

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Will the patient be screened for medical necessity when they come to my practice?** If you would like the ASCRS Foundation to source the patients, there may be varying degrees of pre-op testing. Some may have had a full documented exam, while others may have no paperwork. In most instances, practices chose to see the patient in advance and perform their own exam.

**Where does the initial exam and pre-op testing take place?** It is generally performed at your practice by your staff.

**Does the patient supply their own transportation?** Yes, the patient is responsible for getting to and from the office/surgery center for both pre- and post-op exams and the surgery.

**Where does the surgery take place?** The surgery typically takes place at the ambulatory surgery center used by the volunteer surgeon.

**What do the surgery center supply?** The center provides all supplies associated with the cataract surgery, as well as the staff necessary to support the surgery. Operation Sight will provide a financial stipend for each charitable case as a way to partially offset the cost of providing care.

**Is the post-op care in my office?** Among the advantages to delivering cataract surgery is that the surgeon and the practice's responsibility ends following the 90-day period. While the Operation Sight team will explain this to the patient, it is important that the surgeon or staff reinforce the message. Every surgeon can determine his/her own plan for post op care and visits.

**After the 90-day global period, who then takes over the care?** Following the 90-day post-op period, additional care is entirely the patient's responsibility.

**Who pays for/supplies the pre/post-op medications?** The ASCRS Foundation provides \$250 per case to help offset the cost of charitable surgery. Additional supplies and IOLs *may* be available through industry-supported Indigent Patient programs.

**Who performs surgery on the 2nd eye (if applicable)?** If the surgeon would like to do the second eye through the Operation Sight program, the same process applies as with the first. If not, the ASCRS Foundation will seek another surgeon for that patient.

**What happens if the initial exam indicates that the patient has another condition, such as glaucoma?** At this point in time, the Operation Sight program is only for cataract surgery. If the surgeon determines that the patient is not a good candidate due to another condition, unfortunately, that would fall outside the capability of the program to provide care. The ASCRS Foundation would be willing to work with the surgeon should he/she wish to provide additional care, but that would be on a case-by-case-basis.

**Who carries the medical liability of the patient post-operatively?** Care through the Operation Sight program is limited to the 90-day global cataract surgery period. The surgeon's responsibility and liability ends with that period. This is always explained very clearly to the patient.

**Have any key vendors offered to support this with supplies?** Some industry partners like Alcon offer an indigent patient program that may provide IOLS and supplies. The Operation Sight team can help your center with the application process.