

Dr. Ken Lin's Glaucoma Procedures

Glaucoma procedures	Short term success	Long term success	Surgical risks	Estimated Recovery	Laser?	Implant?	When to tell if the procedure worked?
Laser peripheral iridotomy (LPI)	●●●	●●●	Minimal	Few hours	✓		Within a week
Argon iridoplasty	●●●	●●●	Minimal	Few hours	✓		Within a week
Selective laser trabeculoplasty (SLT)	●●	●	Minimal	Few hours	✓		4-6 weeks
Cataract surgery	●●●	●●●	●●	< 2 weeks		✓	< 3 weeks
Trabectome	●●●	●●	●●	1-2 weeks			4 weeks
iStent	●	●	●	1-2 weeks		✓	< 3 weeks
Canaloplasty	●●	●●	●●	1-2 weeks			< 2 weeks
XEN gel implant	●●●●	●●●	●●●	1-3 months		✓	< 1 week
Trabeculectomy	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	1-3 months			< 1 week
Glaucoma drainage device (Ahmed)	●●●●	●●●	●●●	1-2 months		✓	< 1 week
Glaucoma drainage device (Baerveldt)	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	1-2 months		✓	5-7 weeks
(CPC): Diode laser cyclophotocoagulation	●●●	●●●	●	< 2 weeks	✓		3-4 weeks

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