

Comparing types of laser eye surgery

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		LASIK Flap surgery	PRK Surface ablation surgery	LASEK Surface ablation surgery	SMILE Minimally invasive, flapless surgery
					
 Treats	Myopia	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Hyperopia	✓	–	–	–
	Astigmatism	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Presbyopia	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Advantages	Quick and safe	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Minimally invasive	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Flapless	–	✓	✓	✓
	Fast visual recovery	✓	–	–	–
	Low risk of haze	✓	–	–	✓
	Reduced risk of dry eyes	–	✓	✓	✓
	Suitable for thinner corneas	–	✓	✓	–
	Retreatment possible	✓	✓	✓	–
 Disadvantages		Dry eyes are a side effect	Slower recovery time	Slower recovery time	Not suitable for hyperopia or high myopia