

A Patient's Guide to

## Choosing a Refractive Surgery Center

Choosing a provider for vision correction surgery is a very important decision and you

want to make the right choice. But with so much publicity and conflicting claims by more and more vision

correction centers, it's hard to get all the facts you need. We want to make it easier. We recommend that you use this guide to compare the experience, technology, and services of InView with those of other vision correction surgery providers. Whether or not you select InView, we want to help you make the best choice for your eyes.

### Record and Experience

*How long has the center been established in Atlanta?*

*How long has the surgeon been performing refractive surgery?*

Look for a provider with an established record in the community and significant experience in refractive surgery.

#### **InView Vision**

Since our inception, InView surgeons have performed over 50,000 procedures. The center was established in Atlanta in 1994 exclusively for refractive surgery.

#### **Other Center**

*What does the center's LASIK training involve?*

Even the most experienced surgeons need specialized education to perform the variety of procedures available to surgically correct vision. Look for a provider who has completed an extensive training curriculum.

#### **InView Vision**

Our surgeons complete an extensive training program, which includes multiple wet labs, written and oral tests, and surgical skills testing, as well as proctoring by experienced refractive surgeons before they can be credentialed as an InView attending surgeon.

#### **Other Center**

*What refractive surgical procedures are available to patients?*

Different procedures are appropriate for different patients. LASIK should not be the only treatment offered. Some centers recommend this procedure because it is the only one they can perform.

#### **InView Vision**

We offer InterWave® LASIK, CustomCornea®, CustomVue® LASEK, Epi-LASIK, CK, PRK, Crystalens and Verisyse.

#### **Other Center**

***Does the surgeon have the expertise to instruct other doctors?***

Teaching refractive surgery techniques at national and international professional meetings is one indicator of proficiency and qualifications.

**InView Vision**

Our doctors regularly teach LASIK and other refractive procedures to ophthalmologists at meetings of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and the International Society of Refractive Surgery.

**Other Center**

***What educational opportunities does the center provide?***

Knowledge is power. Look for a center that provides in-depth, personalized information with no obligation.

**InView Vision**

Several times a month, InView holds patient education seminars at our office. You may also schedule a one-on-one session with a trained patient counselor without obligation. If you would like to visit the facility, please call and schedule a tour with a patient counselor (seminars can be held at corporate sites upon request).

**Other Center**

**Technology and Outcomes**

***What type of wavefront vision measurement technology is used by the center to obtain the most detailed measurements of patient vision?***

Until recently, vision measurement technology had not changed since the introduction of the eye chart in the 1850's. Technologies available today allow physicians to gain more detailed measurements that result in a better understanding of a patient's vision and provide truly custom LASIK treatments.

**InView Vision**

Because each patient's needs are different, we use several different devices at InView. We developed our own proprietary InterWave® technology to measure our patients' vision in a highly precise way. The InterWave® Scanner is the only patient interactive device of its kind and the only device that measures the entire visual system. We also offer CustomCornea® and CustomVue® wavefront measurement and treatment when appropriate for patients.

**Other Center**

***Is the center using wavefront measurements gathered during the initial exam to guide LASIK treatment for their patients?***

Custom treatments provide patients with the best vision possible.

**InView Vision**

Because we offer a wide range of treatment options, we recommend a customized treatment plan based on the precise measurements taken during the initial exam. Compared to conventional LASIK surgery, InterWave® LASIK, CustomCornea® and CustomVue® provide patients with sharper, clearer vision following LASIK surgery.

**Other Center**

*Are patients with large pupils offered a larger treatment zone to reduce glare and halos?*

Treatment zone size and contours may affect vision quality.

**InView Vision**

Our lasers can be programmed for ablations up to 9.0 mm in diameter. This decreases the risk of glare and halos for patients with large pupils.

**Other Center**

## Surgical Routines

*Is there a safety checklist system in place to avoid errors in calibrating the instruments or programming the laser?*

Safety checklists guard against human error and protect patients.

**InView Vision**

The surgeon and operating room team complete a rigorous protocol before each surgery. Cockpit-type checks and balances ensure accurate calibration and programming for each patient.

**Other Center**

*What ensures reliable operation of the excimer laser?*

Computer technology and advanced lasers require frequent maintenance and calibration to provide predictable results.

**InView Vision**

Our preventive maintenance procedures exceed manufacturers' recommendations. We maintain and inspect our equipment daily.

**Other Center**

## Pricing

*What is included in the preoperative examination?*

The results of the preoperative examination are used to determine your specific refractive surgery treatment plan. The quality of the information will affect the quality of your outcome.

**InView Vision**

The preoperative exam at InView is a comprehensive 10-step dilated ophthalmic exam. It includes measurements with the most advanced technologies available today.

**Other Center**

*What is the cost of surgery and what does it include?*

Is the fee global? That is, does it include all services or are additional services billed separately? Are enhancements included?

**InView Vision**

LASIK surgery costs from \$1751-\$2695 per eye. This includes the surgery, all follow up care, and enhancements (if needed) for one year following surgery.

**Other Center**

### *What financing alternatives are available?*

Payment options are a consideration for many patients.

#### **InView Vision**

InView accepts cash, check, or major credit cards and offers several financing options. Please call us for details or visit us on the web at [www.inviewvision.com](http://www.inviewvision.com).

#### **Other Center**

### **Notes:**

*To talk to InView Vision's specially trained staff and schedule an initial examination, Call 404-843-3937 or 1-800-733-6673.*

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# **Superior Care & Optimal Vision**

**A** patient counselor can tell you more about the surgery and what you will experience. Your counselor can also arrange a tour of the facility and provide you with additional resource materials.

When it comes to superior care and optimal vision, InView and InterWave technology have redefined vision one patient at a time. If you are someone who wants vision that's as sharp as it can be, call InView at 1-800-SEE-MORE.



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