cause blurred vision, and sometimes patients will see streaks or haloes around lights. These problems worsen with time.

In the past, a trip back to the operating room was necessary. A small cut was made and a needle introduced to cut the cloudy membrane.

Fortunately, a modern YAG laser treatment can be done without a need for an invasive operation. There is no interruption in physical activities and no patch after the laser treatment is needed.

Laser surgery is still surgery. Complications can still occur. Some new floaters or spots may be seen. Retinal swelling or detachment are rare, but can follow this type of surgery as well. The eye pressure may rise temporarily after the YAG laser treatment.