LASER VISION CORRECTION

I AM FREE
to dance
to run
to swim
to play
Better Results
You’ll Receive a Personalized Outcomes Chart
When you’re deciding to have surgery on your eyes, you want to know what to expect. Many surgeons will tell you general results, but most don’t offer specific information about their results with people just like you ... and most won’t put it in writing. Whatever your level of myopia, hyperopia or astigmatism, we’ll provide you with specific information about your likelihood of achieving 20/20 vision. No guessing. No generalities. Just the actual data to help you make an informed decision.

We’ll Perform Your Surgery with the WaveLight Refractive Suite
The Center for LASIK is first to use the latest generation of laser systems including the WaveLight Femtosecond Laser and the WaveLight Allegretto Eye-Q Excimer Laser to perform the most advanced all-laser LASIK procedure. These lasers combine wavefront-optimized treatment, sophisticated eye tracking and small spot shaping for optimal results. Why would you choose LASIK with anything but the latest and best technology?

A Better Experience
State-of-the-Art LASIK Facility
Our facility was built specifically for laser vision correction and it’s all we do. You’ll notice the difference in the consultation room, the pre- and post-op rooms and the laser suite.

Expert Staff
Raymond Gailitis, MD and Randy Burks, MD will personally handle your exams and surgery. We’re a small office with individualized care.

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STEP-BY-STEP LASIK AT THE CENTER FOR LASIK

**Step #1**
Your Consultation (1 hour)
- Contact information and medical history
- Wavefront Analysis
- Topography
- Pachymetry
- Autorefraction
- Pupillometry
- Personal interview with Dr. Gailitis or Dr. Burks
- Surgery scheduled

**Step #2**
LASIK Measurements (1.5 hours)
- Cycloplegic exam
- Informed consent reviewed
- Payment method finalized

**Step #3**
Surgery Day (2 hours)
- Informed consent signed
- Surgery payment
- Confirmatory testing
- Pre-op preparation and medication
- Surgery
- Post-op monitoring and instructions

**Step #4**
Post-Operative Care
- 1 Day Exam
- 10 Day Exam
- One Month Exam
- Three Month Exam

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My world SHINES.

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Precision Technology for Safer LASIK Surgery: The WaveLight Refractive Suite

These are two important steps to LASIK eye surgery. In Step One, a micro-thin flap of tissue is created on the cornea. In Step Two, an excimer laser is used to reshape the cornea. With the WaveLight Refractive Suite, we use a separate laser for each step of the process to ensure the greatest safety and the best results. The two lasers are connected and function as one integrated unit.

Step One: Creating the Flap

In years past, a bladed microkeratome was used to cut the flap. This technology worked well, however, there were concerns about the variability in flap thickness and shape. We are proud to announce the latest technology for performing LASIK: the WaveLight FS200 Femtosecond Laser. Using an infrared beam of light, the laser precisely separates molecules without any transfer of heat and without impacting surrounding tissue. This ensures greater safety and reliability to the procedure. We also have the ability to alter size and shape of the flap to ensure a “custom fit” for each and every patient. Once the laser is activated, it takes only seconds to create the flap.

Step Two: Reshaping the Cornea

After the flap is created and lifted, we use the WaveLight Allegretto Eye-Q excimer laser to reshape the cornea and correct the vision. Advantages of this technology include:
Pupil Eye Tracker

Pupil tracking is a crucial component of all modern vision-correcting lasers. This is absolutely necessary to ensure that the treatment is provided to the exact position on the cornea. All laser pulses must be placed precisely relative to other spots, and relative to the tissue being sculpted. Even if we try to hold our eyes absolutely still (as is encouraged during treatment), the eyes will move slightly due to our pulse, breathing, and microscopic visual tracking movements (called saccadic movement) of the eyes.

