

Advanced Laser Vision Correction

Commonly Asked Questions

Q. What is Advanced Laser Vision Correction?

A. Advanced Laser Vision Correction is a procedure that improves vision by changing the shape of the cornea with a laser and is a very effective treatment for a wide range of vision problems. Advanced Laser Vision Correction continues to grow in popularity and is the number one elective surgery in the country.

Q. Why do people have Advanced Laser Vision Correction surgery?

A. Research has shown that there are four main reasons that people choose to have Advanced Laser Vision Correction. They are:

- Life simplification: No longer having to deal with glasses or contacts
- Independence: Freedom from dependence on glasses and/or contacts
- Performance: Ability to perform better in sports-related activities
- Ability to see 24/7 when it counts: Better vision for all occasions (e.g., at a play, evening out, playing golf)

Q. What results can a person hope to achieve?

A. Advanced Laser Vision Correction has proven overwhelmingly successful in reducing dependence on glasses and contact lenses. Clinical studies show that most Advanced Laser Vision Correction patients (with mild to moderate prescriptions) have the potential to achieve 20/20 vision or near 20/20 vision. Generally, this means they no longer need or have reduced their dependence on glasses or contacts to drive, play sports, watch movies and TV, or participate in careers requiring excellent vision.

Q. Who is a good candidate for Advanced Laser Vision Correction?

A. Advanced Laser Vision Correction can treat a very broad range of nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism. The best way to determine who is a good candidate is with a thorough eye exam. Candidates must be 21 years of age or older, in good general health, and have good eye health with no diseases such as cataracts or glaucoma.

Q. How long will the Advanced Laser Vision Correction procedure take?

A. The Advanced Laser Vision Correction laser vision correction procedure usually takes less than 15 minutes in the operating room. The actual laser time is approximately 1 minute.

Q. Are there any risks associated with Advanced Laser Vision Correction?

A. Some potential complications include conditions such as dryness, night glare, under or over-correction, and loss of best-corrected vision. The risks of surgery should be discussed fully with the doctor prior to the procedure. Additionally, proper post-operative care helps to identify and address any potential healing complications.

Q. Does the Advanced Laser Vision Correction procedure hurt?

A. There is almost no pain involved with Advanced Laser Vision Correction, but many patients find the procedure to be slightly uncomfortable. Anesthetic drops are used to numb the eye just before surgery begins and patients may be given a mild sedative to relax. After the procedure, the eye may feel a foreign body sensation or slight irritation for a few hours, like a grain of sand in your eye, but most patients are very comfortable shortly thereafter.

Q. What is the recovery process like?

A. Most Advanced Laser Vision Correction patients usually see quite well the day following their procedure and may be able to resume most of their normal daily activities. Although the speed of visual recovery depends on personal healing patterns, most patients notice dramatic visual results within the first few days following their procedure.

Q. What does Advanced Laser Vision Correction cost?

A. When you compare against the cost of purchasing multiple pairs of glasses or contact lenses, Advanced Laser Vision Correction is cost effective. In fact, over a 20 year period, the average patient would spend between \$12,000 to \$16,000 on contacts and \$6,000 on glasses. The average cost of an Advanced Laser Vision Correction procedure is \$1,800 per eye.

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