

Is laser eye surgery for me ?

ASK YOUR Optometrist

Refractive surgery, currently known as laser eye surgery, includes several surgical procedures designed to correct common eye conditions such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), and astigmatism. These procedures correct refractive errors by changing the focus of the eye.

Refractive surgery offers eyeglass and contact lens wearers new alternatives for improving their vision.

In general, candidates for laser surgery are more than 18 years of age, have not had a significant increase in their prescription in the past 12 months, have a healthy cornea, and have a diagnosed refractive error. People with certain medical conditions such as eye disease or pregnancy may not prove to be good candidates.

It is important to note, however, that despite the successful results in a majority of laser surgery patients, it does not restore "perfect" vision in every case. It can not correct the condition called presbyopia - a part of the eye's normal aging process that requires the use of reading glasses.

Refractive surgery encompasses a variety of technologies and procedures. These surgeries may change the shape of the cornea, implant an artificial lens, or alter the eye in other ways.



To make an informed decision regarding what type of refractive surgery is best for you, contact your eye care professional for a thorough evaluation and details on each option.