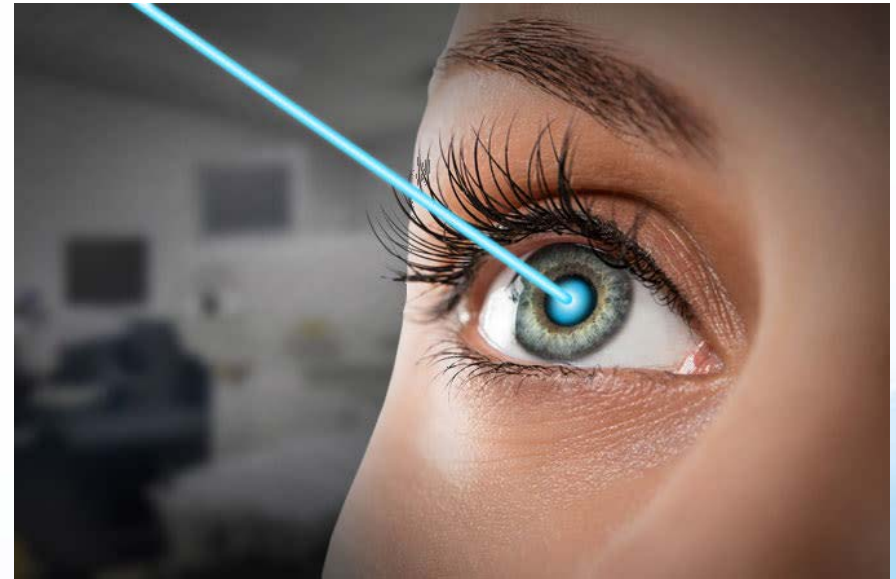


## Photoablation 2020

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- Techniques
- Outcomes
- Complications  
and Adverse Effects





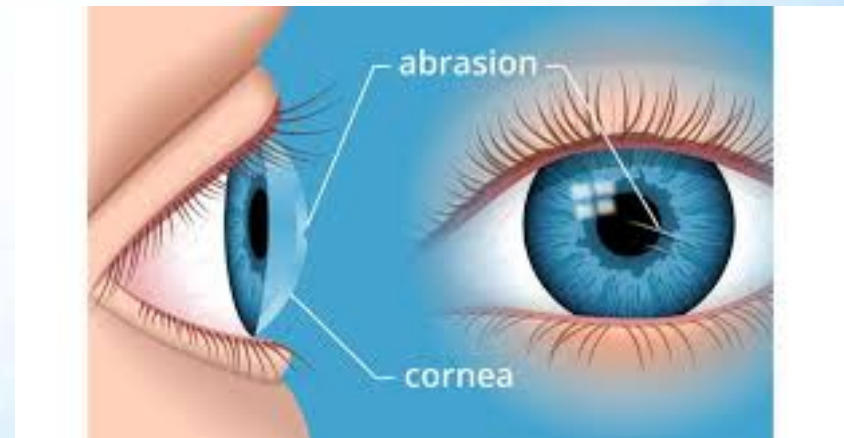
# Photoablation Outline

- Techniques
- Outcomes
- Complications and Adverse Effects
- Surface ablation
- LASIK (Laser in Situ Keratomileusis)



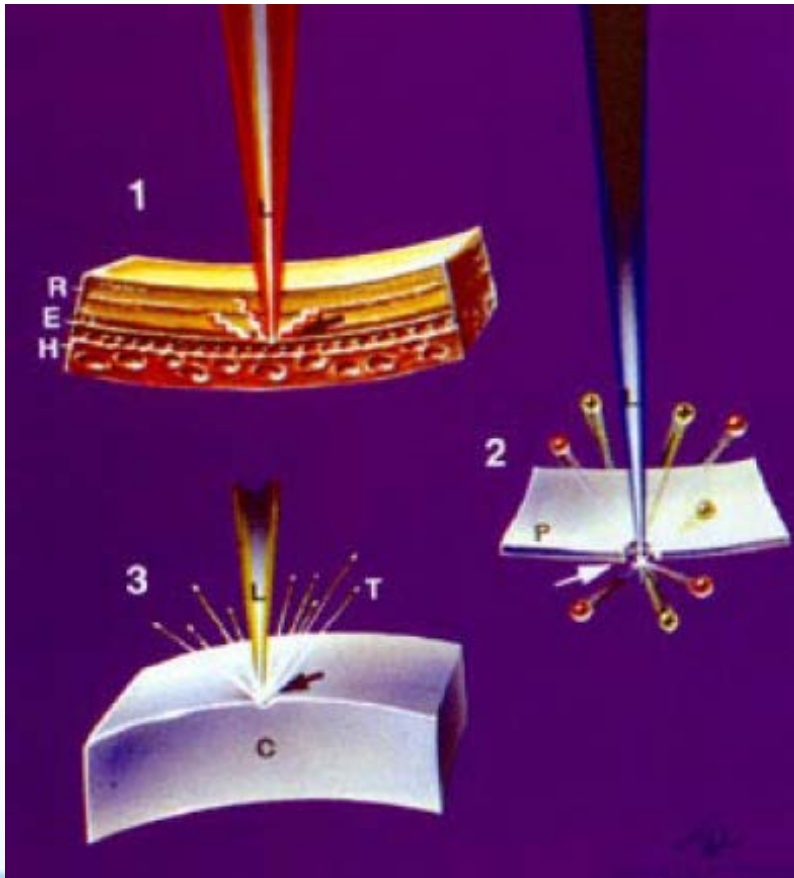
# Photoablation Techniques

- **Ablation** = remove tissues (ระเหยไป)
- **Photo** : Excimer laser **ArF 193 nm**
- **Abrasion** (n) = การถลอก รอยขีดข่วน
- **Abrade** (v) = scrub ขัด



# LASER in Ophthalmology

Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation



1. Argon, Krypton laser-  
**photocoagulation**
2. Nd:YAG, Femtosecond  
laser-**photodisruption**
3. Excimer laser-  
**photoablation**



# LASER in Ophthalmology

Laser

Wavelength

Effects

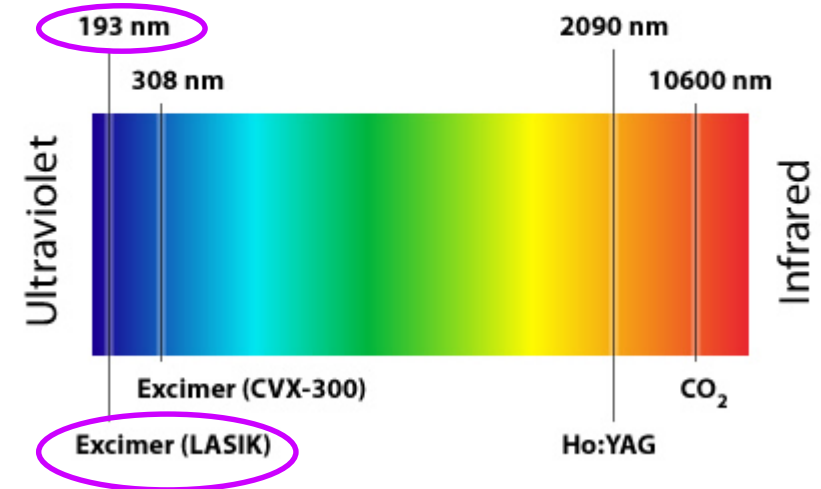
- Excimer 193 photoablation
- Argon 488-514 photocoagulation
- Femtosecond 1053/1048 Photodisruption/  
Photodissection
- Nd:YAG 1064 Photodisruption  
(Neodymium-doped yttrium aluminum garnet)
- CO<sub>2</sub> 10600 photothermal



# Excimer lasers

- Derived from excited + dimer (2 atoms)
- Gas lasers: **noble** (Ar, Kr, Xe) + **reactive** (F, Cl)
- Emit pulses of light in **UV spectrum**
- Most commonly used excimer lasers
  - ArF, 193 nm
  - KrF, 248 nm
  - XeCl, 308 nm

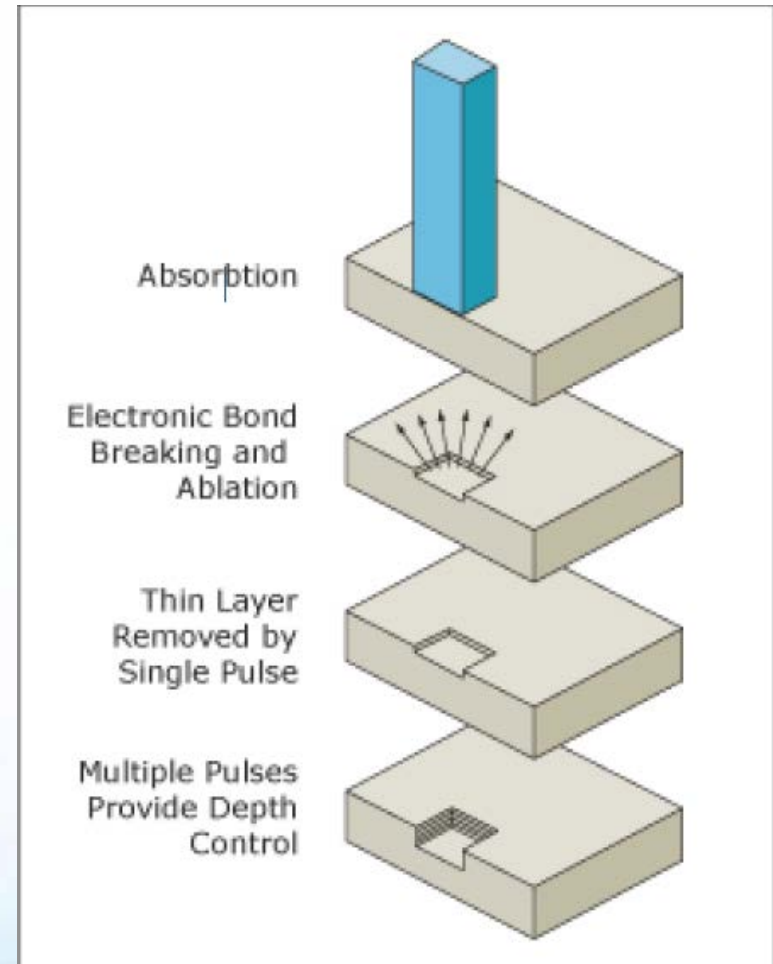
Spectrum of Light



# Photoablation Techniques

## Excimer laser Mechanisms

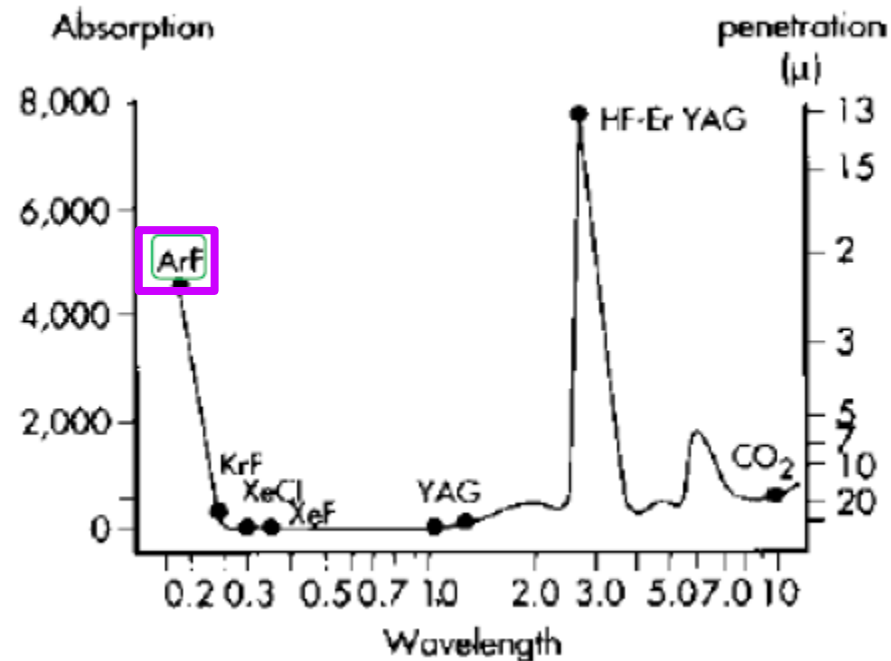
- Rupture of intermolecular bindings
- Vaporization of corneal tissue
- No thermal damage



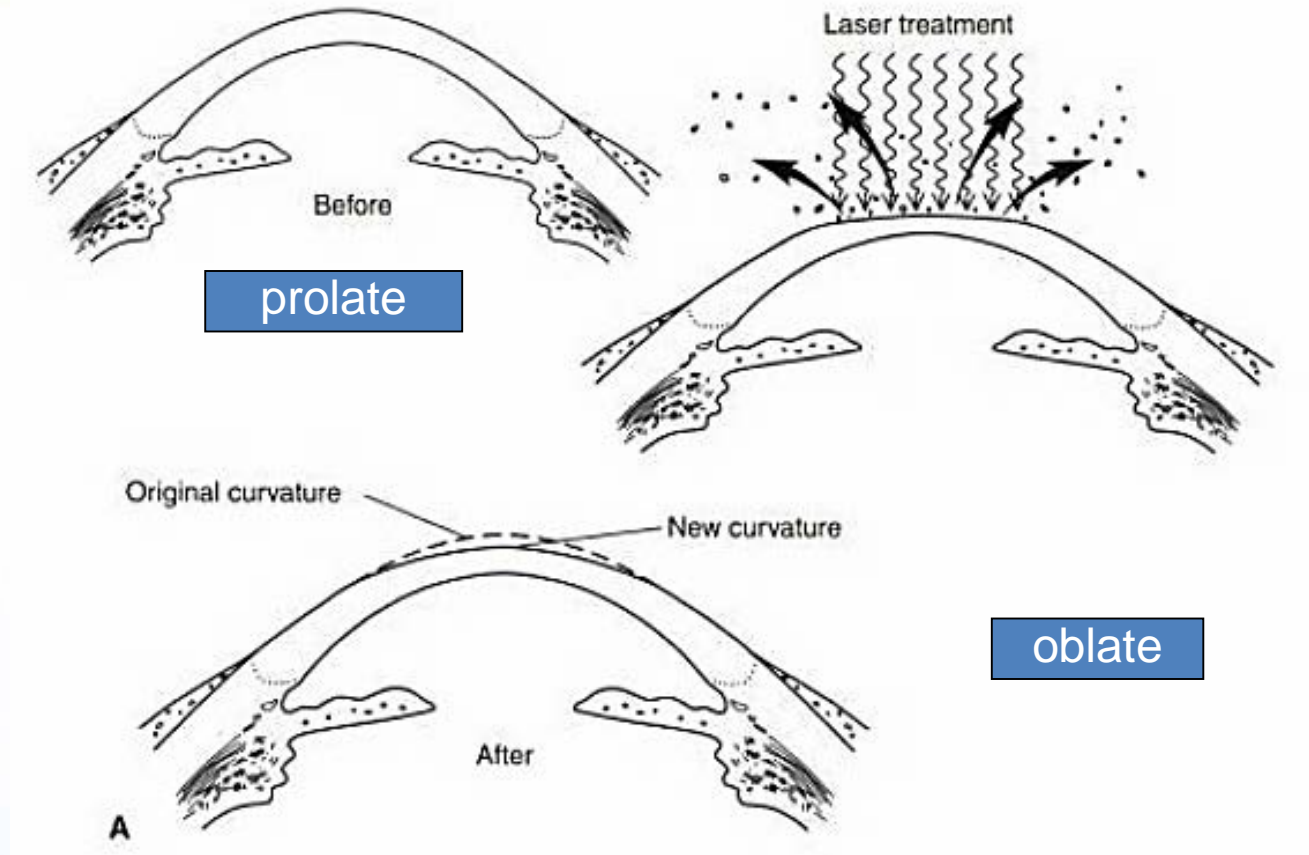


# Ar F Excimer Laser in LASIK

- High absorption, low penetration in corneal surface
- Precise tissue removal with minimal damage surround tissue



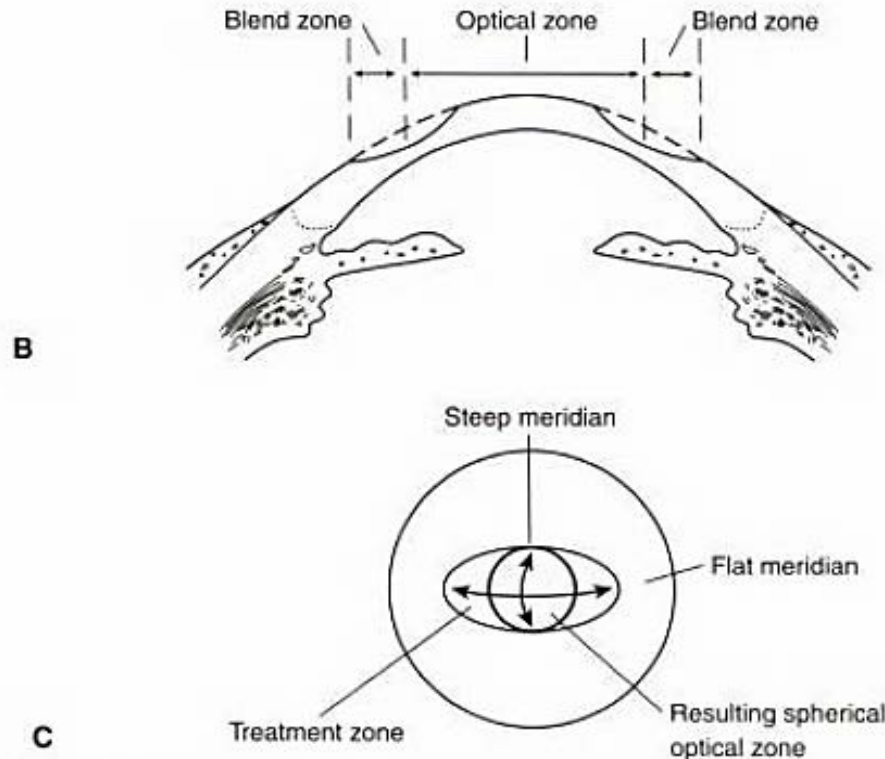
# Corneal recontouring by excimer laser



Correction of Myopia

BCSC, Refractive surgery

# Corneal recontouring by excimer laser



## Correction of **Hyperopia & Astigmatism**

BCSC, Refractive surgery



# Photoablation Techniques

1. Surface ablation
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# Surface Ablation

- Photorefractive Keratectomy (PRK)
- Laser Subepithelial Keratomileusis (LASEK)
- Epithelial Laser in Situ Keratomileusis (Epi-LASIK)





# Surface Ablation

## Patient Selection

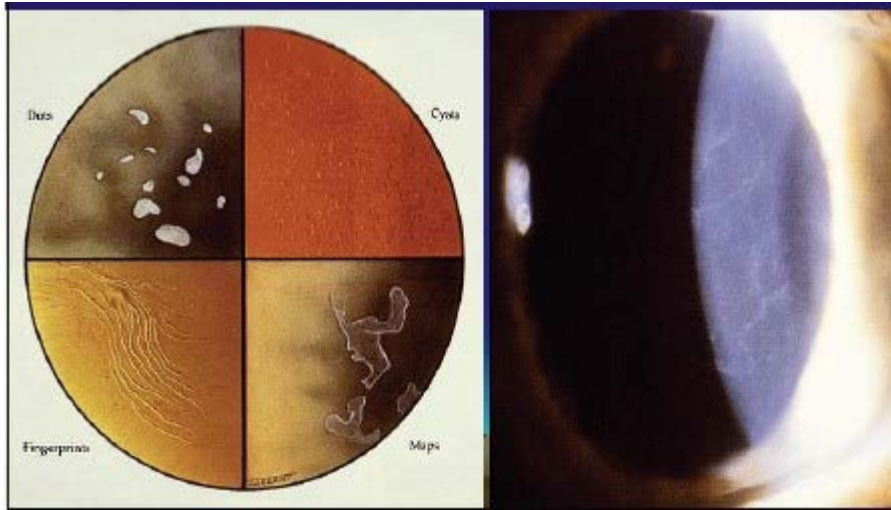
- Recommendation :
  - Narrow palpebral fissure
  - Deep-set globe
  - Thin cornea
  - Epithelium basement membrane dystrophy (EBMD)



# Surface Ablation

## Patient Selection

- Why?



Krachmer J, et al. Krachmer: Cornea (2010) Mosby

- Recommendation :

- Flap distortion
- Delayed healing
- Epithelial ingrowth
- Flap keratolysis
- Corneal scarring

- Epithelium basement membrane dystrophy (EBMD)

Poor candidate for LASIK!!!!



