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8) CATARACTS

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IF WE LIVE LONG ENOUGH, CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT SOONER OR LATER WE WILL DEVELOP CATARACTS - THE CLOUDING OF VISION THAT COMES WITH AGE. DR. TYREE CARR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EXPLAINS:

10.15 Cataracts occur universally with age. So we're speaking of the older population, in particular, population over 50 years of age.

THE TREATMENT FOR CATARACTS IS SURGERY - ONE OF THE THREE MOST OFTEN PERFORMED OPERATIONS IN AMERICA TODAY. SUCH SURGERY IS VERY SUCCESSFUL IN RESTORING VISION.

12.3 The surgical procedure itself is not detailed, or lengthy, it's often done on an outpatient basis now, lasting anywhere from 20 to 45 minutes, from start to finish.

SPACEAGE TECHNOLOGY MAKES THIS OPERATION POSSIBLE. FIRST, SURGEONS REMOVE THE CATARACT. THEN, USING A MICROSCOPE AND A COMPUTER, THEY CAN IMPLANT A SPECIAL PLASTIC LENS WHICH CORRECTS VISION. THIS IS HEALTHLINE, FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.