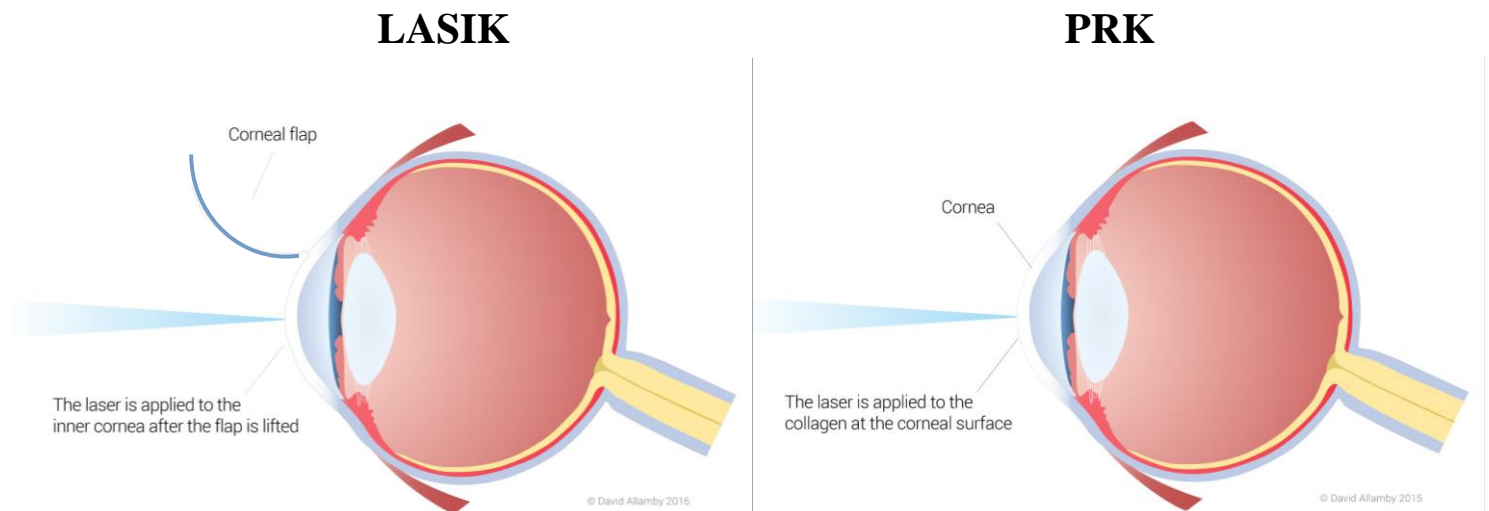


Laser Vision Correction Frequently Asked Questions

What is laser vision correction?

With laser vision correction procedure, a laser changes the shape of the front of the eye to maximize vision without glasses or contact lenses. Two excellent procedural options, LASIK and PRK, are available to achieve this. At Beverly Hills Eye Associates, we utilize the most advanced wavefront technology available. This allows for the most predictable, personalized treatments for our patients. LASIK and PRK have distinct technical differences with how the procedure is performed, but both involve laser sculpting with the goal of optimal vision correction.



What do I need to do if I decide that I am ready for laser vision correction?

Choosing to proceed with laser vision correction is a big decision and the staff at Beverly Hills Eye Associates wants to ensure you feel confident and well-informed. The first step is coming in for your complimentary laser vision correction consultation where we will discuss which procedure is the safest and most effective option for you. Contact lens wearing patients will need to discontinue lens wear about 1-3 weeks prior to their pre-operative appointment to obtain the most accurate eye measurements. At the pre-operative appointment, final measurements and tests will be done along with a full-dilated examination.

Are there specific instructions for the day of the procedure?

Laser vision correction is an outpatient procedure that has very few pre- and post-operative restrictions. Prior to the procedure, you are advised to eat a light meal and wear comfortable clothes to the laser center. It is important for your eyes to stay closed for the first three hours after the procedure, so you will need to arrange transportation home with a family or friend. Eye goggles or shields will be provided to be worn for the first full day and subsequent five nights.

Will it hurt?

Because anesthetic drops are used to numb your eyes, the procedure is generally pain-free. Some patients may notice a pressure sensation or mild discomfort during their procedure. No general anesthesia or sedation is used, but Xanax is an option to help patients stay relaxed and comfortable throughout the entire process. Over-the-counter pain relievers, artificial tears, and medicated drops (as determined by the surgeon) can alleviate any discomfort after the procedure

Will I have 20/20 vision after the procedure?

At Beverly Hills LASIK Center, laser vision correction has been overwhelmingly successful in optimizing patients' vision without glasses or contact lenses. However, the procedure does not guarantee complete freedom from corrective lenses. For example, most adults will eventually need reading glasses. To anticipate this, monovision (one eye set for distance and one eye for reading) may be an option to decrease dependency on reading glasses in the future.

Does my insurance cover the surgery?

Though medical insurance does not cover the procedure costs, we are able to extend some financial benefits to patients with vision insurance plans. For the patients' convenience, we do accept payment with all major credit cards, flexible-spending and Care Credit medical expense plans. The procedure price includes surgery itself, facility fees, post-operative kit, and follow up appointments as well as the best technology and excellent quality of care offered by the surgeons at Beverly Hills LASIK Center!