# Surface Ablation Techniques

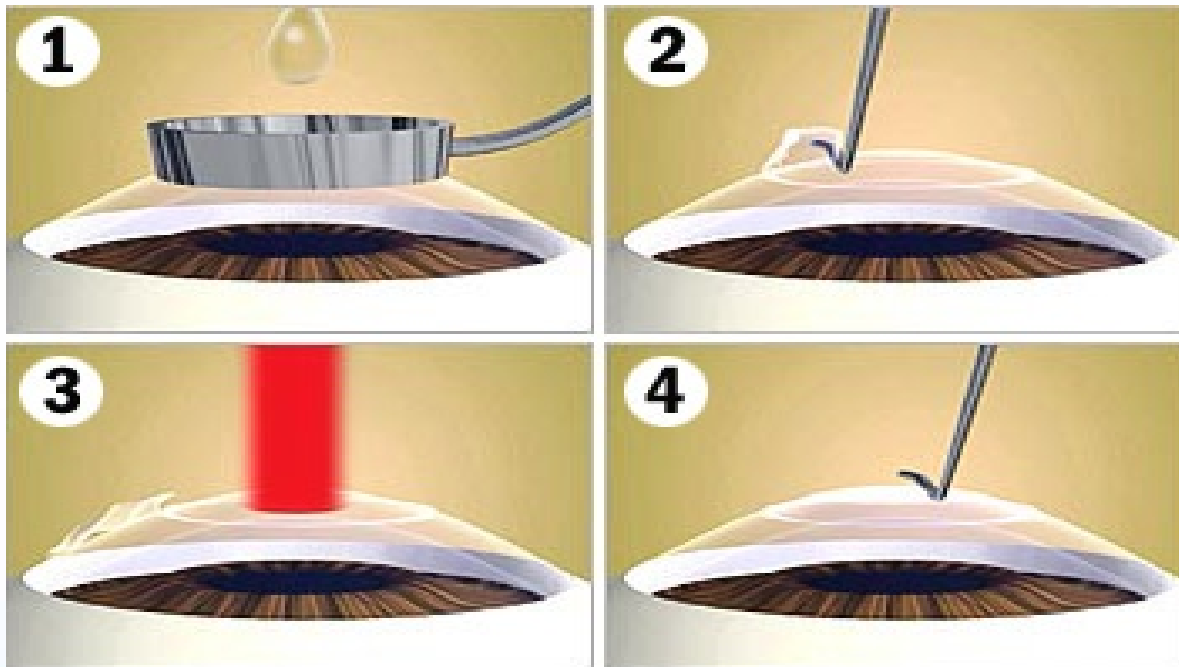
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  - LASEK
  - Epi-LASIK
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# Surface Ablation Techniques

- PRK – Epithelial debridement
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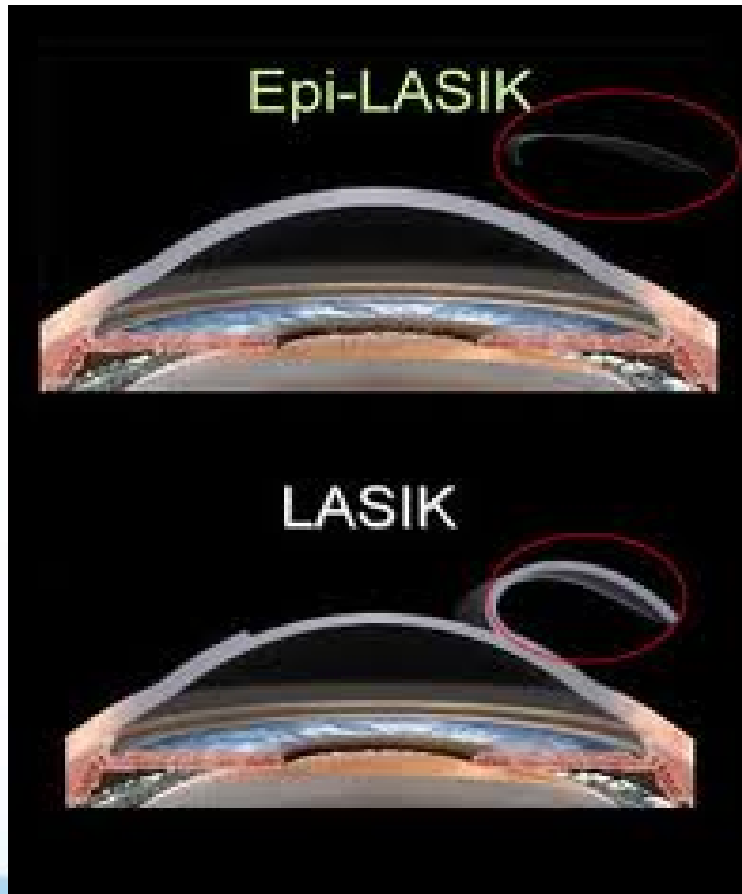
# Laser Subepithelial Keratomileusis (LASEK)

- 20% absolute alcohol



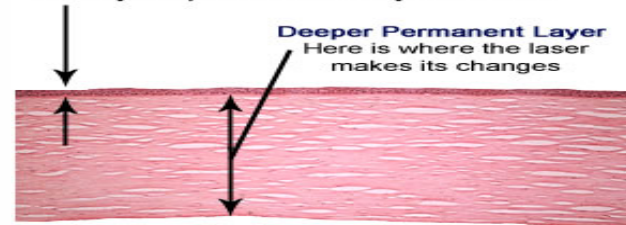
American Academy of Ophthalmology;  
UCLA Laser Refractive Center at the Jules Stein Eye Institute

# Epithelial Laser in Situ Keratomileusis (Epi-LASIK)

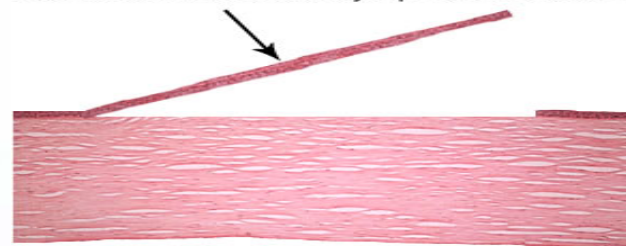


## Normal Cornea

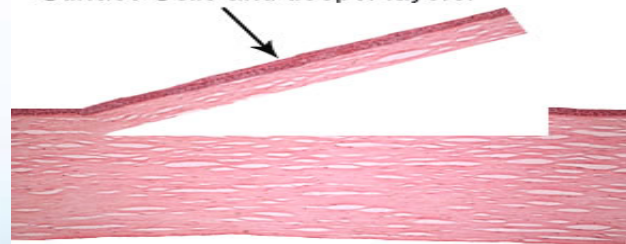
**Epithelial or Surface Layer of the Eye**  
This layer replaces itself every few weeks.



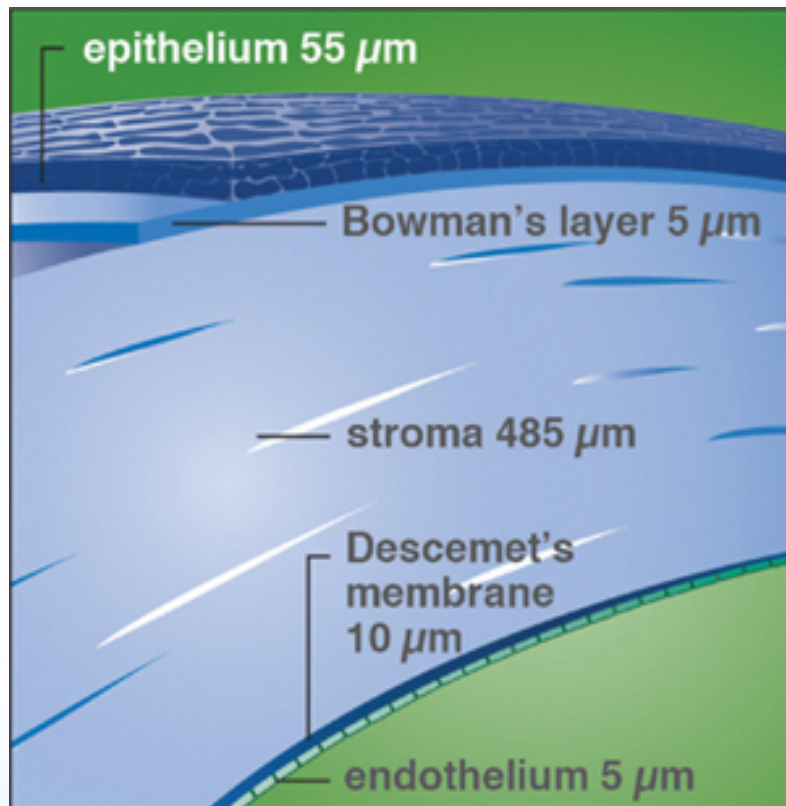
Epi-LASIK flaps are from Surface Cells that constantly replace themselves.



LASIK flaps have both Surface Cells and deeper layers.



# Epi-LASIK



Epi-LASIK blade 50 micron

# Surface Ablation Techniques

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  - LASEK
  - Epi-LASIK
- Epithelial preservation



# Surface Ablation Techniques

- PRK – Epithelial debridement

Preparation



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# Photorefractive Keratectomy (PRK)

Epithelium debridement:

## Manual:

- Mechanical : Blunt spatula, hockey blade\*, wedge cell sponge, Amoils brush, diamond blur
- Chemical: 20 % absolute alcohol

## LASER:

- Excimer laser: trans-epithelium PRK\*

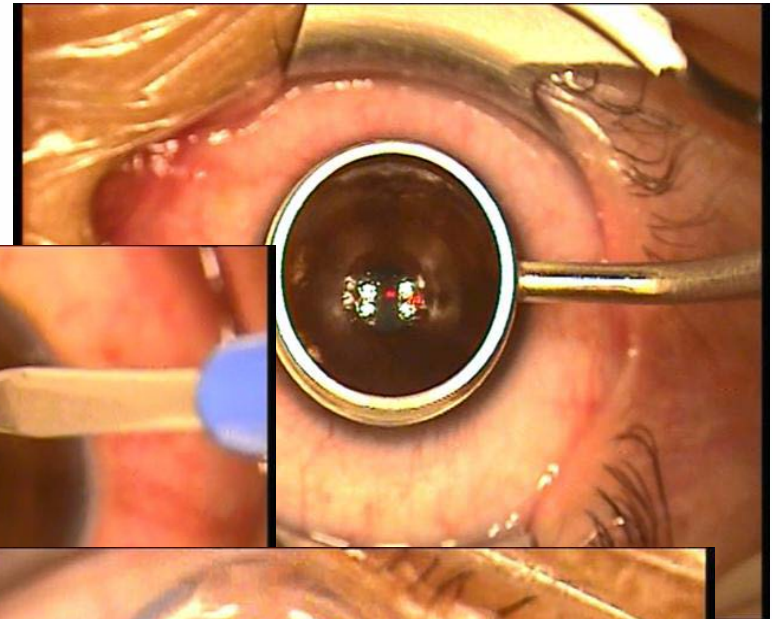
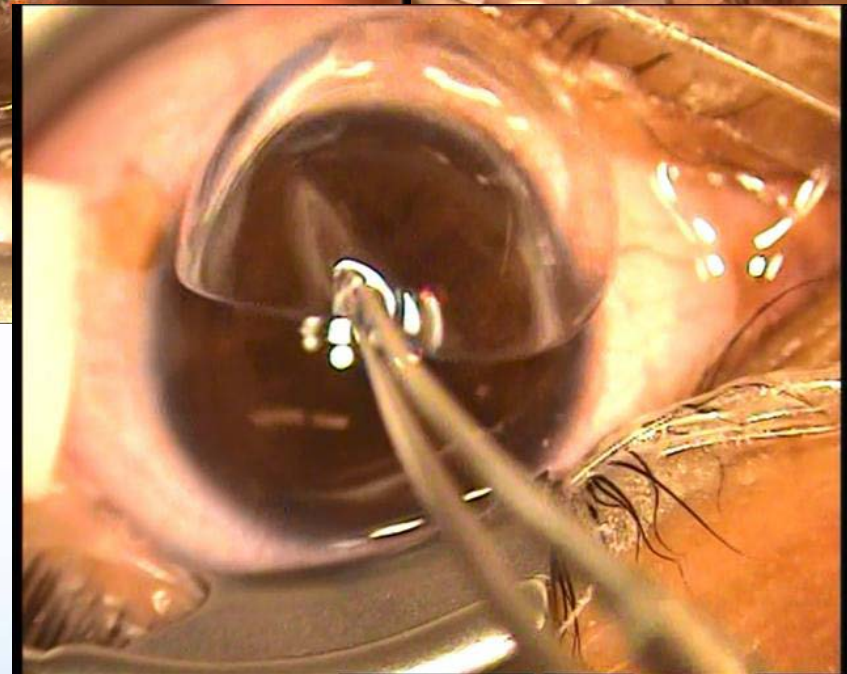
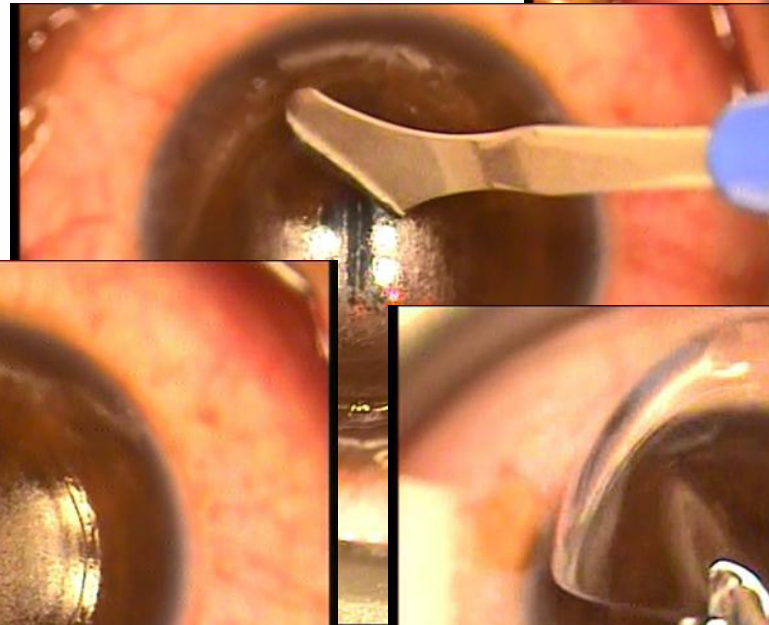
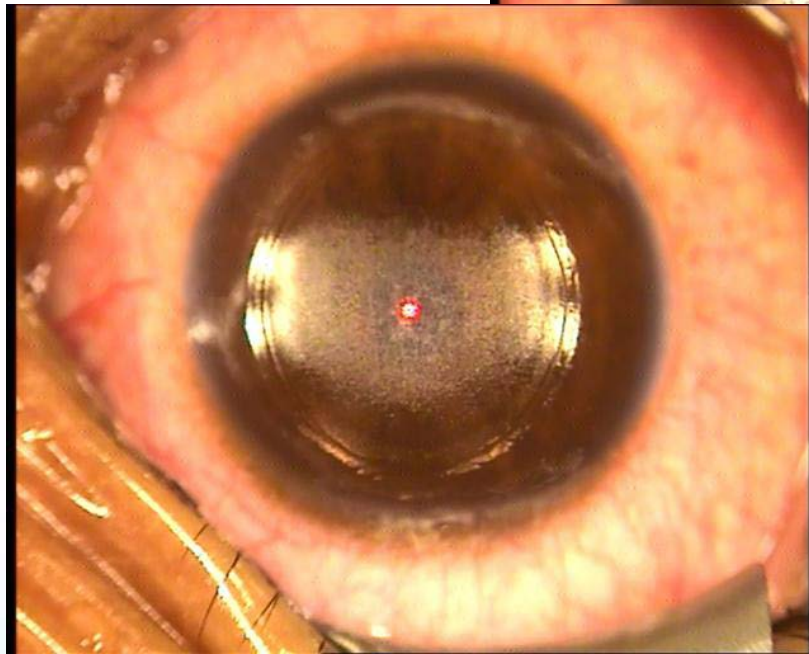
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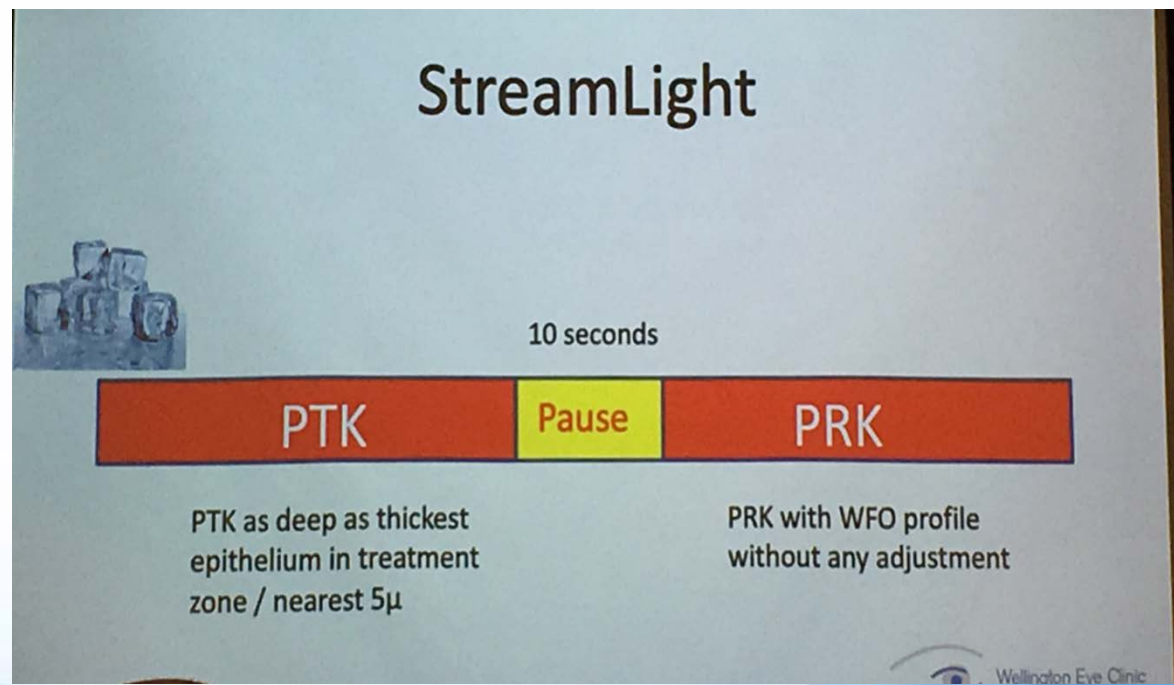
# PRK@CMU LASIK

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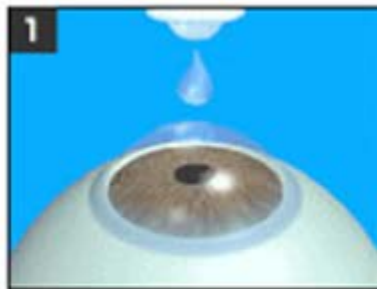
# StreamLight

- One-Step Trans-epi PRK by WaveLight EX 500
- No touch, no cut technique

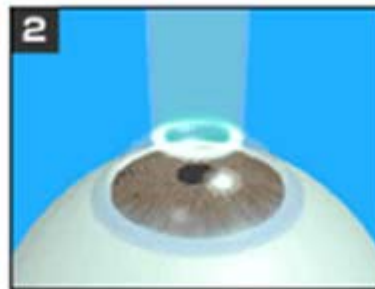


# PRK vs PTK

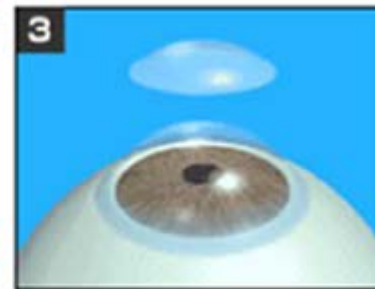
- PRK = Photorefractive Keratectomy
- PTK = Phototherapeutic Keratectomy



1  
The eye is anesthetized with topical eye drops.



2  
An excimer laser is used to reshape the cornea.



3  
A bandage contact lens is placed on the cornea.



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# LASIK

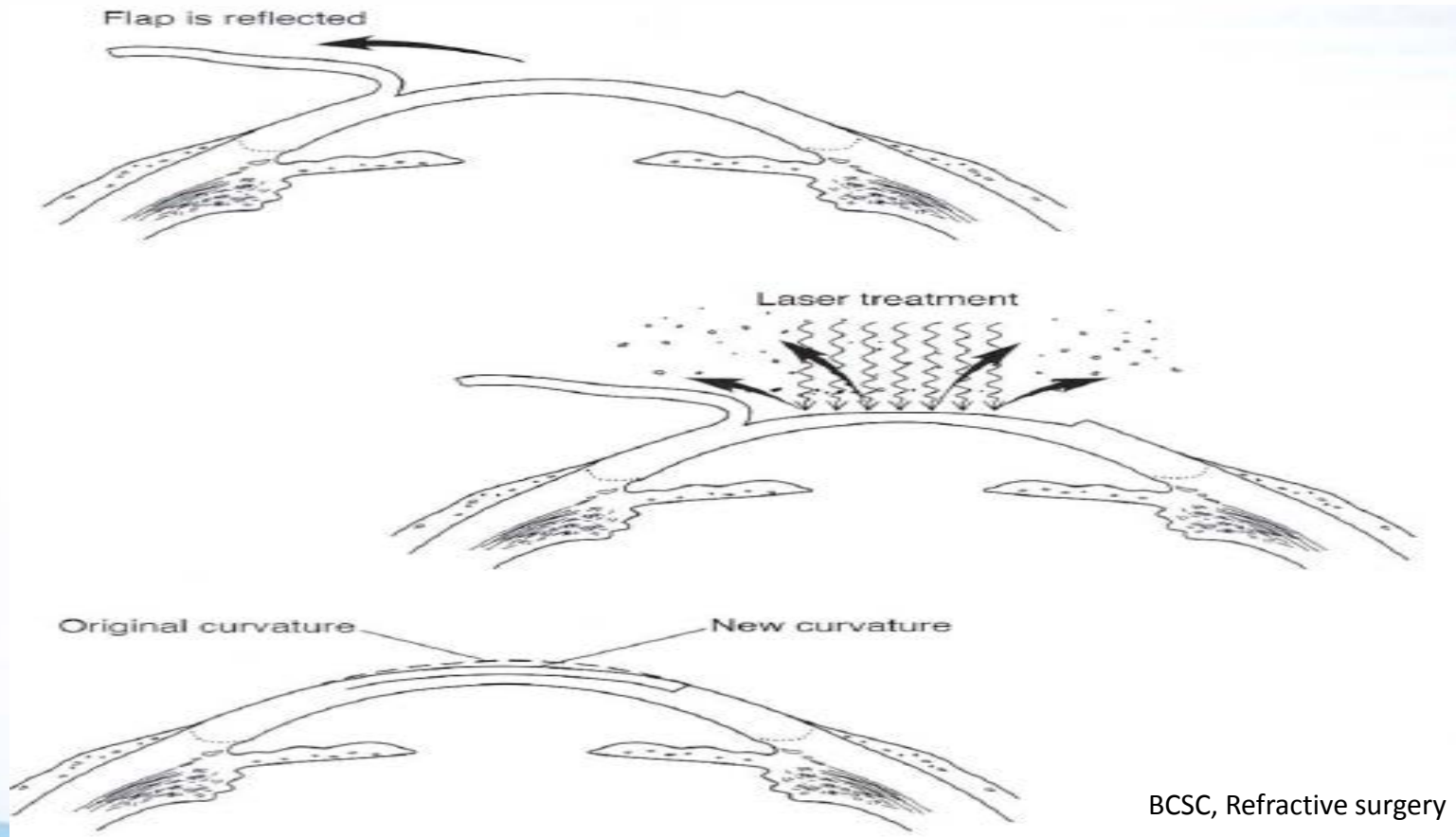
(Laser in Situ Keratomileusis)

