

Guideline for Hospital Admission

Ministry of Public Health - Lebanon

Cataract indications for admission

Indications for cataract surgery are as follows:

- Visual function that no longer meets the patient's needs and which cataract surgery would likely provide reasonably improved vision.
- Clinically significant anisometropia in the presence of cataract
- Lens opacity that interferes with optimal diagnosis or management of posterior segment conditions
- Inflammation due to lens (phacolysis, phacoanaphylaxis)
- Angle closure due to lens (phacomorphic or phacotopic)

Contraindications for cataract surgery are as follows:

- Surgery unlikely to improve patient's condition
- Eyeglasses or other aids provide vision which is adequate enough to meet patient's needs.
- Co-existing medical conditions do not allow for patient to be safely operated on
- Post-operative care is unlikely to be adequate

References:

Cataract in the adult eye, Preferred Practice Pattern. 2006. American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Checklist:

	Present	Absent
Sub-optimal visual function and likely to benefit from cataract surgery		
Clinically significant anisometropia in the presence of cataract		
Lens opacity		
Inflammation due to lens (phacolysis, phacoanaphylaxis)		
Angle closure due to lens (phacomorphic or phacotopic)		
