

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **Does LASIK hurt?**

No, the procedure does not hurt. The eye is numbed with anesthetic drops, making the procedure painless. An oral sedative is offered before your procedure to help calm and relax you during the few minutes of your laser eye surgery.

### **How long does the LASIK procedure last?**

Your entire procedure lasts 10-20 minutes. Your eyes will be examined within 15 minutes after your procedure and again later the same day or the next morning.

### **What should I expect on the day of my LASIK?**

You should wear comfortable clothes. Remove soft contacts 14 days before final measurements are taken and eye makeup should be discontinued 3-7 days before your procedure. Hard contacts should not be worn within 1 month of your LASIK. On the day of your LASIK surgery, no perfume/cologne should be worn. Hairspray is another "no-no". The "fragrance" from these products as well as from perfumed soaps and scented shampoos and deodorants can interfere with the fluency of the sensitive excimer laser and result in postponement of your LASIK treatment.

### **After I have LASIK, how often do I need to be seen by Dr. Leach?**

Postoperatively, a typical patient is seen by Dr. Leach later in the day of their LASIK procedure or sometime the following morning. The remaining follow-up appointments are scheduled at 1 week, 1 month, 3 months and 6 months. If a patient has special concerns or needs, more frequent visits are gladly provided at no additional cost.

### **When can I return to work and my normal activities?**

Most patients can resume usual activities the day following their procedure. We will ask you to avoid certain activities like swimming, using hot tubs, and the use of eye makeup for 2 weeks following your LASIK.

### **Will I still need my reading glasses after LASIK?**

It is unrealistic to expect that LASIK will free you from ever needing reading glasses. Often we can reduce dependency on reading glasses by undercorrecting one eye. This technique is called monovision, and although quite successful, it has some unique drawbacks. Monovision can be discussed in more detail during your free screening examination.

### **Is LASIK permanent?**

The results of LASIK seem to be stable over time. Most patients do not experience significant changes in their vision once the postoperative results have stabilized, although this does not affect the normal aging changes of the eye known as presbyopia.

### **What's the "ideal" candidate?**

In general, the ideal candidate for LASIK is over 18 years of age and has healthy corneas. Candidates must not have had a significant change in their glasses or contact lens prescription in the last 12 months. People with certain medical conditions (lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, Sjogren's or autoimmune disorders) are excluded. Women who are nursing or pregnant may not be good candidates for LASIK.

### **What's the next step?**

You can visit our office or call with questions to learn more about the most current technology high definition blade-free LASIK with Dr. Leach. Our LASIK word-of-mouth referrals generate most of our LASIK patients. This is a reliable indication of just how satisfied our patients are with their results. We hold free personal screenings at ClearView so you can discover for yourself if laser vision correction is right for you.