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Dear Patient:

We know you are anxious about your upcoming cataract surgery so we want to make the process as simple and easy for you as possible. One area of concern that we hear about from many of our patients is the high cost of the eye drops needed before and after your surgery. Eye drops are not different than other medicines that have risen in cost astronomically over the past few years.

In order to allow you to save as much as possible on the cost of your eye medications, we will be writing your prescriptions so that you can fill them with the least expensive of the choices that we prescribe.

Eye drops in the period before and after your surgery are very important in preventing infection, inflammation and retinal swelling. It is important that you take the eye drops that we have prescribed. However, since there are a variety of choices available, we cannot possibly know what drops everyone's individual plan may cover. We have written the prescription so that in each category you may pick the drop that is most cost effective given your individual insurance coverage while still providing the important therapeutic benefit that we feel you need.

Antibiotic:

You may choose Zymar or Vigamox. These are best for preventing post surgery infections. Other choices may be less effective and therefore we do not recommend them. **Use:** One drop three times per day beginning the day before surgery and continue for 10 days after surgery.

Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory (NSAID):

You may choose Acuvail, Acular LS, Xibrom or Nevanac. Some generic NSAIDs have been associated with problems and therefore we prefer you spend the extra on the brand name medication for your eye. **Use:** One drop three times per day beginning the day before surgery and continue for 1 month after surgery.

Steroid:

We recommend either Pred Forte or Omnipred. However the generic version of the steroid drops know as Prednisolone Acetate 1% is acceptable also. **Use:** One drop three times per day for one full month beginning the day of surgery.

We know eye drops are costly but please put the cost in perspective. You only have two eyes and we and you want what is the very best for them. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask our surgery coordinators or your doctor.

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