

Florida Eye Specialists Expands Treatment Options with Custom Lens Replacement (Refractive Lens Exchange, RLE)

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Florida Eye Specialists, the largest multi-specialty ophthalmology practice in North Florida, is pleased to offer Custom Lens Replacement, also known as Refractive Lens Exchange (RLE). As an advanced alternative to LASIK, this procedure offers a life-changing solution for patients over the age of 40 who are experiencing age-related vision changes, such as presbyopia, or for those with high prescriptions who are not candidates for LASIK.

Custom Lens Replacement is a surgical procedure that replaces the eye?s natural lens with an artificial intraocular lens (IOL), improving vision by correcting nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism. What sets this procedure apart is its ability to prevent cataracts later in life, offering a customized, long-term vision correction solution tailored to each patient?s unique needs and lifestyle.

With demand for Custom Lens Replacement continuing to rise, Florida Eye Specialists is proud to provide

this option, allowing patients to enjoy a higher quality of life, free from glasses, contacts, or future cataract surgery. As leading cataract surgeons in Jacksonville, FL, Florida Eye Specialists offer unmatched expertise in both cataract prevention and vision correction.

Custom Lens Replacement is increasingly favored by those who have outgrown traditional vision correction options, such as glasses and contact lenses. While LASIK is widely known for its effectiveness, an estimated 25% to 40% of adults are not candidates due to factors like age, high prescriptions, or dry eyes. Custom Lens Replacement is an excellent alternative for these individuals, particularly those over 40 who are beginning to notice changes in their near vision.

?Custom Lens Replacement not only corrects vision but also acts as a preventative measure against cataracts, which is a common concern for people as they age,? said Dr. Amit Chokshi, board-certified ophthalmologist with Florida Eye Specialists. ?This procedure provides patients with the opportunity to improve their vision while eliminating the need for cataract surgery down the road. It?s a win-win for many people who want long-term solutions.?

Custom Lens Replacement is particularly effective for patients with high prescriptions or presbyopia. Unlike LASIK, which requires a sufficient corneal thickness, this procedure can be an ideal solution for patients with thin corneas or those who suffer from dry eyes. It corrects a wide range of refractive errors, from nearsightedness to farsightedness and astigmatism, often eliminating the need for glasses or contacts altogether.

An added benefit: By removing the eye's natural lens, Custom Lens Replacement helps prevent the development of cataracts, which typically affects those over the age of 60. With over 24 million Americans affected by cataracts?and the number expected to increase to 50 million by 2050?this procedure offers a proactive approach for those at risk.

?I had struggled with two pairs of glasses for years, one for distance and one for close-up vision,? said Holly Carver, a patient who underwent Custom Lens Replacement with Light Adjustable Lenses (LAL) at Florida Eye Specialists in June 2023. ?After the procedure, I realized I didn?t need glasses anymore. I can drive at night, go to sporting events, and simply enjoy life without worrying about glasses fogging up or needing them for everything.?

Florida Eye Specialists is the largest and most comprehensive ophthalmology practice in Northeast Florida. With 15 locations across the region and over 20 highly trained surgeons, the practice continues to lead in cutting-edge treatments, including Custom Lens Replacement and other vision correction procedures.

?Our team is committed to providing the best care possible using the latest technologies,? said Dr. Chokshi.

?We?re proud to offer Custom Lens Replacement (RLE) as a solution for patients who are looking for a more permanent answer to their vision issues. By addressing refractive errors early, we can not only improve quality of life but also reduce future vision complications.?

For those considering Custom Lens Replacement or want to learn more about how this procedure can improve one's vision, contact Florida Eye Specialists today to schedule a consultation. The team of cataract surgeons in Jacksonville, FL, is here to help find the right solution for one's vision needs.

About Florida Eye Specialists

Florida Eye Specialists is the largest multi-specialty eye care practice in North Florida, offering comprehensive eye care services across 15 locations. With a team of highly skilled specialists, the practice provides advanced treatments in cataract surgery, glaucoma care, LASIK, cornea procedures, and more. Florida Eye Specialists is dedicated to delivering high-quality, patient-centered care with the latest technologies in ophthalmology.

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