

Endo-Cyclo Photocoagulation (ECP) Glaucoma Surgery Consent

There are several ways to try to treat glaucoma and elevated eye pressure. Medications or surgery are the most common techniques. Both medications and surgery are designed to do one of two things: 1) to decrease the amount of fluid production in the eye from the cells that make the fluid, or 2) to help the fluid flow out of the eye.

Endo-Cyclo Photocoagulation (ECP) is a laser treatment to the ciliary body. This part of the eye is responsible for aqueous fluid production, and the laser is performed with the hope that the fluid production will decrease, causing the eye pressure to drop.

Every surgery has risk. The greatest risk of ECP is that the eye pressure does not fall enough and that further surgery is needed. Other risks include: 1) loss of vision, 2) pain, 3) eventual shrinkage of the eye (phthisis), 4) corneal or ocular surface irritation, 5) intraocular inflammation in *either* eye, and 6) the usual risk of anesthetic.

After surgery, the eye pressure will be carefully monitored and the eye drop regimen is often changed and altered based on the post-operative healing process.

Consent. By signing below, you consent (agree) that:

- You read this informed consent form, or someone read it to you.
- You understand the information in this informed consent form, including the risks, benefits and alternatives to surgery.
- The eye surgeon and/or staff offered you a copy of this informed consent form.
- The eye surgeon and/or staff answered your questions about ECP surgery.

I consent to have ECP surgery in my _____ (state "right" or "left") eye.

Patient (or person authorized to sign for the patient)

Date

Witness