Corneal Transplant
Care After Surgery

Read the instructions outlined below. Refer to this sheet in the next few weeks. These discharge instructions provide you with general information on caring for yourself after you leave the hospital. Your caregiver may also give you specific instructions. While your treatment has been planned according to the most current medical practices available, unavoidable complications occasionally occur. If you have any problems or questions after discharge, call your caregiver.

HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- If medicine (*antibiotics*) or eye drops were prescribed, take as directed and for as long as directed.
- **Keep appointments as directed.** Appointments help your caregiver watch for tissue rejection. If the cornea shows signs of rejection, this can often be treated with anti-inflammatory drops.
- Only take over-the-counter or prescription medicines for pain, discomfort, or fever as directed by your caregiver.

SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF:

- There is redness, swelling, or increasing discharge from the eye.
- There is increased pain in the eye.
- An unexplained oral temperature above 102° F (38.9° C) develops.
- There are marked changes in the vision of the affected eye.
- There is a change in vision such as light flashes, light or dark spots (*floaters*), lines or holes or clouding of your vision.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:

- You get a rash.
- You have difficulty breathing
- You develop any reaction or side effects to medicines given.

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