

Fact sheet

Central Adelaide Ophthalmology Service

Clinical Information Sheet

Clinical Condition	CATARACT
Eligibility	Vision worse than 6/12 in better eye: semi-urgent (cat 2) Vision worse than 6/9 and a professional driver: semi-urgent (cat 2) Only functional eye: Urgent (cat 1) With risk of falls: semi-urgent (cat 2) Vision better than 6/12 in the better eye: non-urgent (Cat 3)
Priority and how to access services	Please provide information on the visual acuity, impact on function (especially need to drive) and independence
Differential Diagnoses	Corneal dystrophy Dry age-related macular degeneration Old retinal vein occlusion Optic neuropathy
Information required with referral	Optometrist/Ophthalmologist report including VA, refraction and impact of symptoms. Level of visual impairment (recreational, educational, occupational, driving)
Investigations required with referral	As above
Pre-Referral management strategies (information required with referral)	Rule out other conditions Ensure the patient has had an updated refraction with their optometrist
Discharge Criteria/information	If there are no other eye conditions, the patient would normally be discharged from the outpatient service after 2 post-operative visits.
Fact sheets	http://www.ranzco.edu/images/NEW_SITE/Eye_Health_Information/opa_ranzco_cataract.pdf

For more information

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