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Overcoming Common Concerns About SMILE Eye Surgery



If you're excited about the idea of life without glasses or contacts—but still feel hesitant about SMILE eye surgery—you're not alone.

At **Brusco Vision in Washington, D.C.**, we've helped thousands of people move from cautious curiosity to confident clarity. And almost every one of them started with questions, doubts, or fear.

In this article, we'll walk through the most common concerns patients have about SMILE—and give you the facts, reassurance, and insight to make an informed decision.

“I’m afraid of something going wrong.”

Let’s address the biggest fear first: what if it doesn’t go well?

The reality is that **SMILE is one of the safest elective medical procedures in the world**. It has been performed millions of times worldwide with extremely high success rates.

At **Brusco Vision**, we go even further:

- We use **six advanced diagnostic scans** to ensure you're a great candidate
- Your procedure is performed by **Dr. Michael Brusco**, a Harvard-educated, board-certified refractive surgeon
- Our complication rate is significantly **below national averages**

✅ *We won't recommend SMILE unless we know it's right for your eyes.*

“What if I go blind?”

This is an understandable—but incredibly rare—fear.

According to peer-reviewed studies and the FDA, the risk of **serious vision loss from SMILE is virtually nonexistent**. Complications are rare and almost always treatable.

💡 *You're statistically more likely to experience vision-threatening infections from **long-term contact lens use** than from SMILE surgery.*

“I don’t like the idea of a laser touching my eyes.”

You’re not alone—many patients are nervous about this part. Here’s what to know:

- SMILE uses a **gentle femtosecond laser**, not a blade
- Your eye is fully **numbed with drops**—you won’t feel pain
- The laser portion takes about **30 seconds per eye**

- You'll be guided through every step with total care

Most patients say they expected it to feel scary—but were surprised by how **quick, comfortable, and low-stress** it actually was.

“What if I blink or move during the procedure?”

Good question—and it's not a problem.

Your eyelid is gently held open with a soft device (no metal clamps), and **the laser tracks eye movement with incredible precision**. If needed, it **automatically pauses** to ensure safety and accuracy.

👉 *The entire setup is designed to make it virtually impossible for blinking or small movements to interfere with your results.*

“I've heard about LASIK flaps—what if something shifts or gets dislodged?”

That's the beauty of SMILE: **there is no flap**.

Unlike LASIK, which creates a corneal flap, SMILE uses a tiny micro-incision—so there's **no flap to displace**, even if you accidentally rub your eyes. This makes SMILE:

- Safer for **athletes** or **active individuals**
 - Better for **military personnel** or **first responders**
 - Ideal if you're worried about flap-related risks
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“What if I still need glasses after?”

This is a valid concern—and a common misconception.

Most SMILE patients achieve:

- **20/20 vision or better** within a few weeks
- A dramatic reduction (or total elimination) of glasses and contact use
- Long-term stable vision that lasts for years

✅ At Brusco Vision, we customize every procedure based on your corneal shape, prescription, and goals—giving you **the highest chance of visual freedom**.

“What if I’m not a good candidate?”

Then we won’t recommend SMILE. Simple as that.

That’s why we perform a **thorough ocular analysis using six advanced imaging technologies** before recommending any procedure.

And if SMILE isn’t right, we may recommend:

- **EVO ICL** (implantable lens for high prescriptions or dry eye)
- **PRK** (great for thin corneas)
- **Refractive Lens Exchange (RLE)** for patients over 40 with near vision loss

👍 *We don’t believe in one-size-fits-all vision correction.*

“Is it really worth the cost?”

If you wear glasses or contacts every day, consider this:

Expense Over 20 Years	Estimated Cost
Glasses + updates	\$4,000–\$6,000
Contacts + solutions	\$6,000–\$9,000

SMILE (one-time)

\$4,000–\$7,000

Not to mention:

- The time and frustration saved
- The boost in confidence
- The convenience of clear, natural vision—**every day**

💬 *“I only wish I had done it sooner” is the most common thing we hear post-SMILE.*

Why Patients Trust Brusco Vision

- **No-pressure consultations** with your actual surgeon
- We offer **six different vision correction procedures**—not just LASIK
- **Harvard-educated, fellowship-trained surgeon** leading your care
- Concierge-level experience in a modern, relaxing environment
- 5-star reviews from real patients across Washington, D.C. and beyond

We’re not here to sell you anything. We’re here to help you make the best decision for your eyes—and your life.

Ready to Let Go of the Fear—and the Glasses?

You deserve answers, not pressure. Clarity, not confusion. Confidence, not fear.

👉 **Schedule your consultation at Brusco Vision in Washington, D.C.** and take the first step toward clear, worry-free vision with a team that puts your comfort first.

Company Description

Brusco Vision is a boutique-style laser vision correction and refractive surgical facility in the Washington DC area dedicated to one simple goal: helping you see better to live better.

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