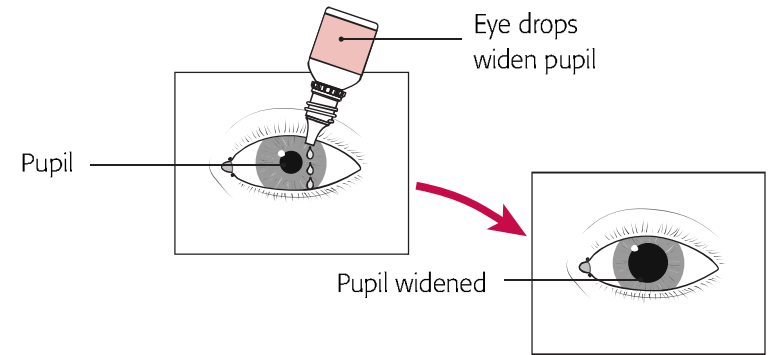


Laser treatment after cataract surgery

- Your vision may gradually blur months or even years after successful cataract surgery. The lens capsule that is left behind to hold the lens implant in place can become thickened and cloudy.
- A laser can be used to make a hole in the centre of the capsule and restore your sight. This procedure is not painful and can be done in the out-patient department.
- Drops are put into your eye and left for about 10 minutes to enlarge the pupil. A contact lens may be needed to focus the laser. If so, anaesthetic drops, which sting a little, will be put into your eye first. The contact lens will stop you from blinking, and the doctor will tell you where to look.
- Immediately after laser treatment, your vision will be very blurred because of the bright light shining into your eye and the drops used to enlarge your pupil. Your sight should improve within a few minutes, but will be slightly blurred for several hours.
- Sometimes you may be aware of a few extra 'floaters' in your vision in the first few days after laser treatment. This is due to the debris from the lasered lens capsule falling into the main eye cavity, but it usually clears within a week.
- You should not drive while your vision is blurred, so never drive yourself to an eye appointment.



Side view

