

**HOW WILL LASER VISION  
CORRECTION AFFECT MY LIFESTYLE?**



Your Guide to  
**Laser Vision  
Correction**

*The Gift of  
Better Vision*



# A few things to note after your surgery.

As you enjoy your new-and-improved eyesight, you may experience some slight irritation—but the symptoms typically pass within the first few days. Your vision may also seem slightly hazy or blurry, but it typically clears up the next day.

## **A view like no other.**

Picture the unique beauty of a sunset. Or the crisp detail of a leaf. No matter what you see after your procedure, you will recognize the world as it was meant to be seen.

**Freedom from glasses and contacts can be yours. Consult with your surgeon today about Laser Vision Correction.**

## The facts about Laser Vision Correction with WaveLight® technology:

93% of nearsighted patients see 20/20 or better<sup>1</sup>

83% of farsighted patients see 20/25 or better<sup>2</sup>

92% of patients described their vision as “good” or “excellent”<sup>1</sup>

1. Summary of Safety and Effectiveness Data. P020050S004b.  
2. Data on file.



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# Feedback from patients.\*

One of the best ways to learn about the benefits of Laser Vision Correction is from patients. Although individual results may vary, here is what they told us:<sup>1</sup>

- The benefits outweigh the cost
- Life becomes more convenient without the hassle of glasses
- Getting rid of glasses can help you feel better about yourself
- Laser Vision Correction can help you be more active

1. Alcon Refractive Surgery Consumer Research, May 2012.



To hear about her story and many more please go to [yourLASIKsolution.com](http://yourLASIKsolution.com)\*

“Wake up and see your alarm clock!”

“One of the best things I’ve done.”

“I can play ‘all out’ – I don’t have to hold back anymore.”

“Money well spent.”

“I feel more secure when I can see my surroundings.”

\*These are real results from actual patients. Although results are typical, individual results may vary

Talk to your doctor and review the appropriate WaveLight® Excimer Laser Patient Information Booklet for your condition to learn more about the potential risks and benefits for laser refractive surgery.

For Important Safety Information, please refer to the last page.

## Important Safety Information about the WaveLight® Excimer Laser Systems

This information pertains to all WaveLight® Excimer Laser Systems, including the WaveLight® ALLEGRETTO WAVE®, the ALLEGRETTO WAVE® Eye-Q, and the WaveLight® EX500.

**CAUTION:** Federal (U.S.) law restricts the WaveLight® Excimer Laser Systems to sale by or on the order of a physician. Only practitioners who are experienced in the medical management and surgical treatment of the cornea, who have been trained in laser refractive surgery (including laser calibration and operation), should use a WaveLight® Excimer Laser System.

**INDICATIONS:** FDA has approved the WaveLight® Excimer Laser Systems for use in laser-assisted in situ keratomileusis (LASIK) treatments for nearsightedness (myopia), farsightedness (hyperopia), and astigmatism, including mixed astigmatism. Astigmatism occurs if the shape of your eye causes light to bend and distort as it passes through your lens. With astigmatism, objects tend to appear blurry or unfocused. Mixed astigmatism occurs if you have symptoms of nearsightedness and farsightedness at the same time.

The WaveLight® Excimer Laser Systems are approved for the following specific LASIK treatments and ranges:

- Reduction or elimination of nearsightedness of up to - 12.00 diopters of sphere and up to 6.00 diopters of astigmatism at the spectacle plane.
- Reduction or elimination of farsightedness up to + 6.00 diopters of sphere and up to 5.00 diopters of astigmatism at the spectacle plane, with a maximum manifest refraction spherical equivalent of + 6.00 diopters.
- Reduction or elimination of naturally occurring mixed astigmatism of up to 6.00 diopters at the spectacle plane.
- Wavefront-guided reduction or elimination of nearsightedness of up to -7.00 diopters of sphere and up to 3.00 diopters of astigmatism at the spectacle plane. Wavefront-guided LASIK treatment takes into account small, complex imperfections in the shape of your eye that can affect your vision. Wavefront-guided LASIK is more highly customized than traditional LASIK procedures.

The WaveLight® Excimer Laser Systems are only indicated for use in patients who are 18 years of age or older (21 years of age or older for mixed astigmatism), who have documented evidence that their refraction did not change by more than 0.50 diopters during the year before their preoperative examination.

**ALTERNATIVES TO LASIK:** LASIK is just one option for correcting your vision. Alternative options include eyeglasses, contact lenses, photorefractive keratectomy surgery (PRK), and other refractive surgeries. Be sure to talk to your doctor to find out if LASIK is appropriate for your condition.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:** If you have any of the following situations or conditions, you should not have LASIK because the risk is greater than the benefit:

- You are pregnant or nursing. These conditions may cause temporary and unpredictable changes in your cornea and a LASIK treatment would improperly change the shape of your cornea.
- You have a collagen vascular, autoimmune or immunodeficiency disease, such as rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, lupus or AIDS. These conditions affect the body's ability to heal.
- You show signs of keratoconus or any other condition that causes a thinning of your cornea. This condition can lead to serious corneal problems during and after LASIK surgery. It may result in the need for additional surgery and may result in poor vision after LASIK.
- You are taking medications with ocular side effects, such as Isotretinoin (Accutane®) for acne treatment or Amiodarone hydrochloride (Cordarone®) for normalizing heart rhythm, because they may affect the accuracy of the LASIK treatment or the way your cornea heals after LASIK. This may result in poor vision after LASIK.

