

## Is LASIK Surgery Safe?



Safety is the first question most people ask when considering LASIK surgery, and it's the right question to ask. Before committing to any elective procedure, you deserve a clear and honest answer. This article examines the safety profile of LASIK surgery, what the research shows, and what factors most influence your personal risk.

## Is LASIK Surgery Safe?

Yes. LASIK surgery is one of the most studied and consistently safe elective procedures available today. With over 30 years of clinical data and tens of millions of procedures performed worldwide, LASIK has a strong safety record. The FDA reports that serious complications are rare, and patient satisfaction rates across large studies consistently exceed 95%.

That said, like any surgical procedure, LASIK carries a small degree of risk. Understanding those risks and how they are minimized is an important part of making an informed decision.

## What Are the Most Common Side Effects?

The most frequently reported side effects after LASIK surgery are temporary and resolve within weeks to months as the eye heals. Dry eye is the most common post-surgical complaint and typically improves within three to six months. Some patients notice halos and glare around lights, particularly at night, which usually diminishes as the cornea heals. Mild sensitivity to bright light is common in the first few days following surgery. Vision may also fluctuate slightly during the healing process before stabilizing.

These side effects are generally mild and short-lived for the majority of patients.

## **What Are the Rare but Serious Risks?**

Serious complications from LASIK surgery are uncommon but worth understanding. Undercorrection or overcorrection can occur when the laser removes slightly too little or too much tissue, leaving residual prescription. Enhancement procedures can often address this. Issues with the corneal flap, including incomplete creation or displacement, are rare with modern laser systems. Corneal ectasia, a progressive thinning of the cornea, can occur in patients who were not ideal candidates, which underscores the importance of thorough pre-operative screening. In a small subset of patients, dry eye symptoms may be prolonged rather than temporary.

The risk of serious, vision-threatening complications from LASIK is estimated at less than 1% when the procedure is performed on well-screened candidates by an experienced surgeon.

## **How Is Safety Improved Through Patient Selection?**

The single most important safety factor in LASIK surgery is proper candidate screening. Many complications associated with LASIK are directly linked to performing the procedure on patients who were not appropriate candidates, such as those with thin corneas, unstable prescriptions, or underlying eye conditions.

A rigorous pre-operative evaluation measures corneal thickness and topography, checks for conditions like keratoconus, assesses tear film quality, and reviews your full ocular and medical history. Patients who do not meet strict criteria should not have LASIK, and a trustworthy practice will tell you so clearly.

At Cutarelli Vision, patient safety begins with thorough screening. Denver patients who are not ideal LASIK candidates are counseled on alternative vision correction options rather than being pushed toward a procedure that isn't right for their eyes.

## **Does Surgeon Experience Affect Safety?**

Surgeon experience and technology both play meaningful roles in LASIK outcomes. An experienced refractive surgeon brings refined judgment in pre-operative planning, intraoperative decision-making, and managing post-operative care. Modern all-laser platforms reduce variability and improve precision compared to older blade-based systems.

Choosing a surgeon with dedicated refractive surgery experience, rather than a general ophthalmologist who performs LASIK occasionally, is one of the most effective ways to reduce your personal risk.

## **Why Choose Cutarelli Vision for Safe LASIK in Denver?**

Cutarelli Vision's approach to LASIK safety starts before you ever enter the procedure room. Every patient undergoes a comprehensive evaluation to confirm candidacy, and treatment plans are customized using advanced laser technology. Dr. Cutarelli's experience in refractive surgery means Denver patients benefit from both technical precision and sound clinical judgment at every step of the process.

## Ready to Learn Whether LASIK Is Safe for Your Eyes?

The safest LASIK outcome starts with the right evaluation. Schedule a consultation at Cutarelli Vision in Denver to receive an honest assessment of your candidacy and a clear explanation of what LASIK surgery can realistically offer your eyes.

## Company Description

Colorado's premier LASIK, RLE & cataract surgery practice led by Dr. Paul Cutarelli, Johns Hopkins-trained corneal specialist with 90,000+ procedures. Serving Coloradans with lifetime assurance & 0% financing.

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