The Allegretto laser can only treat at its rapid frequency if it also has an ultra-fast eye tracking system to follow eye movement. This laser incorporates infrared pupil tracking system with a sampling frequency faster than the treatment frequency. Every 2-3 milliseconds, the eye’s location is measured and the internal mirrors of the Allegretto are automatically aligned. Just before each pulse is released, a confirmatory check is made to ensure the eye has not moved. This happens 400 times every second, once for every laser pulse. If, at any time, the eye moves too quickly to be measured or moves out of range, the laser will stop and wait for the eye to move back into position. This ensures that each of the “perfect pulse” spots is placed in the “perfect position” on the eye. The combination of direct surgeon observation and high-speed pupil tracking ensures that treatment will be on target every time, with each pulse.

PerfectPulse Technology™

PerfectPulse Technology™ represents a new approach to laser vision correction - it accounts for speed, precision, and safety in the Allegretto laser, and offers improvements that are revolutionary. Engineering of the Allegretto laser has taken special steps to ensure that the amount of energy in each pulse of the laser has been calibrated to exactly the right level. After the beam has been created, it passes through three checkpoints on its way through the system. At each of these points, the energy level is checked and adjusted if necessary, ensuring that the beam is perfectly tuned at its destination.

The Allegretto laser employs a proprietary overlapping spot placement method to ensure accurate energy placement, and that is one of the ways it achieves a smoother, rounder, and more natural corneal surface than many other excimer lasers.

Wavefront Optimization

One of the most innovative features of the Allegretto is the way it incorporates wavefront optimization to render proper treatment. It is the only laser system that takes into account the starting curvature of the cornea being treated. The Allegretto if the only laser treatment that preserves normal curvature characteristics - thereby optimizing visual quality - as a consequence of treatment.

In earlier laser systems treating nearsightedness, the optical zone, or area of correction, was centered on the cornea, resulting in a flattened area that ended with an abrupt edge, causing unwanted side effects like poor night vision, glare, and halos. Laser treatment patterns evolved to apply peripheral laser pulses in a blend zone, to smooth this abrupt edge.

All prior laser systems were designed to be calibrated on flat plastic test surfaces. However, the cornea is curved, and when treating on the downslope of this curve, some laser energy scattered rather than being fully absorbed. This effect - called the cosine offset effect - requires additional pulses to the periphery of the cornea, in order to compensate for the energy lost through scattering and reflection.

The Allegretto system is the only laser platform that applies extra pulses to the peripheral cornea in order to compensate for the angle of the laser beam. The laser anticipates and corrects for any cosine offset issues. The treatment is specifically designed to preserve the naturally aspheric shape of the cornea to a degree that older lasers simply could not achieve. This compensation, combined with the precision of PerfectPulse Technology™ (enhancing the accuracy of tissue sculpting with the precision of laser pulses), produces a smooth, cleanly sculpted optical surface. Just what is necessary for high performance vision.

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OUR MEDICAL TEAM

Raymond P. Gailitis
M.D., F.A.C.S.

Dr. Gailitis is a fellowship-trained refractive and corneal transplant surgeon who specializes in laser vision correction. He is co-founder of The Center For LASIK.

Dr. Gailitis is certified by the prestigious Council for Refractive Surgery Quality Assurance, a non-profit consumer advocate group that monitors, evaluates, and verifies physician quality and outcomes.

Dr. Gailitis was awarded the Alcon Centurion Surgeon Award for demonstrating exceptional patient vision outcomes using the Alcon LADARVision CustomCornea System.

Dr. Gailitis has been qualified and listed with Trusted LASIK Surgeons, an online LASIK directory that screens surgeons based on experience, premier patient care, and professional credentials.

Refractive Surgery Experience
Dr. Gailitis has been performing refractive surgery in Southeast Florida for the past 20 years. He was one of the first surgeons in the region to perform LASIK and the first surgeon in South Florida to perform the Intacs procedure. He has also been selected by his peers to be one of the regions top doctors as published in the 2008 New York Times “Florida Superdoctors.”

