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INFORMED CONSENT FOR MULTIFOCAL IOL OR MONOVISION

Patient Name: _____ **DOB**: _____

Presbyopia makes it hard for the eye to focus on near vision. This happens to most people as they age. It can also happen after cataract surgery to people of any age if they have a monofocal IOL for distance vision. Reading glasses can improve vision problems caused by presbyopia. Your eye surgeon can correct presbyopia during cataract surgery. The goal is to reduce your need to wear eyeglasses. There are two options for correcting presbyopia during cataract surgery.

1. **Monovision using two different monofocal (single focus) IOLs.** The eye surgeon can correct presbyopia by placing a monofocal IOL for <u>near</u> vision in one of the eyes having surgery. The eye surgeon will put in a monofocal IOL for <u>distance</u> vision in the other eye. The goal is to improve both near and distance vision by having these two IOLs work together. But some patients do not like or are unable to tolerate having two different monofocal IOLs. To see if you will, your eye surgeon may have you try this out with contact lenses before your surgery.
2. **Premium (Multifocal) IOL.** Another option to correct presbyopia is for your eye surgeon to put in a premium IOL. Premium IOLs allow your eye to focus at more than one distance so that you do not have to wear glasses as much. Premium IOLs work best if put into both eyes. There are different types of premium IOLs. Your eye surgeon told you about them and helped you decide which is best for you.

You have to pay extra for these services. Medicare and private insurance do not pay for this.

Risks. As with all surgery, problems can happen. In addition to all the risks for cataract surgery, here are some common or serious risks for presbyopia correction:

- You may see halos and ghost images or have night glare, double vision, or blurry vision.
- You might have trouble with depth perception or problems driving at night.
- Premium IOLs may not work well if you have certain eye problems or large pupils.
- You may need to wear glasses at all times or just for some activities, even with premium IOLs.

By signing below, you consent (agree) that:

- You read (or someone read it to you) and you understand this informed consent form.
- The eye surgeon or staff offered you a copy of this informed consent form.
- The eye surgeon or staff answered your questions about presbyopia correction.
- You understand that you may need to wear glasses after surgery.

Please check the box about how you choose to correct presbyopia:

☐ I wish to have **Monovision** using two monofocal intraocular lenses (different for each eye).
☐ I wish to have a **Multifocal** intraocular lens implanted.

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Signature of Patient   (or authorized person)   Date/Time

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Signature of Witness   Date/Time

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Signature of Surgeon   Date/Time