

## **CATARACTS QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR**

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with cataracts, here are some questions you should ask your ophthalmologist at the initial eye examination:

- What type of cataract do I have?
- What are my treatment options?
- Which types of replacement lenses are best for me and why?
- Is there any additional expense associated with any of these options?
- What do I need to think about between now and treatment?
- Will I need to stop any of my medications before surgery?
- Have I ever taken any medications that could complicate surgery, such as Flomax<sup>®</sup>, Rapaflo<sup>®</sup> or other alpha-blockers?
- How will my symptoms change?
- How should I care for my eyes?
- Is there anything I should or shouldn't do?
- When will you recommend that I seek treatment? What determines when the time is right?
- Is there any advantage to waiting? What advances are being made?
- Do I have any other eye conditions that could affect my treatment when the time comes?
- How long will it take to recover from surgery? When will I be able to resume normal activities?
- How much time will I need to take off from work?
- Is there anything I need to tell my family or caregiver?