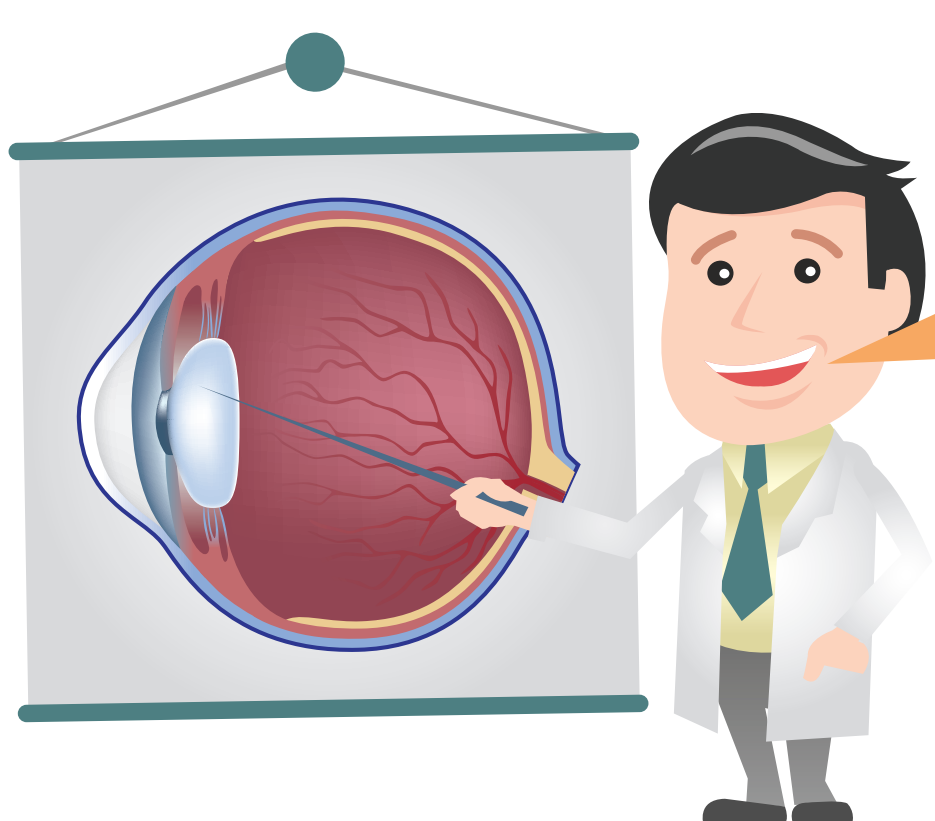


JUST THE FACTS ABOUT CATARACTS

IT'S NATURAL

AS WE AGE, THE LENSES IN OUR EYES BECOME CLOUDY, OBSCURING OUR VISION. THAT'S WHAT THE FOLKS IN THE LAB COATS CALL CATARACTS – AND IT'S A COMMON PHENOMENON.



Cataracts affect more than **20.5 million** Americans over 40¹

50% of Americans have cataracts or have had them removed by age 80²

SO HOW CAN YOU TELL IF YOU HAVE CATARACTS?

It's a gradual process, so you may not notice any symptoms until the cataract is severe enough to distort light as it enters your eye.³ Here are some signs that you might have cataracts:

- Cloudy, blurry or dim vision³
- Increasing difficulty with night vision³
- Sensitivity to light and glare³
- Seeing rings around lights³
- Frequent changes in eyeglass or contact lens prescription³
- Fading or yellowing of colors³
- Double vision in a single eye³

SURGERY REMOVES CATARACTS

Cataracts aren't preventable. But here's the good news:

3 MILLION

CATARACT SURGERIES ARE PERFORMED IN THE U.S. EACH YEAR⁴

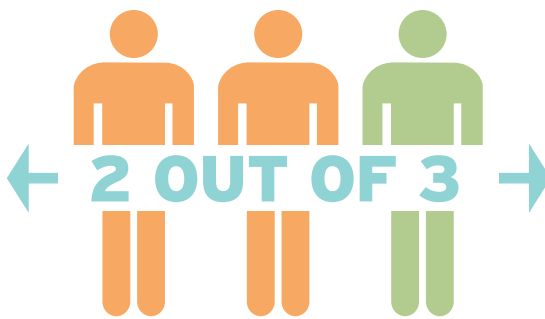
THAT MAKES IT ONE OF THE MOST COMMON SURGERIES⁴

ACCORDING TO A TELEPHONE SURVEY OF 1,000 RANDOMLY SELECTED AARP MEMBERS⁵:

85%

OF PATIENTS SAY CATARACT REMOVAL SURGERY ADDRESSED ALL OR MOST OF THE PROBLEMS THEY EXPERIENCED BEFOREHAND

said they were less dependent on glasses for distance vision after surgery



were pleasantly surprised by the improvement they experienced with their vision



2 IN 3

said they can read better (with or without glasses) after surgery



82%

said cataract surgery made it easier to drive



93%

said they can see distant road signs better

DON'T LIVE LIFE IN THE DARK

90%

of people over 50 say independence is **"EXTREMELY IMPORTANT"**

75%

of people over 50 say they want to overcome their cataracts in order to **BETTER ENJOY DAILY ACTIVITIES**



90%

of people over 50 drive, and most say they'd miss being behind the wheel more than anything else as their eyesight diminished

54%

of those surveyed drive every day

82%

of those surveyed drive at night

HOWEVER, ONLY 2 IN 5

PEOPLE WITH CATARACTS PLAN TO HAVE SURGERY IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS

44%



of cataract patients put off surgery because their vision is **"fine for now"**

14%



of cataract patients say they are **"fearful," "scared" or "afraid"** of surgery

BUT THE TRUTH IS:



people who underwent cataract surgery said the experience was easier than they expected

2 OUT OF 3 SAID SURGERY WAS NOT PAINFUL

88%

said they'd definitely recommend cataract surgery to their friends and family

95%

of cataract surgery patients in the U.S. experienced improvements in their vision⁶

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