

	LASIK	PRK	Epi-LASIK	ICL
<b>Procedure</b>	Flap created with Microkeratome, Laser treatment at the stromal layer of cornea	Outer cells of cornea removed by multiple methods, Laser treatment at the stromal layer of cornea	Outer cells removed with a mechanical blade. Laser treatment at the stromal layer of cornea	<b>Surgically implanted lens, retain the natural lens</b>
<b>Cost</b>	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	<b>More Costly</b>
<b>Visual Recovery</b>	Next Day	3-4 Weeks	1 Week	<b>Next Day</b>
<b>Treat both eyes on Same day</b>	Yes	Possibly	Possibly	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Range of Treatment</b>	Wide range Nearsighted, Farsighted and astigmatism	Wide range Nearsighted, Farsighted and astigmatism	Wide range Nearsighted, Farsighted and astigmatism	<b>Highly Nearsighted and Farsighted Eyes</b>
<b>Pluses</b>	Very little down time, quick visual recovery	No flap complication concerns, conservative tissue removal	Conservative tissue removal	<b>Ability to treat very high prescriptions, Does not alter the cornea, Potential reversibility</b>
<b>Minus</b>	Risk of flap complication, very rare - 6 in 1000	Slower healing and visual recovery, potential post operative discomfort.	Slower healing and visual recovery, potential post operative discomfort	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Monovision</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	<b>Yes</b>



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