

# LASIK Candidate Quiz

(Ideally, all shaded boxes should be checked.)

**YES**   **NO**

**Do you need corrective lenses to improve your distance vision?**

- If you do not currently need corrective lenses to improve your distance vision, it is likely you will not be eligible for surgery.
- If you are over the age of 40, then as a general rule, you should plan to need reading glasses after LASIK surgery, even if you are not wearing reading glasses prior to surgery. (The exception would be Monovision.)

**Has your prescription changed significantly in the past two years?**

(If you are able to wear glasses or contacts from a prescription written two years ago and can still see well enough to function, then your prescription probably has not changed significantly.)

**Is your prescription for glasses within Dr. Koenig's treatment range?**

Ideal candidates are Nearsighted -1 to -10 Diopters with no more than 4 Diopters of Astigmatism. (Please contact us if you'd like assistance obtaining your last prescription.)

**Do you wear contacts? If yes, prior to exam/surgery, contacts must be left out:**

- Minimum of 2 weeks for soft lenses (full 14 days without wearing contacts)
- Minimum of 3 weeks for toric, hard or gas permeable lenses (add 1 wk if worn 20 yrs or longer)

**Are you over the age of 21?** (Patients must be at least 21 to schedule an evaluation.)

**Have you ever been diagnosed with any condition that affects your body's ability to heal**, such as **diabetes**, a collagen vascular disease (such as **rheumatoid arthritis**), an autoimmune disease (such as **lupus**), an immunodeficiency disease (such as HIV or AIDS)? If yes, Dr. Koenig does not recommend LASIK surgery.

**Have you ever been told by your eye doctor that you show signs of Keratoconus, or been diagnosed with any eye condition, such as dry eye, glaucoma or cataracts?**

(If yes, you may not be a candidate for LASIK surgery.)

**Have you previously undergone eye surgery? If yes, please let us know.**

(If you've had any previous corneal surgery, you may not be eligible for LASIK surgery.)

**Women: Are you pregnant or nursing?**

(You should wait at least 2 months after delivery and 2 months after you've stopped nursing before scheduling a LASIK Evaluation.)

**Have you taken the medication Isotretinoin, brand name Accutane<sup>0</sup>, within the past 6 months?** (This medication is typically prescribed to treat acne, and must NOT be taken 6 months **before** or 6 months **after** surgery.)

**Do you take any prescription migraine medications? (For example: IMITREX<sup>0</sup> 8**

(Prescription migraine medications should not be taken within two weeks of surgery.)

**Are you currently taking the medication Amiodarone Hydrochloride, brand names Cordarone<sup>0</sup> or Pacerone<sup>0</sup>?** (These medications treat heartbeat problems called ventricular arrhythmias. If you take this medication, you should not have LASIK surgery.)

**Important<sup>5</sup>**

**LASIK is not recommended for patients** who have diabetes, a history of glaucoma, ophthalmic Herpes simplex or Herpes zoster keratitis, severe dry eye that is unresponsive to treatment, severe allergies, or patients who are unable to lie flat. If any of these conditions apply to you, you may not be a candidate for LASIK surgery and would need to fax records pertaining to your treatment for Dr. Koenig's review, prior to scheduling an evaluation.