

Refractive Surgery Research Worksheet

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Interview Questions for prospective surgeon:	Preferred answer	Doctor 1	Doctor2	Doctor 3	Doctor 4
1. How long have you been performing refractive surgery?	3 or more years				
2. How many procedures have you preformed in the last 12 months?	at least 500				
3. How many of the exact procedure you plan to perform on me have you preformed?	at least 100				
4. What % of your patients achieve uncorrected vision of 20/40 or better?	90% is the norm				
5. What % of your patients achieve uncorrected vision of 20/20 or better?	65% is the norm				
6. What % of your patients have unresolved complications 6 months after surgery? Includes halos, starbursts, or dry eye symptoms.	less than 3%				
7. What % of refractive candidates do you decline?	should not be "none"				
8. How many malpractice refractive cases have you lost?	< 1:500 cases				
9. What is your enhancement rate?	2 to 10%				
10. Is there a charge for enhancement?	None for 1st year				
11. Do you see patients after surgery?	Should be available				
12. Is LASIK the only refractive procedure you perform?	Should offer full range of refractive procedures				
14. May I speak with someone who has had a similar procedure?	yes				

Refractive Procedures:

- 1. LASIK:** Utilizes the excimer laser and the making of a flap to treat nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism.
- 2. Surface treatments:** LASEK, EpiLASIK, PRK. No flap made. Safer treatment but slower return of vision.
- 3. Phakic Implants:** ICL (Implantable collamer lens) Can treat a higher nearsighted Rx in some patients who are not LASIK candidates.
- 4. RLE:** Refractive lens exchange. Can treat both distance and near (presbyopia) in the 40+ patient with a multifocal implant.
- 5. Refractive Cataract:** Same as RLE in those patients who also have cataracts.
- 6. CK:** Conductive Keratoplasty. Treats presbyopia with radiofrequency energy applied to the cornea.

Notes: