Since 1973 the Braverman Eye Center, located in Hallandale Beach, Florida, has been a leader in South Florida in Refractive Cataract Surgery. Dr. Braverman has done over twenty thousand cataract and refractive laser surgeries as well as performed quite a few extraocular surgeries, which allow you to see both near and far after cataract surgery. He has developed multiple surgical instruments and has taught many other surgeons. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, teaching cataract surgery to their residents. Also, the Braverman Eye Center is a premium South Florida LASIK and Laser Vision Correction center.

We have built our reputation on integrity and the highest standards of care. We provide the highest level of care to patients throughout South Florida. In addition, patients are referred to us from other eye doctors from around the United States and have been sent from many other countries.

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The natural normal lens of the eye is made mostly of water and protein. As early as in your 40’s, but usually sometime in a person’s 60’s, 70’s or 80’s, some of the protein will clump together, causing the eye’s natural lens to become cloudy. This clouding of the natural lens is called a cataract.

When this occurs, light rays passing through the eye become scattered and unfocused. The result is that all objects, whether near or far, become blurry. If left untreated, cataracts can lead to blindness, although this is very uncommon in the United States.

The only surgical treatment for a cataract is removal of the affected natural lens of the eye and implantation of a lens implant, or intracocular lens (IOL). This restores the eye’s ability to have light pass through to the retina. Over 14 million IOL procedures are performed worldwide each year.

WHAT IS A CATARACT

As we age, the natural lens in our eye becomes less flexible. This lack of flexibility compromises the eye’s ability to switch from one focal point (objects at a distance – driving) to another focal point (objects that are close – reading). This is called presbyopia.

The practical effect of this loss of flexibility in the natural lenses of the eye is that we lose our ability to read or see close objects without reading glasses or bifocals.

Today, for people who have cataracts with or without presbyopia, there is a procedure to remove the affected natural lenses of the eye and replace them with an upgraded Multifocal Lens that provides focused vision in all depths of field – near, intermediate and far.

As such, the FDA studies on the Presbyopic implant have shown that over 93% of patients will not need to wear distance or computer glasses and that over 84% of these patients needed distance and reading glasses preoperatively; and, since the FDA studies, we have gained even more experience, the results are even better! We also use these high technology implants in upgraded cataract surgery.

WHAT IS PRESBYOPIA

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What is a cataract?
A cataract is a formed when the natural lens of the eye, responsible for focusing light and producing sharp images, becomes cloudy and hardens, resulting in a loss of visual function. The lens of the eye is clear at birth, but is one of the first parts of the body to show the effects of aging. A cataract is painless and usually develops gradually over several months or years. Normally, the onset of a cataract in one or both eyes may cause decreased night vision, impaired depth perception, and increased color distortion.

Who is affected?
Cataracts are the leading cause of vision loss among adults age 55 and older. In fact, poor vision from cataracts affects 60 percent of all adults over age 60. However, cataracts affect all ages as they also can result from injury, heredity, or medications.

How are cataracts diagnosed?
There is no single, valid, objective test that indicates the presence of an operable cataract. Dr. Braverman analyzes patient symptoms, performs a comprehensive eye exam and may test for glare disability and contrast sensitivity to make a diagnosis. The final decision to proceed with the surgery lies with the patient.

How are cataracts treated?
Your optometrist or Dr. Braverman may prescribe glasses, medication, or surgery depending on the symptoms, complaints and age of the patient. Usually no surgery is recommended until glasses no longer work to make you visually happy.

What is cataract surgery?
Cataract surgery is the removal of your cloudy natural lens. Your cloudy natural lens is usually dissolved using high frequency ultrasound through less than a 3 millimeter opening. An artificial lens is then implanted. The surgery continues to improve with such recent developments as no-stitch surgery, topical anesthesia, surgical correction of astigmatism and new upgraded lens designs. It takes a few months for the eye to heal completely, but the patient is able to return to normal activity almost immediately after surgery and usually sees well within days.

How successful is cataract surgery?
If your eye is otherwise healthy, cataract surgery has an overall success rate of over 98%. Continuous innovations in cataract surgery allow cataract surgeons to treat greater numbers of patients with every passing year.

How does cataract surgery improve quality of life?
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