Dr. Gailitis is a principle investigator in an FDA study concerning CustomCornea treatment in farsighted patients with the LADARVision laser system.

Dr. Gailitis has been featured on the nationally televised program “Ground Floor” performing laser vision correction. He was also interviewed on Channel 4 CBS medical news discussing hyperopic LASIK. He has served as a radio consultant on LASIK in several states, including the locally renowned Steve Kane show on WWNN. Dr. Gailitis is the author of numerous articles on lasers and refractive surgery and holds several patents in the field. In 1991 he published one of the seminal articles on new laser to perform refractive surgery. He is an author of the popular book entitled “LASIK Vision Correction”.

Dr. Gailitis has performed several thousand LASIK procedures and is certified on four different excimer laser systems.

Education
B.A., Northwestern University
Graduate Studies, Warnborough College, Oxford, U.K.
Doctor of Medicine, Northwestern University Medical School
Residency in Ophthalmology, University of Minnesota School of Medicine
Fellowship in Refractive Surgery, Emory University
Certified LASIK instructor for VISX and Alcon

Professional Societies
Board-Certified, American Board of Ophthalmology
Fellow American Academy of Ophthalmology
International Society of Refractive Surgery
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
Broward County Ophthalmology Society, Past President

Personal
Dr. Gailitis has done charitable work in Eastern Europe and has served as visiting professor on project ORBIS teaching doctors internationally. He lives in Fort Lauderdale with his wife Sonia and children Dane, Marissa and Peter. Dr. Gailitis enjoys excellent vision after his own LASIK procedure.
Dr. Burks is a board certified, fellowship trained ophthalmologist, specializing in LASIK, small incision cataract surgery, and eye plastic and reconstructive surgery. He joined Ophthalmology Consultants in 1989 after completing 12 years of active duty service in the United States Air Force as an F-16 Flight Surgeon and Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology. Dr. (Lt. Col) Burks was responsible for training eye surgery residents.

Surgical Experience
Dr. Burks has been performing refractive and lens replacement procedures for over 25 years. He was a pioneer in the South Florida area, combining refractive surgery with small incision, no stitch, cataract surgery, helping patients see and read without being dependent on glasses. He has been and invited guest professor at the prestigious Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, teaching cataract and lens replacement techniques to surgeons in training and was also a co-investigator in the FDA’s clinical trials on Custom LASIK for farsighted patients utilizing the Alcon LADARVISION laser. In addition to his expertise in cataract and refractive surgery, Dr. Burks is a fellowship-trained eye plastic and reconstructive specialist. He performs cosmetic procedures as well as treating facial cancers, deformities, and injuries. He is also and author of a book “What Every Patient Needs to Know about LASIK.”

Recognition
Dr. Burks has been recognized as one of America’s “Top Ophthalmologists” by the Consumer’s Research Council, and is featured in Top Docs, a prestigious group of physicians recognized as experts in their field. He was also honored with the title of “Humanitarian of the Year” in 2011 for his charity work in developing countries in Central and South America.

Education and Training
Bachelor of Science, United States Air Force Academy (with honors)
Doctor of Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine
Harvard Basic Science Course in Ophthalmology
Residency in Ophthalmology, Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center
Fellowship, Eye Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
LASIK certification by VISX and Alcon LADARVISION (instructor)

Teaching Appointments
Assisting Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Director of Residency Training, Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center
Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas
Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Washington, D.C.
Physician Instructor on the Alcon LADARVISION laser platform.

