



SANTA FE
Eye Surgery Center

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Information About Your Surgery

The Surgery Center of Santa Fe is dedicated to providing innovative eye surgery to the patients of Northern NM, having served this community and the surrounding areas since 2001.



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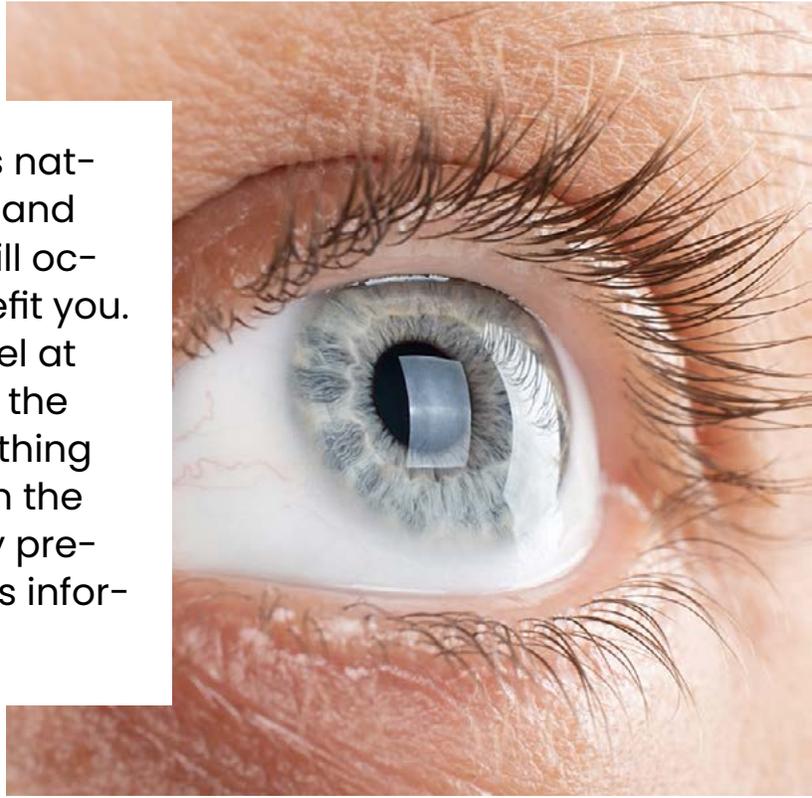
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Purpose of the Information

Surgery, of any kind, is a major event. It is natural to be concerned, to have questions, and to want to understand everything that will occur. This information is designed to benefit you. It has all of the details you will need to feel at ease about your upcoming surgery. Use the checklists to help ensure you have everything covered. This will assist you in arriving on the day of surgery feeling confident and fully prepared. Please take the time to review this information.



We understand that surgery, no matter the type, is a significant event. It is completely natural to have questions, concerns, and the desire to know what to expect. This guide was created with you in mind. You will find helpful details and checklists designed to provide clarity and peace of mind as you prepare for your upcoming procedure.

By reviewing this information and using the checklists, you can feel confident that you are well-prepared and fully supported on the day of surgery. Our goal is to help you arrive feeling at ease, knowing you have everything in place for a smooth experience.

We encourage you to take the time to carefully review the materials provided. Doing so will not only prepare you but also give you greater comfort and confidence as you move forward.



