



What is an Implantable Contact Lens?

Implantable Contact Lens (ICL) is an alternative to laser refractive surgery. It is a contact lens alternatively used for correcting vision and refractive errors. Unlike traditional contact lenses, these are surgically implanted inside the eye between the iris and the natural lens.



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A Look at Implantable Contact Lens

Implantable Contact Lens, also known as ICL, corrects common vision problems such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism.

ICL is a soft, flexible lens, that is positioned in your eyes between the iris (colored part of your eye) and your natural lens.

Unlike other vision correction procedures, ICL does not require removal of corneal tissue, but works in harmony with your natural eyes to provide exceptional quality of vision.

Benefits of Implantable Contact Lens

Superb Visual Quality – Because the eye maintains a natural corneal shape, the quality of vision is excellent. As a result, night vision can be better than with other procedures.

No Dry Eye – Because corneal nerves are not disrupted during ICL implantation, the surgery does not produce dry eyes.

Good for Patients Ineligible for LASIK – Thin or irregular corneas, dry eye syndrome, very high prescriptions, or large pupils can disqualify someone from LASIK surgery. An ICL is a great alternative that is unaffected by these issues.

UV Protection – The unique collamer material provides protection from UV rays.

Maintenance Free – No disinfecting, cleaning, or daily removing. The ICL is intended to stay in place and last indefinitely.

Completely Reversible – Should the need arise, the ICL can be removed or replaced. This means that ICL patients have much more flexibility with respect to candidacy for future vision correction procedures.

Minimally Invasive – Patients typically enjoy quick vision improvement without being aware that the ICL is even there.

Safe and Effective – With over 1 million successful procedures since FDA approval in 2005, ICL has become a viable alternative in the world of vision correction surgery.

Implantable Contact Lens vs LASIK

Factors to Consider	ICL	LASIK
Nearsighted	Yes	Yes
Farsighted	Yes	Yes
Astigmatism	Yes	Yes
Thin Corneas	Yes	Yes but only on rare cases
Recovery Time	Quick recovery (4 to 48 hours after procedure on most cases)	Quick recovery (4 to 48 hours after procedure on most cases)
Pain	Painless	Painless
Vision obtained after procedure	Sharper, clearer, and more vivid vision than LASIK.	20/20 or even better on average
Need for eyeglasses or contacts after procedure	None	None on almost all cases
Enhancement Option	Yes with TransPRK	Yes
Probability of Dry Eyes after procedure	None	Minimal



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Who is a good candidate for ICL?

The ICL Procedure is applicable for those who were deemed ineligible to undergo LASIK due to corneal thickness and/or refractive error.

Myopic patients between the ages of 21 and 45 is a very likely candidate for ICL. It is also preferable that the patient has no previous surgeries and/or any history of eye diseases like glaucoma, or diabetic retinopathy.

2. Is there an examination prior to ICL Procedure?

Yes, just like other refractive surgeries, you need to undergo a Comprehensive Eye Exam and Screening, which lasts around 2-3 hours, first before being declared eligible for the procedure.

3. What is the ICL made of?

These contact lenses are made of collamer, which is purified collagen. Since collagen is naturally found in the body, there is a very low risk of rejection.

4. Can colored contact lenses be worn after ICL Procedure?

Yes. Colored contact lenses can be worn regularly 1 month after ICL surgery.

5. What is the lifespan of the ICL?

Since the lens is biocompatible with tissues, it can remain inside the eye indefinitely.

6. How long does it take?

The surgical implant procedure is done on an outpatient basis and takes about 20 minutes. You'll need to plan to be at our clinic for approximately 2-3 hours to accommodate the pre-op preparation and post-op recovery. You will need to arrange to have someone drive you home after the procedure.

Experience life with visual freedom with Implantable Contact Lens. Book an appointment today!