

GENERAL INFORMATION

CAMBERWELL CLINIC

SPECIALIST EYE CARE FOR PATIENTS

At Vision Eye Institute Camberwell, we offer a comprehensive range of ophthalmic services. Not only do we treat patients with general eye conditions, we specialise in the diagnosis and treatment of cataracts, glaucoma, retinal and corneal conditions, reconstructive surgery and diabetic eye disease. We also perform vision correction procedures, including refractive lens exchange.

Our clinic is co-located with Vision Day Surgery Camberwell, meaning that surgical procedures can be performed on-site for patient convenience and continuity of care. We also accept Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and WorkCover patients.

Fully accredited

Vision Eye Institute is committed to continuously monitoring and improving customer service. Our day surgery has developed a quality management system to meet the requirements of the International Organisation Standards ISO 9001:2015 and National Safety and Quality in Health Services Standards (NSQHS), and achieve certification.

These standards focus on the effectiveness of a practice's quality management system in meeting the needs of its customer. Please let our reception staff know if you wish to provide us with feedback on our service – we welcome and appreciate your input.



FULL-SERVICE CLINIC AND DAY SURGERY

Our clinic and day surgery are specifically equipped for ophthalmic consultations, diagnostic testing, procedures and surgeries. This means that patients benefit from highly experienced ophthalmologists as well as state-of-the-art technology and equipment. Not only does this facilitate continuity of care, it also ensures that you have access to a wide range of eye services.

CATARACT & LENS SURGERY



Cataract treatment involves keyhole surgery to remove the cloudy lens, which is replaced with an artificial intraocular lens. Cataract surgery is one of the most common procedures performed in the world. Our surgeons offer both traditional (manual) and laser cataract surgery and, in some cases, can help patients get rid of their reading glasses by using the latest lens options.

GLAUCOMA



While glaucoma cannot be cured, treatments can generally control or slow disease progression. These treatments involve lowering pressure inside the eye by improving fluid drainage. It is this elevated pressure that causes damage to the optic nerve and the subsequent vision loss.

Most patients can manage their glaucoma with medicated eye drops, but some people may require another treatment. Your doctor may recommend surgery to improve fluid removal from the eye – options include selective laser trabeculoplasty, laser peripheral iridotomy, filtration surgery (trabeculectomy) and minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (e.g. iStent).

RETINAL CONDITIONS



We treat all conditions that affect the retina (the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye) and macula (the part of the retina responsible for central vision). These include age-related macular degeneration, epiretinal membrane, macular hole, floaters, retinal detachment and diabetic retinopathy. Many of these conditions can be sight-threatening and may require urgent treatment.

Your retinal specialist may recommend eye (intravitreal) injections, retinal laser treatment or sutureless retinal surgery, depending on your condition.

DIABETIC EYE DISEASE



Patients with type 1 diabetes and nearly two-thirds of people with type 2 diabetes will usually develop eye complications within 20 years, such as cataracts, glaucoma or diabetic retinopathy. Our doctors have expertise in diagnosing and treating eye conditions in patients with diabetes.

CORNEAL CONDITIONS



Conditions that affect the cornea (the clear 'windscreen' of the eye) can cause visual impairment or discomfort, and include dry eye disease, Fuchs' Dystrophy, keratoconus and Surfer's Eye (pterygium). Examples of procedures that our corneal specialists perform include corneal ring implants, collagen cross-linking, corneal transplantation, and surgery to correct Surfer's Eye.

GENERAL EYE HEALTH



Patients, including children, can also have a comprehensive eye check at our clinic, and treatment for more general eye conditions. We accept all emergency cases.

RECONSTRUCTIVE EYE SURGERY



Some patients require surgical treatment of the eyelids, tear (lacrimal) ducts and/or the eye socket (e.g. for eyelid tumours, eyelids that do not align properly, drooping eyelids and blocked tear ducts). This type of reconstructive surgery is also referred to as oculoplastics and is performed in our day surgery.

