

THE RULE OF 9

Sulcus IOL Power Adjustment

<9 D

No adjustment needed

0.0 D

9–17 D

Reduce by 0.5 D

–0.5 D

18–26 D

Reduce by 1.0 D

–1.0 D

≥27 D

Reduce by 1.5 D

–1.5 D

Every 9 D step = additional –0.5 D reduction

WHY?

Moving an IOL from the bag to the sulcus increases its effective power because the lens sits closer to the cornea. Higher-power IOLs are more affected by this shift, requiring larger reductions.

The Rule of 9 provides a simple, stepwise guide to adjust IOL power for accurate sulcus placement.



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