Professional Appointments
Board-Certified, American Board of Ophthalmology Fellow, American Academy of Ophthalmology Fellow, American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Fellow, American College of Surgeons Chief of Staff, Outpatient Surgery Center at Coral Springs Chairman, Board of Trustees, Northwest Medical Center Past President, Broward County Ophthalmology Society Chief of Surgery, Northwest Medical Center

Personal
Dr. Burks participates in charitable surgical eye missions, leading teams of surgeons into developing countries in Central and South America to help fight blindness. He is married to Karen Mann and has three daughters, Amber, Jessica, and Erica.
LASIK and Advanced Surface Ablation (ASA) include the following treatment and care:

- Initial consultation
- Comprehensive measurements exam
- LASIK or ASA procedure
- Post-procedure care for one year

**WaveLight All Laser LASIK or ASA**

$2,950 per eye

Enhancement procedure procedures (if needed) are provided at no charge for a period of one year following your initial treatment.

We accept Cash, Check, Visa, Mastercard or Discover and financing as outlined on the next page. Procedure fees are payable in full the day of the surgery.

**Flexible Spending Accounts & Health Savings Accounts**

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and Health Savings Accounts (HSA), also known as Cafeteria Plans or Section 125 plans, are a great way to pay for LASIK or ASA. FSA and HSA plans allow you to set aside pre-tax dollars, offering you better savings than more traditional financing programs. Let us know if you’re considering FSA or HSA plans for LASIK in the coming year. Because some of these plans may require you to “use them or lose them”, it is important to determine if you are a good LASIK candidate before setting the funds aside.
LASIK TODAY PAYMENT PLANS

We offer monthly payment plans through a number of different providers. Because programs and rates are constantly changing, please refer to the insert in your folder for the latest information. Our staff will work with you at your consultation to determine which program and payment option best suits your needs.

Financing Options

- Apply Online through our website www.bestvision.com (click on LASIK and go to the Financing tab on the left)

- Apply by Phone: We handle phone applications from our office

- Be sure to identify the Center For LASIK as your doctor’s practice

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which is better for me, LASIK or ASA?
Both procedures are very effective in correcting nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism. LASIK has become the procedure of choice for most patients due to quicker recovery time and less discomfort after the procedure. However, there are several factors that should be considered before making your final decision.

Dr. Gailitis and Dr. Burks will be happy to discuss all aspects of each procedure during your initial consultation. We will then be able to recommend the procedure that is most appropriate for you.

Is laser vision correction (LVC) permanent?
Yes. Laser vision correction results in a permanent change to the shape of the cornea. However, LVC will not prevent age-related conditions such as presbyopia (the need for reading glasses) or cataracts. These conditions would still be treated in their normal manner.

What if additional surgery is necessary?
Any enhancement that may be needed for one year after your initial procedure will be provided at no additional cost. In general, the few patients who require an enhancement will do so within the first few months following the initial procedure, rather than years later.

What are the long-term effects of laser vision correction?
Laser vision correction has been performed since 1987. The FDA has approved the use of the excimer laser and recognized LVC as being safe and effective for the treatment of nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism in eligible patients. Over five million procedures have been performed in the US alone and it has become the most commonly performed refractive surgery in the world.

The first patient ever treated with LVC was in the US in 1987. That patient achieved 20/20 vision following treatment and still has 20/20 vision more than 25 years later.

What are the risks?
No surgical procedure is without risks. Long term sight-threatening complications from ASA and LASIK are very uncommon - less than 1%. Understanding potential risks allows you to make and informed decision before undergoing laser vision correction. Dr. Gailitis and Dr. Burks will discuss potential risks in greater detail and answer any questions you may have.

Is laser vision correction painful?
There is little or no discomfort during the procedure. Eye drops are used to numb the eyes. No needles or injections are required. After LASIK, post-operative discomfort is minimal. However, it is common to have some eye irritation for the first few hours. With ASA, mild irritation may last for several days following the procedure.

Begin your day.
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Should I have Custom LASIK or Traditional LASIK?

Traditional LASIK resculpts the cornea to an optimal profile of steepness, flatness and/or roundness. Custom LASIK moves a step beyond in treating the unique ridges and valleys in your visual system, called higher order aberrations, to potentially deliver vision better than you’ve ever experienced with glasses or contact lenses. All LASIK performed using the Allegretto Wave is Custom LASIK. Using a unique wave-front-optimized treatment profile, the Allegretto will not induce spherical aberration, the distortion which is most often cited in night vision and contrast sensitivity complaints. The Allegretto Wave is the only excimer laser available today which employs this wavefront-optimized treatment profile.

