



Understanding Before and After Cataract Surgery Supplies.

Medicare, TennCare, BlueCross BlueShield, Cigna, UHC and most major medical insurance companies “typically” **DO NOT** cover expenses associated with before and after cataract surgical supplies. These supplies include protective items, pharmaceutical agents and organizational materials. A comprehensive list of recommended supplies is listed below. You will be required to obtain these items several days before your planned surgery or you have the option to *purchase* a “Hughes Eye Center Cataract Convenience Kit” available at our clinics.

Recommended SUPPLIES (per eye)

- ✓ **Post Cataract Surgery Sunglasses** – UV coated and wrap around design
- ✓ **Plastic Eye Shield**
- ✓ **Paper or Plastic Eye Shield Tape**
- ✓ **Pred Forte 1% eye drops**
- ✓ **Acular Eye Drops**
- ✓ **Antibiotic Eye Drops (Zymar)** – not included in the convenience kit
- ✓ **Zipper bag or convenient pouch**
- ✓ **ID tag for intraocular lens card**
- ✓ **Supplied: Pre and post operative instruction sheets**

As a convenience to our patients, The Hughes Eye Center has purchased supplies in bulk and assembled cataract convenience kits. The convenience kits include all the supplies listed above with the exception of Zymar antibiotic drops. Pharmaceutical companies no longer provide these kits as a convenience to surgical patients.

The cost of the “Hughes Eye Center Cataract Convenience Kit” is \$20 per eye. Once again, the fees and/or costs associated with these kits are not covered by major medical insurance companies and payment is required prior to receiving the convenience kit.

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