

ClearSight LASIK & Lens Explains How Custom Lens Replacement Differs From Cataract Surgery in Plano, Texas

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ClearSight LASIK & Lens, a LASIK surgeon in Plano, Texas, has published patient guidance addressing a frequent point of confusion between two procedures that involve the same part of the eye. Custom Lens Replacement, also called refractive lens exchange, and cataract surgery use the same surgical technique, yet each is performed for a different medical reason. The practice addressed the distinction in an article titled "How Does Custom Lens Replacement Differ From Cataract Surgery?"

Both Custom Lens Replacement and cataract surgery remove the eye's natural lens and replace it with an artificial intraocular lens. For patients in Plano, the difference lies in the indication rather than the method. Cataract surgery treats a natural lens that has clouded with age, a condition most common in adults older than 60. Custom Lens Replacement is an elective option for adults, typically 40 and older, who want to reduce dependence on glasses or contacts and address presbyopia or significant refractive error before a cataract develops. At ClearSight in Plano, Dr. Anna Edmiston, MD, performs both procedures and evaluates candidacy during a consultation that considers age, visual demands, and eye anatomy. The evaluation at ClearSight in Plano also screens for eye conditions that could affect either procedure, and as of 2026, the timing of surgery depends on individual eye health rather than age alone.

The intraocular lens options are largely the same for both procedures, and the same range is available to patients across Plano and the broader Dallas-Fort Worth area. Monofocal, multifocal, extended-depth-of-focus, toric, and light-adjustable lenses can be used in either Custom Lens Replacement or cataract surgery, with the selection guided by a patient's vision goals and eye anatomy. Insurance treatment differs between the two. As of 2026, cataract surgery is typically covered by medical insurance and Medicare because it addresses a clouded lens that impairs vision, while Custom Lens Replacement is generally considered elective and is not covered. Upgraded lens options can carry out-of-pocket costs in either procedure.

A further distinction involves what happens afterward. Once the natural lens is removed during Custom Lens Replacement, a cataract cannot form on it, because a cataract is a clouding of that natural lens. Some patients later notice clouding of the thin membrane behind the lens, a condition called posterior capsule opacification that is treated with a brief laser procedure. Beyond these two procedures, ClearSight in Plano also offers LASIK, SMILE, EVO ICL, and ASA, also known as Advanced Surface Ablation or PRK, for patients throughout North Texas seeking laser vision correction. Patients across Plano, Dallas, and Fort Worth are evaluated for each of these options based on age and individual visual needs.

"Custom Lens Replacement and cataract surgery use the same technique, but they address very different situations. One corrects refractive error before a cataract forms, and the other treats a lens that has already clouded," said Dr. Anna Edmiston, MD, board-certified ophthalmologist and medical director of ClearSight Plano. "Determining which procedure fits a patient in Plano begins with a careful evaluation. I would rather recommend no surgery than perform one on someone who is not a strong candidate."

Dr. Edmiston is a fellowship-trained ophthalmologist who opened ClearSight's first Texas location and is a former LASIK patient. The practice is owned and medically directed by Dr. Edmiston and Dr. Luke Rebenitsch, MD, a board-certified ophthalmologist and fellowship-trained refractive surgeon, who medically reviewed the source article.

ClearSight LASIK & Lens is located at 5280 Towne Square Dr., Plano, TX 75024, and serves patients throughout Plano, Dallas, Fort Worth, and the wider North Texas region seeking Custom Lens Replacement, cataract surgery, and laser vision correction. Driving directions to the practice are available for patients traveling from across the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Recovery is similar for both procedures because they use the same technique. Patients in Plano and the surrounding communities can review recovery expectations for Custom Lens Replacement and cataract surgery during a consultation. Most patients notice clearer vision within a few days, with vision continuing to stabilize over several weeks, and many people resume normal daily activities within 24 to 48 hours of either procedure. Eye drops are typically used for a few weeks, and strenuous activity is limited briefly during early healing.

For more information about Custom Lens Replacement and cataract surgery at ClearSight LASIK & Lens in Plano, Texas, the practice's website is available at clearsight.com, and additional location and review details can be found on the practice's Google Business Profile. ClearSight LASIK & Lens continues to provide Custom Lens Replacement, cataract surgery, and laser vision correction to patients across Plano and the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and offers free consultations for individuals evaluating their vision correction options.

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