



NORTH IDAHO
CATARACT
AND LASER CENTER



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EYE INSTITUTE

PATIENT'S RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

This notice is effective January 1, 2026.

North Idaho Eye Institute, Inc., North Idaho Cataract and Laser Center, Inc., and Coeur d'Alene Optical, Inc., henceforth referred to as North Idaho Eye Institute recognizes the need to ensure that every patient is informed of his or her rights as a patient of our practice along with the associated responsibilities of each patient of our practice.

To that end, North Idaho Eye Institute is informing you of your rights and responsibilities when seeking care from our providers at any of our locations. Our patients may exercise these rights without regard to race, sex, culture, economic, educational or religious backgrounds, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or their source of payment for their care.

Patient Rights

As a patient, you are entitled to:

- Receive considerate and respectful medical care, being assured of personal privacy and confidentiality.
- Be free of all forms of abuse, neglect, or harassment.
- Receive care provided by staff following current standards of practice for patient environmental safety, infection control, and security.
- Receive education and information regarding your medical care and conditions that best fits your personal learning needs at your request.
- Expect privacy of health information: all disclosures and records to be treated confidentially, and, except when required by law, be given the opportunity to approve or refuse their release.
- Be provided, to the degree known, complete information concerning your diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment, alternative treatments and appropriate preventative measures, risks and benefits of treatment, and your prognosis, in appropriate understandable language.
- Be given the opportunity to have all your questions answered promptly to your satisfaction in appropriate understandable language. If you are in need of an interpreter, this service will be provided to you at no cost to you or your insurance.
- Be informed as to:
 - These patient rights
 - Expected conduct and responsibilities
 - Services available in the organization
 - Provisions for after-hours and emergency care
 - Fees for services and payment policies
 - The credentials of your healthcare providers upon request
 - Any facility advance directives
 - To voice grievances regarding treatment and to have all grievances reported immediately to the Practice Administrator relating, but not limited to, mistreatment, neglect, or verbal, mental, sexual, or physical abuse.
 - Know by name the physician responsible for your care.
 - Change your healthcare provider if you choose and if other qualified providers are available.
 - Receive from your physician the full information necessary to give informed consent prior to the start of any operative or invasive procedure.
 - All North Idaho Eye services are made available to all patients regardless of any disabilities.
 - Patients are able to decline any treatment after being informed of the possible consequences of such a decision. Your decision will be respected to the extent permissible by law.
 - Receive an explanation of your doctor and facility bills.
 - Notification of physician's financial interest/ownership. North Idaho Cataract and Laser is owned by Dr. Tad Buckland, Dr. Alison Granier, Dr. David Dance, Dr. Sara Duke, Dr. Whitney Smith Myers, Dr. Drew Thomas.
 - To express suggestions, complaints, exercise rights, and/or grievances without being subjected to discrimination or reprisal.



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Patient Responsibilities

As a patient, your responsibility is to:

- Inform North Idaho Eye Institute of your need for interpretation services prior to your appointment.
- Arrive as scheduled for appointments and notify North Idaho Eye Institute. A fee may be charged to all patients who do not call to cancel their scheduled appointment.
- Provide accurate and complete information, to the best of your ability, about your medical history, medications (including over the counter products and dietary supplements), any allergies or sensitivities to medications and other items, current health concerns, and current eye concerns.
- Ask sufficient questions to ensure understanding of your illness or problem, as well as your provider's recommendations for continuing care.
- Follow the agreed-upon treatment plans prescribed by your doctors and other health professionals working under your doctor's direction and participate in your care.
- Either carry out treatment and educational recommendations or accept responsibility for the outcome.
- Question any and all instructions you do not understand.
- Communicate with your health care provider if your condition does not follow the expected outcome.
- Provide a responsible adult to remain in the surgery center during surgery, to transport you home from the facility, and remain with you for 24 hours, if required by your provider or indicated on discharge instructions.
- Inform the facility of any medical power of attorney, living will, or other directive that could affect your care.
- Become informed of service costs and the requirements of your medical/vision insurance coverage such as: required referrals, co-payments, deductibles, and your out-of-pocket responsibilities.
- Make payment or arrange for payment of services accepting personal financial responsibility for any charges not covered by your insurance.
- Behave respectfully toward all the health care professionals and staff, as well as other patients and visitors.

If you have concerns or a grievance you may contact:

- North Idaho Eye Institute Compliance Officer -
Alysse Craner at 208-770-3814 or acraner@northidahoeeye.com
- Medical Director / Director of Quality Assurance –
Dr. Sara Duke, M.D., 208-667-2531
- Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) –
1-847-853-6060
- Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Bureau of Facility Standards –
(208) 334-6626 or fsb@dhw.idaho.gov
- Office for the Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman- (1-800-633-4227) or online: <https://www.medicare.gov/basics/your-medicare-rights/get-help-with-your-rights-protections>