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## **INFORMATION REGARDING DILATING EYE DROPS**

Dilating drops are used to dilate or enlarge the pupils of the eye to allow the ophthalmologist to get a better view of the inside of your eye. Due to the necessity of these drops in performing a retinal examination, it can be expected that you will be dilated at every appointment. If you are scheduled for a non-dilated visit, that could change if your doctor deems it medically necessary. In both instances, a technician will let you know what to expect.

Dilating drops frequently blur vision for a length of time which varies from person to person and may make bright lights bothersome. It is not possible for your ophthalmologist to predict how much your vision will be affected. Because driving may be difficult immediately after an examination, it's best if you make arrangements not to drive yourself.

Adverse reactions, such as acute angle-closure glaucoma, may be triggered from the dilating drops. This is extremely rare and treatable with immediate medical attention.

If the complication happens during surgery, your surgeon may need to perform another surgery right away to treat it. Your surgeon may discover a new condition or problem for the first time during the surgery. The surgeon may need to change the plan for surgery to treat this problem or condition right away.

I hereby authorize my doctor and/or such assistants as may be designated by him/her to administer dilating eye drops during this eye exam and future eye exams at this office. The eye drops are necessary to diagnose my condition.

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Patient (or person authorized to sign for patient)

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Date