

Glaucoma Surgery Instructions: Transcleral Diode Laser

1. Once your laser procedure has been scheduled, you will be required to see your family doctor and have the History and Physical Form completed 6 weeks prior to the laser procedure date. This History and Physical Form must be faxed to the number on the bottom of the form (613 507-4801) and the original copy must be brought with you on the day of the laser procedure.
2. A Pre-Admission appointment may be set up by the hospital before the date of the procedure. Any pre-operative tests that are required will be done at this appointment. Instructions for the laser procedure will be provided at this appointment.

The day before the procedure

1. **Do not** drink or eat any food after midnight. This includes gum, hard candy and cough drops.
2. **Do not** drink alcoholic beverages for at least 24 hours before and after the procedure.
3. If you have diabetes, please bring apple juice with you in case you need it.
4. Report symptoms of cold, flu or infection to our office at (613) 507-4800. If it is later than 5:00 pm the day before the laser procedure, please call the Outpatient Surgery Unit at (613) 544- 3400 ext. 2511 and leave a message.
5. The Day Surgery Unit at Hotel Dieu Hospital **will call you** with the time you are to arrive for your laser procedure one day prior to the date of the procedure between 3:00pm and 5:00pm. You may wish to call the Day Surgery Unit at (613) 544-3400 ext. 2511 should you not be home during the scheduled hours that they are expecting to call you.

The morning of the procedure

Start Prednisolone and Ilevro eye drops on the morning of the procedure. Instill one drop of Prednisolone 8 times per day into your operative eye. Instill one drop of Ilevro twice a day (12 hours apart) into your operative eye. Depending on the time of your procedure, you may only get one or two drops in before your scheduled surgery time. Continue all other eye drops that you may be using for pre-existing eye conditions.

The day of the procedure

1. Take all of your usual morning medications, except for diabetic medication, **with sips of water**. Bring all of your medications in the original labeled containers, including insulin and syringes, and all eye drops to the hospital with you.
2. Do not wear face or eye make-up or nail polish the day of surgery. Please remove all jewelry prior to surgery (rings, watches, earrings, necklaces, body piercings, hair clips and hair pins). Please wear a short-sleeved button down shirt/blouse. Bring a pair of sunglasses with you on the day of surgery.
3. Please report to Day Surgery on Jeanne Mance 2. Use the elevators beyond the information desk in the front lobby and get off on second floor, turn right off the elevators and Day Surgery is on the left side.
4. You are to bring only one escort with you to the hospital. They are required to wait at the hospital for the duration of your surgery (approximately 3 to 4 hours). Make arrangements for someone to drive you home after surgery and stay with you the first night.
5. If you wear glasses, contact lenses, dentures or a hearing aid, please bring along a case to store them in, as they must be removed prior to surgery.
6. When bending down (tying your shoes, getting an item off the floor) try to keep your head above your heart and bend with your knees. Avoid heavy lifting over 25 pounds for one week.

The morning after your procedure

Starting the morning after your laser procedure, instill one drop of Atropine twice a day (12 hours apart) into the operative eye. Continue all other drops as directed on your post-operative drop sheet. Please bring your drop instruction sheet with you to any post-operative follow up appointments.

Any questions about your surgery; please call us at (613) 507-4800 Ext. 150