

VISION GOALS

If you are UNDER AGE 40 Laser refractive surgery will give you both distance and near vision. As you age, the lens of your eye loses it's ability to accommodate and see at near – this is usually after age 40 and is called Presbyopia. It is at this age, many people begin using reading glasses or bifocals.

If you are over age 40 and have laser refractive surgery you will be given different options.

Full distance vision and use of reading glasses for near. This is good for those who lead an active outdoor lifestyle.

Mono Vision is an option for those people over 40 who require reading glasses for near vision tasks. Mono vision gives you good distance and near vision by treating one eye for distance and one eye for near vision or partial near vision. Many people learn to adapt to mono vision with excellent results. Your dominant eye is usually treated for distance vision and your non-dominant eye is slightly under corrected for near vision – your eyes learn to work together after an adaptation period and many people need no glasses for distance or near vision with this option. Millions of people wear mono vision contact lenses with great success.

Modified near vision – This is useful for very nearsighted or farsighted people who do extensive near tasks most of the time. Artists, small mechanical or instrumentation work. With this vision you would need glasses for driving or critical distance tasks, but would be able to function in an indoor environment without glasses.

COMBINED PROCEDURES - Many patients have complex prescriptions that do not fit in any one category and therefore may require combined procedures. These patients will be treated in stages, and although the surgical procedure time may be slower to complete, the outcome is improved.

People with large amounts of astigmatism may need overlay treatments such as a Limbal Relaxing Incision (This is a small incision made on the cornea at the greatest zone of astigmatism). This procedure may be used to partially decrease the astigmatism to levels that the laser can treat.

Patients who have PRELEX, Cataract, or VERISYSE procedures may require a LASIK overlay to give them the best visual outcome.

Each patient is counseled as to the possible treatment and options available to create optimal results. No treatment is "the only option" and Dr. Lipsky may determine during the course of your post operative healing that an overlay or another treatment may be more beneficial. This is a medical decision, and there are no charges for overlay treatments performed by Dr. Lipsky during your post operative period. At Advanced Laser Vision each procedure, plan, or treatment is customized for YOU the patient. Dr. Lipsky and our refractive team want you to have the best possible experience and vision at our facility.

Thank you again for considering Advanced Laser Vision and Surgical Institute.