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LASIK Surgery: Is LASIK Right For Me?

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LASIK Surgery can be an empowering experience. Have you ever misplaced your eye glasses? Had a contact lens fall out? Been caught without eye solution to pop that contact lens back in? LASIK surgery might help.

Navigating the world doesn't need to feel stressful, and two steps ahead of you doesn't have to resemble fog. You might consider—and perhaps already have considered—LASIK if the above sounds familiar.

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Laser-assisted in situ keratomileusis (LASIK) is a popular eye surgery that can treat nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism.

Deciding LASIK surgery is right

Before you decide to have LASIK surgery, talk to your regular eye doctor about whether or not it is right for you. Laser eye surgery might not be the best option if your eye glasses or contact lens prescription is still changing. People with thin corneas or with certain medical conditions, such as dry eyes, might not be good LASIK candidates either.

But for many people, LASIK surgery can eliminate the hassle of dealing with eye glasses or contact lenses while doing a number of common activities. It is also a popular treatment for people who have trouble wearing contacts because of allergies.

“Not having to worry about losing my glasses or contact lenses falling out will make camping and canoeing less worrisome,” said Angus Chan, who had LASIK in December to treat his astigmatism. “I almost lost them one summer when my canoe tipped over!”

Chan wasn’t initially sure if LASIK was right for him, but he felt encouraged by his eye doctor’s and coworkers’ opinions.

“I have the benefit that many of my work colleagues have gone through the procedure, and they’ve all expressed how simple the process is and that it was painless, which went a long way to easing my fears,” Chan said.



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LASIK surgery in your network

Doctors perform about 700,000 LASIK surgeries a year in the United States, and millions of LASIK procedures have been performed since the eye surgery was approved by the FDA nearly 15 years ago. This means there is a good chance someone you know has improved his or her vision with LASIK. As you consider laser eye surgery, reach out to family, friends and social networks to learn more about other people’s LASIK experiences.

Although serious complications are rare, there are risks to LASIK surgery. That is why it’s so important to weigh the benefits and the risks as you research and talk with friends, family and your primary eye doctor.

Dancer Heather Tollander wore contacts before mysteriously developing an intolerance to them during graduate school. Allergy treatments didn’t fix the eye problem, and eye glasses weren’t a great option because they interfered with

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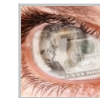
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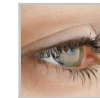
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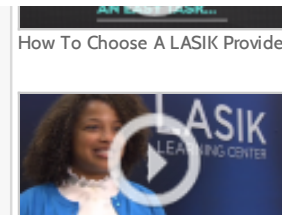
"I can't describe the feeling I had when I woke up and was able to see my alarm clock and read my shampoo bottle in the shower," Tollander said. "I would do it all again!"




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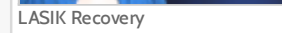
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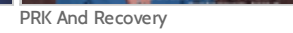
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