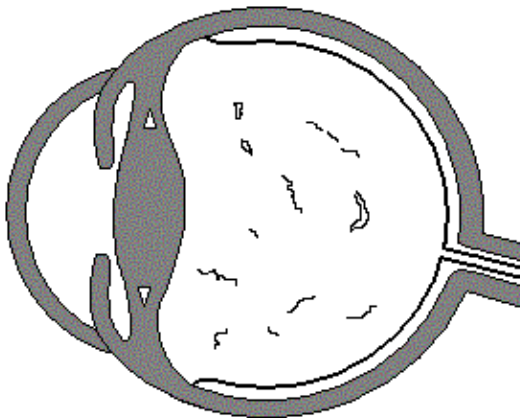


Laser Floater Removal ("LFR" or Vitreolysis)

Using a powerful laser to perform "vitreolysis", or laser floater removal (**LFR**), is a non-invasive, pain free, procedure that can eliminate the visual disturbance caused by certain floaters. The goal of LFR is to achieve a "functional improvement." That is, to allow you to return to "normal" day-to-day activities without hindrance of floaters.

Patients that will likely **benefit** from LFR are those with 1-2 *large floaters*, and not multiple "clouds" or "cobwebs". To insure safety, these floaters need to be situated well away from the retina.



LFR is performed as an outpatient procedure in our office.

You do not have to be admitted or stay overnight in a hospital. Immediately prior to treatment, your ophthalmologist will administer eye drops to provide mild anesthesia. A focusing lens will then be used to deliver laser energy through a specially designed microscope.

During treatment, you will likely observe small, dark specks/shadows – signaling that floaters are being evaporated into small gas bubbles. These gas bubbles quickly dissolve and reabsorb into the vitreous. Each treatment session typically takes 30-40 minutes to perform and some patients will need to undergo 2-3 treatment sessions in order to achieve a satisfactory result.

Ask us for more information on this revolutionary option!

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