



What to Expect During your Surgical Experience

Your surgery will be performed at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. It will be an outpatient surgery which means that you will arrive the morning of surgery and leave that same day. It is important that you follow all the instructions given to you by the hospital and our office prior to surgery. The most important is to have **nothing to eat or drink after midnight the night before surgery**. If you take medications, you may take them with **sips of water** the morning of surgery. Generally, Dr. Comaratta would prefer you discontinue any blood thinner medication a few days prior to the surgery. If your physician feels this would be unsafe please contact the office to discuss. You will be able to restart you blood thinner medication the day after surgery.

Dr. Comaratta performs the vast majority of his surgery under local anesthesia with light sedation. It is very safe and tolerated well by patients. You will be given light sedation that will temporarily render you unconscious. At that time Dr. Comaratta will inject medication around your eye so that you will not feel or see any of the surgery. You will awake in a state of light sedation. You will hear Dr. Comaratta's voice but not have any pain or anxiety.

Surgery can last 30 minutes to 2 hours depending upon the nature of your condition. After the procedure you will be taken back to the same day surgery area. You may be asked to position yourself either facedown or on one side or another. This all depends upon your condition. This positioning will last until your visit with Dr. Comaratta the next day. You are allowed to get up to eat and got to the bathroom. Be reassured that no sudden movement is going to jeopardize your eye. The directions for positioning are important to maintain 55 minutes out of 60. There are no eye drops or other medications to take after surgery. It is rare for a patient to require pain medication. We suggest Tylenol or ibuprofen if you have discomfort. If this does not relieve the pain, we encourage to call the office for further instructions.

Dr. Comaratta will see you the next day and remove the bandages to examine you. He may want you to continue with certain head positioning for several days to a week after the surgery. This will be determined by the nature of your condition. You will be given eye drops to take and may need a prescription filled. We will do this electronically from the office so you may pick it up on your way home.