

## **LASIK QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR**

The best way to be satisfied with your surgery is to select your eye surgeon carefully, make sure you're a good candidate, and develop informed expectations.

You may want to speak with your doctor about the following questions:

### **Your eligibility:**

- What type of testing will you do to determine if I'm eligible?
- Do I have any conditions that disqualify me at this time:
  - Has my glasses or contact lens prescription changed in the past year?
  - Does my nearsightedness, farsightedness or astigmatism fall outside the accepted levels established for surgery by the FDA?
  - Are my corneas too thin for LASIK?
  - Do I have cataracts, Glaucoma or other corneal diseases?
  - Are my corneas scarred or irregularly shaped?
- Do I have symptoms of dry eye, large pupils or night vision symptoms that could increase my chance of lasting side-effects?
- Do I have any diseases that would affect the outcome of the surgery or my ability to heal properly?
- Am I taking any medications that could complicate surgery, such as immunosuppressants or antidepressants?
- Am I at special risk for complications?



- Are there any other reasons why I may not be a candidate for LASIK surgery?

**Realistic expectations:**

- What are the advantages of Wavefront-guided, Wavefront-optimized or conventional LASIK in my specific case?
- What outcome can I expect from the surgery?
- What can I expect during the procedure?

**Interviewing your prospective provider:**

- How many procedures has the surgeon performed?
- Is the surgeon board certified?
- Does the surgeon track outcomes? If so, how often and is a copy available for me to review?
- Who will perform my pre- and post-operative care? A medical doctor (MD) or an ophthalmologist (MD OR DO) or optometrist (OD)?
- Will my surgeon manage any complications that occur, and if not, where will I be referred if I have complications?

**Does my surgeon live locally and will he or she be readily available if a complication occurs? Is my surgeon's office within driving distance for me?**