



## Special Event Refractive Surgery Financial Policy

Refractive surgery is an investment in your vision and in your quality of life. To help patients afford this life altering surgery, The Eye and Laser Center offers several options. First, it is important to understand the costs and value that refractive surgery entails.

### **Life Long Value**

When considering whether refractive or PRK surgery is right for you, it is important to understand the long-term benefits. At The Eye and Laser Center, we use the latest technology to provide safe, precise treatment. If you are considering surgery, keep in mind:

PRK can actually pay for itself. Without it, you will need to purchase new glasses and contacts for the rest of your life as your prescription changes, or as they wear out or are lost.

Glasses and contacts do not improve the physical imperfections of the cornea. Conversely, refractive surgery permanently refines your cornea for long-term vision improvement.

You will be able to see clearly with your own eyes from the within a few days after surgery. Most of our patients no longer need corrective eye wear shortly after surgery.

The recovery period following refractive surgery is short. Many patients notice improved vision almost immediately. Full results become apparent within one to two months

### **What are the costs involved?**

Patient satisfaction and safety is our utmost priority. To determine if you are a good candidate for refractive surgery, a detailed comprehensive eye exam must be performed. This exam includes exhaustive testing beyond a normal exam to ensure your safety and the best surgical outcome. The cost of this exam is \$210.00 and must be paid prior to the exam. If you and your physician decide surgery is right for you, the cost of the exam will be deducted from the total price of the surgery. If you are not found to be a good candidate for surgery, you will be given a glasses or contact prescription.

For this PRK Special event, the cost of surgery is \$899.00 per eye. If you have surgery on both eyes the total will be \$1798.00 minus the cost of the exam for a total of \$1588.00

## **What is included in the cost of the surgery?**

The total cost of surgery includes the initial comprehensive exam, the refractive surgery post-surgical follow-ups. This cost includes all examinations and pre-operative exam, the surgeon's fee, and 9 months of post-operative office visits. Infrequently additional refractive surgery may be needed to obtain a sharper visual acuity. In this case you may elect to have surgical touch-ups. If you require an additional treatment within 12 months of your initial surgery, there is a fee of \$200 per eye. This fee is charged by the laser manufacturer. There is no additional charge from your doctor. Your next annual eye exam is not included in the cost of the refractive surgery.

## **How do I pay for my surgery?**

**The total cost of surgery must be paid in full prior to the surgery.**

Most insurance companies consider laser vision correction surgery to be an elective procedure, so it is often not covered under basic health or vision plans.

Fortunately, The Eye and Laser Center has several options available to pay for your surgery. We accept cash, check, Visa, and Master Card. Refractive surgery is an excellent investment in your personal well-being. For this reason, we believe that financial considerations should not be an obstacle and we provide the following additional options for payment through Care Credit. Care Credit is a financing company that specializes in healthcare procedures. Care Credit offers many options and payment plans. Please inquire with any patient care specialist about your payment options.

Initial Comprehensive Exam: \$210.00 Must be paid in full prior to exam.

Surgery fees: \$899.00 per eye

Both eyes:  $\$1798.00 - \$210.00 = \$1588.00$  Must be paid in full by the day prior to surgery.

I understand the refractive surgery policy, fees, and payment options of The Eye and Laser Center.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date