

How to Apply for Corneal Refractive Surgery at the Warfighter Eye Center at Joint Base Andrews

1. We want you to be well informed about refractive surgery prior to undergoing an evaluation. An informational briefing is held the 1st Friday of each month at 1300 (except for down days) at the Warfighter Eye Center (3rd floor of Malcolm Grow Medical Clinic). The briefing goes over information we feel is important for you to have prior to making an informed decision about proceeding with surgery. If you are unable to attend one of our briefings, you may view the briefing slides on our website. After going through this material, please fill out the “Warfighter Refractive Surgery Informational Briefing” form to include with your application that verifies you have either attended the briefing or reviewed the slides on the website. If you plan to attend the briefing in person, please bring this form with you to the briefing. Please be aware of the following highlighted items from the briefing:
 - a. You must be at least 21 yrs of age on active duty status to be eligible
 - b. You must have at least 6 months remaining on (active duty) from **day of surgery**, not from the time of applying for surgery. We recommend you allow a couple of months additional of (AD status) for processing your CRS packet and to be booked for your pre op. Required time for other branches-(12 months Navy/ 18 months Army)
 - c. **Aviators from other services are NOT eligible for treatment here.** This is available at Walter Reed Medical Center.
2. You will need to turn in all of the following forms to our center. Forms may be found on our website, by clicking on “How to Apply”
Website Link- <http://www.79mdw.af.mil/units/779thmedicalgroup/index.asp>

Please ensure all forms are legible.

Click on AF Refractive Surgery Forms

Print:

- [AASD Application](#)
- [Commander’s Authorization](#)
- [Managed Care Agreement](#)- if you will obtain post surgical care at a location other than Joint Base Andrews, contact your local optometrist to complete the bottom portion of this form.
- [Warfighter Refractive Surgery Informational Briefing Form](#)
- A copy of an eye glass prescription or exam that is a year or older (Please include this with all the forms above)

Please scan and email all forms to:

779mdg/wfec/andrewsAFB@afncr.af.mil

Once the above forms have been received, you will be scheduled for a pre – operative evaluation at the Warfighter Eye Center at Malcolm Medical Clinic.

- ❖ You must be out of your contact lenses for at least 30 days (for soft lenses) and 90 days (for hard lenses).
3. Plan to arrange for a driver the day of surgery, post op day 1 and post op day 5 visits.
 - ❖ AF Aviators and Special Duty career fields must obtain additional approval from the Aero Medical Consult Services prior to proceeding with surgery. This will be accomplished through the Warfighter Eye Center after your pre op exam.