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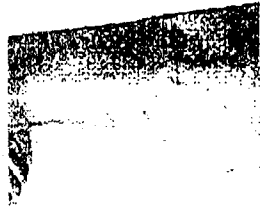


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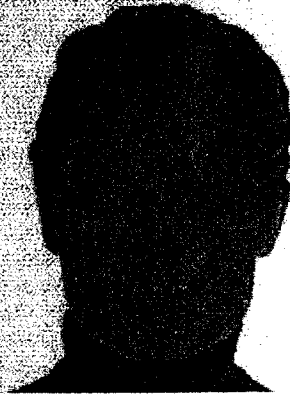
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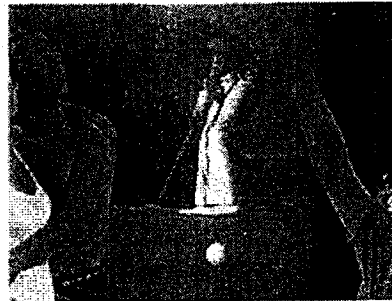
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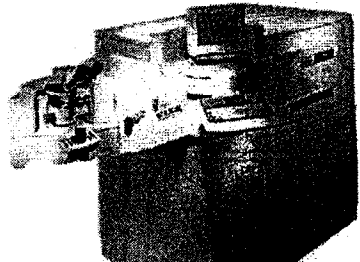
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When light enters the eye it is bent, or refracted, by a clear, strong tissue at the front of the eye called the cornea. The cornea, in effect, acts like a lens to focus incoming light onto the retina at the back of the eye. Refractive errors such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness) and astigmatism generally result from an abnormally or irregularly shaped eye.

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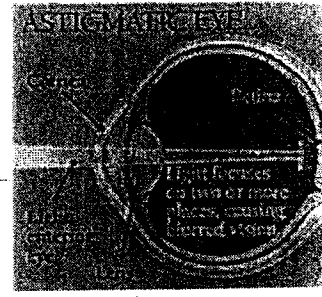
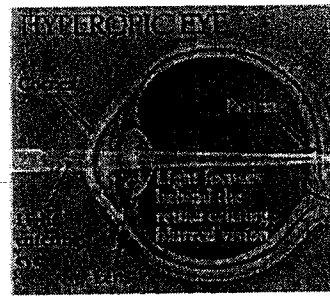
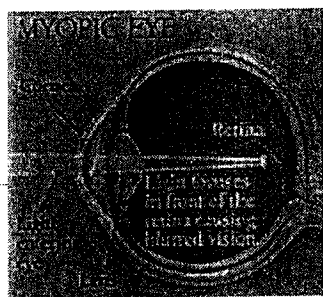
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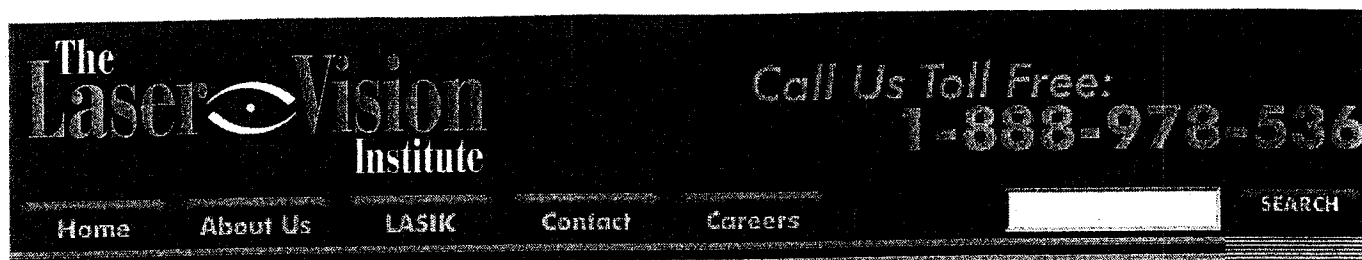


Myopia, or nearsightedness, is caused by either an eye shape that is abnormally long or by an excessively steep curvature of the cornea. In nearsightedness, light entering the eye does not focus on the retina as it should, but instead focuses on images at a point in front of the retina. The result of nearsightedness is that distant objects appear

shaped more like a football. The result of astigmatism is that objects are not focused into a single image and vision is distorted or blurry. Both nearsighted and farsighted patients often also suffer from astigmatism.

Presbyopia, or the inability to see close-up objects, occurs normally with age and usually becomes apparent to people in their early forties. Presbyopia results from a change within the eye in which the internal lens loses its ability to focus on close-up objects. LASIK can correct your distance vision, but you may still need glasses for close-up activities.

Vision problems resulting from refractive error (nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism) are routinely corrected either with eyeglasses or contact lenses. The excimer laser can reshape the outer surface of the eye (the cornea) to treat the refractive error and allow the eye to focus properly, thereby reducing or eliminating the need for glasses or contact lenses.



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Vision problems resulting from refractive error (nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism) have long been corrected with eyeglasses or contact lenses. While these methods can produce clear vision, eyeglasses and contact lenses are often considered a hassle.

There are two exciting ways in which the excimer laser can surgically correct vision, utilizing the same principles that allow eyeglasses and contact lenses to produce clear vision: PRK, or Photorefractive Keratotomy, and LASIK, or Laser Assisted In-Situ Keratomileusis.