- Keratomileusis (Gr)
  - Kerato = cornea
  - Mileusis = to carve
- Laser in Situ = excimer laser **stromal** ablation



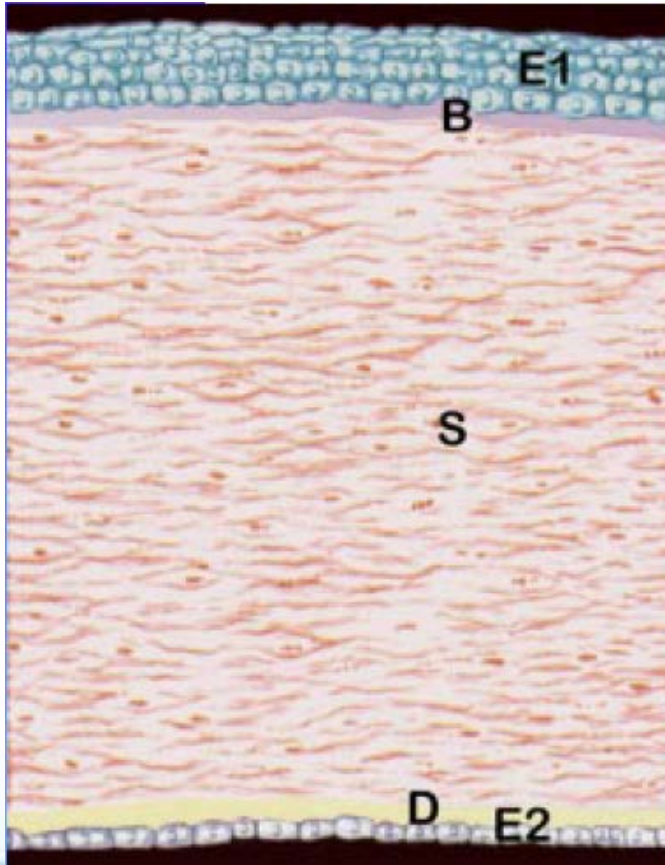
# LASIK

## (Laser in Situ Keratomileusis)



BCSC, Refractive surgery

# Anatomy of Cornea



E1 Epithelium 30-50 u

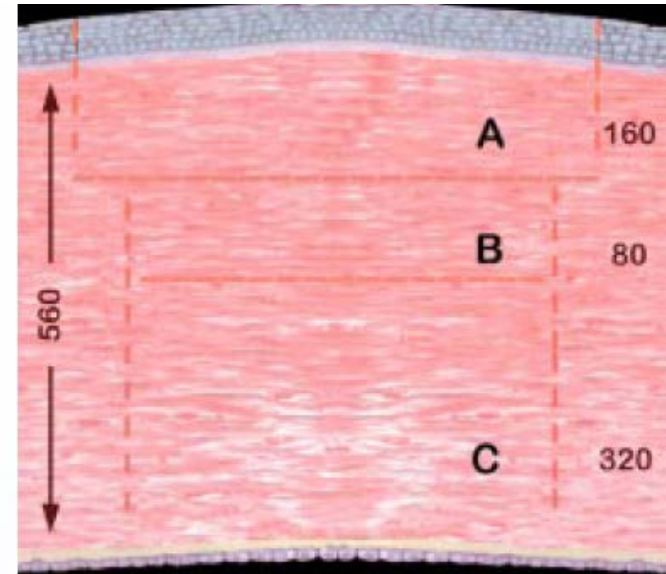
B Bowman's 10-14 u

S Stroma central 500-550 u

D Descemet's 3-12 u

E 2 Endothelium 4-6 u

# Cornea Tissue Ablation



US FDA : Residual stromal bed > 250 u or 50% corneal thickness

CMU LASIK Center : Residual stromal bed > 300 u

Residual stromal bed =  $CCT - A - B = 560 - 160 - 80 = 320$  u

Residual stromal bed: MK-LASIK < FS-LASIK < PRK



# Surface Ablation vs LASIK

Advantages	Disadvantages
For Epithelial basement membrane dystrophy (EBMD)	Pain, PO discomfort ↑
For Thin cornea	Cornea haze ↑
No flap complications	Infectious keratitis ↑
Dry eyes ↓	Visual recovery ↓



# Surface Ablation vs LASIK

บทความพื้นวิชา

Photorefractive keratectomy อีกทางเลือกสำหรับการผ่าตัดแก้ไขสายตาสั้นผิดปกติ

สมสงวน อัมฤคคุณ และ สุเมธ สุพลเสรษฐ์

ภาควิชาจักษุวิทยา คณะแพทยศาสตร์ มหาวิทยาลัยเชียงใหม่

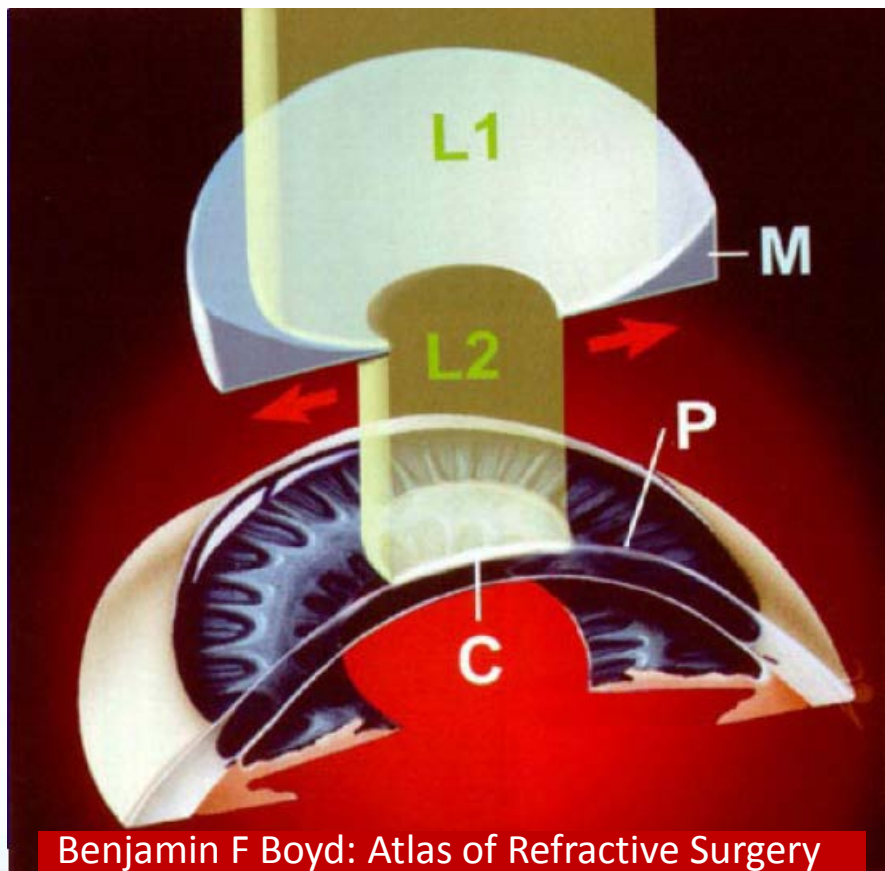
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ฟิอาร์เค เป็นการผ่าตัดแก้ไขสายตาสั้นผิดปกติ โดยการลอกหรือขูดเยื่อบุผิวกระจกตา แล้วใช้ excimer laser ปรับแต่งความโค้งของกระจกตา โดยไม่ต้องมีการแยกชั้นกระจกตาแบบเลสิก บทความนี้กล่าวถึง ข้อดี และข้อด้อยของฟิอาร์เค เมื่อเปรียบเทียบกับเลสิกและการเตรียมตัวเพื่อผ่าตัดโดยฟิอาร์เค **เชียงใหม่เวชสาร** 2559;55(4):179-85.

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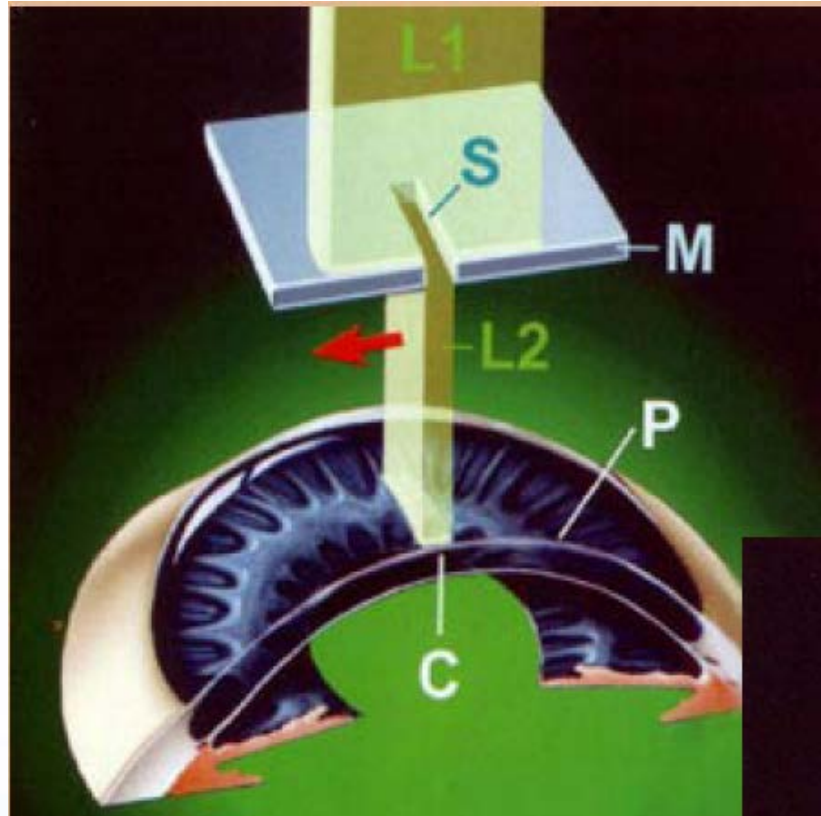
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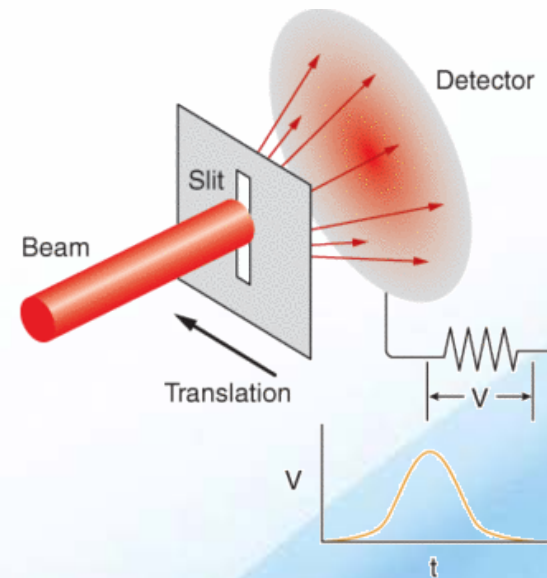
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Broad beam laser

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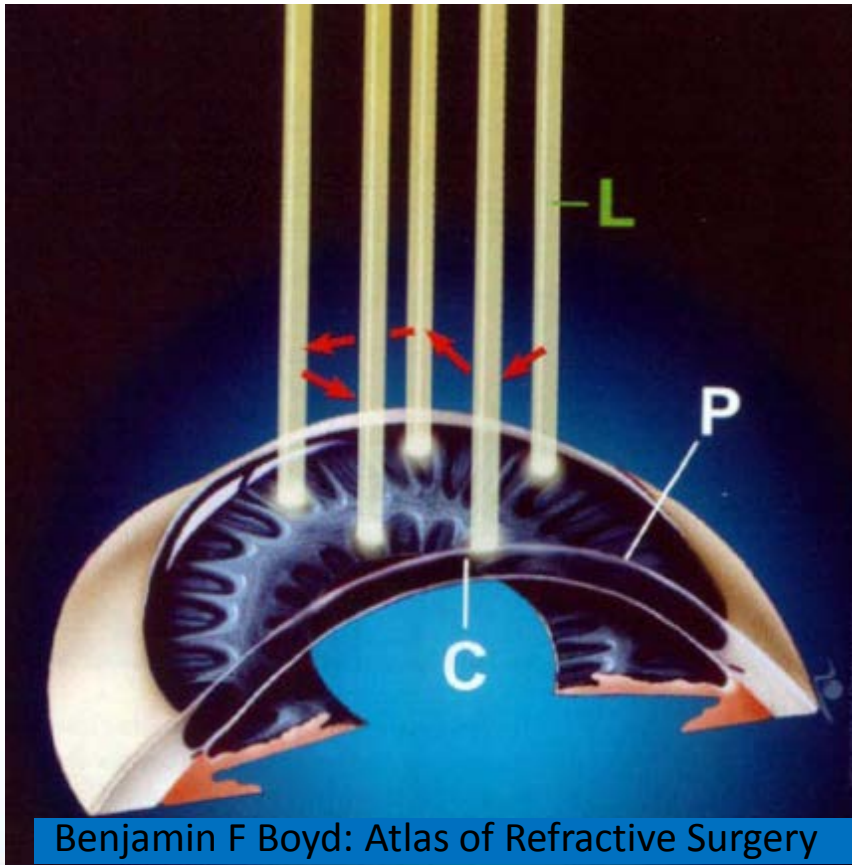


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Slit scanning laser

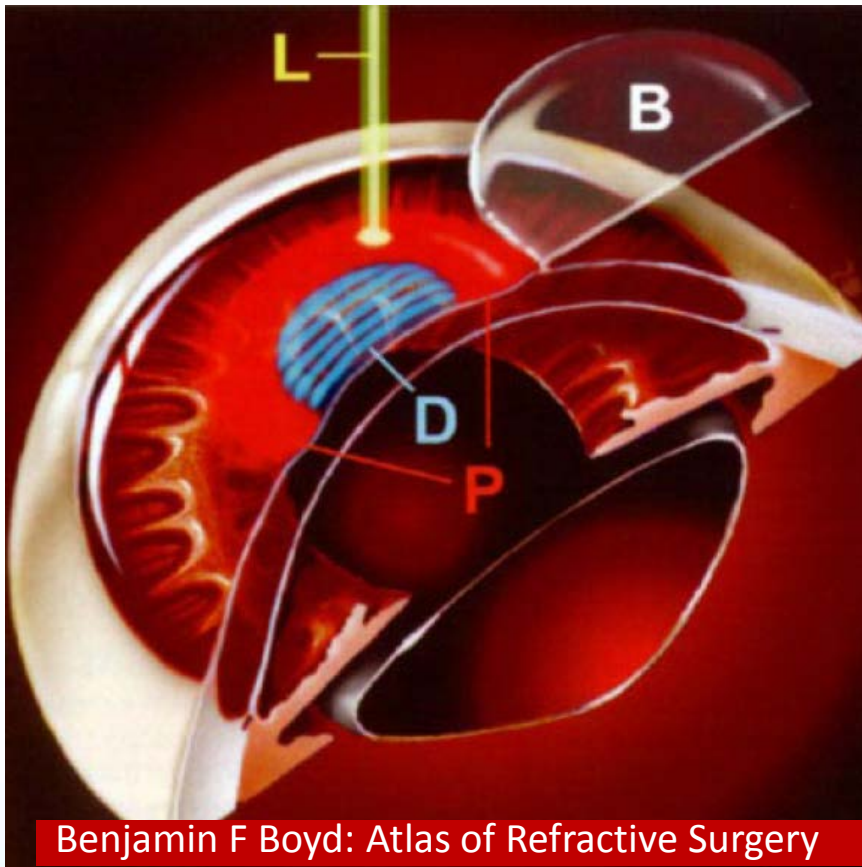
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Flying spot laser

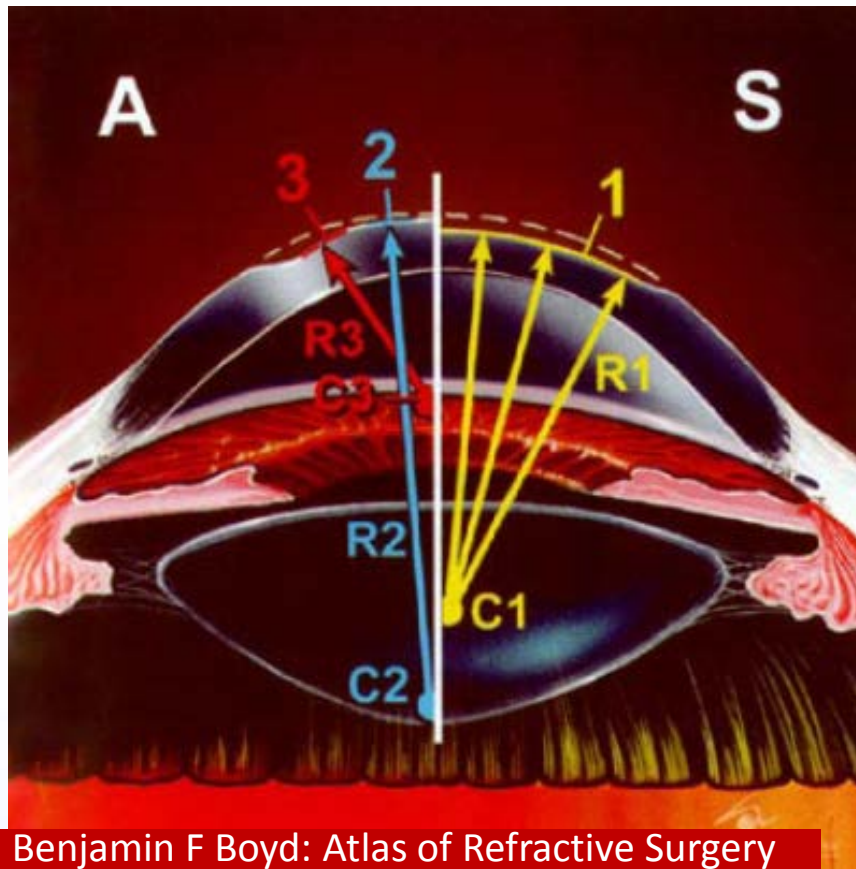
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Flying spot laser &  
Customized ablation

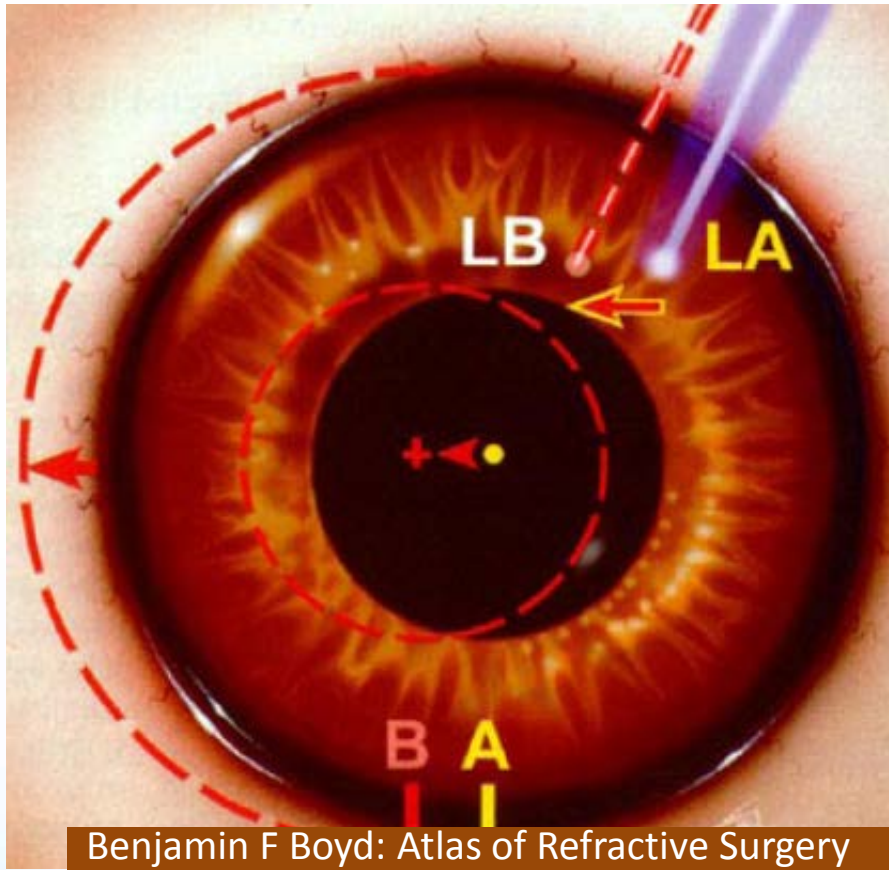
# Evolution Excimer Laser in LASIK



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Flying spot laser  
& Aspherical ablation

