



## FREQUENTLY ASKED SURGERY QUESTIONS:

**01. How long will I need to be off work?**

*Plan on 2 weeks. For more extensive surgeries ie: Retinal Detachments, the time off work could be longer.*

**02. What kind of Anesthesia will I be getting?**

*Local anesthesia is typically used. An IV will be started and medication will be given to you through the IV.*

**03. Is there any pain associated with my surgery?**

*There is usually no or little pain with most of our surgeries. However, the Doctor will give you a prescription for pain medication.*

**04. How long is my surgery?**

*Most surgeries are about an hour. Plan on being at the surgery center 3 ½ to 4 hours.*

**05. How long will the bubble be in my eye?**

*A gas bubble can remain in the eye for up to two months. During this time you will not be able to travel to high altitude. Please discuss with your physician.*

**06. How soon will I be able to travel, fly or drive?**

*Depending on the type of surgery you have, you will not be able to travel for at least 2 weeks. If a gas bubble was put in your eye, you won't be able to travel until the gas bubble is completely gone.*

**07. Will I need additional surgery in the future for the same or different condition?**

*In some cases, more surgery of the same or different type may be needed in the future.*

**08. Will the surgery be covered by my insurance?**

*Yes, your surgery is medically necessary so it is covered by your insurance. However, you may have a deductible or co-payment.*

**09. How long will I need to use the eye drops and eye ointment?**

*Most of the eye drops and ointment are stopped at 10 – 14 days after your surgery. Others you will use for several weeks after your surgery.*

**10. Does the Doctor do a lot of these surgeries?**

*All of our surgeons have extensive experience with these surgeries.*