

Goniotomy 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.

Goniotomy surgery helps to open the natural fluid drainage channel, with the hope of lowering the eye pressure. A lower eye pressure could prevent further optic nerve damage and visual loss from elevated intraocular pressure or glaucoma.

Every surgery has risk, including goniotomy. These risks include possible infection, pain, bleeding in and around the eye, elevated eye pressure, low eye pressure, need for further glaucoma eyedrops, laser or surgery, injury to other intraocular structures (e.g. change in pupil shape), loss of vision, loss of eye. Another risk is that the procedure does not lower the eye pressure enough. This procedure will not reverse the damage any damage that may have already occurred from elevated eye pressure or glaucoma.

Alternatives to the surgery include medical therapy or other surgical procedures for lowering eye pressure.

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 Goniotomy surgery.

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

Patient (or person authorized to sign for the patient)

Date

Witness