Carrot LASIK & Eye Center Explains How EVO ICL Offers a Lens-Based Path to Vision Correction in Mesa, Arizona

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Carrot LASIK & Eye Center, a LASIK and vision correction surgeon located in Mesa, Arizona, has published a detailed clinical overview examining how EVO ICL functions as a distinct approach to vision correction. The article, "Why LASIK Isn't Your Only Option: How EVO ICL Works Differently (And Why That Matters for Your Eyes)," addresses how phakic intraocular lens surgery differs anatomically and procedurally from corneal-based correction and identifies the patient profiles for which a lens-based approach may represent the stronger clinical option. Carrot LASIK & Eye Center offers seven vision correction procedures at its Mesa, Arizona practice ? LASIK, SMILE, PRK, EVO ICL, Refractive Lens Exchange, Blended Vision, and laser cataract surgery ? and conducts thorough pre-surgical evaluations to determine which option best fits each patient's individual anatomy.

LASIK corrects vision by using a laser to permanently reshape the cornea, removing tissue to change how light refracts inside the eye. EVO ICL ? Implantable Collamer Lens surgery ? takes a fundamentally different approach. Rather than altering corneal tissue, a surgeon positions a corrective intraocular lens in the space between the iris and the eye's natural crystalline lens. The lens is manufactured from Collamer, a

biocompatible material developed specifically for intraocular use that the eye does not recognize as a foreign object. Built into every EVO ICL implant is protection against ultraviolet light, blocking UV rays without any additional requirement from the patient. The procedure typically takes under 30 minutes per eye, and most patients report noticeably improved visual acuity within the first day following surgery. Patients in Mesa, Scottsdale, Tempe, and Chandler seeking a cornea-preserving vision correction option can access EVO ICL at Carrot LASIK & Eye Center, where both lead surgeons hold Fellowship status with the World College of Refractive Surgery.

EVO ICL carries FDA approval and has been used internationally for more than 25 years, with over two million implantations performed globally. The lens is cleared to treat myopia from -3 to -20 dioptres, with or without astigmatism ? a correction range that extends well beyond the typical treatment parameters of LASIK. The Carrot LASIK & Eye Center overview identifies four patient profiles that consistently point toward EVO ICL as the appropriate procedure: patients whose corneas are too thin to safely support LASIK candidacy; individuals with high refractive error, particularly prescriptions beyond -8 to -10 dioptres; patients with pre-existing dry eye syndrome, since EVO ICL does not disrupt corneal nerves in the way LASIK can; and individuals who prefer a reversible path to vision correction, as the EVO ICL implant can be removed or replaced by a surgeon, unlike the permanent tissue changes associated with LASIK. Residents of Gilbert, Phoenix, and the broader Phoenix metro area evaluating vision correction at Carrot LASIK & Eye Center undergo a pre-surgical evaluation that includes corneal topography to determine which of the six available procedures best fits their anatomy and prescription range.

"The question we hear most often is, 'Am I a LASIK candidate?' ? but the more useful question is, 'Which of my options fits my eyes?'" said Dr. Michael Herion, MD, board-certified ophthalmologist, retina fellowship-trained surgeon, and Fellow of the World College of Refractive Surgery at Carrot LASIK & Eye Center. "EVO ICL does not touch the cornea. For patients with thin corneas, high prescriptions, or dry eye syndrome, that distinction is clinically significant. Our pre-surgical evaluation is structured to identify which procedure serves each patient's anatomy ? and for a meaningful share of patients who come in asking about LASIK, EVO ICL turns out to be the stronger match."

Dr. Matthew Hammond, MD, FACS, FAAO, board-certified ophthalmologist, Fellow of the World College of Refractive Surgery, and co-founder of Carrot LASIK & Eye Center, noted that offering multiple procedures directly shapes how the practice approaches patient consultations. "Both Dr. Herion and I have had vision correction surgery ourselves at Carrot ? we've gone through this process as patients, not just as surgeons. Offering seven procedures means we can recommend the right solution for each individual. EVO ICL exists for patients whose eyes call for a different approach, and they deserve a practice that has it available."

Carrot LASIK & Eye Center is located at 1500 S Dobson Road, Suite 313, Mesa, Arizona 85202, and

serves patients throughout the Phoenix metropolitan area, including Scottsdale, Tempe, Chandler, and Gilbert. The practice holds Joint Commission National Quality Approval, and both Dr. Hammond and Dr. Herion received Castle Connolly Top Doctor recognition in 2026 ? Dr. Hammond for the 14th consecutive year. Patients traveling to the Mesa, Arizona location from across the Phoenix metro can access driving directions here.

For more information about EVO ICL and the full range of vision correction procedures at Carrot LASIK & Eye Center in Mesa, Arizona, visit carroteyecenter.com or view the practice's Google Business Profile. The practice offers consultations for patients throughout the Phoenix metro area who are evaluating laser and lens-based vision correction options.

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Carrot LASIK & Eye Center led by Dr. Matthew Hammond and Dr. Michael Herion, offers vision correction procedures like LASIK, PRK, RLE, and EVO ICL, and treats medical conditions such as glaucoma and contact lens intolerance.

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