

Macular Laser Treatment Improving and maintaining your vision.

■ Uses

To treat macular swelling of numerous causes, or to destroy an abnormal growth of blood vessels in the region.

■ Pre-treatment requirements

Please bring a driver with you to your appointment.

■ Procedure

Performed while sitting at the slit lamp - the same machine your doctor uses to examine your eyes.

A bulky contact lens will be placed on your eye, which is used to focus laser light on the macula.

Nearly always painless, other than the annoyance of the lens on the eye and the bright bursts of light in the eye.

Usually lasts only several minutes.

■ After the procedure

You may return to normal activity, but driving home from the treatment is discouraged.

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Vision should return to its pre-treatment level within a few days. You may experience a strobe light or kaleidoscopic effect after the laser procedure, but this should also resolve with time.

If the eye is irritated, you may use tear replacement solution to lubricate the eye.

■ Results

The patient is frequently unaware of the effect of the laser until noted on OCT scanning at the time of his or her follow-up exam.

Please call our office immediately at **505-982-5716**:

- If blurry vision persists more than a few days after the treatment.
- If the eye experiences an increase in pain, redness, or discharge.