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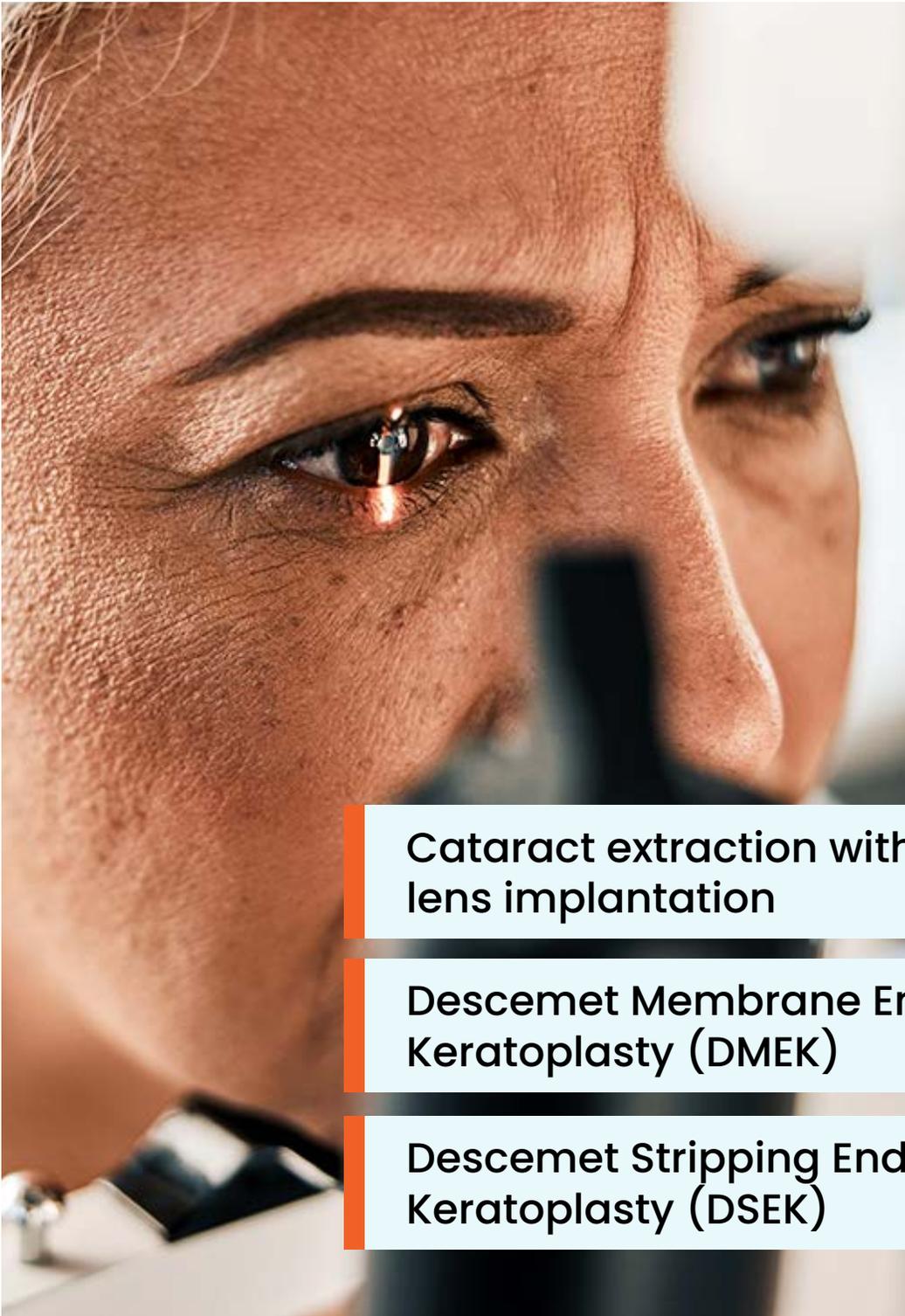


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Procedures Performed



Cataract extraction with intraocular lens implantation

Descemet Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK)

Descemet Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty (DSEK)



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Our Surgeons



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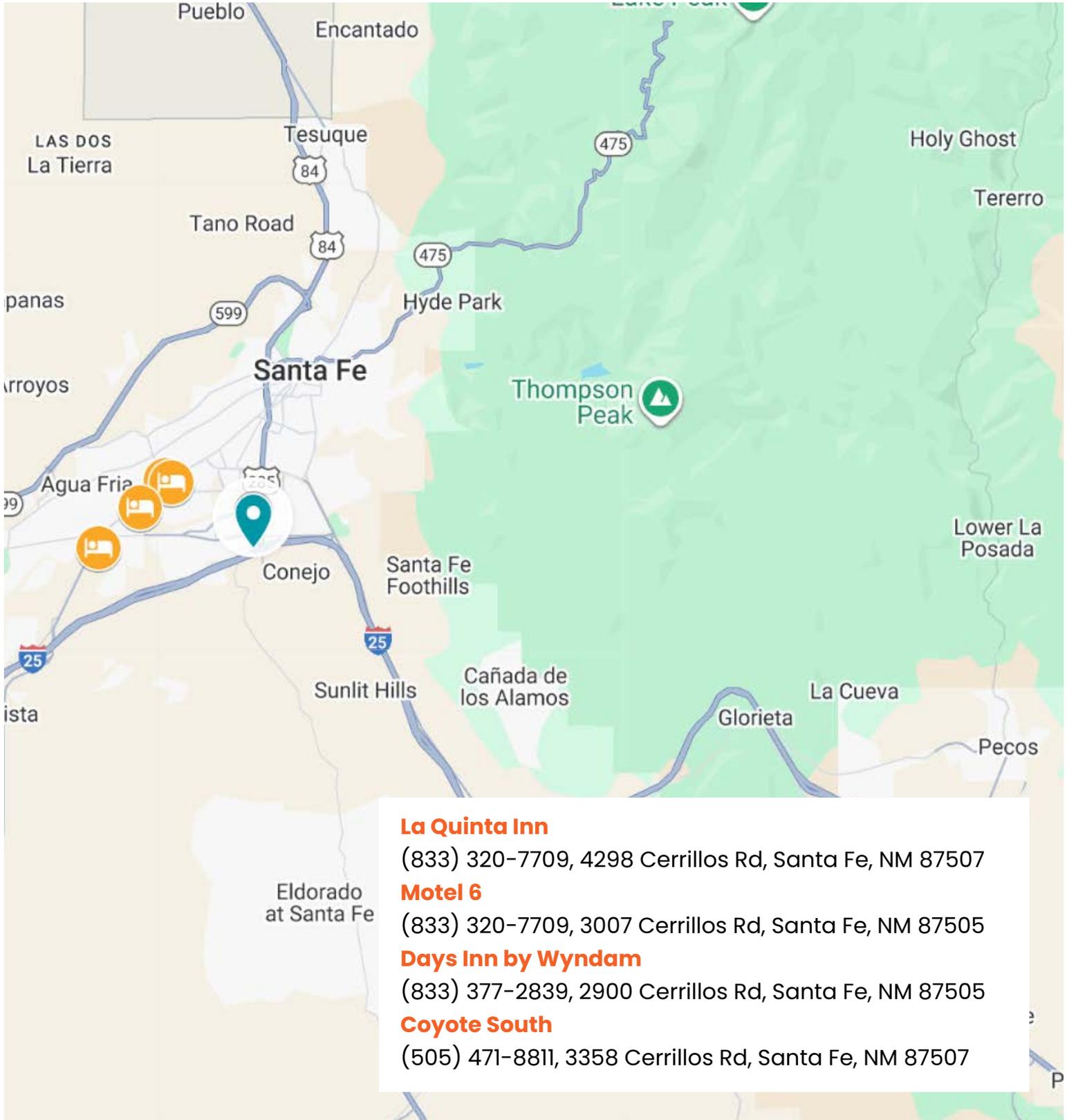


