

Prescriptions for PRK Medications

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Patient name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Date of Rx: _____

Rx 1:

gatifloxacin 0.5% ophthalmic: 1 drop in the surgical eye(s) 4x/day for a week, then stop.

Dispense 1 bottle, 2 refills

Rx 2:

prednisolone 1% acetate: 1 drop in the surgical eye(s) 4x/day for a week, then stop.

Dispense 1 bottle, 2 refills

Rx 3:

Xanax 0.25mg tablets: one to two tablets by mouth two hours before PRK

Dispense two (2) tablets, no refills

Prescriber signature: _____

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Instructions for PRK Medications

It's important that you use your medications as instructed. They help prevent infection and help you to heal. If you have any questions about how to use them, please call our office at 860-373-4148.

This is the usual course of drops. If Dr. Cranmer gave you different instructions, follow those.

Two hours before surgery	<u>Xanax</u> 0.25mg tablets (for anxiety): one tablet by mouth. You may take the second tablet if you still feel nervous after an hour.
Starting when you get home after surgery	<u>Gatifloxacin</u> (antibiotic): 1 drop in the surgical eye(s) 4x/day <u>Prednisolone</u> (anti-inflammatory): 1 drop in the surgical eye(s) 4x/day
1 week after surgery	<u>Gatifloxacin</u> : stop <u>Prednisolone</u> : 1 drop in the surgical eye(s) 2x/day <u>Artificial tears</u> (lubrication): 1 drop in the surgical eye(s) 4x/day
30 days after surgery	<u>Prednisolone</u> : stop <u>Artificial tears</u> : use as needed for dryness or irritation

Your vision in the first weeks after surgery may be variable and you may have some irritation or scratchiness. This is normal. These symptoms should get gradually better. If you have worsening vision or increasing discomfort in the days to weeks after surgery, please call Dr. Cranmer at 860-373-4148. If your vision worsens suddenly, please call immediately.

If you are allergic to these medications, or ones that sound similar to them, do not take them. Please call our office.