
Ophthalmology

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Dear Patient,

Thank you for choosing **Weill Cornell Eye Associates**. We look forward to participating in your care. Our physicians and staff are committed to excellence in the provision of the complete range of eye care services, from basic eye examinations to the most complex ocular surgeries. This letter provides information regarding our professional staff and services in order to ensure the highest level of care and satisfaction.

Ophthalmology is one of the most rapidly advancing specialties in medicine. This is due to the use of highly sophisticated technology, such as lasers and imaging devices, for greatly improved diagnosis and treatment. As a result, an ophthalmology visit of today bears little resemblance to an eye exam done even a few years ago.

If this is your first appointment, after check-in you will be escorted into the examination area by an ophthalmic technician who will review your essential health information, the reason for your visit, and begin your electronic medical record. For many patients, several diagnostic measurements will also be needed at this time, such as visual acuity, glaucoma test, etc. Most patients, including children, will need their pupils dilated, which requires a 30 minute period after eye drops are administered. We will do our utmost to proceed as rapidly as possible, but ask that you allow *approximately two hours for this initial evaluation*. Subsequent visits are substantially shorter for most patients, but vary according to the individual needs.

Weill Cornell Medical College is among the top-ranked clinical and medical research centers in the country. At Weill Cornell Eye Associates, we are committed to the education of our future physicians (who are accepted for training after an extremely competitive application process) as well as the performance of research that will result in new and improved treatments. Your appointment may include interactions with residents or fellows who learn by assisting the faculty physician and remain under immediate supervision at all times.

We also participate in a large number of clinical research trials for many eye conditions, and you may be asked if you are interested in enrolling in such a trial. Participation in a clinical trial is always completely voluntary and optional, and Weill Cornell Medical College adheres to the highest standards in research involving human participants. If you are unsure whether there is an ongoing trial concerning your condition, please feel free to ask your physician.

In order to accommodate all patients, we kindly ask that you arrive on-time for your appointment, and patients who are significantly late will be asked to reschedule. If you have questions about any of the information above, please do not hesitate to ask a staff member.

Thank you again for allowing us to participate in your care, and we will do everything possible to preserve or restore the gift of sight for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald J. D'Amico', with a stylized, cursive script.

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