

# 1 Cataract post-operative service

- 1.1 This service provides for the assessment and management of *patients* who have undergone cataract surgery in their second eye eye
- 1.2 Patients without complications post-surgery will be instructed to visit the referring optometrist after 4 weeks for the final post-op examination and GOS refraction.
- 1.3 Cataract post-op assessment should include:
- slit lamp examination of the anterior eye
  - discussion of the patient's satisfaction with the outcome of surgery
  - record of vision and determination of prescription required for any residual refractive error
- 1.4 If the patient is happy, the eye is white and the vision is good the *ophthalmic practitioner* will:
- complete the report form and send copies to the treatment centre and GP
  - discharge the patient and advise on the interval before next routine GOS Sight Test
- 1.5 If there are any signs of post operative complications the *ophthalmic practitioner* will refer back to the treatment centre with the appropriate urgency.

Signs of post operative complications that would warrant referral back to the treatment centre include;

Symptomss of pain, discomfort of sudden drop in vision  
Wound red or unusual in anyway  
Posterior synechiae  
Anterior chamber activity of >2 cells per 2mm field  
Any vitreous activity  
Corrected acuity/PH< 6/12 unexpectedly  
Cystoid Macular Oedema – confirmed or suspected

# Post Operative Cataract Pathway for Second Eyes

