



Eye Drops Use During Your Visit

There are two categories of eye drops that may be placed in your eyes at the time of your visit.

One, dilating eye drops for proper examination of the retina. These drops will make it difficult to see up close for several hours after their placement. Therefore, you must come to our clinic with a driver so that you do not have to challenge yourself to drive with your eyes dilated. In rare cases, they may also cause increased eye pressure and increased blood pressure.

Second, Proparacaine or Tetracaine is used in the eyes as an anesthetic to numb the pain or discomfort that may occur during eye procedures (e.g., measurement of intraocular pressure like tonometry). With a single drop, the onset of anesthesia begins within 30 seconds and persists for 20 minutes or longer. Side Effects from this drop may include redness, burning, or stinging of the eye(s) may occur. In most cases these symptoms resolve within a few hours. If these effects persist or worsen, notify the doctor.