



Cutarelli Vision Details How SMILE Differs from LASIK for Denver, Colorado Patients

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Cutarelli Vision, a LASIK surgeon located in Denver, Colorado, has published a patient guide examining how SMILE and LASIK differ for people considering laser vision correction. The practice performs both procedures at its Denver office and at additional locations across the Colorado Front Range, giving residents of the region access to more than one surgical approach to nearsightedness and astigmatism. The guide, titled "How Is SMILE Different from LASIK? A Clear Answer for Colorado Patients," describes how each procedure reshapes the cornea, how their candidacy ranges differ, and what each means for recovery, dry-eye risk, and cost.

The distinction between the two procedures centers on how each reshapes the eye. According to the guide, SMILE corrects moderate to high nearsightedness and low to moderate nearsighted astigmatism through a small incision only a few millimeters wide, without creating a corneal flap, while LASIK reshapes the cornea after lifting a thin flap and can treat a broader prescription range that includes farsightedness. Patients in Denver weighing LASIK against SMILE can review both options during a single evaluation, and those whose prescriptions fall outside the SMILE range can be assessed for LASIK, EVO ICL or refractive lens exchange (RLE) at the same visit. The guide adds that SMILE effectively corrects nearsighted astigmatism within its

approved range, with studies showing outcomes comparable to LASIK for suitable candidates, while LASIK can additionally treat farsighted astigmatism and higher and lower degrees that fall outside the SMILE range. Free consultations at the practice's Fort Collins, and Boulder offices include corneal measurements that help determine whether SMILE or LASIK matches a given eye.

Recovery and comfort are frequent considerations for patients comparing the procedures. The guide notes that recovery timelines for SMILE and LASIK are broadly similar, with most patients resuming everyday activities within a day or two. On cost, the guide states that SMILE and LASIK are frequently priced similarly in Colorado, with SMILE sometimes slightly higher technology it requires, and that most Colorado practices provide personalized quotes at consultation rather than fixed online pricing. The guide also notes that SMILE is less widely available than LASIK because it requires a specific laser technology that not every practice offers, and it suggests that patients confirm availability when comparing providers across the region. Cutarelli Vision offers 24-month and 36-month no-interest financing at its Denver office and provides SMILE, LASIK, and PRK across its Colorado Springs and other Front Range locations.

"Patients often ask whether SMILE or LASIK is the better procedure, but the more useful question is which one fits a specific eye," said Dr. Paul Cutarelli, a Johns Hopkins-trained, board-certified corneal specialist and founder of Cutarelli Vision. "Because Cutarelli Vision offers SMILE, LASIK, EVO ICL, refractive lens exchange (RLE) and Keratoconus treatments such as cross linking, Intacts with CK, CTAK, and specialized corneal laser for corneal irregularities, a single consultation can measure the cornea and prescription and identify the option that matches a patient's anatomy and visual goals." Dr. Cutarelli completed his ophthalmology residency at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital and a fellowship at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, and he has performed more than 90,000 vision correction procedures since entering practice in 1995. The practice reports an over-95 percent success rate across the refractive procedures performed at its Denver and Front Range offices.

Cutarelli Vision's Denver office is located at 7900 E Union Ave #100, Denver, CO 80237, and can be reached at 303-486-2020. The traditional medical practice serves patients throughout Denver, Fort Collins, Boulder, and Colorado Springs, and offers SMILE, LASIK, PRK, EVO ICL, and refractive lens exchange across its Colorado Front Range locations. The Denver office maintains weekday hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Directions and hours are available through the practice's Google Maps listing and its Denver office page for patients traveling from the surrounding metro area.

Cutarelli Vision provides SMILE and LASIK laser vision correction in Denver, Colorado, along with EVO ICL, refractive lens exchange (RLE), and refractive cataract and Keratoconus procedures that help patients across the Colorado Front Range. Information about the practice, its procedures, and its four locations is available at

cutarellivision.com, and its Google Business Profile lists current hours, reviews, and contact details for the Denver office. Free consultations remain available at all four Colorado Front Range locations for patients comparing SMILE, LASIK, and other vision correction options.

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