

Eye Care Specialist Answers: How Long Does LASIK Last

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The Las Vegas, NV based Las Vegas Eye Institute is taking steps to raise awareness of LASIK surgery and debunk some of its most persistent myths. As they delve through the numerous questions they regularly receive from their patients, the eye care institute looks forward to offering reassurance regarding the efficacy of the LASIK procedure as well as further details regarding its longevity.

According to Dr. Matthew Swanic of Las Vegas Eye Institute, one of the most unfortunate myths regarding LASIK (or laser in-situ keratomileusis) is that it does not last more than 10 years. It is unfortunate, he explains, because this apparent fact often plays a significant role in a patient?s decision to avoid undergoing the procedure, thereby taking away an opportunity for them to restore their eyesight.

He states, ?Of course, a patient can always change their mind but the issue is that it?s quite difficult for someone to believe otherwise once they have already assimilated what they believe is the truth. At the very least, they will be skeptical of doctors who advise them against this form of ?common knowledge? and postpone their LASIK surgery for quite some time. At the other end of the spectrum, they may turn their attention away from this potentially life-changing procedure and never consider it again. Since our work at the

Las Vegas Eye Institute has exposed us to how much good this procedure can do for the average person, we make it our mission to help our community come to grips with the truth.?

This truth, according to the Institute, is that the modern LASIK procedure is considered permanent vision correction, and those who opt to undergo this surgery may expect their corrected vision to last far longer than the mere 10 years offered by popular myth. While the original LASIK surgery performed in the 1990s did have certain shortcomings, the following 20+ years have seen the field advance a great deal. Today, it is one of the safest and swiftest corrective procedures for the eye that a patient can undergo. It is also, notably, one of the most effective and long-lasting.

According to a blog post on the subject (published on the Las Vegas Eye Institute?s website), ?LASIK improves your existing vision by either flattening the central cornea in the case of myopic LASIK for nearsightedness or by steepening the central cornea for hyperopic LASIK to treat farsightedness. In the case of nearsightedness, which accounts for 85% of LASIK procedures, the eye has too much power. This is why people with poor distance vision from myopia wear glasses or contact lenses with negative power. The eye has too much power and LASIK decreases that power by removing a minimal amount of central corneal tissue.?

The post adds, ?LASIK lasers cannot add tissue to the eye; they can only remove tissue. So, for farsighted treatments, our LASIK lasers remove tissue in a donut shape peripherally and barely touch the center of the cornea. This removal of tissue causes the center of the cornea to steepen and gives the eye more power. This idea is key to understand how this technology works and how modern LASIK platforms have improved to make LASIK last a very long time.? Those interested in learning more are welcome to read the full article at the following link: How Long Does LASIK Last?

Led by Dr. Mathew Swanic, the Las Vegas Eye Institute offers a variety of services in addition to LASIK eye surgery. These services include advanced cataract surgery, smile eye surgery and even cosmetic procedures such as Botox applications. Dr. Swanic is also a Las Vegas native who graduated with honors from UNLV and obtained his medical degree from the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Among his many accomplishments, he is Board Certified in Ophthalmology and is an active member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons.

More information regarding the Las Vegas Eye Institute, their services and LASIK eye surgery can be found on the clinic?s website. Furthermore, patients are welcome to get in touch with the clinic?s team to request a consultation regarding any concerns they have with their eyes. The team can also be reached through the clinic?s social media platforms.

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