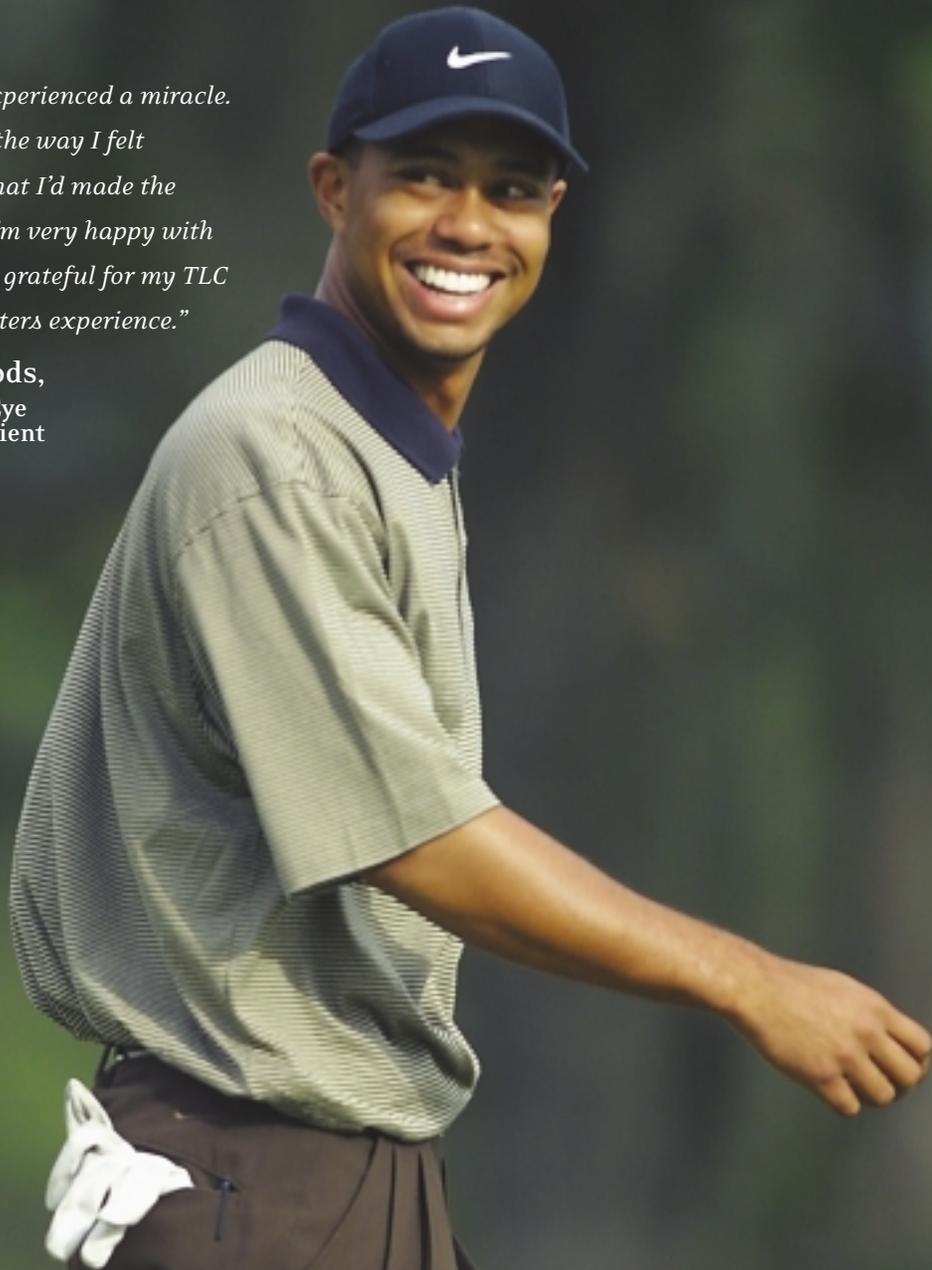


LASIK

one pair of eyes...
a million questions

"I feel like I experienced a miracle. Every step of the way I felt comfortable that I'd made the right choice. I'm very happy with the result and grateful for my TLC Laser Eye Centers experience."

— Tiger Woods,
TLC Laser Eye
Centers Patient



Life without contacts or glasses would be a whole new life. But when you begin to think about LASIK surgery, there are so many questions. And all providers are definitely not alike. That's why understanding how to get the best possible results, in the safest possible way is so important.

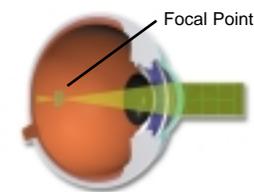
what is LASIK?

LASIK (Laser-In-Situ Keratomileusis) is presently the most common type of laser vision correction procedure. It is an extremely effective outpatient procedure that is suitable for low, moderate and higher prescriptions. LASIK is currently one of the most frequently performed healthcare procedures in North America.

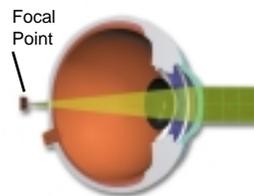
who qualifies for LASIK?

LASIK can treat a very broad range of nearsightedness, astigmatism and farsightedness in people who are at least 18 years old, in good general health and have no eye diseases.

