

That's exactly why our practice offers an advanced approach to LASIK called the **IntraLase™ Method**. With the IntraLase Method, you can have a LASIK procedure that's 100% blade-free, and shown in clinical studies to take more patients to 20/20 vision and beyond.¹

The IntraLase™ Method

For a Blade-Free LASIK Experience™

No matter how ready you are for life without lenses, the decision to have LASIK is a big one. You want to know for certain that you're getting the safest, most trusted treatment available.



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What is the IntraLase™ Method?

The IntraLase Method is a 100% blade-free approach to creating your corneal flap, the thin flap of tissue that the doctor folds back in order to perform your LASIK procedure. The IntraLase Method can only be performed using the IntraLase® FS laser.

Traditionally, doctors have used an instrument called a microkeratome for the creation of corneal flaps. The microkeratome is a hand-held blade that moves across the eye, cutting the corneal flap as it goes. While LASIK is extremely safe, if complications do occur the microkeratome is most often the cause.

The IntraLase Method, by contrast, enables your doctor to create your corneal flap without a blade ever touching your eye.

How does it work?

With the IntraLase Method, tiny pulses of laser light, a quadrillionth of a second each, pass harmlessly through the outer portion of your cornea and form a uniform layer of microscopic bubbles just beneath the surface of your eye.

The exact dimensions of this layer of bubbles are determined by your doctor based on what's best for your eye, and are computer controlled for maximum precision—things that are not possible with a hand-held blade. The IntraLase flap creation process takes about 10 to 20 seconds.

When it's time for your LASIK treatment to be performed, your doctor easily separates the tissue where these bubbles occur and then folds it back, thus creating your corneal flap.

When LASIK is complete, a flap created using the IntraLase Method is uniquely able to “lock” back into place. Your eye then begins to rapidly heal.



Is it right for me?

If you're looking for blade-free treatment that virtually eliminates the most severe sight-threatening complications, the answer is yes.

The IntraLase Method also delivers outstanding visual results: more patients achieve vision that is 20/20 or better when the IntraLase Method is used.¹ And patients report better quality of vision overall, particularly in terms of their ability to see well in low light, such as at dusk or at night.²



What else should I know?

Preferred by patients.

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3 TO 1 In a clinical survey of LASIK patients who had their corneal flaps created using a blade in one eye and the IntraLase Method in the other, the vision in the IntraLase-treated eye was preferred 3-to-1 (among those who stated a preference).³

Proven and trusted.

Millions of procedures have been performed safely and effectively using the IntraLase Method.

The most advanced treatment there is.

Advanced IntraLase technology gives your doctor the highest degree of surgical control for the most effective procedure you can have.

Ultimately, the 100% blade-free IntraLase Method gives patients more confidence and less anxiety going in for LASIK treatment, and excellent vision coming out.

For more information about the IntraLase Method, talk to your doctor.

As with all elective procedures, you should ask your doctor for a complete list of the risks and complications associated with LASIK and the IntraLase Method.