



Corrective Eye: reading between the lines

CHECKLIST

Researching a Surgeon or Doctor

- Check your states Medical Board to see if the surgeon is board certified.
Tip: Visit www.BBBvideo.com/statemedicalboard.php for your states information.
- How does your surgeon advertise? Beware of misleading and flashy advertising.
- Have any of your friends or family had vision correction surgery?
- Ask your primary care physician who they recommend.
- If you're optometrist refers you to a surgeon, ask if he/she receives partial reimbursement for assisting in the care, and does this effect his/her choice in doctors?
- Check the American Academy of Ophthalmology's website, www.aaopt.org for a list of surgeons.
- Once you have a list, check with the BBB for a business history.

Questions to ask a surgeon

- How much experience do you have with refractive surgery?
- How much experience do you have with my type of procedure?
- What are your success rates? How do you calculate them?
- May I see some of your patient results?
Tip: Make sure you obtain the doctor's specific results, not just ones that have been published in magazines, or other literature.
- Will you personally be examining me?
- Will you be available the day of surgery for any questions I may have?
- Who will be performing the surgery?
- Why do you recommend this type of procedure for me?
- What are the risks of my procedure?
- What are the realistic expectations I should have after my surgery?
Tip: If a surgeon guarantees perfect vision for the rest of your life, leave immediately.

Questions about "post-surgery"

- Would enhancement procedures incur more cost to me?
- Will I be able to see the surgeon after surgery?
- Will the surgeon be performing the follow-up exams?
- If there are complications, will the doctor be available to me when I need him/her?
- What type of medications will I be taking, how long, and why?

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