

- contraindicate outpatient refractive surgery or preclude the patient's participation in this study.
7. History of allergic response or known intolerance to any of the medications used in the surgical procedure or postoperatively, unless an alternate medication can be substituted to which the patient has no known allergy or intolerance.
 8. Participation in a previous ophthalmic clinical trial within the 30 days prior to the start of the study.
 9. Female patients (by history) who are pregnant.
 10. *Taking systemic medications likely to affect wound healing, such as corticosteroids or antimetabolites.*
 11. *Immunocompromised patients (e.g. AIDS, autoimmune disease).*
 12. *Unstable central keratometry readings with irregular mires.*

VII. SCREENING FOR REFRACTIVE SURGERY ELIGIBILITY

The investigator and his staff will evaluate and screen patients in their usual fashion for refractive surgery. The usual procedures include conducting a refractive consultation, followed by a complete eye examination in interested patients. The patient then determines that he/she wants to have refractive surgery and schedules for the desired procedure. The refractive consultation and complete eye examination are routine screening procedures to determine if the patient is an eligible candidate for refractive surgery of any type.

- A. **REFRACTIVE CONSULTATION:** During the refractive consultation, the patient will meet an ophthalmic technician who will take an ocular history, measure the subject's refractive error, and perform corneal topography to measure the corneal curvature. The investigator will then meet with the patient to discuss whether or not the patient is a refractive surgery candidate. If the patient is a candidate, the investigator will discuss the available refractive surgery options, including LASIK when it is an appropriate procedure.
- B. **COMPLETE EYE EXAMINATION:** Patients who wish to further pursue the option of refractive surgery, will undergo a complete eye examination to determine their eligibility for refractive surgery. The complete eye examination will include:
 1. Obtaining a detailed medical history, and ocular history

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