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## Frequently Asked Questions About LASIK



If you're considering LASIK, chances are you've got questions. That's a good thing. Making an informed decision is the first step toward better vision—and we're here to help.

Below, our team at **Vance Thompson Vision in Northern Colorado** answers the most common LASIK questions we hear from patients every day. Whether you're just starting your research or ready to schedule a consultation, this guide is designed to give you clarity and confidence.

### 1. Does LASIK hurt?

Not at all. Before the procedure, we apply **numbing eye drops**, so you don't feel pain—just some gentle pressure. Most patients are surprised by how quick and comfortable it is.

### 2. How long does the procedure take?

The LASIK procedure takes **about 10–15 minutes per eye**. You'll be in the office for about 90 minutes total, including prep and recovery time. Most people walk out seeing better than they walked in.

### 3. How soon will I see results?

**Most patients see significantly better within 24 hours.** Some notice improvement within hours of surgery. Vision may continue to refine over the following days and weeks.

### 4. Is LASIK permanent?

Yes, LASIK permanently reshapes your cornea. The vast majority of patients enjoy stable results for decades. However, it doesn't stop age-related changes like **presbyopia**, which typically affects near vision starting in your 40s.

### 5. What if I'm not a candidate for LASIK?

At Vance Thompson Vision, your safety comes first. If LASIK isn't the right option for you, we offer excellent alternatives like:

- **PRK** – Ideal for thinner corneas
- **EVO ICL** – Implantable lenses for high prescriptions
- **SMILE** – A flapless laser procedure
- **Custom Lens Replacement (CLR)** – A great option if you're over 40

We'll help you choose what's best for **your eyes and lifestyle**.

### 6. What are the risks of LASIK?

While LASIK is extremely safe, like any procedure, it has risks. These include:

- **Dry eyes**
- **Glare or halos at night**
- **Undercorrection or overcorrection** (which may require enhancement)

- **Rare flap-related complications**

Choosing a **highly experienced surgical team**—like ours at Vance Thompson Vision—greatly reduces the chance of complications.

## 7. Can LASIK fix astigmatism?

Yes! LASIK is a highly effective treatment for **mild to moderate astigmatism**. In fact, many of our Northern Colorado patients are surprised to learn that they're excellent LASIK candidates even with astigmatism.

## 8. How old do I have to be to get LASIK?

You must be at least **18 years old** and have a **stable prescription** for at least one year. Most ideal candidates are between **18 and 45**, but we evaluate everyone individually.

## 9. How long will I need to take off work?

Most people return to work the **very next day**—especially if your job doesn't involve dusty environments or heavy lifting. We'll give you personalized advice based on your profession and healing progress.

## 10. How do I prepare for LASIK?

A few simple steps help ensure a smooth experience:

- Stop wearing soft contact lenses **a few days before surgery** (longer for hard lenses)
- Arrange for a **ride home**
- Avoid makeup or lotions on the day of surgery
- Ask us **anything**—we're here to help you feel ready

## Bonus: Is LASIK really worth it?

Ask our patients! Most say LASIK is one of the **best investments they've ever made**. It's not just about clearer vision—it's about freedom, convenience, and quality of life.

## Real Patient Story

“I had so many questions going in, but the team at Vance Thompson Vision walked me through every step. They never rushed me. Now I wake up every day seeing clearly—and I’m so glad I did it.” – **David C., Northern Colorado**

## Have More Questions?

We’re here to answer them—no pressure, no obligation. Schedule your **free LASIK consultation** at **Vance Thompson Vision in Northern Colorado**, and get answers that are tailored to you.

## Company Description

Vance Thompson Vision takes pride in being world leaders in quality vision correction and setting global standards for excellent patient care in ophthalmology. We specialize in many forms of vision surgery and treatment with a specific focus on LASIK, refractive cataract surgery, glaucoma, cornea care, and oculoplastics.

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