# Evolution Excimer Laser in LASIK



Eye tracking system  
& Iris registration





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# WaveLight EX500 (Excimer Laser)





# WaveLight EX500 (Excimer Laser)

- Pulse rate 500 Hz, Treatment rate of 1.4 sec per diopter myopia, Gaussian beam profile, Flying Spot laser beam
- Eye tracker rate 1050 Hz monitoring eye movements every 2 milliseconds
- On-board nitrogen generator to ensure laser purity and consistent fluency
- Integrated network ability with femtosecond and diagnostic equipment
- Cyclotorsion alignment and pupil center compensation

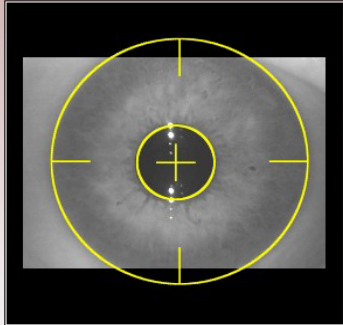


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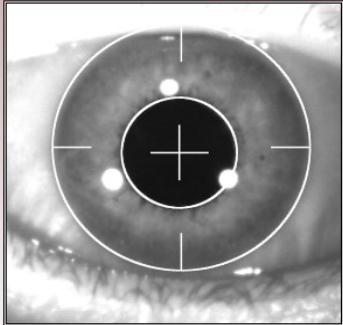
## CycloTorsion Alignment (CTA) & Pupil Center Shift Compensation (PCSC) Mode

Step 1/3: Autom. Limbusfit

Diagnostics



Treatment



Pupil Center Shift Compensation / Cyclo Torsion Alignment

Automatic Iris Detection

	Diagnostics	Treatment
Iris Diameter	12.17 mm	12.23 mm

Info & Warnings

Press next or accept with Center-Pedal

Service
 

67%

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# WaveLight EX500

## Treatment capabilities

	WaveLight customized treatment capabilities				
Indication*	Wavefront Optimized™	Custom Q®	Wavefront-guided (ALLEGRO Analyzer)	Topography-guided (ALLEGRO Topolyzer)	Topography-guided (ALLEGRO Oculyzer)
Myopia	-14 D	-14 D	-12 D	-14 D	-14 D
Hyperopia	+6 D	+6 D	+6 D	+6 D	+6 D
Astigmatism	-6 D to +6 D	-6 D to +6 D	-3 D to +3 D	-6 D to +6 D	-6 D to +6 D
Mixed astigmatism	6 D	6 D	3 D	6 D	6 D
Presbyopia	•	•			
Enhancements	•	•	•	•	•
Ocular aberrations			•		
Corneal irregularities			•	•	•
Small optical zones		•	•	•	•
Decentrations			•	•	•
Suboptimal corneal asphericity		•		•	•

\*Possible treatment range depends on corneal thickness and optical zone size.  
Treatment range can differ from country to country.

# Component of Vision

- Neural component
- Optical component
  - a. Focusing factor
  - b. Scattering factor
  - c. Absorption factor
  - d. Diffraction factor
  - e. Aberration factor

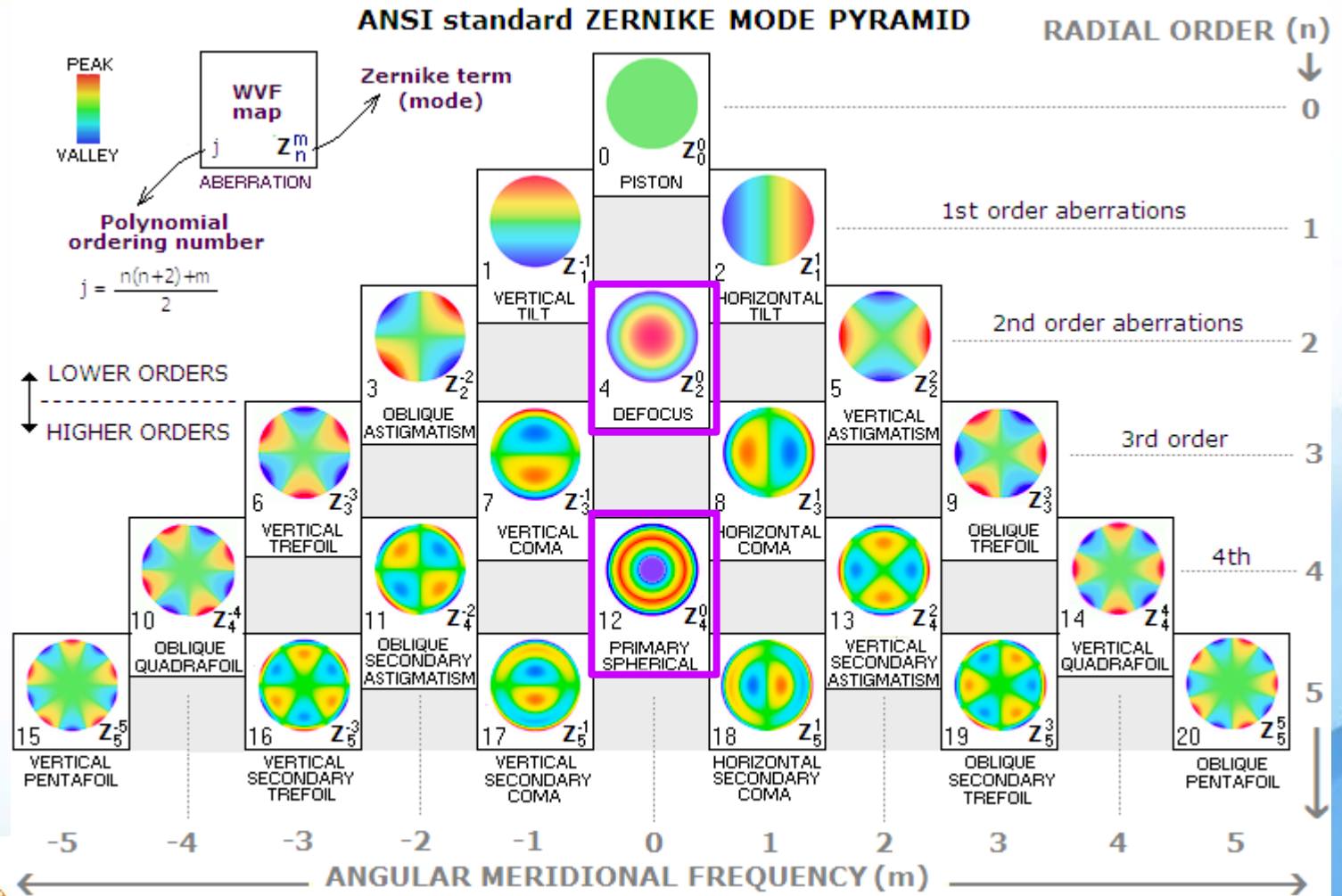


# Aberration of light



- Frits Zernike was a Dutch physicist
- Nobel Prize for physics in 1953 for his invention of the phase-contrast microscope

# Zernike Pyramid



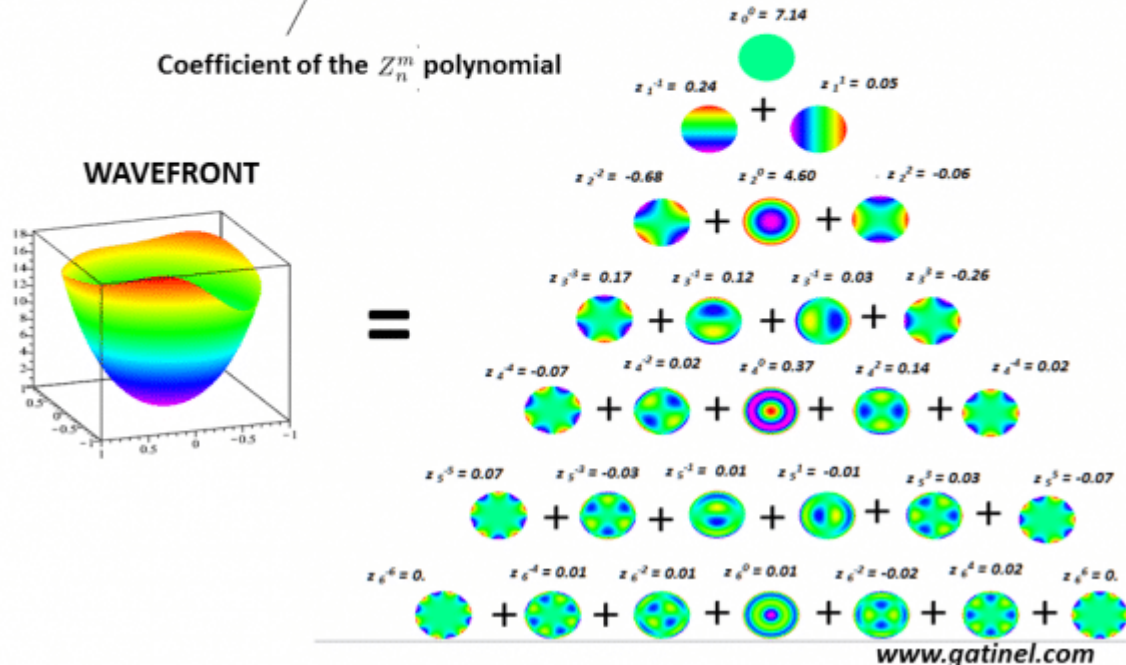


# Zernike Polynomials

## WAVEFRONT ERROR DECOMPOSITION INTO ZERNIKE POLYNOMIALS

$$f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left( \sum_{m \in I_n} z_n^m(f) Z_n^m \right) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \sum_{n \in J_m} z_n^m(f) Z_n^m \right)$$

Coefficient of the  $Z_n^m$  polynomial





# Zernike Equations

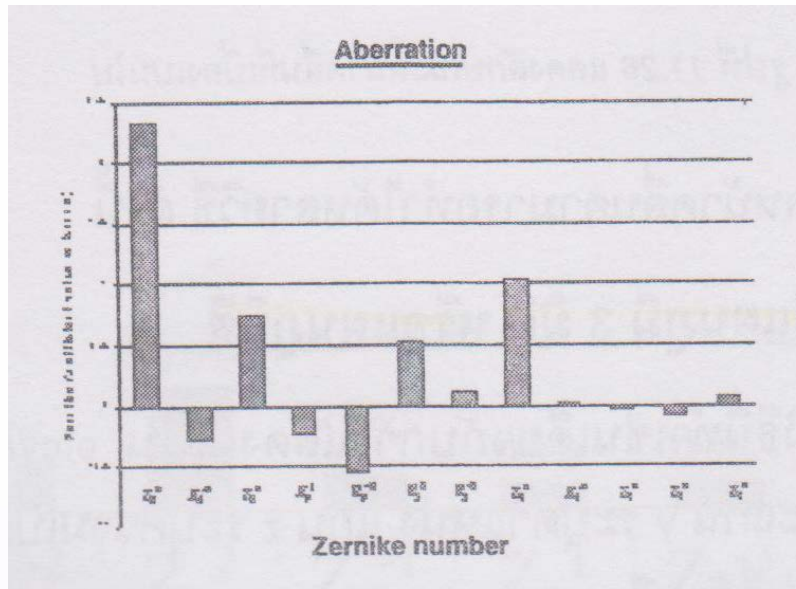
$z_0 = 1;$	Piston or Bias
$z_1 = \rho \cos[\theta];$	Tilt x
$z_2 = \rho \sin[\theta];$	Tilt y
$z_3 = -1 + 2\rho^2;$	Power
$z_4 = \rho^2 \cos[2\theta];$	Astig x
$z_5 = \rho^2 \sin[2\theta];$	Astig y
$z_6 = \rho(-2 + 3\rho^2) \cos[\theta];$	Coma x
$z_7 = \rho(-2 + 3\rho^2) \sin[\theta];$	Coma y
$z_8 = 1 - 6\rho^2 + 6\rho^4;$	Primary Spherical
$z_9 = \rho^3 \cos[3\theta];$	Trefoil x
$z_{10} = \rho^3 \sin[3\theta];$	Trefoil y
$z_{11} = \rho^2(-3 + 4\rho^2) \cos[2\theta];$	Secondary Astigmatism x
$z_{12} = \rho^2(-3 + 4\rho^2) \sin[2\theta];$	Secondary Astigmatism y
$z_{13} = \rho(3 - 12\rho^2 + 10\rho^4) \cos[\theta];$	Secondary Coma x
$z_{14} = \rho(3 - 12\rho^2 + 10\rho^4) \sin[\theta];$	Secondary Coma y
$z_{15} = -1 + 12\rho^2 - 30\rho^4 + 20\rho^6;$	Secondary Spherical
$z_{16} = \rho^4 \cos[4\theta];$	Tetrafoil x
$z_{17} = \rho^4 \sin[4\theta];$	Tetrafoil y
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$z_{19} = \rho^3(-4 + 5\rho^2) \sin[3\theta];$	Secondary Trefoil y
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$z_{21} = \rho^2(6 - 20\rho^2 + 15\rho^4) \sin[2\theta];$	Tertiary Astigmatism y
$z_{22} = \rho(-4 + 30\rho^2 - 60\rho^4 + 35\rho^6) \cos[\theta];$	Tertiary Coma x
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$z_{24} = 1 - 20\rho^2 + 90\rho^4 - 140\rho^6 + 70\rho^8;$	Tertiary Spherical
$z_{25} = \rho^5 \cos[5\theta];$	Pentafoil x
$z_{26} = \rho^5 \sin[5\theta];$	Pentafoil y
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$z_{32} = \rho^2(-10 + 60\rho^2 - 105\rho^4 + 56\rho^6) \sin[2\theta];$	Quaternary Astigmatism y
$z_{33} = \rho(5 - 60\rho^2 + 210\rho^4 - 280\rho^6 + 126\rho^8) \cos[\theta];$	Quaternary Coma x
$z_{34} = \rho(5 - 60\rho^2 + 210\rho^4 - 280\rho^6 + 126\rho^8) \sin[\theta];$	Quaternary Coma y
$z_{35} = -1 + 30\rho^2 - 210\rho^4 + 560\rho^6 - 630\rho^8 + 252\rho^{10};$	Quaternary Spherical



# Zernike coefficient value

- Aberration magnitude

RMS < + 0.30  $\mu$  @ pupil 6.0 mm



Root Mean square(RMS) = Sum of coefficient value

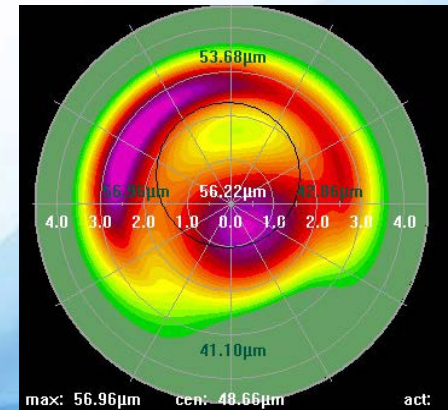
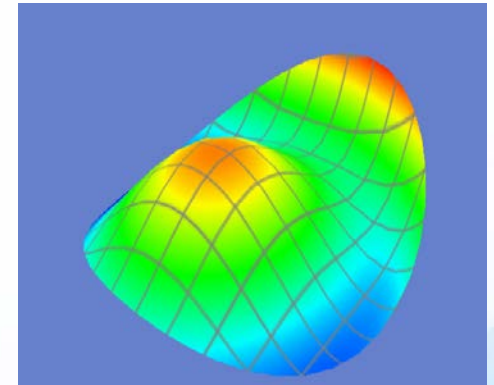
$$\sqrt{\frac{(\text{Coefficient Value } 1)^2 + (\text{Coefficient Value } 2)^2 + (\text{Coefficient Value } 3)^2}{n}}$$

# LASIK Evolution

**Conventional LASIK:** induction of **higher-order aberrations** (HOAs) → glare, halos, starbursts, reduced contrast sensitivity

Efforts to overcome the side effects

- **Wavefront-optimized** (WFO) ablation
  - Aspherical ablation
- **Wavefront-guided** (WFG) ablation
  - Ocular wavefront ablation
- **Topography-guided** (TG) ablation
  - Corneal wavefront ablation





# WaveLight EX 500 Ablation Profile

- Wavefront Optimized (WFO)
- Wavefront-guided (WFG)
- Topography-guided (TG)
- Custom Q



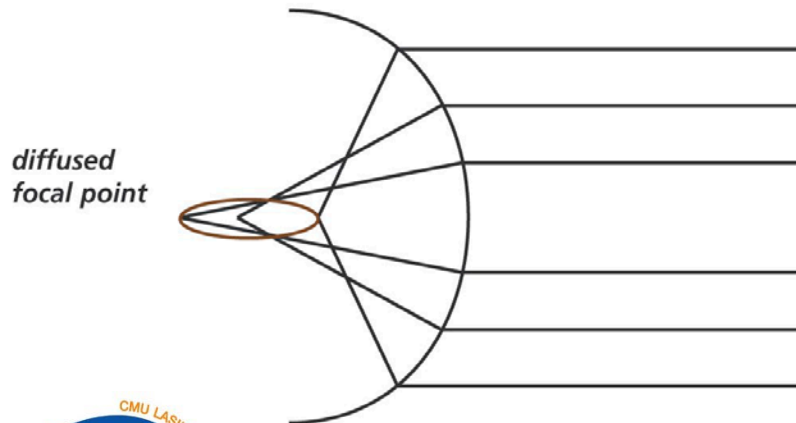


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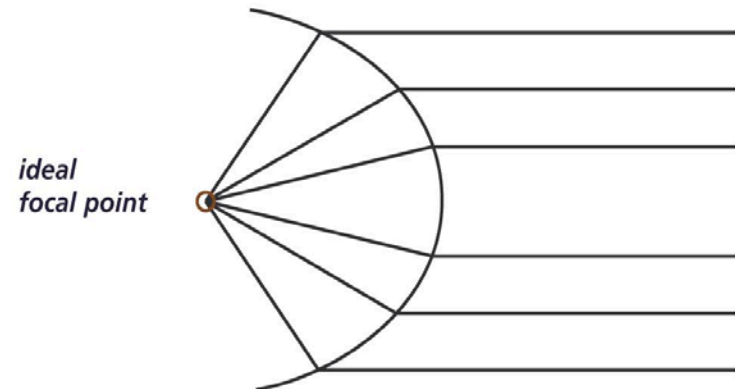
# Wavefront Optimized Ablation

- Wavefront Optimized<sup>®</sup> treatment corrects a patient's refractive error with less affect on the natural aspheric properties of the cornea
- Adding more prolate peripheral ablation

*Spheric corneal shape*



*Aspheric corneal shape*





# Wavefront optimized Ablation

- WFO based on
  - Keratometry & Refraction of the patient
  - Take into account the asphericity of the cornea
  - Reduce spherical aberration
  - No effect on other HOAs





# Wavefront optimized Ablation

## WaveLight EX 500-WFO ablation techniques:

- แก้ตามค่าสายตาที่ทำการตั้งค่า
- ปรับ Sphere และ Cylinder step 0.5
- ไม่สามารถปรับ transition zone
- Sequentially ablation: sphere then cylinder







# Wavefront-Guided Ablation

- Reduce pre-existing higher order aberrations, treat all HOAs
- RMS pre-op  $> 0.4 \mu$
- Time consuming
- Large amount of cornea
- Not for after cataract surgery, irregular cornea, small pupil





# Wavefront-Guided Ablation

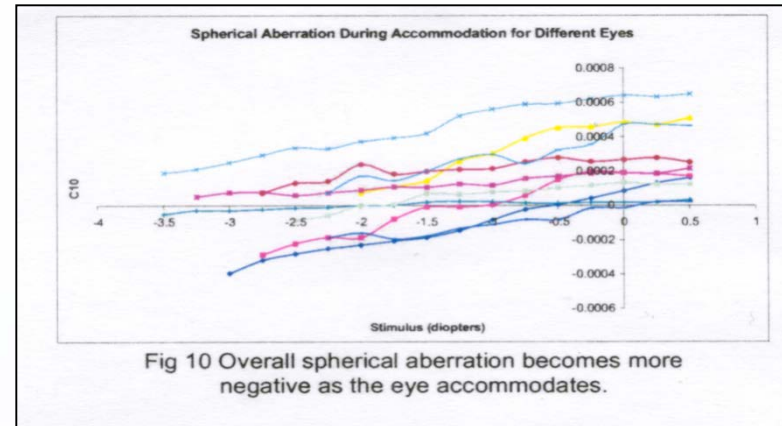
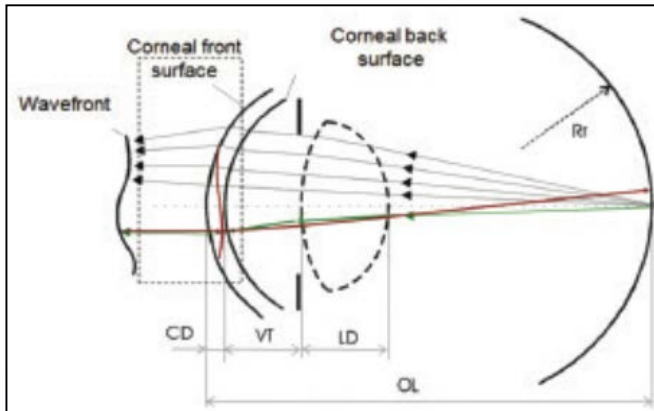
WaveLight EX500 -WFG ablation techniques:

- Use wavefront guide from analyzer, ภาพถ่ายอย่างน้อย 4 ครั้ง และได้ reproducibility HOA ที่ดี
- เปรียบเทียบ manifest vs analyser measure at 4.0 mm
- Keep pupil size เท่ากับค่าที่ถ่ายได้จาก analyzer
- Centering laser จะถูกตั้งตาม line of sight ไม่สามารถเลือกได้



# Topography-Guided Ablation

- The difficulty is that the human wavefront aberration is **dynamic & constantly changing** as **with accommodation**.



