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AFTER-EFFECTS OF DROPS

You have been given drops, which have an effect on the size of your pupil. Depending upon the type of drop you received you may also not be able to focus your eyes to read up close for some time. Also these drops, because of your enlarged pupils, may make you more sensitive to light.

These are all normal reactions to these drops. The time needed for these effects to wear off is dependent upon several conditions. Fair skinned and people with light colored eyes are more affected by these drops and the consequences last longer than those with dark complexions.

The enlarged pupils are usually present for approximately six hours but, in susceptible individuals, may last longer than 24 hours. If no reduction in the pupil is noted by 48 hours, a call to our office is recommended. The doctor may wish to see you, but usually, nothing is wrong.

The same is true with inability to focus, but that ability will usually return before the pupil size is normal.

In any case, if any of the following occur:

1. Unusually severe pain or redness of the eyes
2. Suddenly increasing blurry vision
3. Colored haloes around lights
4. Severe headaches
5. Severe body (like stomach) aches

notify our office IMMEDIATELY.