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are pre-positioned in said anterior chamber prior to said surgical removal step and said optic section is inserted into said frame section following said surgical removal step.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said lens assembly comprises a frame section, an optic section and a hinge integrally connecting said frame section and said optic section, the entire intraocular lens assembly is inserted into the anterior chamber of the eye prior to said surgical removal step and said optic section is first moved about said hinge, subsequent to said pre-positioning step, to a location where it does not interfere with said surgical removal step and finally moved about said

hinge to a position where it can function as a replacement for the surgically removed natural lens.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein all of the haptics associated with said lens assembly are pre-positioned at substantially said final position in said anterior chamber prior to said surgical removal step.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein said hinge has elastic memory and said first movement of said optic section about said hinge is in response to a force applied to said optic section and said final movement is in response to said elastic memory of said hinge.

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