

Since using the LadarWave Custom Cornea 99% of all our patients have achieved close to 20/20 vision or better without glare or halos at night.

The Consultation / Examination...

At the time of your free consultation you will be able to discuss the various methods we offer to correct your vision, as well as any associated risks. You may then decide to return for a scheduled examination or stay and continue the evaluation that day. Since our laser suite and Quad A Certified approved operating room are located in our office, it is also possible for qualified patients to have the procedure done the same day.

At your exam your vision is checked and an updated measurement of your prescription is done. Two corneal mapping tests, a tear quantity test, glaucoma check, corneal thickness determination, and a microscopic examination of both the front and back of the eye are also performed. Our LadarWave CustomCornea and LadarVision laser take photographs of your eyes to align the custom corneal maps with the eye when it is time for your procedure. You will also be instructed in all aspects of the post-op care with applicable restrictions and the use of eye drops. You should not have any problem driving after your complete eye exam.

The Surgery...

It is important to have a ride home after your laser surgery. You will not be able to drive home. When you arrive at the laser center an assistant will again review the surgical consent with you and with Dr. Hatsis' help answer any additional questions you may have.

You will be given anti-inflammatory medications and eye drops. The eyes are dilated to obtain a pure prescription measurement and to allow Dr. Hatsis to visualize the inside of your eye in more detail as a final check prior to your surgery. In the Custom Wavefront room your personal visual prescription will be generated. From there you will be brought to the LadarWave laser and prepared for the surgery with numbing eye drops. Once in position you will be asked to look up into a ring of lights with a flashing red target light. Dr. Hatsis positions you engages the eye-tracking software and applies the laser treatment. Although you will not feel the laser treatment you will hear a popping sound as the laser fires. It is normal for the lights to dim except for the red flashing target light and you may smell a faint odor as the laser gasses are released during the procedure. The laser application itself averages more or less one minute.

You will be escorted into a post-operative rest room where we ask you to rest with your eyes closed for about one-half hour while the eye heals. You are then seen by Dr. Hatsis who makes a final check before your discharge home. You should expect to be in the office about 2 to 3 hours the day of surgery.

Follow-up...

You will be expected to return to the office the day after surgery. Most patients are able to drive themselves to the office. Your appointment could be scheduled in the early morning if you plan to return to work that day. Dr. Hatsis will examine you and instruct you in the use of your eye drop medications. You will be given follow-up appointments the office to check the progression of healing over the next 2-6 months.

Expectations...

You should begin seeing well enough to drive back to our office for your one-day post-LASIK visit. Most people return to work after their appointment the day after surgery. There will be a period of visual change and fluctuation while the eyes heal but commonly people return to their routine the next day. Night glare and halos are common immediately after the surgery and will improve as the eye heals. Once healed our LadarWave Custom surgery patients generally do not complain of glare or halo's at night since using the personally tailored treatment. Those candidates in the plus 40-year old age group will have to consider near vision alternatives as they age. Your vision may be corrected for distance vision or near monovision where one eye is better for near and the other is better for distance. All options of visual results will be fully discussed with you before the surgery. With the help of our trained staff you will decide which is best suited to your lifestyle.

As a courtesy to you one price covers all Excimer laser procedures, there are no discount come-ons. All patients who fall within the expanded FDA guidelines for Custom surgery will be treated as such. Our fee is complete and all payments for preoperative and post-operative evaluations are included in the cost of the surgery. There are no extra or hidden fees that you will be asked for.