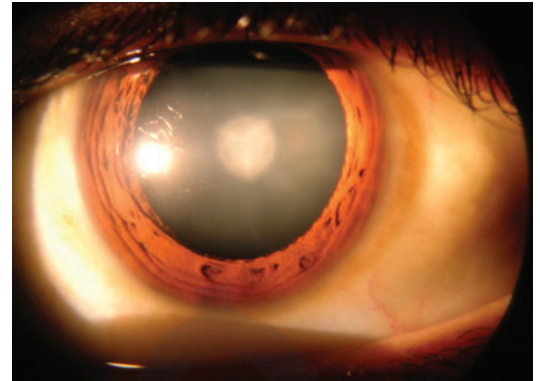


# CATARACTS PATHOCHART

## PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

Cataracts are a change in the opacity of the lens of the eye, increasing in cloudiness. Cataracts are typically a normal aging process, but can occur due to genetics, radiation or trauma. Treatment includes surgical intervention to remove the cloudy portion of the lens and to insert a prosthetic lens to allow for vision improvement.



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## ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

- Decreased vision reported
- Cloudiness of lens on assessment

## DIAGNOSTICS

- Visual acuity testing
- Ophthalmic examination

## NURSING PRIORITIES

- Reduce risk of falls (due to decreased vision)
- Improve functional ability

## THERAPEUTIC MANAGEMENT

- Surgical intervention

## MEDICATION THERAPY

- Eye drops before and after surgery