LASER EYE SURGERY



Laser eye surgery involves using a cool-temperature laser to reshape the cornea and correct vision. Our team of refractive surgeons perform LASIK and ASLA/PRK (including transepithelial PRK) and will advise which option is best suited to your situation. This will depend on whether you have short-sightedness, long-sightedness or astigmatism, and the thickness and health of your cornea.

Laser eye surgery is performed in the laser suite at Vision Eye Institute Melbourne on St Kilda Road. However, we offer pre- and post-operative consultations with our laser eye surgeons, or with Clinical Optometrist, Michelle Shih. We also offer free, no-obligation assessments to check whether you are eligible for laser eye surgery, with Michelle Shih. Consultations with Michelle are available in English or Mandarin.

CHILDREN'S EYE HEALTH



During a comprehensive eye examination, we may perform tests to measure your child's visual acuity (how well they can see) and their eye muscle health. We will also check for misalignment of the eyes and whether your child needs glasses.

Conditions treated include lazy eye (amblyopia), crossed eyes (strabismus), droopy eyelid (ptosis) and congenital cataracts and glaucoma.

[All medical and surgical procedures have potential complications. Check with your ophthalmologist before proceeding.](#)

HIGHLY EXPERIENCED SPECIALISTS

Doctor partners



Dr Joseph Reich

Cataract Surgery, Refractive Surgery

Dr Joseph Reich is highly experienced in cataract surgery, laser eye surgery and other vision correction procedures.



Dr Lewis Levitz

Cataract Surgery, Oculoplastics,
General Ophthalmology

Dr Lewis Levitz specialises in reconstructive eye surgery and also treats cataracts and more general eye conditions.



Dr Alex Ioannidis

Cataract and Anterior Segment Surgery

Dr Alex Ioannidis is an experienced cataract and anterior segment surgeon. He treats complex cataract cases such as those seen in patients with coexisting eye diseases, including glaucoma and macular degeneration.



Dr Uday Bhatt

Cataract Surgery, Refractive Surgery,
Cornea, General Ophthalmology

Dr Uday Bhatt is a cataract and corneal surgeon with expertise in laser cataract surgery, laser eye surgery, refractive lens exchange and lens implants. He specialises in the treatment of corneal disorders and corneal cross-linking.



Dr Christolyn Raj

Medical Retina, Cataract Surgery,
Children's Eye Health, General Ophthalmology

Dr Christolyn Raj has significant expertise in cataract surgery and the treatment of medical retinal conditions. She also assesses and manages children's eye conditions, and treats more general eye conditions in all ages.



Dr Mei Tan

Vitreoretinal Surgery, Medical Retina, Cataract Surgery

In addition to providing medical management for all retinal and macular conditions, Dr Mei Tan also specialises in vitreoretinal and cataract surgery.



Prof Rasik Vajpayee

Cornea, Cataract Surgery, Pterygium,
Refractive Surgery, Keratoconus

Prof Rasik Vajpayee specialises in corneal conditions, including keratoconus, pterygium and corneal transplantations. He is also a cataract and refractive (vision correction) surgeon.



Dr Jack Kane

Cataract Surgery, Pterygium, General Ophthalmology

Dr Jack Kane is an internationally recognised cataract surgery expert and a comprehensive general ophthalmologist. He created an algorithm for selection of the lens power in cataract surgery that is the international gold standard.

Associate doctors

Dr Philip Hoffman

Cataract Surgery, General
Ophthalmology

Dr Ian Hurley

Glaucoma, Cataract Surgery

Practice Manager

Georgia Macpherson

Director of Nursing

Charlotte Gellie

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED

Our clinic is located in the main shopping district in Camberwell. We are easy to reach by car and there is off-street parking available. Alternatively, there are multiple public transport options – the tram stops for routes 70, 72 and 75 are a 3-minute walk away, and Camberwell train station is a 10-minute walk.



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