



Welcome to Griffin Eye Center. You have chosen a leading eye care facility. Our goal is to make your experience as pleasant as possible. Everything we do is geared toward providing you, our patient, the highest quality medical and surgical care possible.

PHYSICIANS

Neil B. Griffin, M.D., is a Board-Certified and Fellowship-Trained Ophthalmologist, he specializes in Cataract, LASIK, and Corneal surgery.

Sarah E. Griffin, M.D., is a Board-Certified and Fellowship-Trained Ophthalmologist, she specializes in Cataract, LASIK, and Corneal surgery.

Kelly F. McCann, O.D., is a licensed Optometrist who specializes in Pre and Post-Operative Surgical Care.

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT FACTS

YOUR VISIT: A lot gets accomplished during your visits. We will complete pre-testing, dilation, evaluation to see if the surgical procedures are indeed recommended at that time PLUS we also do the surgery date co-ordination and pre-operative planning. You should plan to be here between 2-2.5 hours for any cataract or laser evaluations. We do encourage (but it is not required) that you have a friend or family member with you when possible because as it can seem like a lot of data. Our patients start their interaction with Griffin Eye Center through a telephone call with one of our highly trained technicians in order to properly schedule you according to your needs.

MEDICAL RECORDS: Griffin Eye Center can NOT see you without your most recent medical records from your Optometrist, as well as, any prior eye surgery records. Please contact the site of your past visits / surgeries and ask them to fax your records to 843-449-7614 prior to your scheduled visit.

PLEASE BRING WITH YOU TO THE APPOINTMENT

Forms – Please complete and bring all the forms inside this packet.

Medications – Bring a current list of your medications or the actual medications received from the pharmacy.

Eyeglasses – Bring your best or most recent eyeglasses even if they no longer improve your vision.

Insurance Cards – Bring ALL current insurance cards with you to the appointment.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Self-Pay – If you are not covered by medical insurance, you will be expected to pay-in-full at the time of service.

Medicare – We accept assignment on Medicare. If you are a Medicare beneficiary and do not have secondary coverage, you will be responsible for payment of 20% of the Medicare allowed amount unless you have supplementary insurance.

Deductible – Be prepared to pay your medical insurance deductible if it has not been met for the year.

Co-pays – You are required to pay your insurance copay at the time of service. The copay amount is usually noted on your insurance card or can be found in your insurance handbook. If we proceed to schedule a surgical procedure for you then we may collect the surgery copays on the initial visit or we may get closer to the surgery date.

Non-Covered Services – Griffin Eye Center is a Medical/Surgical facility and we only take medical visits. Most medical insurance plans, including Medicare, do not pay for “routine eye exams.” Routine Eye Exams are exams which **do not** result in a medical diagnosis. In the event that the service is not covered by your medical insurance, you will be responsible for the charges.

Cataract Evaluation and Post Cataract Laser Testing – A scanning laser (OCT) test is performed on every patient that wishes to have cataract surgery or a post cataract laser. This test MAY NOT be covered by insurance. The test is part of Dr. Griffin's standard of care and it is done in order to verify that the patient has no Macula or Retina issues prior to surgery/laser. The cost for this test is an OUT of POCKET expense and will be due on the day of your initial exam. **The cost is \$65.00.** If during the exam we determine that there is a Macula or Retina issue then we will bill the test to your Insurance and it will more than likely be covered. **THIS IS NOT AN OPTION AS IT HELPS TO DETERMINE A SAFER OUTCOME FOR SURGICAL/LASER PATIENTS.** You will be asked to sign an ABN at the time of the test that insures that you understand that we do not expect your insurance to pay for the test and that you agree to proceed with testing.

Decreasing Dependence on Glasses After Cataract Surgery – Patients often wonder how they will be able to see after cataract surgery and every patient has a different desired outcome. Knowing that you may finally be able to decrease your need for glasses after many years is a dream come true for many. Some patients desire to stop wearing glasses for the majority of their daily activities. Understandably it is a very difficult challenge for our providers to know and understand the needs of each patient in merely a few short moments. In order for us to assist each patient with these exciting visual changes it is important that we get to know our patients thoroughly. Some patients are able to decrease their dependence on glasses after a standard cataract surgery. However, if you desire to maximize your freedom from glasses then this session is needed. For this reason we require ANY patient who wishes to decrease their dependence on glasses to come in for a special diagnostic testing session and counseling with Dr. McCann. **The fee for this session is \$300.00** and it is approximately 2 hours in length. You will be able to express your desired surgical outcomes and find out what options are available for you. This appointment will NOT be filed to your insurance and it is not refundable. You will not be dilated on this visit. Your next visit with Dr. Griffin will be filed to your insurance. *(This section does not apply to you if you are wanting standard insurance covered cataract surgery and you do not mind wearing glasses)*

POST LASIK, PRK, RK Surgery Patients – If you have had any form of refractive surgery in the past you will be required to come in and have a diagnostic testing /consult session with Dr. McCann prior to seeing Dr. Griffin for the cataract evaluation. Past surgeries, such as, the ones listed change the shape and topography of your cornea, therefore, making compilation of the measurements for the needed lens implants much more in depth. This is approximately a 2 hour non-dilated visit. **The fee for this session is \$300.00** and is not covered by or filed to insurance as it is due to past elective surgery. This fee is due on at the time of service.

EYE DROP PURCHASE – Our office offers surgical eye drops for those patients that wish to combine all of their Medications into one bottle verses multiple bottles. **Prices range from \$50 - \$90.00.**

REFRACTION

A Refraction is a measurement of near-sightedness, far-sightedness, and astigmatism. Medicare and most medical insurances do not cover a refraction, but it is necessary to establish best-corrected vision. **The refraction fee is \$60.00.** You may need this **after all surgery** is completed if your glasses need to be updated.

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

After you are seen for your cataract evaluation and a date for surgery is set you WILL BE REQUIRED to get **MEDICAL CLEARANCE** from your primary care physician before you can proceed with surgery. The clearance is only good for a limited period of time so DO NOT start the process until the surgery dates are determined.

DILATION

Your pupils MAY be dilated. Dilation lasts several hours and may blur your vision. If you have not previously driven with dilated pupils, you should bring a driver.

Payment Options – We accept Cash, Check, Debit, Visa, American Express, Discover and MasterCard