

# **What to Expect the Day of Surgery**

## **Check-in:**

- Paperwork completion
- Payment collection

## **Pre-op:** (Expect to be in this area for a 1-1 ½ hrs)

- RN will obtain consents if these were not completed during scheduling process
- Eye drops will be instilled in operative eye
- Vital signs taken and IV started by RN for use in OR
- Post-op DVD will be viewed, and/or RN will review post-op instructions with you and your family member

## **Holding Room:** (At this point you are just minutes away from better vision, and improved quality of life.)

- You will be walked to a holding room, and your family member will be escorted to the waiting room
- OR nurse will review information in your chart, and ask you some specific questions regarding the procedure (ie: your birthdate, and if you have any medication allergies)
- OR nurse will escort you to the operating room, and your family member will be brought to a waiting room just outside the operating room

## **Operating Room:**

- OR nurse will assist you onto a stretcher, place a wedge pillow under your knees for comfort, and prepare you for the procedure
- Anesthesia will administer a light sedative (example Versed) so that you will be comfortable, relaxed, and still during the procedure
- The surgical procedure should only take a short time, and then you will be assisted into a wheelchair and taken to the post-op area
- Dr Lehmann or Dr Young will speak with your family member immediately following the procedure, and then your family member will join you in the post-op area

## **Post-op Area:** (Expect to be in the post-op area for approx. 30 mins)

- RN will take your vital signs, administer eye drops, and review your post-op care instructions with you and your family member
- You will be offered crackers, and juice or water
- RN will remove your IV
- You will then be discharged, and escorted to your vehicle by a staff member