

What is Lasik?

Laser Assisted Stromal In situ Keratomileusis [LASIK] is a method of reshaping the cornea to correct low, moderate and high degrees of near-sightedness, astigmatism and far-sightedness. It is a completely painless procedure. During the treatment, first a corneal flap is created using an instrument called the micro keratometry. The computerized Excimer laser then uses a cool beam of light to gently reshape the cornea so as to alter its curvature to the desired extent. The flap is then replaced on the new corneal curvature. The changed curvature allows images to be sharply focused on the retina giving clear vision.

Who is a Candidate?

The treatment is for patients who have a refractive error and meet certain visual and medical criteria. In addition the best candidates tend to be those who are dissatisfied with their contact lenses or glasses and are motivated to make a change, whether it is due to occupational or lifestyle reasons. However, only a thorough examination by our LASIK team can evaluate whether or not you are medically suited for LASIK.

I am 16 Yrs. Old. Can I have LASIK done?

No. LASIK should not be done below 18 yrs of age because up to this age growth is continuous and the refractory power may still be changing. Hence, we cannot get a predictable result with LASIK below 18 yrs.

Is LASIK Safe?

Yes. When choosing this method to improve your vision safety should be your first concern. It's ours too. New generation Excimer lasers and advances in technique offer the highest degree of accuracy and utmost safety. Recent studies conducted internationally and by us show it to be a very safe and effective procedure.

Is Lasik Successful?

Yes. LASIK is a permanent treatment. However, patients who are 40 years and above may require reading glasses. Millions of patients worldwide and thousands at our centre have had an Excimer laser refractive procedure done on them successfully. During your consultation we will give you an idea of the procedure and the level of vision you can expect.

Does this procedure hurt?

No. There is no pain during the procedure. There may be mild discomfort for a few hours after the procedure.

How soon can I return to work?

You will notice an improvement in vision within 4-6 hours and a restoration of functional vision by the next morning. However, complete recovery may take up to 48 hours. Some people get back to work the day after treatment. Two or three days are suggested.