

The Multifocal Intraocular Lens (IOL)

The multifocal IOL is a lens designed to replace a person's natural lens and to provide good distance and reading vision. This is an excellent lens, but you should be aware of the potential issues associated with it.

- 1) Halos around lights:
 - Occur in about 40% of patients
 - Consist of one or more rings around lights
 - Usually only at night but can be present during the day
 - Most people find the halos tolerable, but a small percentage find them very annoying

- 2) Decreased intermediate vision (e.g. computer)
 - Usually can be compensated for by moving screen closer or wearing computer glasses

- 3) Decreased near vision in dim light (e.g. menu in dimly lit restaurant)

Multifocal IOL's usually eliminate the need for glasses entirely but some patients still need glasses for certain tasks.