Before PRK or LASIK, patients receive powerful numbing drops so that they do not feel any pain during the procedure. In PRK, the excimer laser allows the surgeon to reshape the surface of the cornea using pulses of light emitted from the laser.

During LASIK, the surgeon uses a highly sophisticated computer-assisted instrument called a microkeratome to gently create a super-thin flap across the surface of the eye. The powerful numbing drops administered prior to the procedure ensure that patients do not feel any pain during the procedure. The hinged flap is folded back, and the excimer laser is used to reshape the underlying tissue. Following laser treatment, the flap is laid back in place.

Both PRK and LASIK are effective procedures for correcting refractive errors. Although some surgeons

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Post-Op Visits (1st Year)	8-10	5
Functional Visual Recovery	3-5 days	12-24 hours
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While LASIK does not deter the natural aging process of the eye (which causes presbyopia), a procedure called monovision can be performed. Monovision is a method of distance vision correction to account for presbyopia. In monovision, the distance vision of the dominant eye is corrected as normal, while the distance vision of the non-dominant eye is slightly under-corrected in order to assist near vision for tasks such as reading. For those requiring the best distance and/or unaided night vision possible, monovision is less desirable. As a guideline, patients from their late 30's to 50 years old should strongly consider slight monovision, while patients over 50 years old should strongly consider full monovision.

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Will my insurance cover LASIK?

In most instances, insurance companies consider LASIK "elective" and do not cover the procedure. You should check with your benefits provider to see if they cover LASIK or allow LASIK to be paid for with pre-tax income under a flexible benefits plan. For your convenience, The Laser Vision Institute offers a simple payment plan and accepts all major credit cards.

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Can I have both eyes treated on the same day?

Most patients do elect to have both eyes treated on the same day. The advantages include convenience, less total time away from work and balance in vision. Consult with your physician before you decide. [More on Procedure >](#)

Does the procedure hurt?

Laser vision correction procedures are usually painless. The use of topical anesthesia eye drops numbs the eye. Occasionally, some patients experience slight discomfort a few hours after the procedure. Post-operative discomfort may include slight stinging, excessive tearing and a foreign body sensation. Typically, over-the-counter pain relievers ease this discomfort. A post-operative nap is also recommended to ease discomfort.

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For a few weeks, until the eye completely heals, most patients may experience increased glare and halos around bright lights. Patients may also experience some blurriness within the first days after the procedure. Since laser vision correction was first performed in the late eighties, there have been no proven long-term negative effects on the eye's strength.

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How long does the whole LASIK procedure take?

The laser operates, on average, less than a minute per eye. Time in the laser room is less than 15 minutes and total time in a Laser Vision Institute facility is generally between two and four hours.

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How long will it take for me to achieve stable vision?

Each patient's healing response is different. While most patients will achieve stable vision overnight, others may take a few days or in rare cases, a few weeks. However, most patients report that they return to their normal activity schedule within a day or two.

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How soon can I resume normal activities?

Most patients are able to drive and resume normal activities the next day. Patients should not wear eye makeup, swim, get water in their eyes, or expose themselves to dusty or dirty environments for at least three days after surgery. In addition, patients should not rub their eyes for at least ten days after surgery.

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Read what our patients have to say about their results from their LASIK procedure:

"I have not been able to see clearly since age 6, I am now 41 and before the procedure I couldn't read the "E" on the eye chart. I am still waking up every morning thinking I went to sleep with my contacts in!"

Tami Maurer

"The LASIK procedure was great and the results incredible. Everyone was very professional and friendly. I highly recommend the procedure and The Laser Vision Institute."

Dr. Jay Elbrecht



"To anyone who is considering LASIK ... Go for it! It's so simple and the results are amazing! It's so worth it. I'd do it again in a heartbeat. I'm so glad I did it!"

Holly Wight

"I have been wearing glasses or contacts for 19 years. When a few friends of mine had LASIK done and had great results, I decided to have it done also. The results were instantaneous; I was able to see when I got off the chair in the



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Lisa Tally

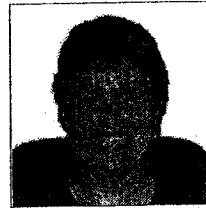


"Best thing I ever did!"

Cindy B. Larsen

"I cannot say enough about my laser eye surgery. It is so wonderful to be able to go in a store and be able to read labels and price tags. Read the newspaper without glasses. Everything is so clear and beautiful. I recommend this procedure to everyone that has to wear glasses, get rid of those things!"

Linda Brooks

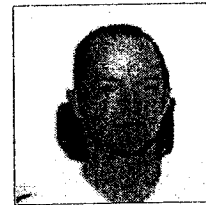


"LASIK has allowed me to revisit my youthful years when I could see without glasses, contacts. On a windy day I feel free to walk in the wind clearly."

Thomas Waller

"As a police officer, this procedure has given me more confidence and opportunity than before. It is great to see 20/20, 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Daniel Floyd



"The LASIK surgery has enhanced my life so very much. The revitalized gift of vision is beyond an expression of words. The entire staff was accommodating, professional, and sincere."

Tami Gir

"Laser vision correction has given me a new

