CONSENT FOR CATARACT SURGERY

Cataract surgery generally takes about 20 minutes and is done as a day case under local anaesthesia. Despite a low complication rate, there are still significant risks.

These include:

1) Infection which may lead to permanent blindness

2) Capsule tears with loss of the lens into the back of the eye, which will require further surgery.

3) Corneal haze. If this does not recover it will require further surgery.

4) Retinal detachment and loss of vision

5) Transient raised pressure causing pain

6) Loss of the eye

7) Refractive error. This may require an exchange of the lens at a later date

8) Drooping of the eyelid

9) Permanent dilation of the pupil

10) Glare and sensitivity to light

11) Operation on one eye may cause inflammation and visual loss in the other eye

12) Delayed blurred vision from inflammation at the back of the eye. This is usually treatable.

13) 5 - 10% of patients will need lens polishing with a laser after 3 months

In signing this consent for cataract surgery, I acknowledge that Dr Saloojee has explained the risks and answered my questions pertaining to the procedure and anaesthetic. I also understand that it is impossible for me to be informed of every conceivable complication that may occur.

I hereby consent to Dr Saloojee performing cataract surgery on my eye.