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MORGANTON EYE PHYSICIANS, PA

Information about Dilating Eye Drops

Dilating drops are used to dilate or enlarge the pupils to allow your doctor a better view inside your eyes during the examination. While it is not possible for your doctor to predict how much your vision will be affected by dilating drops or what side effects you may experience, we would like to share some important information regarding dilating drops with you.

Dilating drops frequently blur vision for a period of time which varies from person to person. Because your pupils are enlarged, you may experience greater sensitivity to light. You may experience a decrease in the ability to focus, judge distances, or adjust to glare from sunlight or other bright lights. Because driving may be difficult immediately after an examination, it is best for you to make arrangements not to drive yourself. You should also avoid operating heavy machinery or engaging in other activities requiring clear or sharp vision. You should wear sunglasses immediately following your examination to protect your eyes and vision. If you do not have sunglasses with you, we have disposable sunglasses available at our check-out area which will be provided to you at no charge.

Adverse reactions, such as allergic reactions or the onset of acute angle-closure glaucoma, may be triggered by dilating drops. These reactions are extremely rare and treatable with immediate medical intervention. Please inform your doctor or his assistant if you have had any previous adverse reaction to dilating drops before any drops are placed in your eyes. And, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to assisting you with your eye care needs.

I hereby authorized my doctor or such assistant as he/she may designate to administer dilating eye drops.

Patient (or parent/person authorized to sign for Patient)

Date

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