Cataracts are a condition in which the eye’s lens becomes cloudy, and if not treated, can lead to blindness.¹ Cataracts are a leading cause of visual impairment among aging Americans and a key quality of life issue.² Cataract surgery, the only known treatment, involves removal of the clouded lens and replacement with an intraocular lens (IOL), an artificial lens that requires no care and becomes a permanent part of the eye.³

**PREVALENCE ON THE RISE**
The cataract caseload is expected to rise 55% by 2020 and 104% by 2050, to 38 million and 50 million people respectively.⁴

**QUALITY OF LIFE**
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**REDUCED MORTALITY**
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Cataract surgery is cost-effective and provides great value to patients and the health care system. In 2012, cataract surgery was 34.4% less expensive than in 2000 and 85% less expensive than in 1985.¹/²/³/⁴

**Cataract Surgery & Advanced Lens Technology: Improving Lives, Saving Costs**

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Estimated costs to the U.S. economy due to major vision problems.⁵

Estimated 13-year savings for cataract surgeries performed over one year.⁶

Estimated savings for each cataract surgery on a single eye, which costs an average of $2,653.¹³

Estimated 13-year savings for cataract surgeries performed over one year.¹¹

Estimated financial return on investment to society.¹²

* Adjusted for medical inflation.

11. Ibid
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