

BOSTON EYE CARE CONSULTANTS

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Eye Physicians and Surgeons

Consent for the use of dilating eye drops

- Dilating eye drops are used to enlarge the pupils, allowing our physicians to examine the inside of your eye. For many types of eye examinations, this is usually a requirement.
- Dilating eye drops will usually cause blurred vision. The length of the time that your vision will be blurred, and the degree to which your eyesight is impaired as a result, varies from person to person. It is not possible for your ophthalmologist to predict how much or how long your vision will be affected.
- Driving, even in low-light conditions, may be difficult or impossible after an examination with dilating drops, and, if possible, you should not drive yourself afterwards. Instead, we strongly suggest you make alternative arrangements for transportation after your examination. If you do choose to drive yourself, you acknowledge that you understand the risks and accept full responsibility for any injuries to yourself and others. Also, we strongly suggest you use sunglasses to reduce you increased sensitivity to light while driving.
- Adverse reaction, such as acute angle-closure glaucoma, may be triggered from the use of dilating drops. This is extremely rare and treatable with immediate medical attention.
- I understand that these eye drops are necessary to diagnose my condition. I further understand and acknowledge that I have been warned of the potential risks that dilating eye drops may have on my ability to drive and will take appropriate steps to reduce this risk by not driving immediately after my eyes have been dilated; or by wearing sunglasses while driving.

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I _____ (Print Patient Name) hereby authorize the doctor and/or his ophthalmic assistants or nurse to administer dilating eye drops during the course of my treatment.

Patients (or patient's authorized representative):

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Signature: _____

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Date: _____