



What's New in Ophthalmology Today?

ACRYSOF TORIC INTRAOCULAR LENS IMPLANT

The FDA has just approved an expanded range of high-cylinder power correction intraocular lens implants for those patients that have a cataract and astigmatism.

The cornea, the window of the eye, should be shaped as a perfect circle like a basketball. When the cornea's shape is uneven, the cornea resembles a football. This condition is called astigmatism. Most patients have some astigmatism but the amounts vary. This corneal shape does not allow the light to be perfectly focused and results in distorted vision. The greater the amount of astigmatism, the greater the distortion. A standard intraocular lens will replace the cataract but does not correct the problem of astigmatism; so, after cataract surgery, the patient will have to wear glasses to see clearly at distance and at near. The Acrysof Toric Intraocular Lens Implant is used at the time of surgery to treat the cataract and the astigmatism thus taking care of both conditions at the same time. **The Toric lens provides the patient with the opportunity to see a clear, sharp image at distance without depending on glasses because it corrects the astigmatism at surgery.** We have used the Acrysof Toric lenses for several years in our practice with success. Alcon has now developed Toric lenses that are able to correct even greater amounts of astigmatism. Thus patients with high degrees of astigmatism can now benefit from the Toric lens at the time of their cataract surgery. They too can now look forward to sharper, clearer distance vision without depending on glasses!

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