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# How Long Does LASIK Surgery Take?

## Understanding the Complete Timeline



One of the most common questions patients ask about LASIK is simple: "How long does the surgery actually take?" The answer might surprise you. While the actual laser treatment takes just 15 minutes for both eyes, understanding the complete LASIK timeline helps you plan your day and set realistic expectations for your vision correction journey.

At Brinton Vision in St. Louis, MO, we want you to feel completely prepared for your LASIK experience. The procedure itself is remarkably quick—most patients spend more time in our waiting room than under the laser. However, the complete surgery day experience requires careful planning and adequate time allocation.

# **The 15-Minute Miracle**

The actual LASIK procedure takes approximately 10-15 minutes total for both eyes. This includes the time needed to create the corneal flap, reshape your cornea with the excimer laser, and reposition the flap. The laser portion—the part that actually corrects your vision—requires only 20-60 seconds per eye, depending on your prescription strength.

This incredible speed represents decades of technological advancement. Modern femtosecond lasers can create a corneal flap in about 18 seconds per eye, while the excimer laser reshapes corneal tissue with precision measured in fractions of microns. The entire process is so refined that most patients are surprised when we tell them the treatment is complete.

## **Your Complete Surgery Day Timeline**

While the procedure is brief, plan to spend 2-3 hours at Brinton Vision on your surgery day. This extended timeframe isn't about the surgery itself—it's about ensuring your safety, comfort, and optimal outcomes through comprehensive pre- and post-operative care.

Your surgery day begins with final preparations, including paperwork completion, prescription verification, and pre-operative eye drops. The surgical area is meticulously prepared, and numbing drops are administered to ensure complete comfort during the procedure. This preparation phase typically takes 45-60 minutes.

Following your brief time under the laser, you'll spend 30-45 minutes in our recovery area while our team monitors your initial healing and provides detailed post-operative instructions. We'll examine your eyes under a microscope, test your initial vision improvement, and make sure you're comfortable before you leave with your designated driver.

## **Recovery Timeline Expectations**

The LASIK timeline extends beyond surgery day, though most of the dramatic changes happen quickly. Many patients notice improved vision within hours of their procedure, with continued enhancement over the following days and weeks.

Most Brinton Vision patients return to work within 24-48 hours, though we recommend taking at least one day off to rest and allow initial healing. Visual recovery continues over several weeks, with complete stabilization typically achieved within 3-6 months.

## **Why Choose Brinton Vision for Your LASIK Timeline**

At Brinton Vision, we understand that your time is valuable. Our efficient surgical process reflects our commitment to providing world-class care without unnecessary delays. Dr. Jason Brinton, our Harvard-trained refractive surgeon, has performed thousands of procedures with the precision and speed that comes from extensive experience.

We're the only practice in Missouri offering all six modern vision correction procedures, which means we can determine not just whether you're a candidate for LASIK, but whether LASIK offers the optimal timeline for your lifestyle and vision goals.

## Ready to Learn More About Your LASIK Timeline?

Understanding how long LASIK takes is just the first step in your vision correction journey. At Brinton Vision in St. Louis, MO, we'll provide a detailed timeline tailored to your specific situation, from your initial consultation through complete recovery. Your clearer vision is just 15 minutes away— isn't it time to take that first step?

## Company Description

Each year thousands of patients come to Dr. Jason P. Brinton at Brinton Vision in St. Louis, seeking what we call visual freedom, or crisp, clear vision free of refractive errors, glasses, and contact lenses by treating myopia, hyperopia, and astigmatism. We accomplish this through LASIK and its six variations – SMILE, Visian ICL, PRK, Raindrop inlay, Kamra inlay, and Custom Lens Replacement.

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Schedule LASIK Consultation

Book LASIK Surgery Appointment

LASIK Surgery Center Near Me

Professional LASIK Eye Surgery

Experienced LASIK Surgeon

Affordable LASIK Surgery Options

Best LASIK Surgery Center

LASIK Surgery Packages

Comprehensive LASIK Evaluation

Advanced LASIK Technology

### Treatment Keywords

Custom LASIK Surgery

Bladeless LASIK Procedure

Femtosecond Laser LASIK

Wavefront LASIK Surgery

All-laser LASIK Treatment

Modern LASIK Alternatives

Prk Laser Eye Surgery

Smile Eye Surgery Procedure

Refractive Lens Exchange Surgery

Evo Icl Implantable Lenses

### Conversion Keywords

Get LASIK Surgery Today

LASIK Surgery Consultation

Qualify For LASIK Surgery

LASIK Candidacy Evaluation

Free LASIK Consultation

## Navigational Intent Keywords (20 Phrases)

### Branded Keywords

Brinton Vision LASIK Surgery

Brinton Vision Laser Eye Surgery

Brinton Vision Eye Center

Brinton Vision LASIK Consultation

Brinton Vision Ocular Analysis

Brinton Vision Surgery Center

Brinton Vision LASIK Specialists

Brinton Vision Eye Surgeons

Brinton Vision Missouri

Brinton Vision Laser Surgery

### Facility Keywords

LASIK Surgery Center Missouri

Laser Eye Surgery Clinic

Refractive Surgery Center

Eye Surgery Facility

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