Carrot LASIK & Eye Center Publishes Patient Guide to Cataract Surgery Lens Selection in Mesa, Arizona

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Carrot LASIK & Eye Center, a LASIK and cataract surgeon located in Mesa, Arizona, has published a patient education article addressing how cataract surgery patients choose between standard and premium intraocular lens (IOL) options. The Mesa ophthalmology practice, which performs cataract surgery alongside refractive procedures, released the article titled "What Is the Difference Between Standard and Premium Cataract Surgery Lenses?" to outline the IOL categories available in 2026, the lifestyle factors that guide candidacy, and the cost and insurance considerations Mesa-area patients face when selecting a lens. The published guide is part of ongoing patient education content for residents of Mesa, Scottsdale, Tempe, Chandler, and Gilbert who are evaluating cataract surgery.

The article describes standard monofocal IOLs, which are covered in full by Medicare and most private insurance plans, as a single-focal-distance option that typically leaves patients wearing reading glasses for near and intermediate tasks. It then contrasts the monofocal option with four premium IOL categories. Multifocal lenses such as AcrySof IQ PanOptix correct vision from near to far. Extended depth of focus lenses, including Clareon Vivity, extend the intermediate-to-far range. Toric IOLs address astigmatism. The RxSight Light Adjustable Lens is fine-tuned after surgery through a series of UV light treatments. Patients in

Scottsdale, Tempe, Chandler, and Gilbert who are weighing premium cataract surgery options at the Mesa practice can review the full breakdown in the published guide.

According to the article, premium IOL upgrades are not covered by Medicare Part B or most private insurance plans as of 2026, and out-of-pocket costs in Arizona generally range from $1,500 to $4,000 or more per eye, depending on lens type and surgeon. Standard monofocal lenses are typically covered in full beyond standard copays and deductibles. Carrot LASIK & Eye Center performs laser-assisted cataract surgery for patients across Mesa, Scottsdale, Tempe, Chandler, and Gilbert, and provides cost breakdowns and financing information during preoperative consultations.

Dr. Matthew Hammond, MD, board-certified ophthalmologist, Fellow of the World College of Refractive Surgery, and co-founder of Carrot LASIK & Eye Center, authored the published article. Dr. Hammond completed his medical degree at George Washington University School of Medicine, his ophthalmology residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and served nine years on active duty as a military ophthalmologist, including a role as Chief of Ophthalmology at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. Both Dr. Hammond and fellow Carrot LASIK & Eye Center surgeon Michael Herion, MD, FAAO, are Fellows of the World College of Refractive Surgery, Castle Connolly Top Doctors, and U.S. military veterans, and each has practiced ophthalmology for more than 20 years.

"Lens selection for cataract surgery is a lifestyle conversation as much as a clinical one," said Dr. Michael Herion, MD, FAAO, board-certified ophthalmologist, retina fellowship-trained surgeon, and Fellow of the World College of Refractive Surgery at Carrot LASIK & Eye Center. "A patient who reads at length, drives at night, or works long hours at a computer has different visual goals than a patient who is comfortable using reading glasses for some tasks. Dr. Hammond and I walk every cataract patient through corneal mapping, retinal assessment, and a detailed lifestyle discussion before recommending a lens category."

Carrot LASIK & Eye Center is located at 1500 South Dobson Road, Suite 313, Mesa, Arizona 85202, and serves patients from Mesa, Scottsdale, Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert, and the broader Phoenix metropolitan area. The Mesa practice is accredited by The Joint Commission and offers cataract surgery, six modern vision correction procedures, glaucoma management, retina care, dry eye treatment, pediatric ophthalmology, and a full-service optical shop. The practice reports an average lobby wait time of under seven minutes. Driving directions to the Mesa office are available through Google Maps.

For more information about cataract surgery and premium IOL options at Carrot LASIK & Eye Center in Mesa, Arizona, patients can visit https://carroteyecenter.com or view the practice's Google Business Profile. Cataract consultations can be scheduled by calling (480) 561-6000. Carrot LASIK & Eye Center will

continue publishing patient education resources for Mesa-area residents researching cataract surgery, refractive surgery, and other ophthalmology procedures.

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Carrot LASIK & Eye Center led by Dr. Matthew Hammond and Dr. Michael Herion, offers vision correction procedures like LASIK, PRK, RLE, and EVO ICL, and treats medical conditions such as glaucoma and contact lens intolerance.

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