- Topo-guided ablations aim to target the aberration at the **anterior surface of the cornea**, which is relatively **constant** regardless of accommodation

# WaveLight EX500

## Contoura<sup>®</sup> Vision Topo-guided LASIK



**CONTOURA<sup>®</sup>**  
**VISION**

Contoura<sup>®</sup> Vision FDA Astigmatism Review & New Approaches  
for Contoura<sup>®</sup> Vision Topography-Guided LASIK

Topography-guided ablation: Treat corneal HOA centered at corneal vertex, reduce corneal HOA

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# What is Contoura<sup>®</sup> Vision Topo-guided LASIK?

- **Contoura<sup>®</sup> Vision:** Name given to performing TG LASIK in virgin eyes by **WaveLight EX 500**
- Takes data from ALLEGRO **Topolyzer** or **Oculyzer** to create ablation profiles
  - Takes elevation data > **Zernike polynomials** (Documents the aberrations on the cornea)
  - The polynomials are converted to ablation profiles to remove the **higher order aberrations**
  - Executes the ablation profile through the **Wavelight EX500**



### TOPOGRAPHY-GUIDED LASIK PIVOTAL STUDY – RESULTS

Contoura<sup>®</sup> Vision patients experience improvements on many of the visual symptoms commonly associated with glasses and contact lenses.<sup>1</sup>



light sensitivity



difficulty driving at night



difficulty reading



glare



starbursts



halos

Post-op symptoms at 12 months<sup>2</sup>

Light sensitivity	<b>5.2% decrease</b>
Difficulty driving at night	<b>8.0% decrease</b>
Reading difficulty	<b>8.7% decrease</b>
Complaints of glare	<b>4.8% decrease</b>
Halos	<b>3.2% decrease</b>
Starbursts	<b>2.8% decrease</b>

*Improved symptoms typically associated with LASIK<sup>2</sup>*

<sup>2</sup> Stulting RD, Fant BS; T-CAT Study Group. Results of topography-guided laser in situ keratomileusis custom ablation treatment with a refractive excimer laser. J Cataract Refract Surg. 2016;42(1):11-18.



## Topography-modified refraction (TMR): adjustment of treated cylinder amount and axis to the topography versus standard clinical refraction in myopic topography-guided LASIK

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**Dr. John Kanellopoulos** first published significant new findings in a November 2016 clinical paper<sup>3</sup> which demonstrated that by modifying the clinical refraction (manifest) with topography-guided data for the laser treatment, with regard to the amount and axis of astigmatism, appears to offer superior visual function in patients post-operatively.

<sup>3</sup>John Kanellopoulos, MD. Clinical Ophthalmology (Nov. 2016). "Topography-modified refraction (TMR): adjustment of treated cylinder amount and axis to the topography versus standard clinical refraction in myopic topography-guided LASIK"









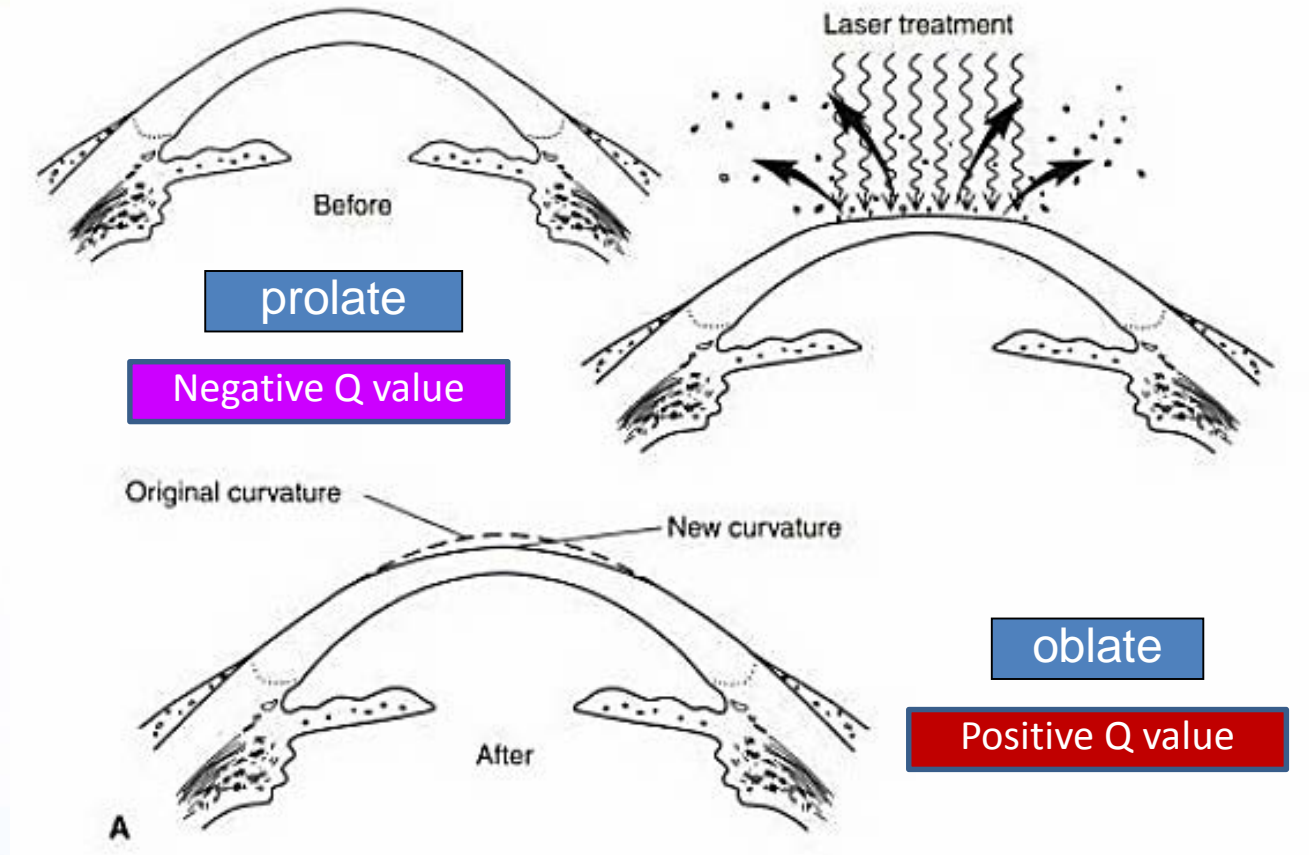
# Topography guided Ablation

WaveLight EX500 -Topo- guided ablation techniques:

- ใช้แก้ปัญหา **night vision**, **BCDVA <20/20**, **RMS pre-op > 0.4 u**
- มีการ **compensate C12 (spherical aberration)** ที่เป็นต้นเหตุ **quality of vision**
- ใช้ค่า **topo** จาก **topolyzer** หรือ **analyzer**
- ต้องได้ภาพถ่ายที่ดี อย่างน้อย 4 ภาพ
- **Laser ablation** แบบเดียวกับ **WFO**
- **Centering laser at corneal vertex**
- ต้อง **keep pupil size** ให้ใกล้เคียงกับภาพถ่าย



# Corneal recontouring by excimer laser



Correction of Myopia

BCSC, Refractive surgery



# Custom Q Ablation

- Q- value customized ablation
- Aspheric ablation
- Use a value of the mean corneal asphericity
- Symmetrically adjusting the number of mid-peripheral laser pulses



# Custom Q Ablation

## WaveLight EX500 –Custom Q ablation technique:

- แก้วตามค่าสายตาที่ทำการตั้งค่า
- เครื่องจะนำค่า Q ที่ได้จาก **topolyzer** มาคำนวณ ในการยิงเลเซอร์ด้วย เพื่อ **keep Q post-op** ให้ใกล้เคียงกับ **pre-op**
- ปรับ **Sphere** และ **cylinder step 0.1 D**
- ปรับ **transition zone 0.05 mm**
- ปรับค่า **Q target** ได้ แต่ไม่แนะนำ
- ยิงทั้ง **Sphere** และ **cylinder** ไปพร้อมกัน

# Wavefront Optimized Versus Custom-Q Treatments in Surface Ablation for Myopic Astigmatism With the WaveLight ALLEGRETTO Laser

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## ABSTRACT

**PURPOSE:** To compare treatments with wavefront optimized and custom-Q ablations.

**METHODS:** Two consecutive groups of eyes were treated for myopia and astigmatism with surface ablation. One group was treated with wavefront optimized ablation and the second group was treated with custom-Q ablation. Preoperative and 3-month postoperative Q-values, higher order aberrations, low contrast visual acuity, and classic outcome parameters were analyzed.

**RESULTS:** The wavefront optimized ablation group was comprised of 46 eyes of 23 patients with a mean spherical equivalent refraction (SE) of  $-3.64$  diopters (D) (range:  $-1.15$  to  $-8.25$  D); mean Q-value changed from  $-0.33$  preoperatively to  $0.06$  postoperatively. The custom-Q ablation group was comprised of 42 eyes of 21 patients with a mean SE of  $-3.24$  D (range:  $-1.47$  to  $-8.00$  D); mean Q-value changed from  $-0.36$  preoperatively to  $-0.03$  postoperatively. A statistically significant difference in postoperative change in Q-values ( $P=.049$ ) between the two groups was noted, but there was no such difference in higher order aberrations, low contrast visual acuity, or classic outcome parameters.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Custom-Q ablation resulted in a mean postoperative asphericity that was closer to preoperative compared to wavefront optimized ablation, whereas the other outcome parameters showed no statistically significant differences. [*J Refract Surg.* 2008;xx:xxx-xxx.]

**O**ne problem with standard myopic excimer laser treatment is decrease in visual performance manifested by reduction in contrast sensitivity and night vision.<sup>1</sup> It has been reported that these treatments induce an increase in spherical aberration<sup>2</sup> and that such increase was mainly related to change of corneal asphericity.<sup>3,4</sup> The curvature of the anterior surface of an aspheric cornea changes with distance from the apex so that the surface flattens towards the periphery in prolate corneas but steepens towards the periphery in oblate corneas. To describe this change in curvature or asphericity, Q-value describes a prolate surface, whereas a negative Q-value describes an oblate surface. Custom-Q ablation changes the refractive index in an oblate direction,<sup>5</sup> and this is related with the amount of custom-Q ablations, with considerations of the amount of oblate shift but typically by a shift towards high degrees of myopia. This study compares the WaveLight AG (Erlangen, Germany) wavefront optimized and its custom-Q treatment. The wavefront optimized treatment has an aspheric profile in which the curvature is not adjustable (and is the same in all meridians). Similarly, the custom-Q treatment has an aspheric profile, but it adds the asphericity in the meridian of the astigmatism.

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# Custom-Q vs Wavefront Optimized Lasik Ablation Treatment Profile in High Myopic Asian Eyes

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## Abstract

**Purpose:** To compare the change in asphericity and other Higher Order Aberration (HOA) in Custom-Q vs. Wavefront Optimized (WFO) LASIK ablation profile patients in an Asian population.

**Setting:** Prospective matched-cohort study in refractive center.

**Conclusion:** Custom-Q and WFO LASIK provided similar results in myopic refractive correction and achieved post op UCDVA and contrast sensitivity. However, Custom-Q produced less changes in asphericity and HOA changes; Asian patients showed marginal preference for Custom-Q in terms of optic quality.

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group comprised a mean SE of -5.41 diopter (D). Their frequencies with which Custom-Q and WFO achieved postoperative Uncorrected Distance Visual Acuity (UCDVA) were not statistically different from each other ( $P>0.05$ ). No statistically significant differences were found in contrast sensitivity, astigmatism, coma, and trefoil. However, the change of spherical aberration was higher in the WFO ablation profile. Patient questionnaire shows a mild preference for Custom-Q over WFO.

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# WaveLight EX500 WFO vs Custom Q

WFO	Custom Q
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• แก้ตามค่าสายตาที่ทำการตั้งค่า</li> <li>• ปรับ Sphere และ Cylinder step 0.5 D</li> <li>• ไม่สามารถปรับ transition zone</li> <li>• Sequentially ablation: sphere then cylinder</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• แก้ตามค่าสายตาที่ทำการตั้งค่า</li> <li>• ปรับ Sphere และ cylinder step 0.1 D</li> <li>• ปรับ transition zone 0.05 mm</li> <li>• เครื่องจะนำค่า Q ที่ได้จาก topolyzer มาคำนวณ ในการยิงเลเซอร์ด้วย เพื่อ keep Q post-op ให้ใกล้เคียงกับ pre-op</li> <li>• ยิงทั้ง Sphere และ cylinder ไปพร้อมกัน</li> </ul>



# Photoablation Outline

- Techniques
- Outcomes
- Complications and Adverse Effects
- Efficacy
- Predictability
- Stability
- Safety







# Refractive Surgery Outcomes

- Efficacy .....% UCDVA  $\geq 20/20$   
Un-corrected distance VA





# Refractive Surgery Outcomes

- Efficacy
- Predictability .....% PO refraction  $\pm 1.0$  D
- Stability
- Safety





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# Refractive Surgery Outcomes

- Efficacy
- Predictability
- **Stability .....% SE, K in 6, 12, .....months**
- Safety





# Refractive Surgery Outcomes

- Efficacy
- Predictability
- Stability
- **Safety .....% lost 2 or more lines of BCVA**





# Refractive Surgery Outcomes in CMU LASIK Center

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- HOA : glare, halo, starburst, contrast sensitivity





# Photoablation Outline

- Techniques
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- Intra-operative
- Post-operative





# Photoablation Complications and Adverse Effects

## Intra-operative:

- Flap-related
- Laser-related

## Post-operative:

- Infection/DLK
- Flap displace/striae/epithelial ingrowth
- Ectasia
- Cataract / glaucoma / RD
- Dry eyes
- Glare/halo







# Photoablation Complications and Adverse Effects

Discuss in detail (CMU LASIK CENTER):

- UCDVA
- Infection/DLK
- Dry eyes
- Glare and halos
- Regression/Enhancement
- Presbyopia
- Flap complications
- Air bubble in AC
- Ectasia
- Cataract / glaucoma / RD
- Etc.





# Photoablation Complications and Adverse Effects

Discuss in detail (CMU LASIK CENTER):

- UCDVA

VA	$\geq 20/25$	$\geq 20/20$
Mild	99%	98%
Moderate	97%	96%
Severe	96%	95%

- Regression/Enhancement

- Presbyopia

- Etc.





# Photoablation Complications and Adverse Effects

Discuss in detail (CMU LASIK CENTER):

- Infection/DLK

ล้างหน้า-สระผม ไม่ให้น้ำเข้าตา 2 สัปดาห์

งดว่ายน้ำ 1 เดือน

งดดำน้ำ 2-3 เดือน

• Corneal Dystrophy

• Regression/Enhancement

• Presbyopia

• RD

• Etc.



# DLK

(Diffuse Lamellar Keratitis)

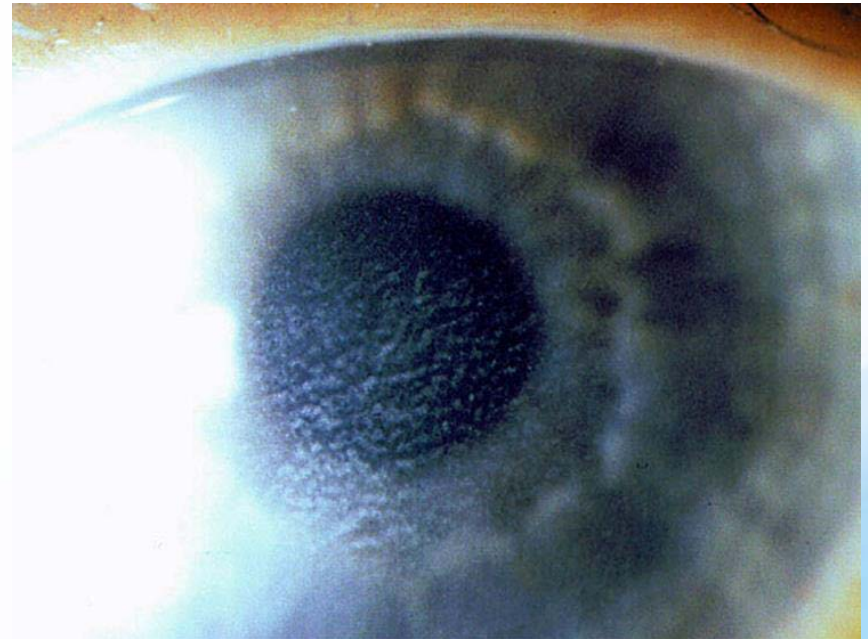
- Sands of Sahara Syndrome



# DLK

## (Diffuse Lamellar Keratitis)

- Nonspecific sterile inflammation
- Due to a variety of mechanical and toxic insults

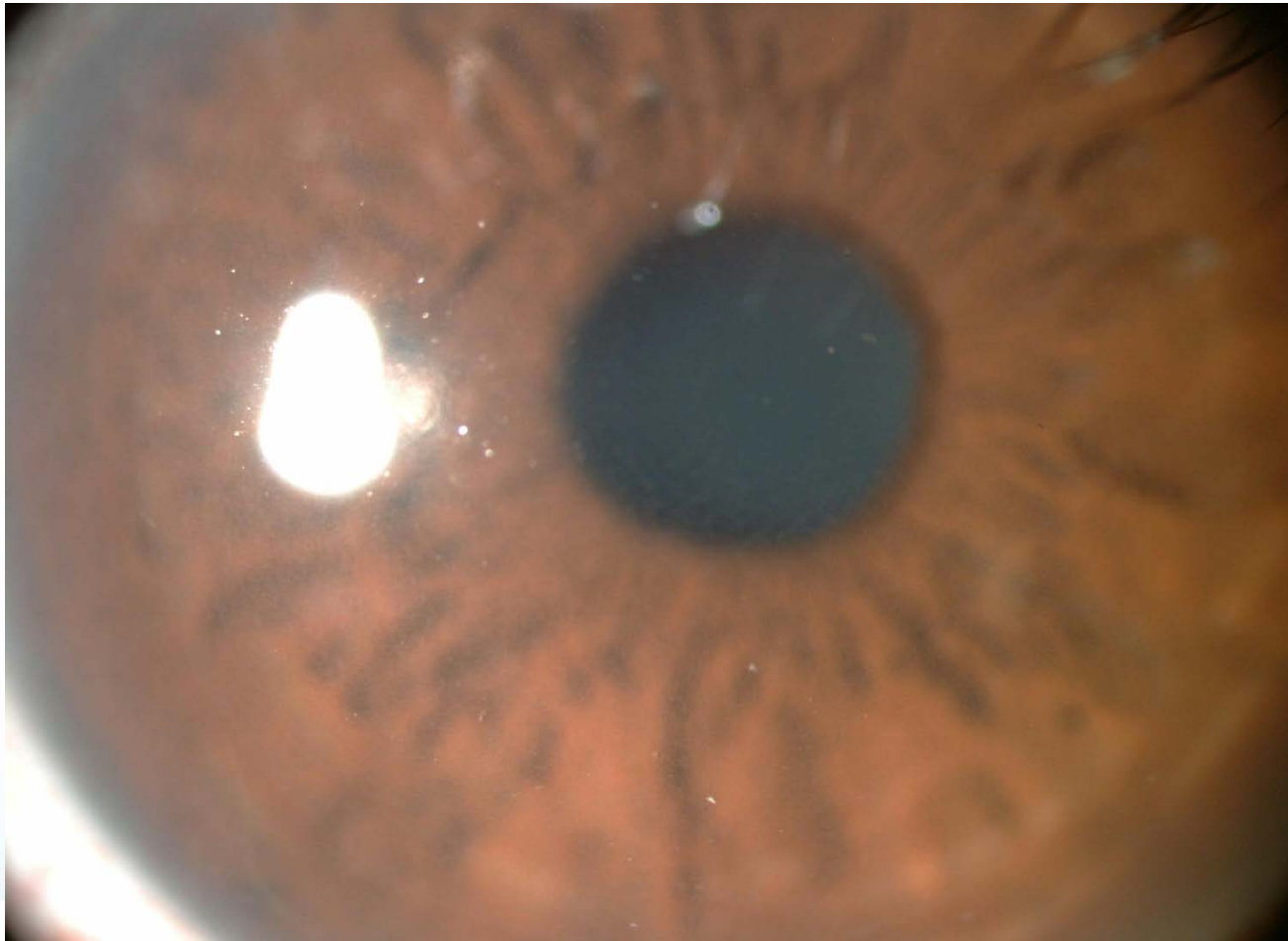


# Staging DLK

Stage	Findings Treatment
1	Peripheral faint WBC; granular appearance Topical steroid
2	Central scattered WBC; granular appearance Topical steroid
3	Central dense WBC in visual axis Lifting the flap w irrigation NSS
4	Permanent scarring or stromal melting

# DLK

(Diffuse Lamellar Keratitis)



# DLK

## (Diffuse Lamellar Keratitis)





# Photoablation Complications and Adverse Effects

Discuss in detail (CMU LASIK CENTER):

- Dry eyes

Reduce after 3-6 months

PRK < LASIK (>SMILE ?)

