

Near Vision After LASIK

Eye Center Of Texas would like to take this opportunity to clearly and completely explain what occurs to your near (close-up, reading) vision following LASIK laser eye surgery. If you were nearsighted (myopic) prior to your LASIK, you either removed your glasses or used reading glasses/bifocals to read. Optically speaking, removing your glasses “gave” you reading glasses and clear up-close vision.

- **After your LASIK procedure you will not be able to remove your glasses to read – the prescription will be permanently changed.**
- **Your near (reading) vision will be very blurred after LASIK.**
- **You will need reading glasses or bifocals after LASIK.**

Most patients over the age of forty (40) will experience this loss of near vision and patients forty-five (45) and older will usually experience this problem. **The loss of near vision after LASIK will be more profound, much more blurred, than the poor near vision you may experience without your reading glasses or bifocals. This is to be expected.**

A surgical procedure to restore your near vision is under FDA investigation at the present time. This procedure can be done following LASIK and improves the near vision only. This is a totally different procedure than LASIK, does not involve a laser and is not part of the LASIK procedure. We will provide this surgery when it becomes available.

We hope that this document has clearly stated the effect of LASIK (for most patients over 40 years of age) on your near (reading) vision. Should you have any questions please ask your counselor or one of our doctors.

Thank you.

I have read and understand the above explanation concerning my near (reading) vision after my LASIK procedure.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____