



## Laser Vision Provider Checklist

The decision to have laser or surgical vision correction is an important one that you should make carefully, not quickly. Choose a practice that focuses on safety, diagnostic technology, and post-operative follow-up. Obviously, the experience of the surgeon is extremely important as well. We hope you will choose Valley Eye Institute as your provider, but if you're shopping around, use this checklist to compare.

- Does the surgeon perform at least 500 vision procedures per year?  YES  NO
- Does the surgeon listen to your needs and concerns?  YES  NO
- Does the surgeon use FDA-approved customized lasers, such as LADARVision? CUSTOMCORNEA?  YES  NO
- Does the center use wavefront analysis to take measurements of the eye pre-operatively & post-operatively?  YES  NO
- Does the center have access to multiple lasers and non-laser technologies to allow the surgeon to choose the best treatment method for each patient?  YES  NO
- Does the center measure the size of the patient's pupils in order to ensure the appropriate treatment zone is used to avoid post-operative side effects?  YES  NO
- Does the practice have well trained experienced, patient focused staff?  YES  NO
- Is the surgeon trained in multiple refractive procedures to enable him or her to customize your treatment based on your specific needs?  YES  NO
- Does the center sterilize all the instruments for each eye and use a separate blade (in traditional LASIK) for each eye? (Another cost savings step that is not as safe.)  YES  NO
- Does the center take the time to explain complex issues such as monovision and presbyopia and how they will affect your vision after age 40?  YES  NO