How long does the procedure take?
Plan on being in our office for 2 hours. You will be in the Laser Suite about 30 minutes.

When can I return to work?
Most patients notice dramatic improvements within the first few days following the procedure and are able to drive a car and return to work within one to three days. Most LASIK patients see quite well the next day. However, the speed of visual recovery ultimately depends on personal healing patterns.

After LVC, restriction on activities is minimal. These will be covered in detail prior to the procedure.

Are both eyes treated the same day?
Yes. Most patients choose to have both eyes treated the same day.

Does insurance cover LVC?
Generally, LVC is considered elective and is not covered by most health insurance plans. However, cafeteria or flex spending plans can be used for laser vision correction. Please contact your insurance carrier to determine your specific coverage.

Can LVC eliminate the need for reading glasses?
Yes and no. The need for reading glasses usually begins at around 40-45 and is caused by a loss of elasticity of the natural lens inside the eye. This loss of elasticity results in an inability to focus on small print or near objects. This condition is called presbyopia.

LVC cannot restore the elasticity to the natural lens inside the eye. However, there is a technique that is commonly used with contact lenses called monovision in which one eye is fit with a contact lens to see at distance and the other eye is fit with a contact lens to see near. This same technique can be used with LVC. One eye would be treated for distance and the other treated for close work.

It's been our experience that monovision is helpful for near tasks such as reading a watch, menu or price tags, but not for reading fine print or prolonged close work.

Please tell Dr. Gailitis or Dr. Burks if you'd like to consider the monovision treatment.

Do you offer a monthly payment plan?
Yes. Ask us if you'd like to learn more about this option.

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my expectations.
Enhance my life.

Can you believe that I am typing this message to you with NO GLASSES! I cant thank you enough for all that you have done for me. Never in my wildest expectations would I have believed that the surgery could turn out this great.

Pastor Lawrence T.

Technology only succeeds because of physicians/surgeons who demonstrate their love for their profession, who are innovators in their field, whose compassion comforts and whose dedication inspires. You and your staff comprise these attributes. The Center for LASIK is like a beautifully-wrapped present. When opened, it is the best gift one is given. Thank you for my beautifully-wrapped present.

Suzy

I have never written a letter of appreciation, but I want to say THANK YOU and million times for my surgery. I can see! You called on the evening of the evening of surgery to see how I was. What a great gesture.

Florence W.

I have been wearing glasses since I was 3 years old. I can’t believe that after 26 years of needing corrective eyewear, I can actually see without using anything. My doctors in New York said I would never be a candidate because of my astigmatism, but here I am!

Colleen Q.

The day I waled into your office for my LASIK procedure, I was legally blind. The next morning when I came for my follow-up exam, I had perfect 20/20 vision. Thank you for giving me my sight.

Brian C.

Just a special thank you for making a potentially scary procedure a welcome change! Everyone is so responsive, informative and attentive. During the surgery there were no unexpected surprises. The patient comes first before, during and after.

Hilary C.

What a miracle! The LASIK procedure is like being born again. No glasses...no contacts... I can see perfectly both near and far.

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I have never seen a staff as friendly, caring and professional as yours.

Cynthia L.

This freedom is more than just convenience, it is vanity and self-esteem. It makes me feel like an active, younger me with superwoman vision. I giggle every time I pick up a book or go for a run.

Suz

I don’t have another word, other than “miracle” for my sight without glasses.

Yvonne P.

I want to thank you for the great job you did on my bilateral LASIK surgery. One day later, I was driving without glasses and four days later I was back in the operating room performing cataract surgery. You and your staff did a fantastic job and I am glad I trusted you with my eyes.

Douglas S., MD