Medical Record Information

Following is a list of medical record information that you might want to obtain and send to Dr. Richardson (highlighted are the most critical elements). This will assist in making the best possible determination of candidacy for canaloplasty **prior to** flying out to see Dr. Richardson.

These are not requirements but they are in your best interest as they could potentially save you an unnecessary trip and expenses if the medical record included information that would make Dr. Richardson conclude that you were not a good candidate for canaloplasty.

MEDICAL RECORD INFORMATION LIST

GENERAL MEDICAL HISTORY

- List of systemic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, etc.
- List of current prescription medications (of particular importance is whether or not blood thinners are taken)

HISTORY OF EYE CONDITION

- Date of initial diagnosis of glaucoma
- List of medical glaucoma treatments tried in the past including any problems encountered (side effects, allergies, etc.)
- Prior eye surgeries performed (including laser surgeries)

EXAM PERFORMED BY OPHTHALMOLOGIST

- Vision at time of diagnosis and at most recent exam
- Range of intraocular pressures (IOP)
 - maximum documented IOP as well as best treated IOP
- Conjunctival appearance (presence of scarring or other abnormality)
- Corneal appearance (presence of scarring, opacification, or other abnormality)



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- Anterior chamber appearance (open, narrow, or closed)
- Gonioscopic evaluation (angle anatomy [degree of "openness", presence of scarring or other abnormality])
- Iris appearance (regular or irregular with or without scarring or other abnormality)
- Lens (clear natural [phakic] lens, cataract, IOL, aphakic, etc.)
- Optic nerve appearance (extent of cupping as well as other abnormalities if present)
- Macular/Retinal appearance

TESTING

- Visual field printouts at time of initial diagnosis and most recent test report
- Optic nerve scans at time of initial diagnosis and most recent test report

DISCLAIMER: Final determination of candidacy for canaloplasty surgery cannot be made until Dr. Richardson has personally evaluated you under the examining microscope (slit lamp) in his office. Dr. Richardson's review of other doctors' medical records assists in his determination but does not, in any way, guarantee that the individual will be a candidate for canaloplasty.

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