

Find The Best LASIK Eye Surgery Near You



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If you wear glasses or contacts, LASIK eye surgery may be on your radar. According to a 2016 study in the *Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery*, more than 99% of those who undergo LASIK end up with 20/40 vision^[1]. Considering those positive statistics you may be wondering, “Where can I get the best LASIK eye surgery near me?”

As you shop around for a place to go for LASIK eye surgery, you may notice there is no shortage of options as this is a very common and popular procedure. We’ve created this guide to make your search for the best LASIK eye surgery clinic a bit easier.

What Is LASIK Eye Surgery?

LASIK, an acronym for laser-assisted-in-situ-keratomileusis, is a surgery that aims to correct refractive errors in one’s vision. “Refractive errors like myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness) and astigmatism (blurry vision) occur when the light that enters the eye doesn’t properly focus on the retina or the back of the eye,” explains Jovi Boparai, M.D., a Philadelphia-based ophthalmic surgeon and founder of CorneaCare, a company dedicated to increasing awareness of eye health and wellness. During LASIK, a surgeon makes a micron-thin, circular flap in the cornea (the outermost, clear layer of the eye) and removes microscopic tissue contributing to vision concerns with a laser.

How To Find the Best LASIK Surgeon Near You

If you’re looking for the best LASIK surgeon, Ella Faktorovich, M.D., of Pacific Vision Institute in San Francisco, recommends you ask your optometrist. “Optometrists are general eye doctors who see patients for eye health exams. They don’t [perform] surgery, [however, they] often see patients for postoperative follow-up care after a surgical procedure, such as LASIK. They’re in a unique position to see how good the outcomes are for different surgeons and they would [likely] recommend the surgeon or surgeons with the best outcomes,” says Dr. Faktorovich.

An ophthalmologist or primary care doctor can also likely offer referrals to nearby LASIK surgeons. Online reviews can additionally provide direct insight from patients.

“Another good place to look is social groups on Facebook or other platforms. There are communities of people online who have had LASIK and are willing to share their experiences. This is a great place to learn about patient experience, ask questions and get surgeon recommendations,” adds Dr. Boparai.

What to Consider When Looking for the Best LASIK Eye Surgery in Your Area

When you search for a LASIK surgeon, Dr. Boparai and Dr. Brusco recommend you consider the following factors:

- **Personal Comfort:** It’s important that the surgeon you choose makes you feel comfortable and understood. The goal is to build a trusting relationship with them, says Dr. Boparai.
- **Experience:** “Your surgeon should have several years of experience doing LASIK with great reviews from

patients,” says Dr. Boparai.

- **Training:** Any ophthalmologist can get trained on how to perform LASIK. However, you want to ensure your surgeon is up to date on the latest techniques and technology, notes Dr. Boparai.
- **Staff and facility:** Make sure the center is clean, and the staff are friendly. After all, you’ll be seeing the staff before and after the procedure, and they’ll be an integral part of your procedure and healing thereafter, explains Dr. Boparai.
- **Success rate:** “Pick a surgeon who has a high success rate of visual outcomes after the surgery. Your surgeon should be able to provide this information to you,” adds Dr. Boparai.
- **Consultation process:** A thorough consultation during which you can ask lots of questions is essential. “Avoid surgeons or offices that do simple screening exams with only one or two pieces of equipment that quickly assess your eyes. Your vision is very precious and should be treated with great care; it’s not a process that should be hurried or rushed,” notes Michael Brusco, M.D., a board-certified ophthalmologist and refractive surgeon at Brusco Vision in Falls Church, Virginia.

Top Cities and States for LASIK Eye Surgery

“LASIK is widely performed throughout the U.S., and there are excellent LASIK surgeons in every city and state. That said, the states with the most LASIK centers likely include California, Florida, Texas, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Notable cities include Los Angeles, Houston, New York City, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Miami,” says Dr. Boparai.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgery are all good places to start your search for an experienced LASIK surgeon.

LASIK has the potential to change your vision (and life) for the better, as long as you’re a good candidate. However, the surgeon you go to matters. Take the time to do your research and explore all your options so you can hone on the ideal one for your unique situation.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

• Which type of LASIK surgery is the best?

The best type of LASIK surgery will depend on the unique needs of each individual. You can speak with your primary care doctor or eye specialist, such as an optometrist or ophthalmologist, to determine the best options for you.

• Who is the best company for laser eye surgery?

Since LASIK is a surgical procedure and is performed by a surgeon, it is best to look for the best surgeon, rather than a company, explains Dr. Faktorovich.

• Is there a better surgery option than LASIK?

LASIK is one of the many forms of refractive surgery you can pursue. Other options include LASEK (laser epithelial keratomileusis), PRK (photorefractive keratectomy), SMILE (small incision lenticule extraction), RLE (refractive lens exchange), and ICL (implantable collamer lens), explains Dr. Boparai. “The only way to determine which form of refractive surgery is best for you is to have an in-person consultation with an eye surgeon,” he adds.