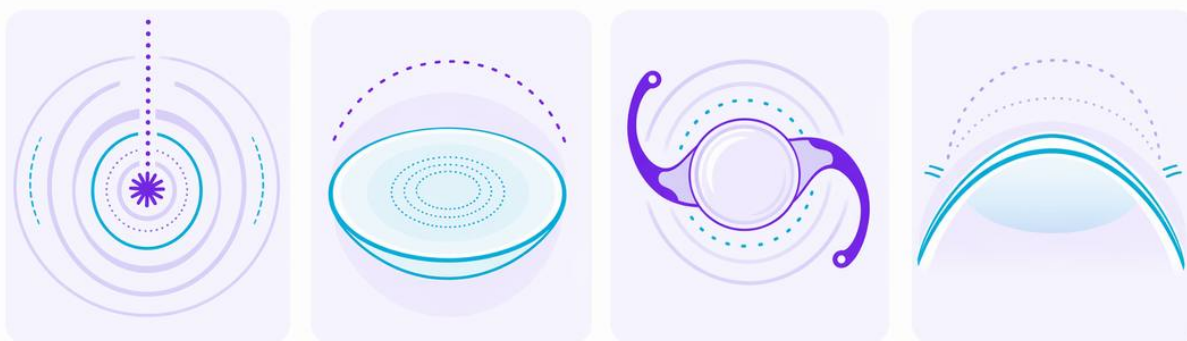


FREE GUIDE FROM SIGHTLUME

LASIK vs PRK vs SMILE vs ICL

A side-by-side look at the main vision-correction procedures — candidacy, recovery, and typical cost — so you can weigh your options with open eyes.



Understand your vision-correction options with clear eyes — then get matched, free, with licensed eye surgeons near you for a consultation. You compare and choose who you trust. Nothing here is medical advice.

Four common approaches

These are general descriptions and typical US per-eye ranges, not medical advice or quotes. Candidacy, results, and risks vary by person. Only an in-person exam can tell you which (if any) suits your eyes.

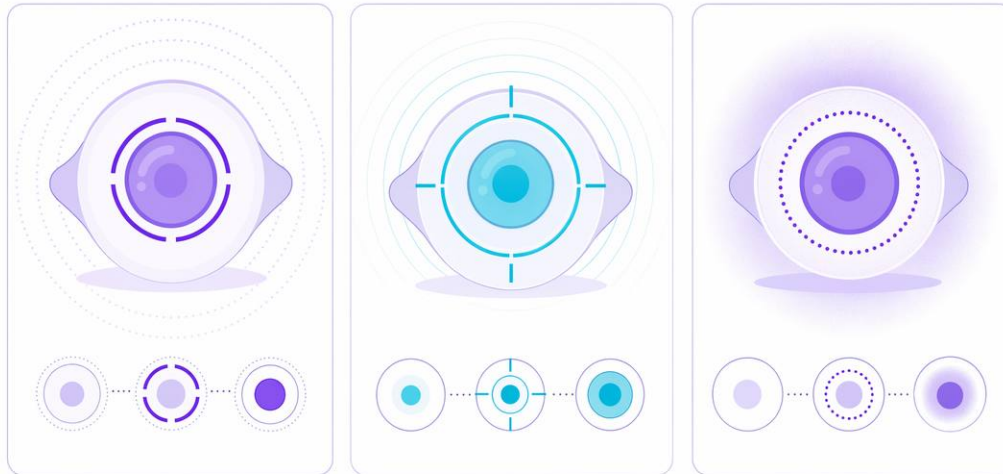
At a glance

Procedure	Typical cost / eye	Often considered for
LASIK	\$2,000–\$3,000	Common prescriptions; fast recovery
PRK	\$1,800–\$2,800	Thinner corneas; active lifestyles
SMILE	\$2,200–\$3,200	Nearsightedness; flap-free

