



INFORMATION SHEET

We are delighted that you have chosen the Berner Augenklinik am Lindenhofspital. This brochure briefly introduces our clinic and provides some information about your treatment and care.

The Bern Eye Clinic at the Lindenhof Hospital uses the latest international standards in eye care and provides services in almost all areas of ophthalmology.

All our doctors possess a broad clinical experience to provide the best possible treatments to our patients while ensuring the possible continuity in medical care.

With the exception of emergencies, consultations or operations require a lead time of at least 2-4 weeks. Please schedule an appointment at least 2 weeks prior to your arrival by e-mailing us at info@augenlinik-bern.ch.

To ensure the best possible care and make your visit as efficient as possible, we will ask you to complete a short questionnaire and provide all medical reports (either in English or German) from your current ophthalmologist(s). As we also operate an emergency clinic for patients requiring urgent/immediate treatment, we can only give you an approximate time for your consultation, and there may be some delays and waiting times. We therefore ask patients to allow about 2.5 hours for the initial examination. We will carry out various preliminary tests such as measuring your visual performance with and without glasses or determining your eye pressure.

As part of these tests, we will apply some eye drops to dilute your pupil which will affect your vision for several hours. This means that you should plan to be picked up as you will not be able to drive after the examination. Often, we will photograph the inside of the eye to document our findings. While this may cause you some discomfort, we can assure you that these procedures are completely safe and painless. This initial examination is typically followed by a more thorough examination by your assigned doctor.

If necessary, Prof Garweg or Dr Anastasi will be consulted to determine the best treatment option for you. Depending on the diagnosis, further examinations may be necessary. Please plan your visit to allow



enough time for us to inform you of our findings and offer adequate treatment.

If we recommend surgery, we always aim to schedule the procedure as soon as possible and in accordance with medical necessity and your time availability. Depending on the type of operation and anaesthesia, the procedure can either be carried out on an outpatient basis with entry/exit on the same day, or with you as an inpatient where you may need to spend at least one night in the hospital.

Follow-up care will consist of one examination on the day immediately after your operation and a second consultation about one week after the operation. A third follow-up examination is recommended about one month after the operation, although this third exam may be carried out by your local ophthalmologist depending on the findings. For inpatient treatments, the general rules and conditions of the Lindenhof Hospital apply which we are happy to explain to you upon request.

The services offered by the Bern Eye Clinic at the Lindenhof Hospital are limited to medical services and we do not offer any additional services such as care by a private nurse, treatment of relatives, or transport. However, catering facilities are at your disposal in the restaurant of the Lindenhof Hospital.

You will receive the results of the examinations and a summary report of our treatments within 10 days of having completed your treatment at our clinic.



How to get to the Lindenhof Hospital:

By public transport:

- after arriving by train at Bern central station, either take bus no. 20 (leaves from *Bahnhofplatz* or *Schanzenpost* station) in direction *Länggasse* and get off at the final stop from where you simply follow the signposted footpath to the hospital (5 - 10 minutes), or
- take Postbus nos. 102, 103, 104, 105, or 106 from outside the central station (*Postauto-Station*), from *Obergericht*, or from the *Neufeld park & ride* to the Lindenhofspital stop.

By car:

Coming from Zurich/Basel:

- Exit the motorway at *Neufeld* (take the right lane to the roundabout, do not take *Bern-Zentrum*); at the roundabout follow the blue sign for *Bern* up to the second traffic light from where *Lindenhofspital* is signposted.

Coming from Geneva/Valais:

- Exit the motorway at *Forsthaus* and take the left lane to the traffic lights. There, turn left and follow the signs to *Lindenhofspital*.

Please note that there is only limited parking at the hospital and we therefore recommend to use the *Neufeld park & ride* (from where there are several direct bus connections).

The clinic is located on the 11th floor of the high-rise building at the Lindenhofspital, Bremgartenstrasse 119, 3012 Bern.



Bills can be paid either directly in cash or by bank transfer. If you have health insurance, please send us your proof of insurance before the consultation.

Prices Eye Clinic (outpatient treatment):

- Clinical examination: in between CHF 500.00 and 750.00
- Clinical examination incl. injection: CHF 2'000.00
- Cataract surgery (standard lens) incl. preliminary examination: CHF 6'000.00
- Cataract surgery (special lens) incl. preliminary examination: individual calculation depending on the lens
- Retinal surgery incl. preliminary examination: CHF 9'000.00

Prices Lindenhofspital (inpatient treatment):

The Lindenhofspital will only charge hospital fees on request, at self-service rates. A detailed cost estimate can be provided to you upon request.

Your contact person:

Mrs. Flavia Kempf is at your disposal for all organisational questions concerning the treatment, preferably via e-mail at flavia.kempf@augenlinik-bern.ch.

We look forward to your stay at the Berner Augenklinik am Lindenhofspital where we will strive to make your stay as pleasant as possible while providing you with the best possible care.

Flavia Kempf
Coordinator International Patients

On behalf of the entire team of the Berner Augenklinik am Lindenhofspital