Only non-preservative artificial tears!!!!

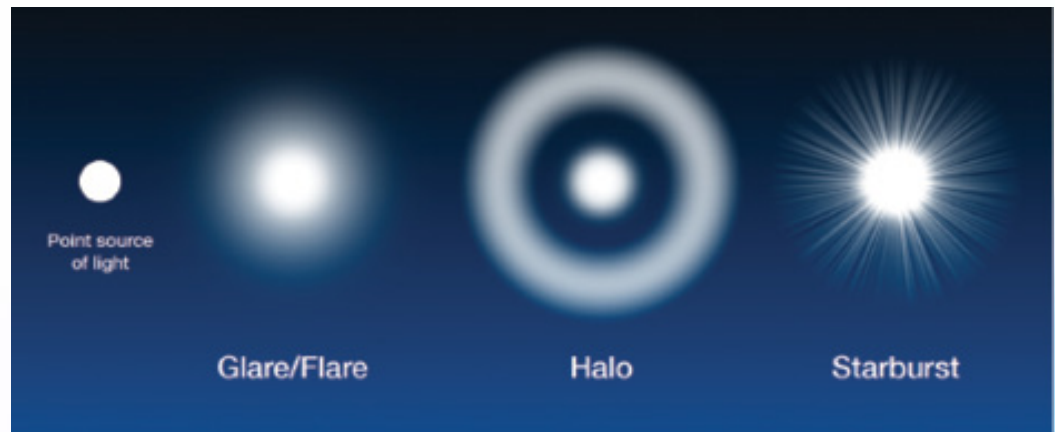


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# Photoablation Complications and Adverse Effects

Discuss in detail (CMU LASIK CENTER):

- Glare and halos
  1. Dry eyes
  2. pupil size @ night
- Presbyopia



• Etc.



# Photoablation Complications and Adverse Effects

Discuss in detail (CMU LASIK CENTER):

- Regression/Enhancement

CMU LASIK Center : Residual stromal bed > 300 u







# Photoablation Complications and Adverse Effects

Discuss in detail (CMU LASIK CENTER):

- Incomplete flap: re-Sx 3 mo
- Flap displacement
- Flap striae

- Regression/Enhancement
- Presbyopia

- Flap complications

• Epithelial ingrowth

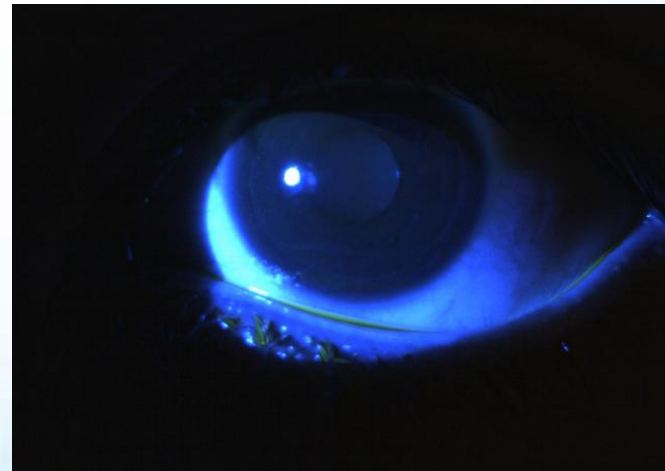
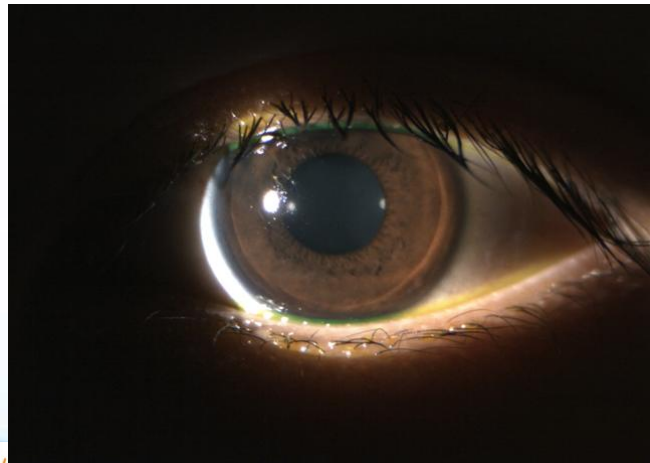
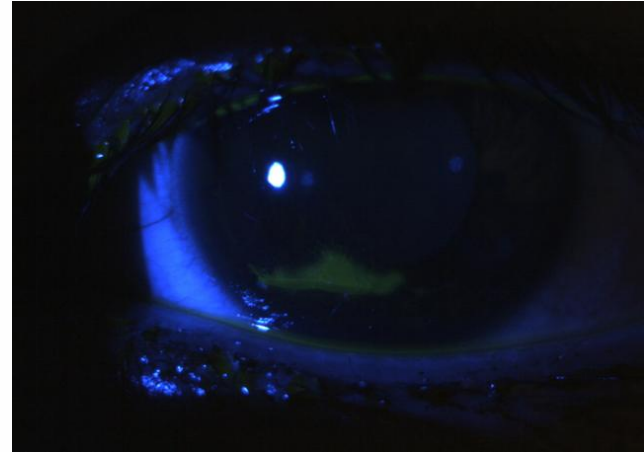
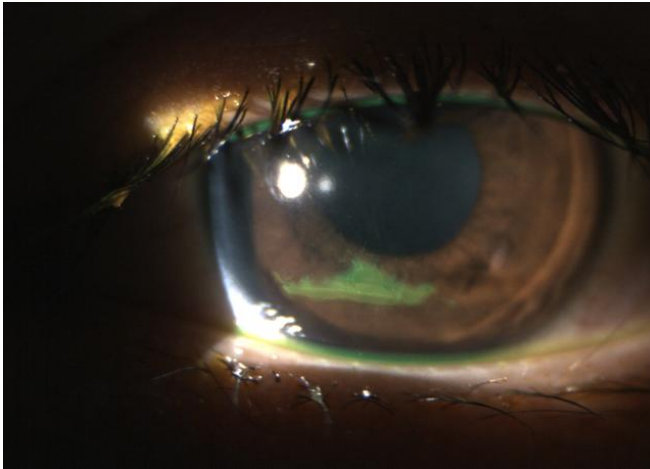
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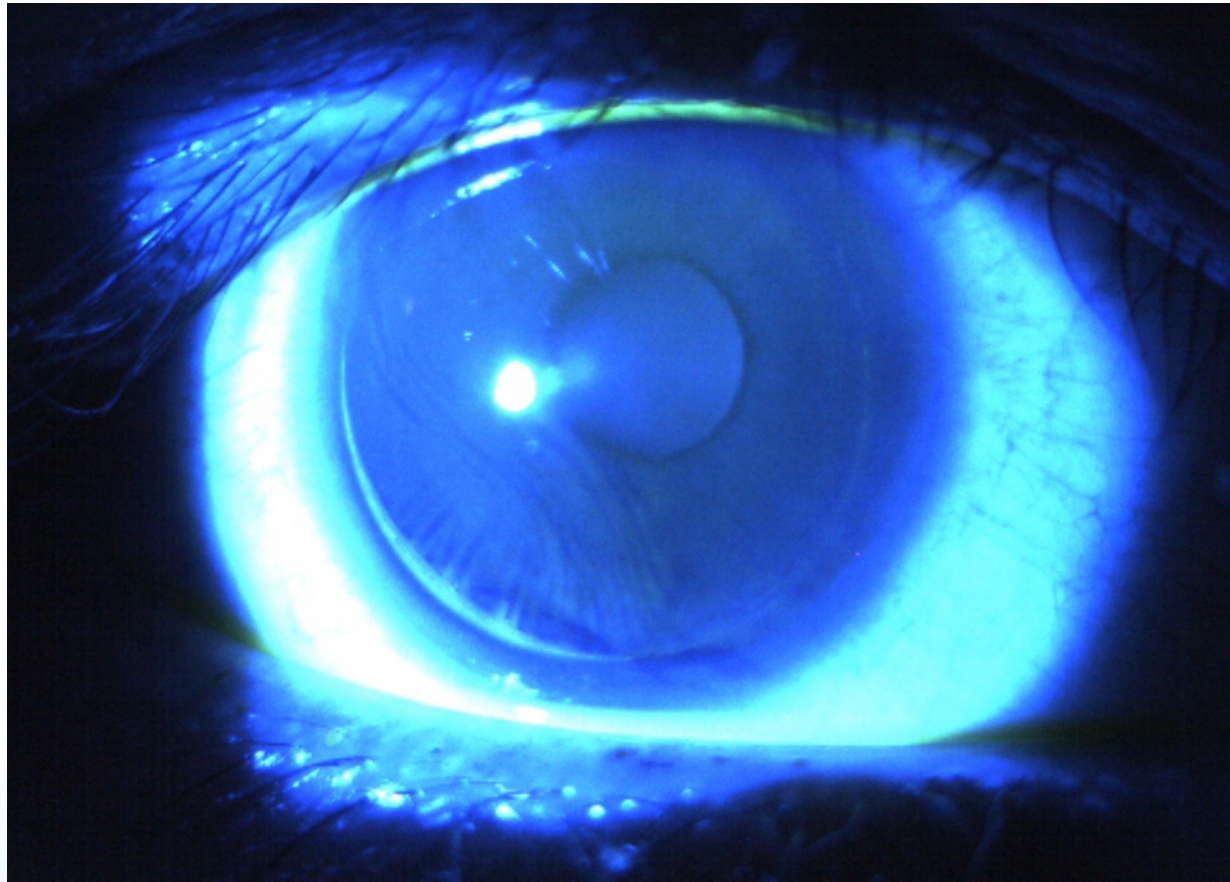
- Etc.



# Flap complications: partial incomplete flap

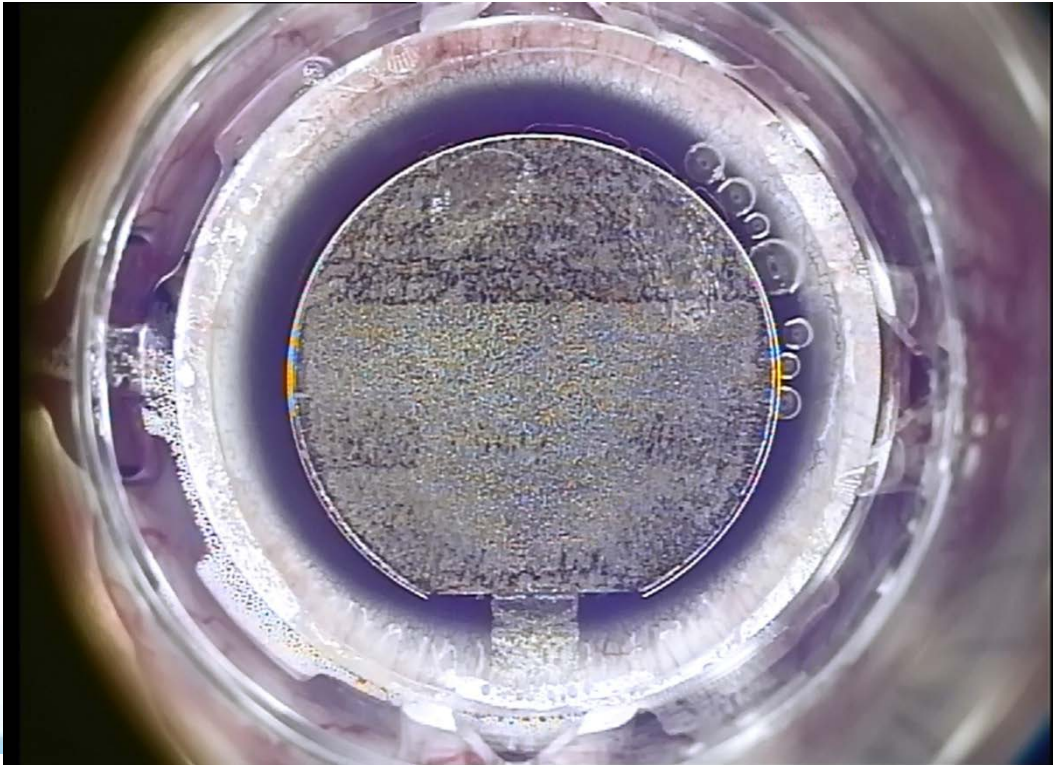


# Flap complications: flap displacement



# Photoablation Complications and Adverse Effects

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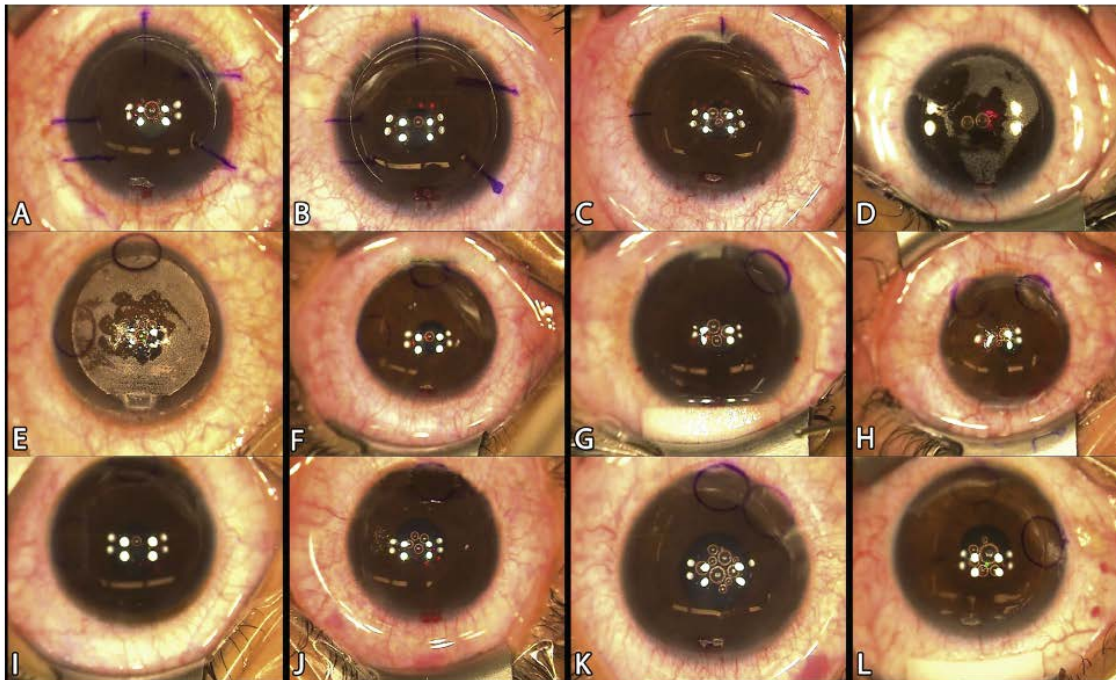


- Air bubble in AC



# Anterior chamber gas bubbles during femtosecond laser flap creation

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**Figure 1.** Air bubbles in the anterior chamber after flap creation with the femtosecond laser: A = patient 1, B = patient 2 (right eye), C = patient 2 (left eye), D = patient 3, E = patient 4, F = patient 5, G = patient 6, H = patient 7, I = patient 8, J = patient 9 (right eye), K = patient 9 (left eye), L = patient 10. (There are no photographs of patients 11 and 12.)

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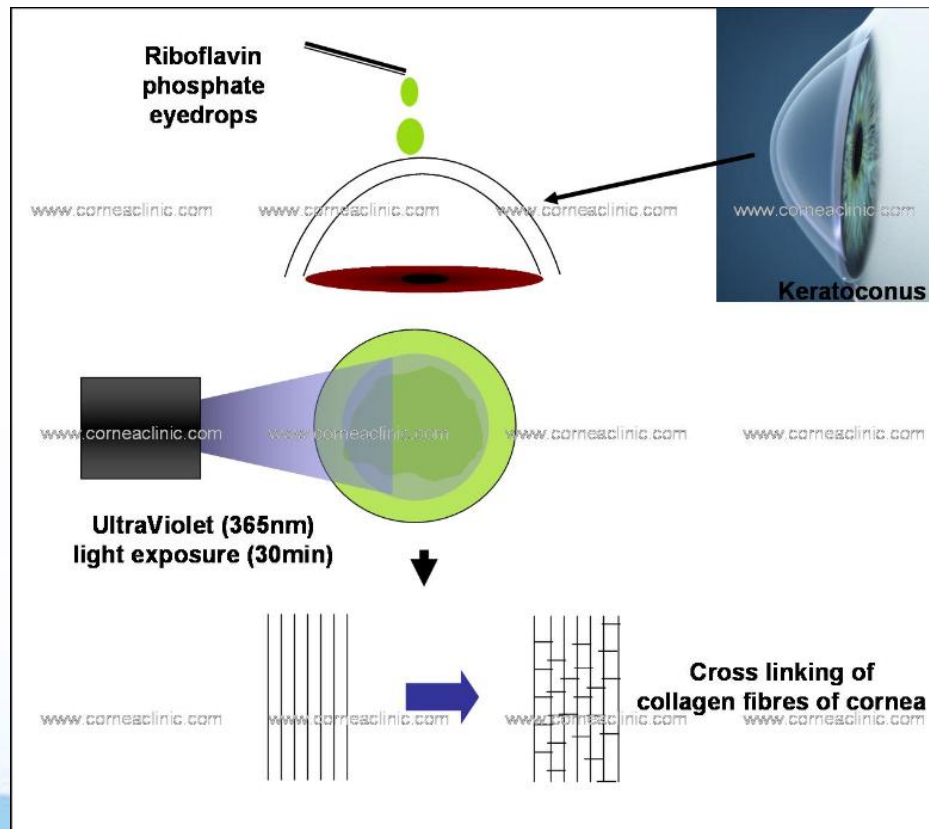
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# Photoablation Complications and Adverse Effects

Discuss in detail (CMU LASIK CENTER):

- CXL



- Ectasia

# Photoablation Complications and Adverse Effects

Discuss in detail (CMU LASIK CENTER):

- Especially in high myopia  $> 6.00$  D
- Cataract / glaucoma / RD
- Etc.