ICL

\$3,000–\$5,000

High prescriptions; thin corneas

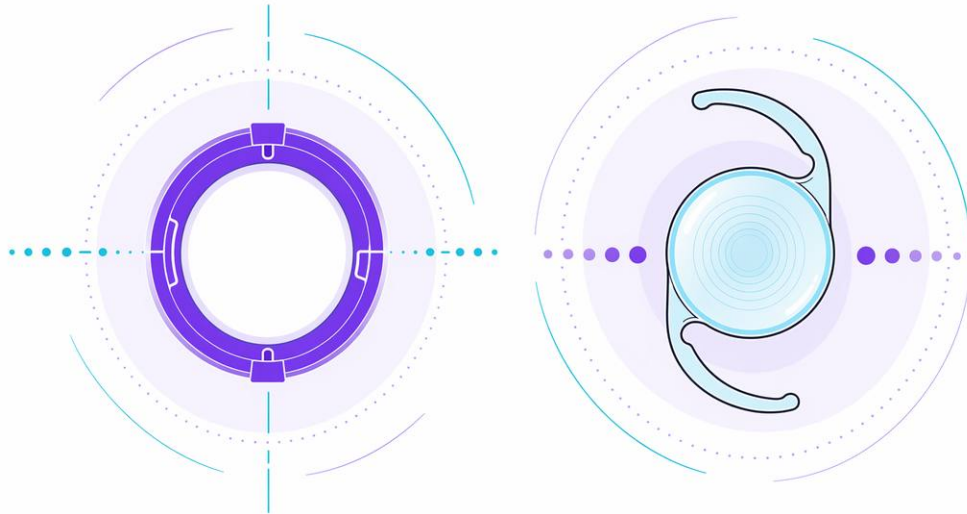


How recovery differs

- LASIK — most people return to daily life within a day or two.
- PRK — no flap, but a longer recovery of one to two weeks, settling over months.
- SMILE — flap-free and minimally invasive, with a recovery of a few days.
- ICL — an implant rather than reshaping; recovery of a few days to a week.

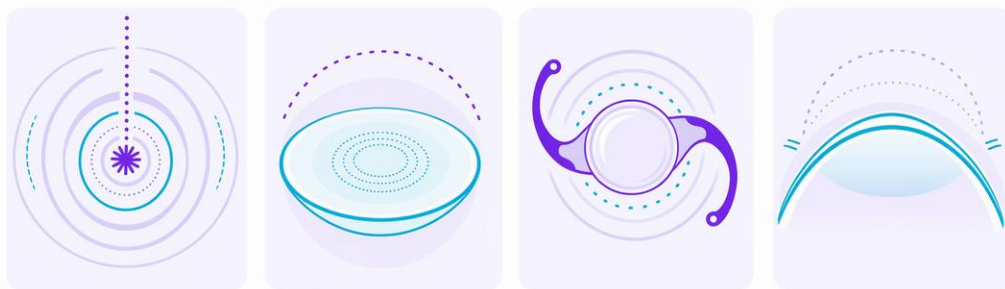
Every procedure has risks

Dry eye, glare, and halos are the most common side effects across laser procedures and usually improve. Less commonly, results can be under- or over-corrected and an enhancement may be needed. Rare serious risks include infection and lasting vision changes. A good surgeon will explain your specific risks honestly.



How to use this guide

- 1 Note which procedures fit your situation on paper.
- 2 Bring your questions to a consultation.
- 3 Ask the surgeon which suits your eyes and why.
- 4 Compare cost, what's included, and the enhancement policy in writing.





Important

Sightlume is a free matching service, not an eye surgeon, ophthalmologist, optometrist, clinic, or medical provider. This guide is general, educational information, not medical advice and not a diagnosis. No vision-correction procedure is guaranteed; results vary from person to person, and every surgery carries real risks. Whether any procedure is right for you depends on your eyes and an in-person exam. Cost and financing figures are typical ranges and estimates, not quotes. Always consult a licensed eye surgeon, ask about your own candidacy, risks, and alternatives, and confirm all prices in writing before any procedure.