**WARNINGS:** If you have any of the following conditions, you should have LASIK only if your doctor evaluates the seriousness of your condition and believes the benefit of having LASIK is greater than the risk:

- Systemic diseases likely to affect wound healing. If you have a systemic disease such as a connective tissue disease, severe atopic disease or are immunocompromised, LASIK may be risky for you because it may affect the ability of your eyes to heal.
- Diabetes. If you have diabetes and depend on insulin, LASIK may be risky for you because your diabetes may interfere with the healing of your eyes.
- History of Herpes simplex or Herpes zoster infection that has affected your eyes. If you have had a Herpes simplex or a Herpes zoster infection that affected your eyes, or have an infection now, LASIK is riskier for you.
- Symptoms of significant dry eye. If you have severely dry eyes, LASIK may increase dryness. This may or may not go away. This dryness may delay healing of the flap or interfere with the surface of the eye after surgery.
- Severe allergies. If you have severe allergies and take medicines for them, LASIK is riskier for you.

**PRECAUTIONS:** If any of the following conditions or situations apply to you, you should discuss them with your doctor:

- Your nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism or mixed astigmatism is getting better or worse. If your eyes are unstable, the right amount of treatment cannot be determined. This may result in poor vision after LASIK.
- You have an eye disease. It is unknown whether LASIK is safe and effective under this condition.
- You have had a prior eye injury or eye surgery. If

your eyes are injured or you have had surgery, it is unknown whether LASIK will weaken the cornea too much. This may result in poor vision after LASIK.

- You have a corneal abnormality (e.g., scar, irregular astigmatism, infection, etc.). An abnormal corneal condition may affect the accuracy of the LASIK treatment or the way your cornea heals after LASIK. This may result in poor vision after LASIK.
- Your corneas are too thin. If your corneas are too thin to allow your doctor to cut a proper flap during the LASIK procedure, you can't have LASIK because it is necessary to have a flap.
- You have a history of glaucoma or high eye pressure. It is unknown whether LASIK is safe and effective for you.
- You take medicines that might make it harder for wounds to heal, such as sumatriptan succinate (Imitrex®) for migraine headaches. It is unknown whether LASIK is safe and effective for people who take these medicines.
- You are younger than 18 years of age (21 years for mixed astigmatism). It is unknown whether LASIK is safe and effective for you.
- Your doctor may modify the wavefront-calculated ablation program in order to give you a treatment that does not fully correct distance vision. You should discuss the risks in depth with your doctor for any LASIK corrections that do not fully correct for distance vision, especially if performed only in one eye.
- You have a cataract or other problem with the lens or vitreous of your eye. It is unknown whether LASIK is safe and effective under this condition.
- You have any problems with the iris (colored part) of your eye or have had previous surgery on this part of your eye. The eyetracker on the laser may not work properly and LASIK may not be safe and effective for you.
- You are taking prescription or over-the-counter medications that may affect the ability of your eye to heal after surgery, including antimetabolites.
- Your doctor plans to use a treatment zone with the laser < 6.0 millimeters or > 6.5 millimeters in diameter. It is unknown whether LASIK with these treatment zones is safe and effective for you.
- Your nearsightedness is worse than - 12.00 diopters, or with astigmatism that is worse than 6.00 diopters. It is unknown whether LASIK is safe and effective for you.
- Your farsightedness is worse than + 6.00 diopters, or with astigmatism that is worse than 5.00 diopters. It is unknown whether LASIK is safe and effective for you.
- Your mixed astigmatism is worse than 6.00 diopters. It is unknown whether LASIK is safe and effective for you. Your mixed astigmatism is > 4.00 diopters to ≤ 6.00 diopters. Due to the lack of large numbers of patients in the general population, there are few subjects with cylinder amounts in this range to be studied. Not all complications, adverse events, and levels of effectiveness may have been determined.

- You have large pupils. Before surgery your doctor should measure your pupil size under dim lighting conditions. Effects of treatment on vision under poor illumination cannot be predicted prior to surgery. Some patients may find it more difficult to see in conditions such as dim light, rain, fog, snow and glare from bright lights. This has been shown to occur more frequently when the entire prescription has not been fully corrected and perhaps in patients with pupil sizes larger than the treatment area.

Your doctor should evaluate you for dry eye before surgery. You may have dry eye after LASIK surgery even if you did not have dry eye before surgery.

It is not known whether LASIK with a WaveLight® Excimer Laser System is effective over the long term (more than 12 months).