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Places to Stay



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Scheduling Your Surgery

Scheduling Your Procedure

Your doctor will provide you with the date and arrival time of your surgery. The doctor's office provides surgery center staff with your surgical case information. Please make sure that your doctor has your current contact information in case the surgery center needs to contact you before surgery.



Pre-Operative Assessment

HEA Surgery Center uses SIS Charts to access forms you will need to complete before surgery. This allows the Surgery Center to obtain your medical and surgical history so anesthesia can be administered safely. SIS Charts will send you a link to complete the forms at your convenience. You **MUST** complete these forms prior to surgery to avoid delay or rescheduling. A preoperative call nurse will call you the day before surgery to review the forms with you. If you experience issues, contact the nurse at 505-474-9880.

Items needed for your assessment include:

- Complete list of medications you are currently taking- Please include dose and frequency
- Complete list of all surgeries that required anesthesia (in the past 6 months)
- Power of attorney or Advanced Directives if applicable. If you do not have an advanced directive more information will be provided to you by our nursing staff.



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Financial Matters



Charges & Payments

Surgery Center of Santa Fe fees are separate from your surgeon's professional and anesthesia fees.

If a specimen is taken, you will receive a separate laboratory/pathology bill.

Surgery Center of Santa Fe accepts most major commercial insurance (HMO/PPO), Medicare, and Texas Medicaid.

The Surgery Center will bill your insurance company, and any balance due is the patient's responsibility.

Medicaid patients must have valid Medicaid identification at the time of surgery.

Payment Information

- Patients with insurance must pay co-payments, co-insurance, or deductibles before the day of surgery.
- Uninsured/cash-pay patients must pay in full on or before the day of surgery.
- Accepted payment forms: Visa, Mastercard, Discover, AMEX, Care Credit, personal check, or cash.
- The billing office will contact you beforehand with an estimated amount due.

For questions about Surgery Center fees or insurance: (505) 474-9880 Click for anesthesia bill inquiries



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Preparing for Surgery

When to Notify Your Doctor

Contact your doctor's office immediately if:

- You or a household member experience illness (cough, fever, cold, etc.).
- You suspect you are pregnant.

Food and Drink Guidelines

Food and drink before anesthesia can cause choking, vomiting, or aspiration and pose safety risks. Follow these rules or your case may be delayed or canceled. Contact your doctor's office if you have questions.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT. OF ANESTHESIA

Adult Surgical Patients:

- **Take morning medications with a sip of water**
- **No food or drink 8 hours before your surgery**
- **You may have sips of water or clear juice up to 2 hours before your ARRIVAL TIME**
- **You may NOT have solid food, milk, orange juice, candy, gum, or any form of tobacco**

Diabetics:

- **Please follow the medication guidelines provided by your Dr.'s office and linked below:**

[Diabetics Surgery Guidelines](#)



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Day of Surgery

Checklist

- Follow food and drink requirements.
- An adult (18+) driver must bring you home and remain within one mile or on-site.
- Brush teeth and shower (no lotion or perfume).
- No contact lenses.
- Leave valuables at home.
- Wear loose, comfortable clothing (button tops preferred, no dresses).
- Bring medication list, insurance card, photo ID, and payment method.
- Bring Medical Power of Attorney/Guardianship papers if applicable.

Arrival

Arrival time is given by your doctor's office.

If delayed, call (505) 474-9880. **Arrival time \neq surgery time – plan up to four hours from check-in to discharge.**

Process Overview

- **Registration:** Check in, complete paperwork, and pay any balance.
- **Pre-Op:** Nurse prepares you; anesthesiologist evaluates and administers medication.
- **Surgery:** Surgeon performs the operation with the surgical team.
- **Recovery:** Nurse monitors you until discharge. Discharge instructions provided verbally and on paper. A nurse will call the following day to check on your recovery.

Post-Surgery

If you received anesthesia, you must:

- Leave with a responsible adult.
- Not drive for 24 hours.
- Have an adult present for 24 hours post-surgery.



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