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# WaveLight FS200 (Femtosecond Laser)





# WaveLight FS200

- 200 KHz laser speed, < 2uJ
- Creates a 9.0 mm flap in 6 sec.
- Total procedure time, “suction on” to “suction off” ~ 30-45 sec.
- Relocate flap centration after suction on







# WaveLight FS200

- Opaque bubble layer (OBL) reduction by canal cut for release gas outside the eye
- Adjustable: hinge placement, flap thickness & diameter, and side cut angle
- Applications: Flap, intracorneal ring segments, lamellar keratoplasty (anterior and posterior), penetrating keratoplasty





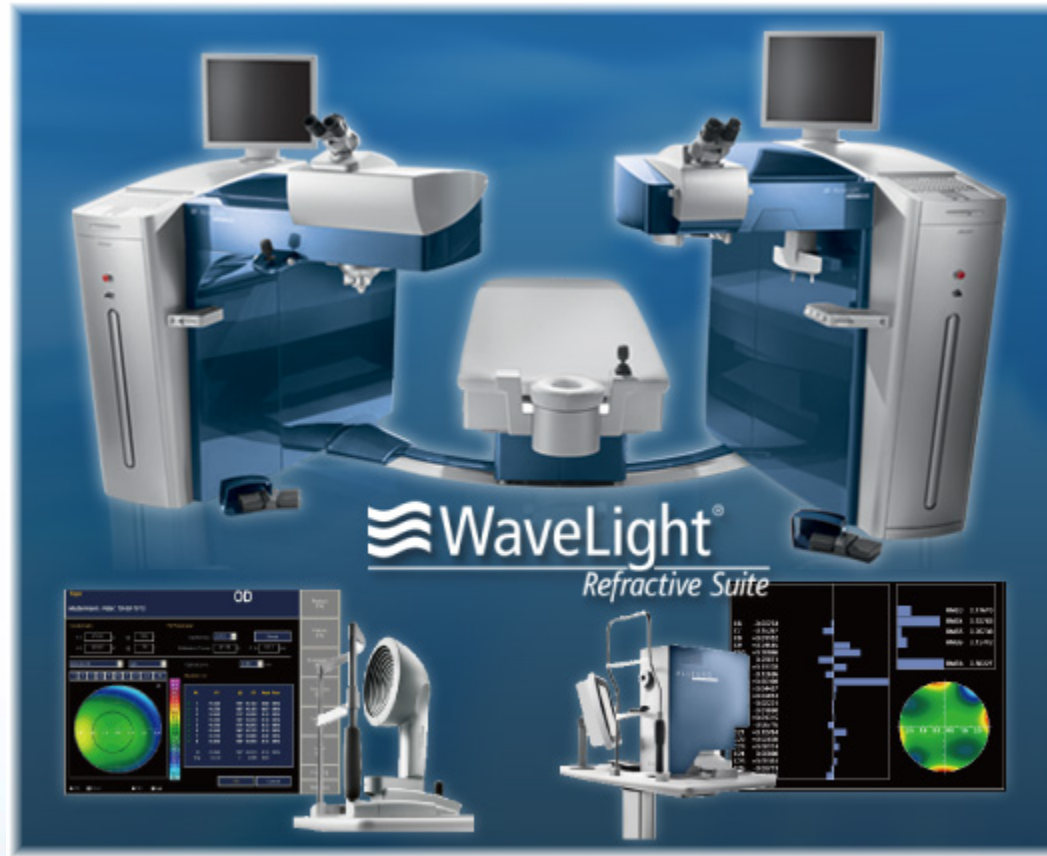
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Installed **WaveLight Refractive Suite** since November 2012:

- EX500 (Excimer Laser)
- FS200 (Femtosecond Laser)
- Topolyzer VARIO – Placido Disc
- Oculyzer II - Pentacam
- Analyzer II - WaveFront
- OB 820 – IOL Measurement
- MK2000 (Microkeratome) – no use



# WaveLight Refractive Suite





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- Anterior photo- Huvitz

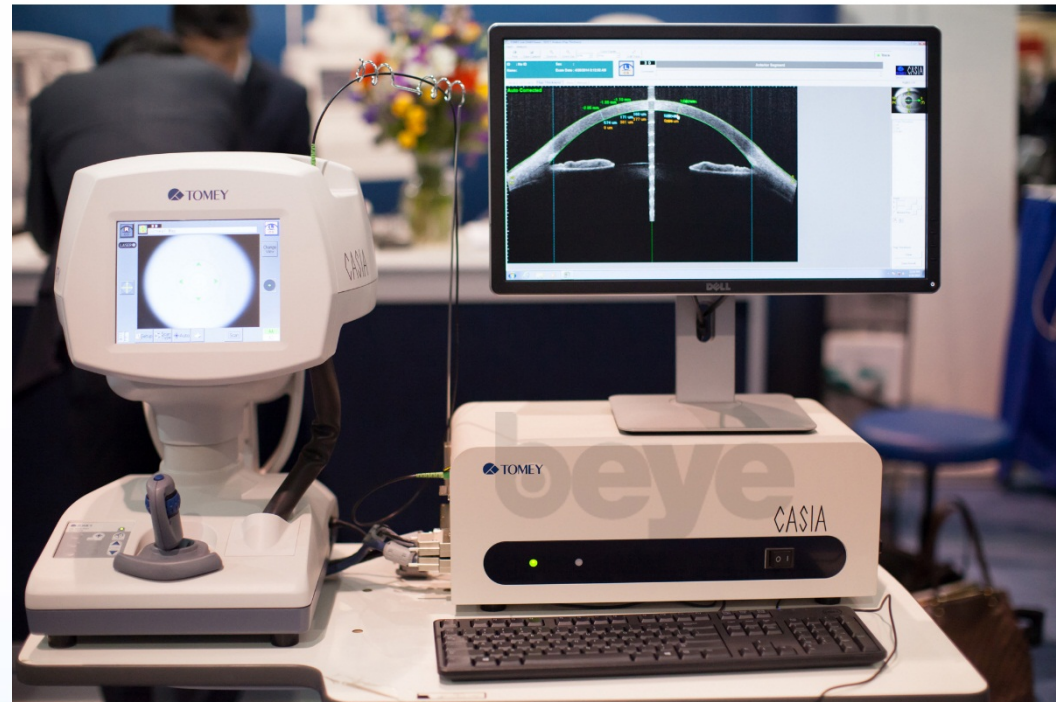




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Until 2019

- Anterior photo- Huvitz
- Anterior OCT-CASIA



Until 2019

- Anterior photo- Huvitz
- Anterior OCT-CASIA
- Functional Vision Analyzer



Remote Control



Radial Glare Source





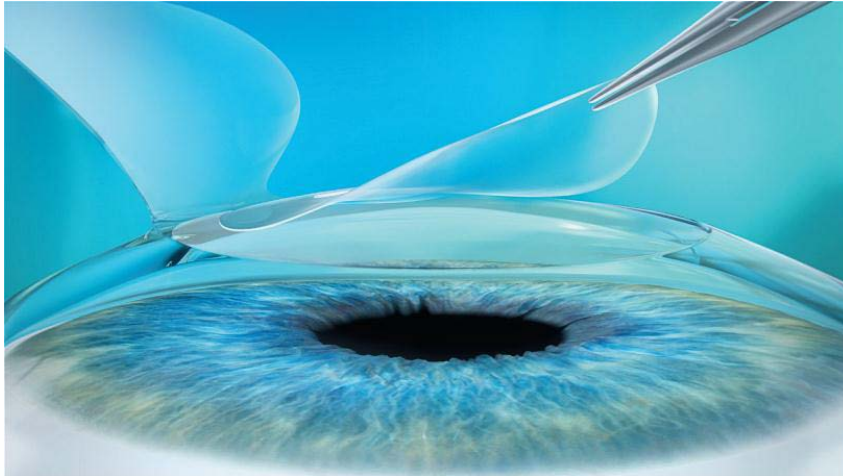
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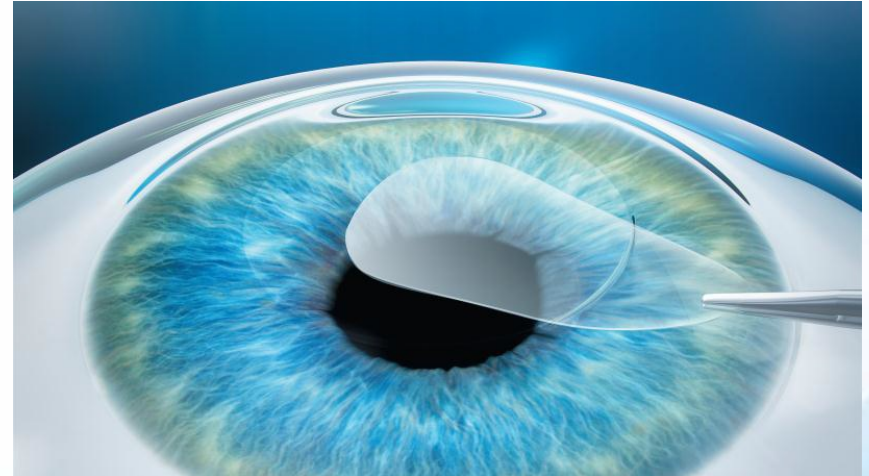
- Anterior photo- Huvitz
- Anterior OCT-CASIA
- Functional Vision Analyzer
- Corvis ST (Corneal Visualization Scheimpflug Technology)
- Pentacam



# Refractive Lenticular Extraction (ReLex) by FS Laser



FLEX (Femtosecond  
Lenticular Extraction)



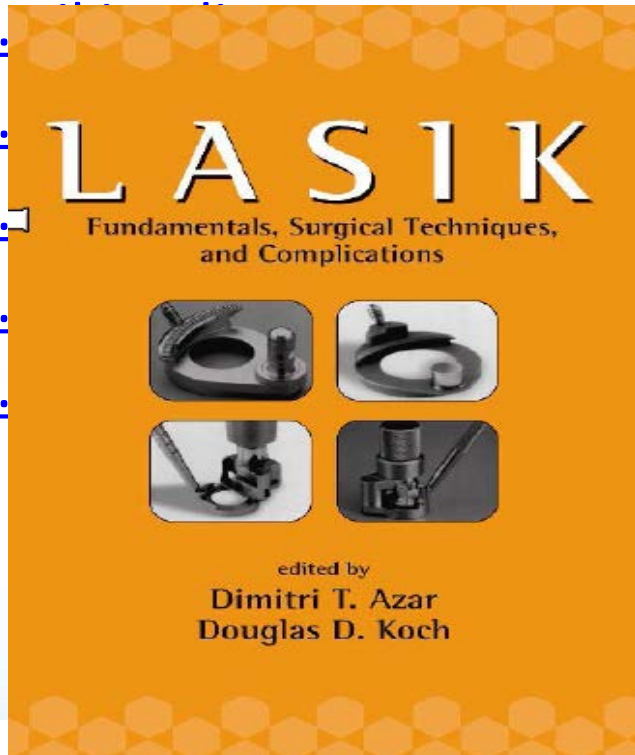
SMILE (Small Incision  
Lenticular Extraction)



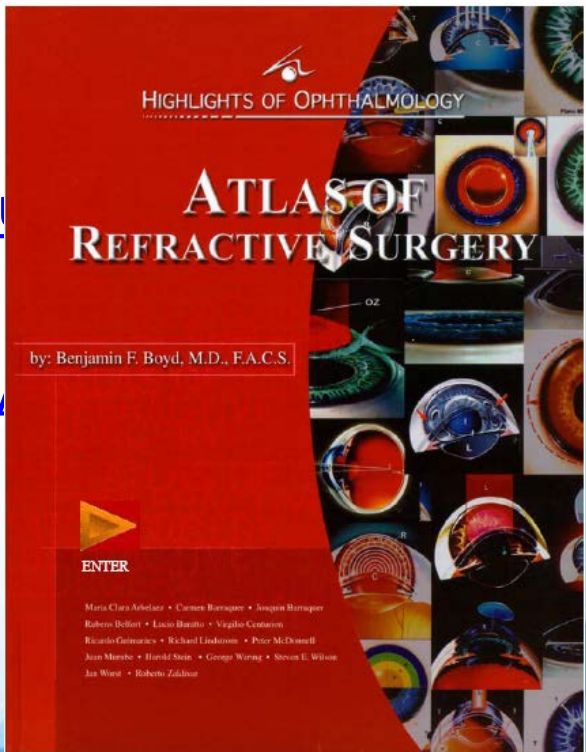
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# Thank you for your attention



# questions?



# LASIK



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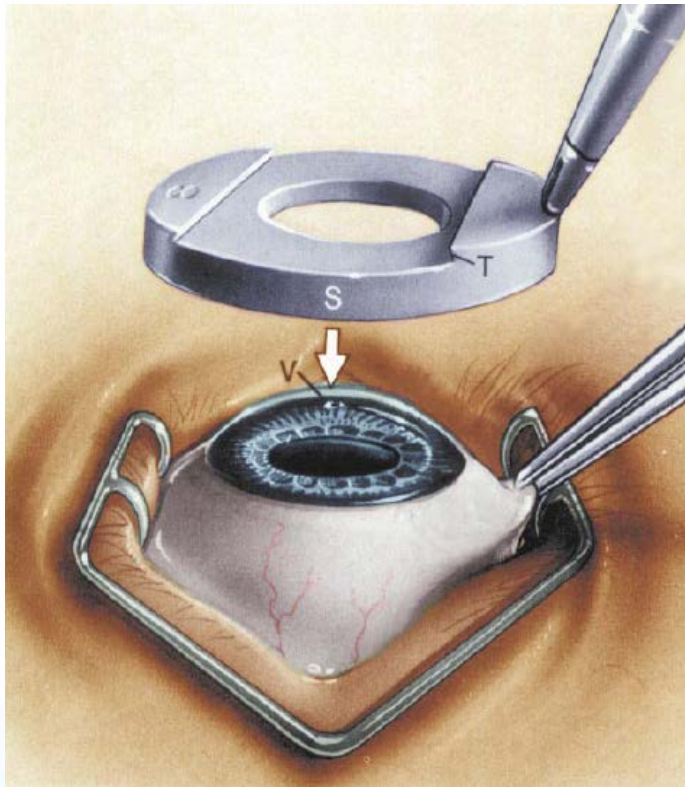


# MK LASIK



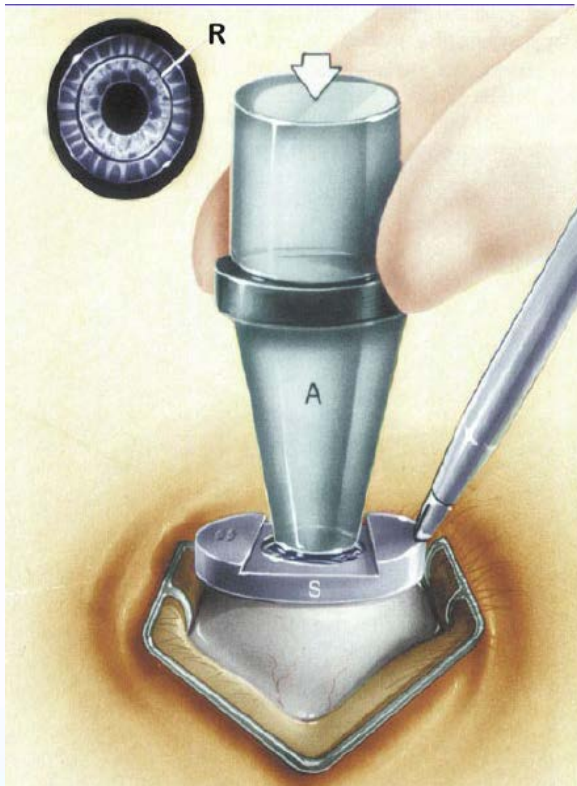
MK blade 160-180 u

# MK LASIK 1



## 1. Placing the Suction Ring (S)

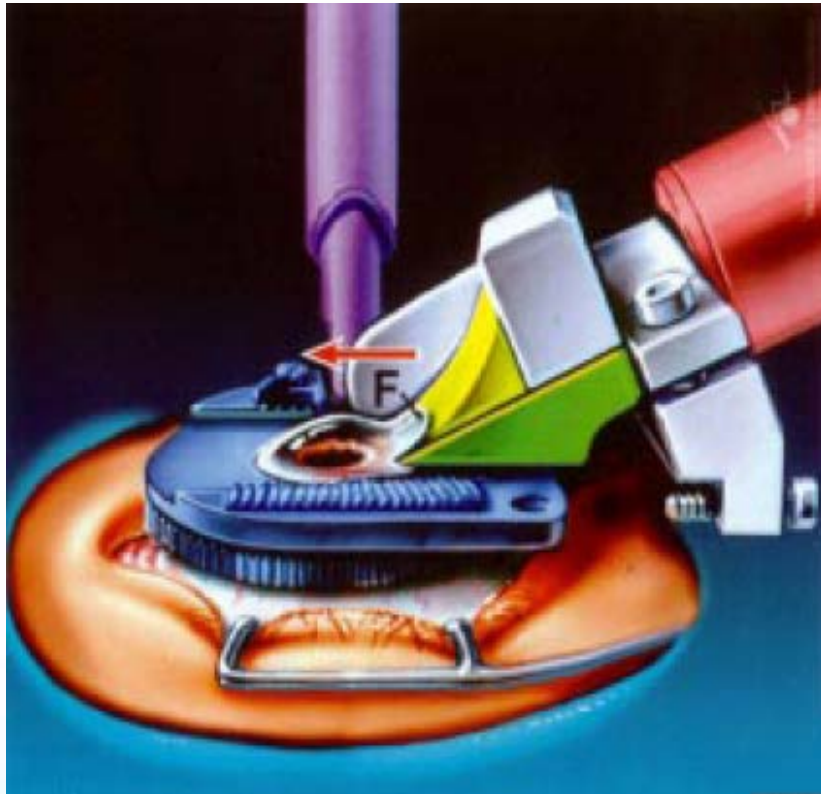
# MK LASIK 2



2. Check pressure  $> 65$  mmHg by Barraquer Tonometer (A) & pupil dilate

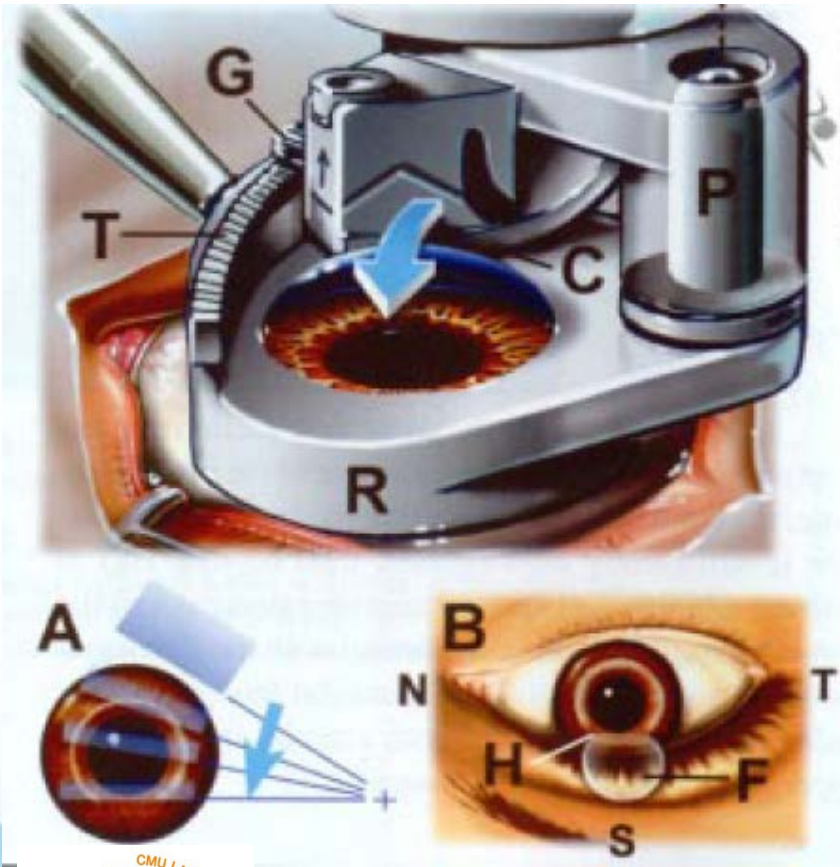


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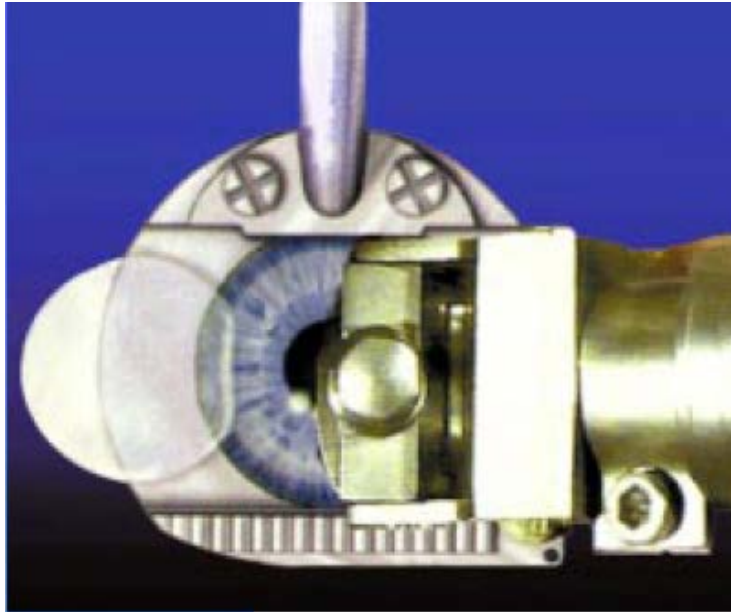
3. Load the microkeratome
4. Create the corneal flap (F)  
- Linear

# MK LASIK 4



- Rotation

# MK LASIK 5



5. Reverse the machine
6. Off suction ring



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# Femtosecond laser LASIK (Femto LASIK)

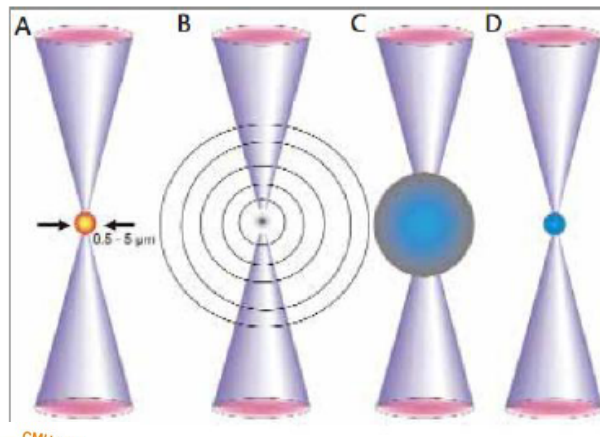
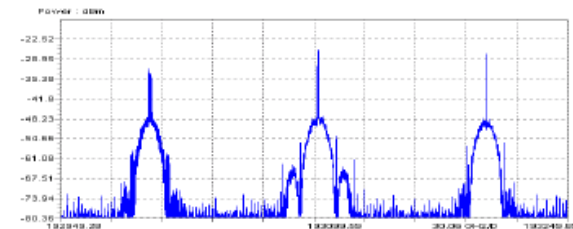


- Bladeless LASIK
- Blade-free LASIK
- All laser LASIK
- Femtosecond laser = Nd:YAG
- Photodisruption (not cutting)



