

Key messages: Complicated cataract surgery

Initial consultation



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- Identify patients in whom cataract surgery will be complicated or difficult; this avoids unwelcome surprises in the operating theatre
- Manage patients' expectations. Explain what to expect after surgery (in terms of the visual outcome and the potential need for further treatment) and obtain informed consent

Be prepared



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- Anticipate potential difficulties
- Check that all equipment, instruments and consumables are sterilised and available
- Brief the surgical team thoroughly

After surgery

The success or failure of the operation may depend on good postoperative care.



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- Ensure that inflammation is under control
- Explain to patients how important it is that they take their postoperative medication and come back for follow-up visits