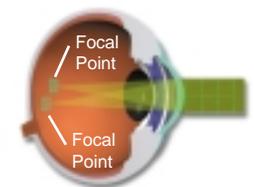
common vision problems



In a myopic eye (commonly referred to as nearsightedness) light rays from objects are focused in front of the retina. This causes images, particularly at a distance, to be blurred.



In a hyperopic eye (commonly referred to as farsightedness) light rays from objects are focused in the back of the retina. This causes images, particularly close up, to be blurred.



ASTIGMATISM is a condition where the front of the cornea is not uniformly curved, but slightly oval or "football" shaped. As a result, rays of light that enter the eye are bent unequally and cause distortion of the image. Most people have some degree of astigmatism.

am I a candidate for LASIK?

Only an in-depth examination of your eyes, your individual case, your expectations and your lifestyle by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist will determine whether the procedure is right for you. Not everyone is a candidate for LASIK surgery. That's why TLC Laser Eye Centers affiliated doctors are prudent when determining if you are a candidate. The connection between the quality of your initial consultation and your final results should never be underestimated.

Twenty Life-changing minutes

LASIK is an outpatient procedure that usually takes about 10 minutes to perform on each eye. But in that short time, your surgeon must make hundreds of decisions, all while working in a space 1/100 the width of a human hair. That's why your surgeon's experience and skill become such a crucial consideration. The experience and success of TLC Laser Eye Centers surgeons are remarkable.



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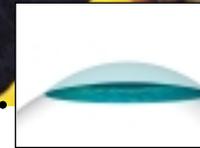
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a typical LASIK procedure, step by step

1. Anesthetic drops are applied to the eye.
2. A protective hinged flap is created and gently lifted by the surgeon, revealing the inner corneal tissue.
3. The inner corneal layer is reshaped with the laser to mimic your contact lens or glasses prescription.
4. The surgeon gently replaces the flap and aligns it to its original position. It heals naturally and securely.
5. Some patients feel slight irritation for a few hours, but most are quite comfortable after a nap and rest.

Watch an actual LASIK procedure online at www.tlcvision.com.



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you're focused on safety and results, so are we

Use your concern about safety and results to give yourself every possible advantage. Look for real, proven experience. Beware of quick assessments and overblown promises. Ask if there's a long-term commitment covering future retreatments. Insist on receiving the careful, unhurried, individual attention it takes to assure the best possible outcome. Find a provider who is as demanding about safety and results as you are.

Knowing that more than nine million LASIK procedures have been performed worldwide is reassuring. So is knowing that about 4,500 surgeons throughout America perform LASIK every year. But we believe that when it comes to results, the most important number of all is one. One patient, one pair of eyes, one at a time.

TLC Lifetime commitmentSM program

On the timeline of life, LASIK is merely a blink. Yet its benefits last for years to come. Qualified nearsighted patients may be eligible for the TLC Lifetime CommitmentSM. The primary benefit of the program is TLC's assurance that if a re-treatment is needed at any time to maintain distance vision results, qualified patients will receive a re-treatment without charge.*

* Visit www.tlcvision.com for complete membership guidelines. Contact your TLC Center or Affiliate Doctor to determine if you are a candidate for LASIK and the TLC Lifetime Commitment.

Making LASIK Affordable

Access to LASIK isn't reserved for the wealthy few. TLC Laser Eye Centers strives to make laser vision correction affordable for every patient. With a variety of ways to pay, there's nothing standing between you and some of the most experienced LASIK surgeons in the country.

Financing: TLC Laser Eye Centers offers financing options so that you don't have to tie up credit cards or spend cash. You can choose a payment plan to suit your budget.

Medical and Vision Plans: Vision benefits vary from one health insurance plan to the next. Some plans may have an arrangement with TLC Laser Eye Centers that could substantially reduce your cost for laser vision correction. A TLC representative will be happy to work with you personally to determine how your plan can help you and how much you could save.

Flexible Spending: Many employers offer flexible spending accounts to help offset medical expenses. Flexible spending accounts may allow you to set aside pre-tax dollars for certain medical costs, including procedures like LASIK. Ask your employer about deducting pre-tax dollars from your paycheck to realize savings on your laser vision correction.

A word about risks

LASIK has become one of North America's most frequently performed surgeries. Any surgery, however, has risks. For more information about LASIK, ask your doctor or call 1-888-CALL-TLC or a TLC affiliate doctor. Check www.tlcvision.com for a list of doctors near you.

your LASIK team is as important as your eyes

The experience of TLC Laser Eye Centers' group of doctors, the thoroughness of our examinations and the personalized care we take with each patient is first rate. Insist on an experienced, quality-conscious team and you can improve your chances of the safest, best possible results.

We believe the skill of our highly trained affiliated doctors and expert support team gives you a critical advantage in achieving the best outcome. So does the vast experience each TLC Laser Eye Center doctor can draw upon as part of our group of 13,000 affiliated eye care professionals. And TLC always features the latest advances in proven technology. The ultimate endorsement? More doctors – over 4,000 – have chosen TLC for their own laser vision correction procedures.

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For more information call 1.888.CALL.TLC or visit www.tlcvision.com and book your consultation online.