

Table 1. Baseline characteristics by person

		Cataract Surgery		Nuclear		Cortical		PSC	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total		4425	100.0	4018	100.10	3934	100.0	4210	100.0
Age group	<65	970	21.9	935	23.3	926	23.5	943	22.4
	65-<70	1499	33.9	1393	34.7	1346	34.2	1429	33.9
	70+	1956	44.2	1690	42.1	1662	42.2	1838	43.7
Sex	Female	2483	56.1	2229	55.5	2186	55.6	2367	56.2
	Male	1942	43.9	1789	44.5	1748	44.4	1843	43.8
Race	Non-White	196	4.4	169	4.2	145	3.7	177	4.2
	White	4229	95.6	3849	95.8	3789	96.3	4033	95.8
Smoke	Never	1983	44.8	1810	45.0	1764	44.8	1895	45.0
	Former	2112	47.7	1922	47.8	1881	47.8	2008	47.7
	Current	330	7.5	286	7.1	289	7.3	307	7.3
Education	High school or Less	1554	35.1	1374	34.2	1327	33.7	1450	34.4
	Some College	1336	30.2	1224	30.5	1211	30.8	1286	30.5
	College Graduate	1535	34.7	1420	35.3	1396	35.5	1474	35.0
Weight change	Lowest quintile ^a	828	18.7	749	18.6	750	19.1	796	18.9
	Middle quintiles	2710	61.2	2450	61.0	2414	61.4	2566	61.0
	Top quintile ^b	887	20.0	819	20.4	770	19.6	848	20.1
Sunlight exposure	Lowest quintile	876	19.8	790	19.7	761	19.3	828	19.7
	Middle quintiles	2664	60.2	2417	60.2	2377	60.4	2541	60.4
	Top quintile	885	20.0	811	20.2	796	20.2	841	20.0
Diabetes	No	4069	92.0	3693	91.9	3628	92.2	3871	91.9
	Yes	356	8.0	325	8.1	306	7.8	339	8.1
Anti-inflammatory drug use	No	3909	88.3	3547	88.3	3475	88.3	3720	88.4
	Yes	516	11.7	471	11.7	459	11.7	490	11.6
Thyroid hormone drug use	No	4108	92.8	3723	92.7	3645	92.7	3904	92.7
	Yes	317	7.2	295	7.3	289	7.3	306	7.3
Centrum use	No	1494	33.8	1351	33.6	1313	33.4	1417	33.7
	Yes	2931	66.2	2667	66.4	2621	66.6	2793	66.3
Estrogen use (women only)	total	2465	100.0	2213	100.0	2171	100.0	2350	100.0
Estrogen use – Current^c	No	1877	76.1	1673	75.6	1631	75.1	1781	75.8
	Yes	588	23.9	540	24.4	540	24.9	569	24.2
Estrogen use – Ever^d	No	1656	67.2	1467	66.3	1430	65.9	1567	66.7
	Yes	809	32.8	746	33.7	741	34.1	783	33.3
AMD category^e	1	1082	24.5	1008	25.1	963	24.5	1027	24.4
	2	1007	22.8	920	22.9	913	23.2	966	22.9
	3	1489	33.6	1347	33.5	1329	33.8	1421	33.8
	4	847	19.1	743	18.5	729	18.5	796	18.9

^aweight change ≤ 4.5 kg since age 20

^bweight change ≥ 24 kg since age 20

^cwomen who were current users of estrogen replacement therapy at baseline and who had more than 5 lifetime years of regular use

^dwomen who have ever used estrogen replacement therapy, regardless of duration (“Ever”)

^eAMD Category: **1**: few if any drusen; **2**: extensive small drusen, pigment abnormalities, or at least 1 intermediate size druse; **3**: at least one large druse and/or extensive intermediate drusen, or geographic atrophy (GA) not involving the center of the macula; **4**: GA involving center of macula or neovascular maculopathy in one eye or visual acuity <20/32 due to AMD in one eye.

PSC = posterior subcapsular; AMD = Age-related macular degeneration; GA = geographic atrophy.