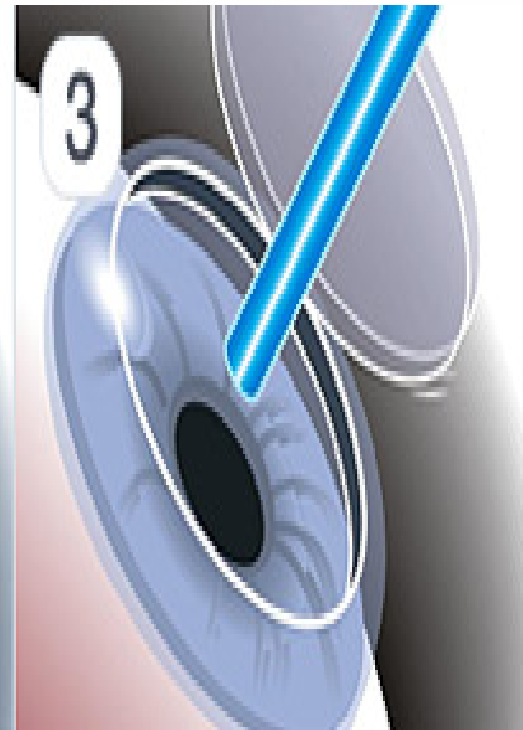
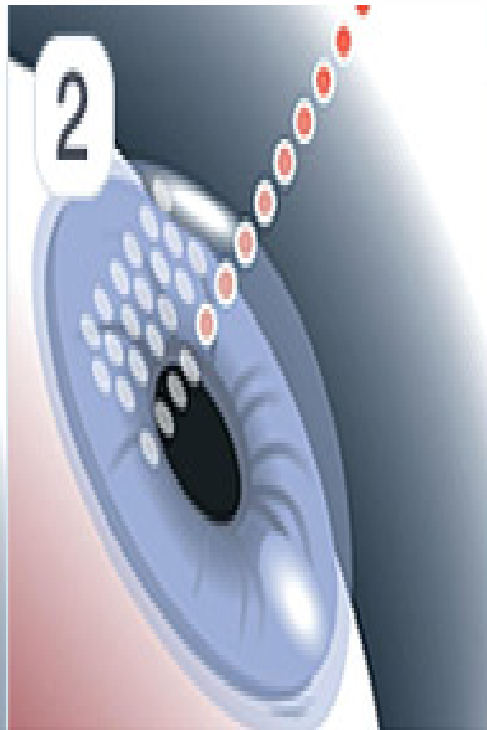
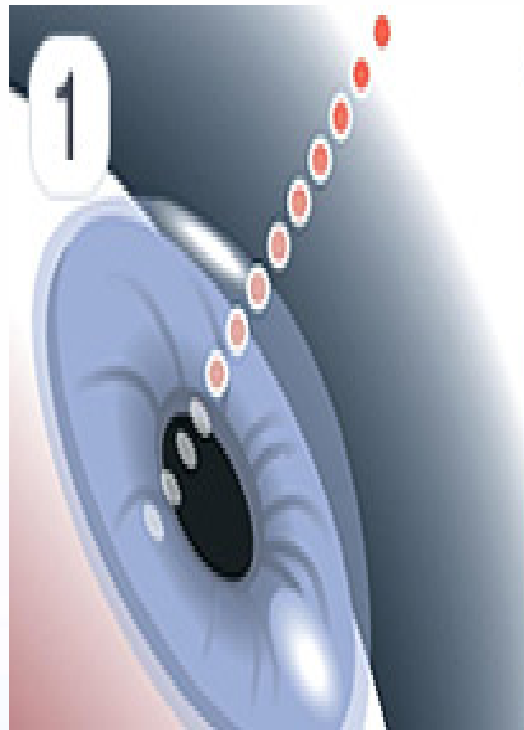
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# Femto LASIK



FS flap 90-120 micron

vs MK blade 160-180 u

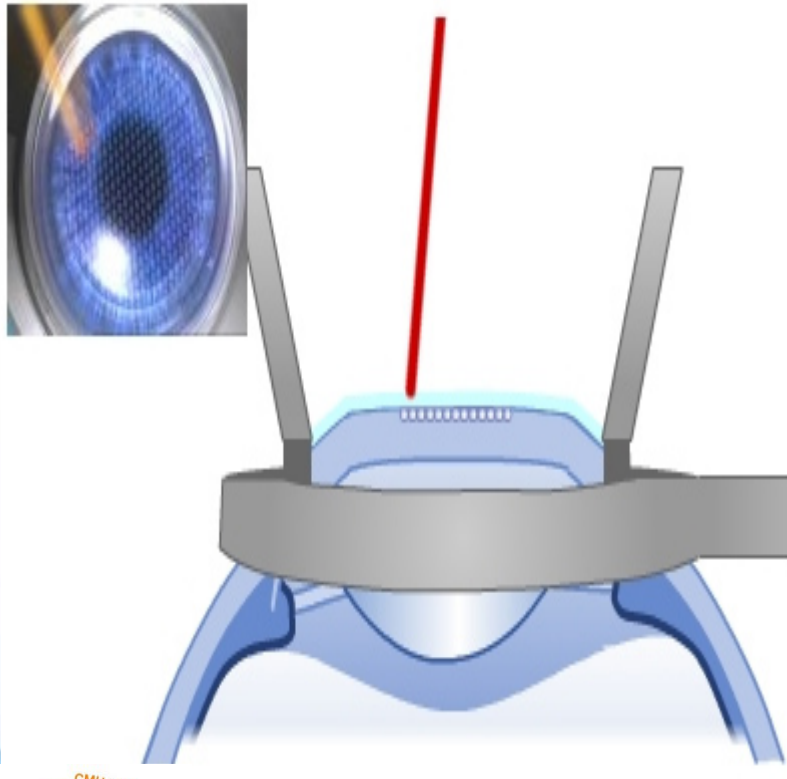
# Femto LASIK



Suction ring & Cone



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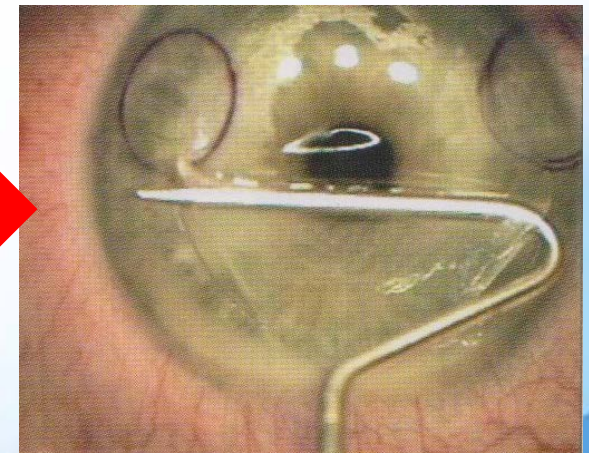
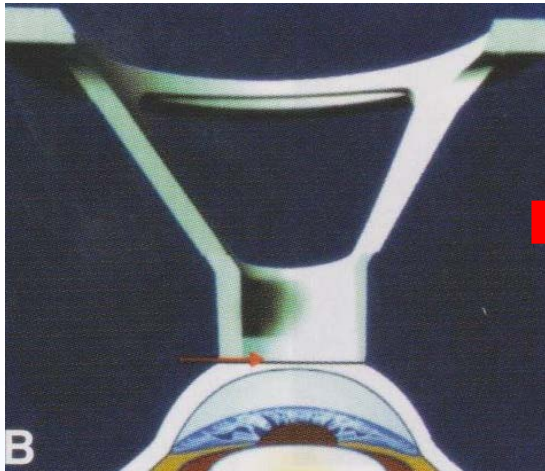


# Corneal flap creation by FS laser

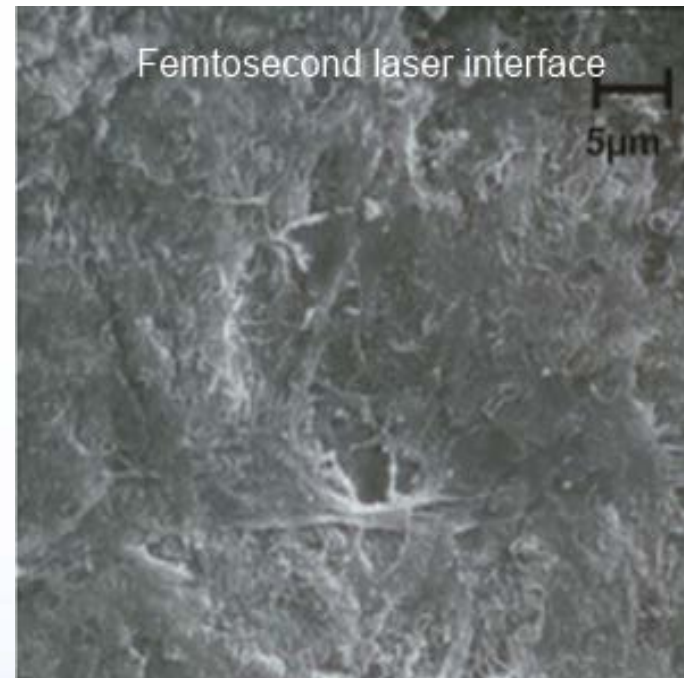
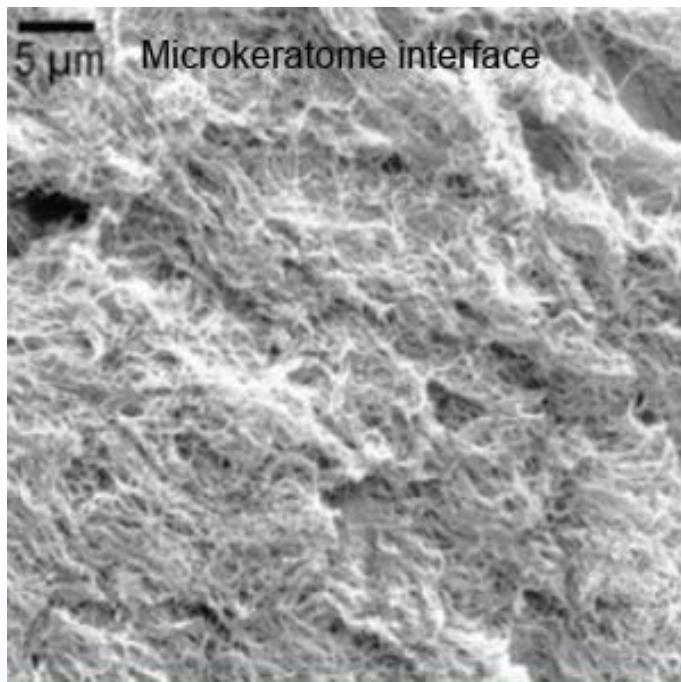
Suction ring  
(glass applanation  
lens)

Femtosecond  
laser

Flap is raised



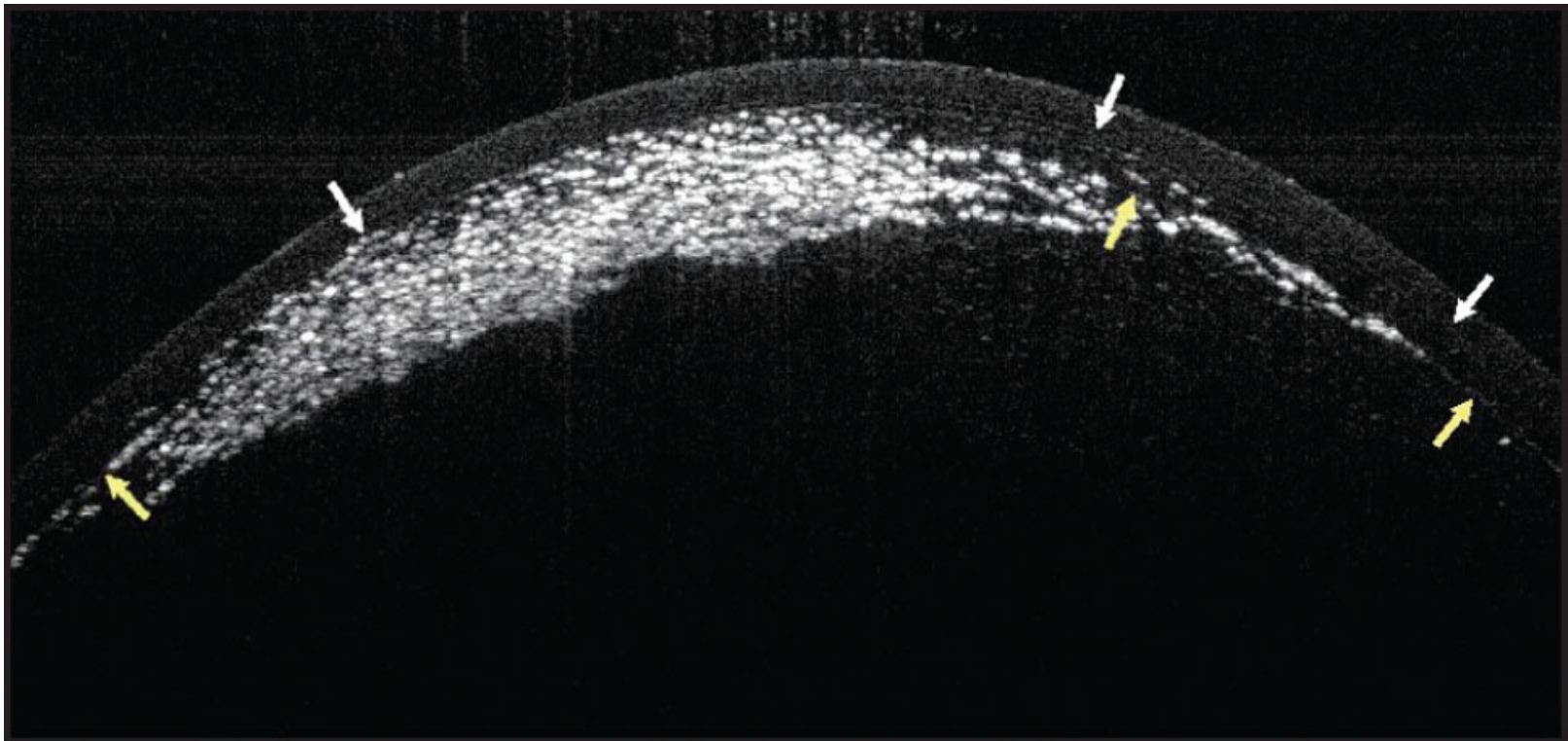
# MK vs FS LASIK interface



# Femto LASIK vs MK LASIK

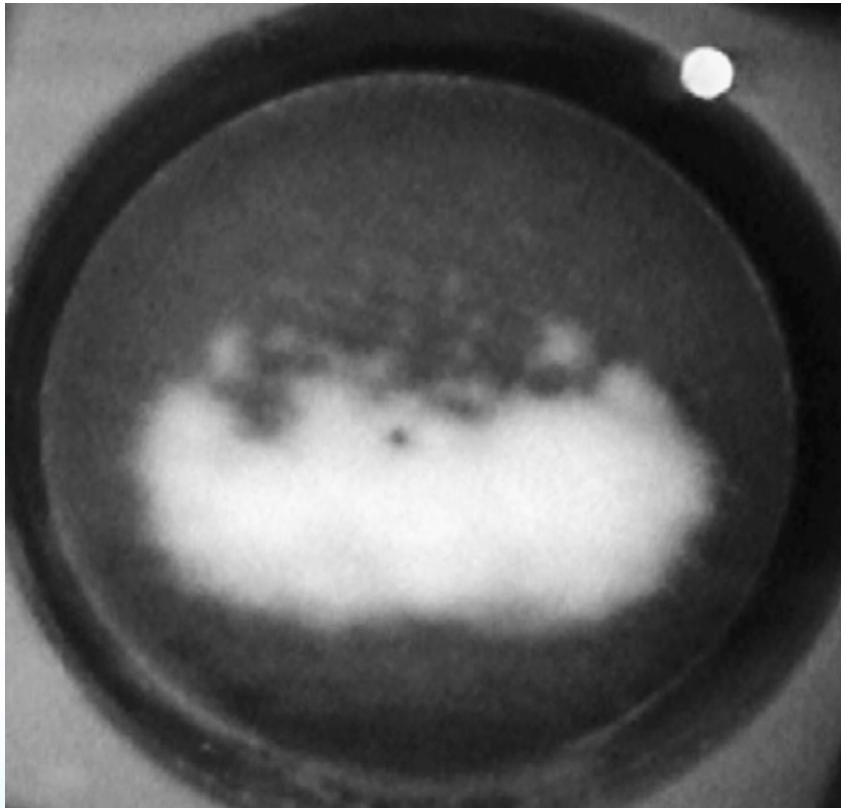
Advantages	Disadvantages
Less increase IOP	Longer suction time
Flap thinner, more control	OBL, air bubble in AC
Flap complications ↓	DLK ↑
Limbal hemorrhage ↓	Cost ↑

# OBL by Femto LASIK



Opaque bubble layer (OBL) =  $N_2 + CO_2 + H_2O$

# OBL (Opaque Bubble Layer)

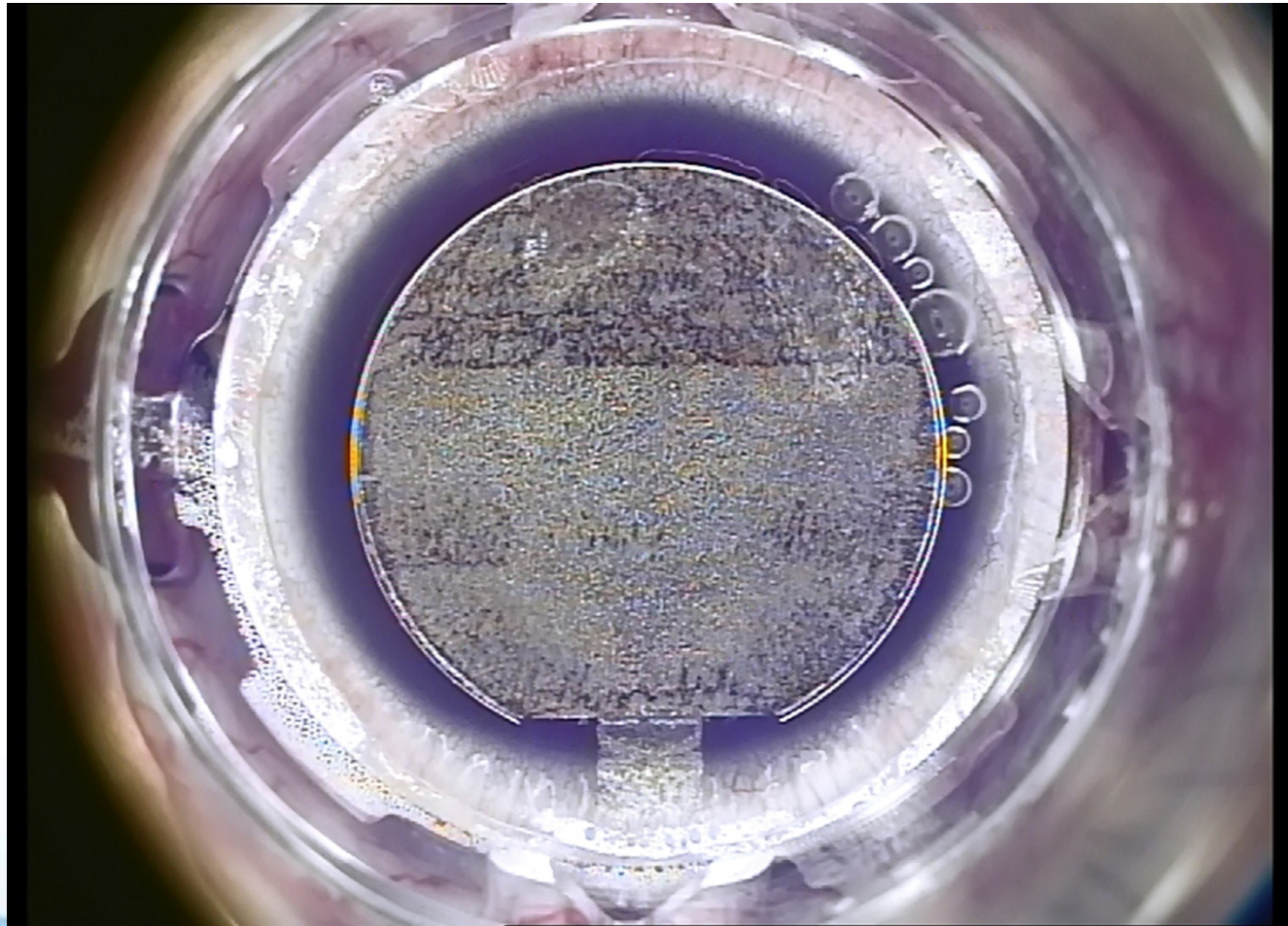


Hard OBL



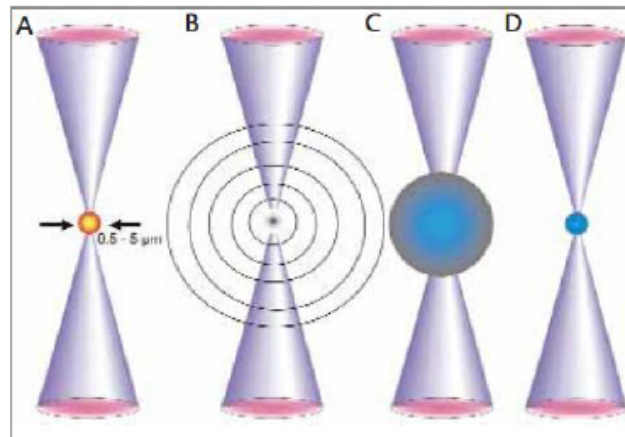
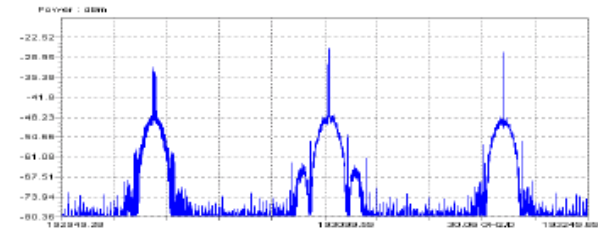
Diffuse OBL

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