

Glaucoma surgery

If medicine or laser surgery has not succeeded in treating pressure in your eyes, a trabeculectomy may be recommended to prevent damage developing from glaucoma. This procedure is a type of glaucoma surgery to treat the condition at an early stage. You may also be recommended a trabeculectomy if an eye examination has identified symptoms relating to glaucoma.

The importance of regular eye examinations to catch early signs

The symptoms of glaucoma are unfortunately not usually present, which makes the condition difficult to detect. Glaucoma is a condition that most often runs in the family so, if this is the case for you, you should have regular eye examinations with an eye doctor. This is also often the case for those with a family history of diabetes or other eye diseases, but regular examinations will help to catch any conditions in the earliest stage.

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FAQs

What is glaucoma?

Glaucoma is a condition that tends to be inherited and may not show up until later in life, that causes damage to your eye's optic nerve and gets worse over time. It's often associated with a build-up of pressure inside the eye. The increased pressure, called intraocular pressure, can damage the optic nerve, which transmits images to the brain. If damage to the optic nerve from high eye pressure continues, glaucoma will cause permanent loss of vision. Without treatment, glaucoma can cause total permanent blindness within a few years.

What does glaucoma treatment, a trabeculectomy, involve?

A trabeculectomy is carried out under local anaesthetic in the form of an injection beside the eye, which is given a few minutes before the start of the procedure. This makes the eye numb, and usually blurred as well so that you cannot see the procedure taking place.

The operation is performed with the patient lying on their back. A paper drape is placed over the face, with fresh air piped beneath it. A clip is used to keep the eye open. It usually takes between 40 and 80 minutes to complete the operation, and at the end a patch is taped over the eye, which is left on until the next day.

Will my eyesight be normal after the operation?

It is common for the eye that has had the surgery to be quite blurred for a few weeks, sometimes longer. There is no need to change your glasses straight away, but some patients will benefit from updating their glasses sooner than they normally would, though it's best to wait for three months while things settle.