



## SURGICAL CARE

We're dedicated to providing you with the best surgical care available, close to home. From complex and minor surgeries, to follow-up and rehabilitation, our surgical care team works closely with your doctor both before and after your procedure to ensure an integrated and comprehensive approach and exceptional supportive care—so you can get back to being as well as possible, as soon as possible.

Our Pre-Admissions Testing (PAT) staff ensure you receive thorough pre-surgical screening and that you are informed about what to expect. The caring staff in our Ambulatory Care Unit (ACU) facilitate a wide variety of surgical procedures comfortably and efficiently, and also offer comfortable waiting facilities for your family and friends. Surgeries are performed in our Brousseau Surgical Suite, which includes four operating rooms equipped with the latest technologies. And the experienced staff in our Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) monitor you closely during recovery.

And, we're recognized by The Joint Commission for excellence in knee and hip replacement surgery.

**Day Kimball Healthcare offers integrated, comprehensive care close to home. To learn more about all of our surgical care services visit [daykimball.org/surgery](http://daykimball.org/surgery).**



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### **Surgical Care** *Ophthalmology*

**To find a Day Kimball Hospital associated ophthalmologist, visit [daykimball.org](http://daykimball.org) and click on Find a Doctor.**

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## Eye Surgery

Eye surgery, clinically known as ophthalmology, is the branch of medicine that deals with the anatomy, physiology and diseases of the eye. Our associated Ophthalmologist is highly skilled at both medical and surgical eye care and works closely with the rest of our surgical team to provide you with exceptional care before, during and after your surgery.

### **The Most Advanced Cataract Surgery Available**

**Day Kimball Hospital was the first in New England to offer the VERION Image Guided System together with LenSx Laser, the most advanced technology available for cataract surgery.** Now DKH offers patients the greatest chance of achieving their desired visual outcome after cataract surgery, through our acquisition of the latest clinically proven technology to enhance cataract surgery outcomes – the **ORA Verifeye PLUS**. These three combined advanced technologies gives our patients the best chance to eliminate wearing glasses.

A cataract occurs when the clear lens of the eye, and therefore one's vision, becomes clouded. This most often happens as the result of the normal aging process, but may also be present at birth or be brought on by certain other health conditions or injury. Cataract surgery replaces the clouded natural lens with an artificial intraocular lens (IOL).

Cataract surgery is an outpatient procedure performed through the Ambulatory Care Unit.

### **Glaucoma Surgery**

Glaucoma is a condition where there is too much pressure in the eyes due to inadequate flow of fluid in the front of the eye. Too much pressure can damage the optic nerve, causing impaired vision or blindness. Often, medications can help to relieve the pressure. But when they cannot, surgery is necessary.

Glaucoma surgery involves using a surgical tool or a laser to increase drainage of fluid from the eye, prevent closure of the drainage angle, and / or decrease the amount of fluid produced in the eye. We also offer a new technology for treating glaucoma, the iStent. iStent is a drain placed in the eye that improves the natural fluid outflow to safely lower eye pressure.

Your doctor will decide which of these procedures makes sense for you based on your particular condition.

### **Lacrimal Duct Probe**

The "lacrimal duct" is a tear duct. When this becomes clogged, a lacrimal duct probe may be done to open the duct and allow fluid to circulate normally. This is most often done on newborn babies whose blockage was congenital; the procedure doesn't work as well for adults.

### **Billing and Payment Information**

Billing for surgical procedures will be submitted to your insurance carrier by more than one party; the physician's practice for surgical services, Day Kimball Hospital for facility services and Sheridan Health Corporation for anesthesiology services. Please check with your insurance carrier for details about your specific coverage, copays, deductibles and any prior authorization requirements.

If you have questions about your Day Kimball Hospital bill or need help paying for care, please contact our team of financial counselors at (860) 963-6337 (at the prompt, enter option 2). For more information visit [daykimball.org/billing](http://daykimball.org/billing).