



Cutarelli Vision Offers EVO ICL Surgery in Denver for Patients Who Do Not Qualify for LASIK

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Cutarelli Vision, led by Paul E Cutarelli, MD, a LASIK surgeon located in Denver, Colorado, offers EVO ICL implantable collamer lens surgery as a vision correction option for patients who do not qualify for LASIK due to high prescriptions, irregular astigmatism, thin corneas, or dry eye conditions. The practice serves patients throughout the Colorado Front Range, including Denver, Fort Collins, Boulder, and Colorado Springs, and evaluates candidates for the full range of refractive procedures at each location. A recently published article from Cutarelli Vision, "How Does EVO ICL Compare to LASIK for High Prescriptions in Denver?," outlines the clinical criteria that determine whether a patient is better suited for EVO ICL or LASIK, with particular focus on patients with high myopia.

For Denver patients with myopia beyond ± 8.75 diopters, the difference between EVO ICL and LASIK extends beyond procedure preference to clinical eligibility. While LASIK is FDA-approved for myopia corrections up to approximately ± 12.0 diopters, it corrects vision by reshaping the cornea through tissue removal, a process that becomes more tissue-intensive as prescription strength increases and thus requires adequate corneal thickness. EVO ICL is FDA-approved to correct myopia from ± 3.0 to ± 15.0 diopters and to reduce myopia up to ± 20.0 diopters by placing a biocompatible collamer lens behind the iris without removing any corneal

tissue. Because EVO ICL is additive rather than ablative, it corrects an essentially unlimited amount of nearsightedness regardless of corneal thickness or strength, a distinction that directly affects surgical eligibility for Denver patients whose corneal measurements fall outside the thresholds required for LASIK. ICL can be paired with LASIK to treat an essentially unlimited degree of astigmatism also.

Denver patients who are nearsighted with or without astigmatism and who have been told they do not qualify for LASIK due to thin corneas, irregular corneas, dry eye syndrome, or prescriptions that exceed LASIK's correction range very likely qualify for EVO ICL. Because EVO ICL requires no corneal tissue removal or flap creation, conditions that disqualify patients from corneal refractive procedures do not automatically exclude them from lens-based correction. Typical EVO ICL candidates are between ages 21 and 45, carry myopia between -8.0 and -20.0 diopters, and have maintained a stable prescription for at least one year; ICL can treat patients as low as -3.00 diopters of myopia. Unlike LASIK, EVO ICL candidacy does not require a minimum corneal thickness. The procedure is also reversible: the collamer lens can be removed or exchanged through an outpatient procedure if vision needs change, a characteristic that appeals to some patients. Cutarelli Vision evaluates candidacy for EVO ICL, LASIK, PRK, SMILE, Keratoconus, Crosslinking, Intacts, CTAK and Refractive Lens Exchange (RLE) for patients throughout Denver, Fort Collins, Boulder, and Colorado Springs, ensuring that patients who have been turned away elsewhere are assessed across the full range of available options.

"Many patients come to us after being told elsewhere that they are not candidates for LASIK," said Dr. Paul Cutarelli, MD, Johns Hopkins-trained, board-certified corneal specialist and founder of Cutarelli Vision. "With over 90,000 vision correction procedures performed across EVO ICL, LASIK, PRK, SMILE, and RLE, we evaluate each patient's prescription, corneal anatomy, and anterior chamber measurements to identify every available option. For patients whose prescriptions or corneal profiles place them outside LASIK's range, EVO ICL is often a clinically appropriate path to reduced dependence on glasses and contacts that would not otherwise be available to them." Dr. Cutarelli completed his ophthalmology residency at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins and a fellowship in anterior segment surgery at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London and a corneal and refractive surgery fellowship with Dr. Daniel S. Durrie, MD at the Hunkeler Eye Clinic all of which provided him with specialized training in corneal and lens evaluation, treatment and surgery that informs candidacy decisions for both laser and lens-based refractive procedures.

Cutarelli Vision's Denver location is at 7900 E Union Ave #100, Denver, CO 80237, and serves patients from across the Colorado Front Range, including Fort Collins, Boulder, and Colorado Springs. The practice has more lasers than any other vision correction facility in Colorado, and Dr. Cutarelli performs all relevant laser and lens vision correction procedures, so procedure selection is based on each patient's clinical profile rather than equipment or technique limitations. Free consultations are available for Denver patients and others across the Colorado Front Range who are evaluating EVO ICL, LASIK, PRK, SMILE, or Refractive Lens Exchange (RLE), including those who have previously been told they do not qualify for LASIK.

Additional information about EVO ICL at Cutarelli Vision can be found at cutarellivision.com/evo-icl-denver/, and the full range of vision correction services is available at cutarellivision.com. Cutarelli Vision continues to evaluate patients in Denver, Fort Collins, Boulder, and Colorado Springs for EVO ICL, LASIK, PRK, SMILE, and Refractive Lens Exchange, with free consultations available at all four Colorado Front Range locations.

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