Patient Instructions: Laser Treatment

After laser treatment, you may experience the following:

- Bright colors that may be red, green, yellow, or pink for 15-30 minutes. It may also be dark for a few minutes immediately after the laser. Your vision will return shortly.
- Transient additional blurriness.
- Scratchiness, irritation, or foreign body sensation that should resolve by the next day.
- Dull, ache-like pain for a day or so that can be relieved with acetaminophen (Tylenol) or any nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agent (e.g., ibuprofen).
- If you received a numbing injection, the staff may patch your eye after the procedure. You may remove the patch after six hours, but please do not rub the eye the day of the procedure. A red spot or area of blood on the white of the eye at the injection site may occur. This usually resolves within two weeks or so.

The laser does not treat or remove any flashes and floaters that you are currently experiencing. However, if you experience a substantial increase in floaters or any new/worse visual changes, please call the office immediately.

Follow-up Appointments

Your physician will schedule a follow-up appointment. Your eyes will be dilated at this appointment. It is very important to keep this appointment so the physician can evaluate the results of the laser treatment.

Call us immediately at 1-800-331-6634 if you have any of the following:

- Severe eye pain that is not controlled with over-the counter nonaspirin pain medications
- Nausea or vomiting
- Sudden decrease or change in vision

