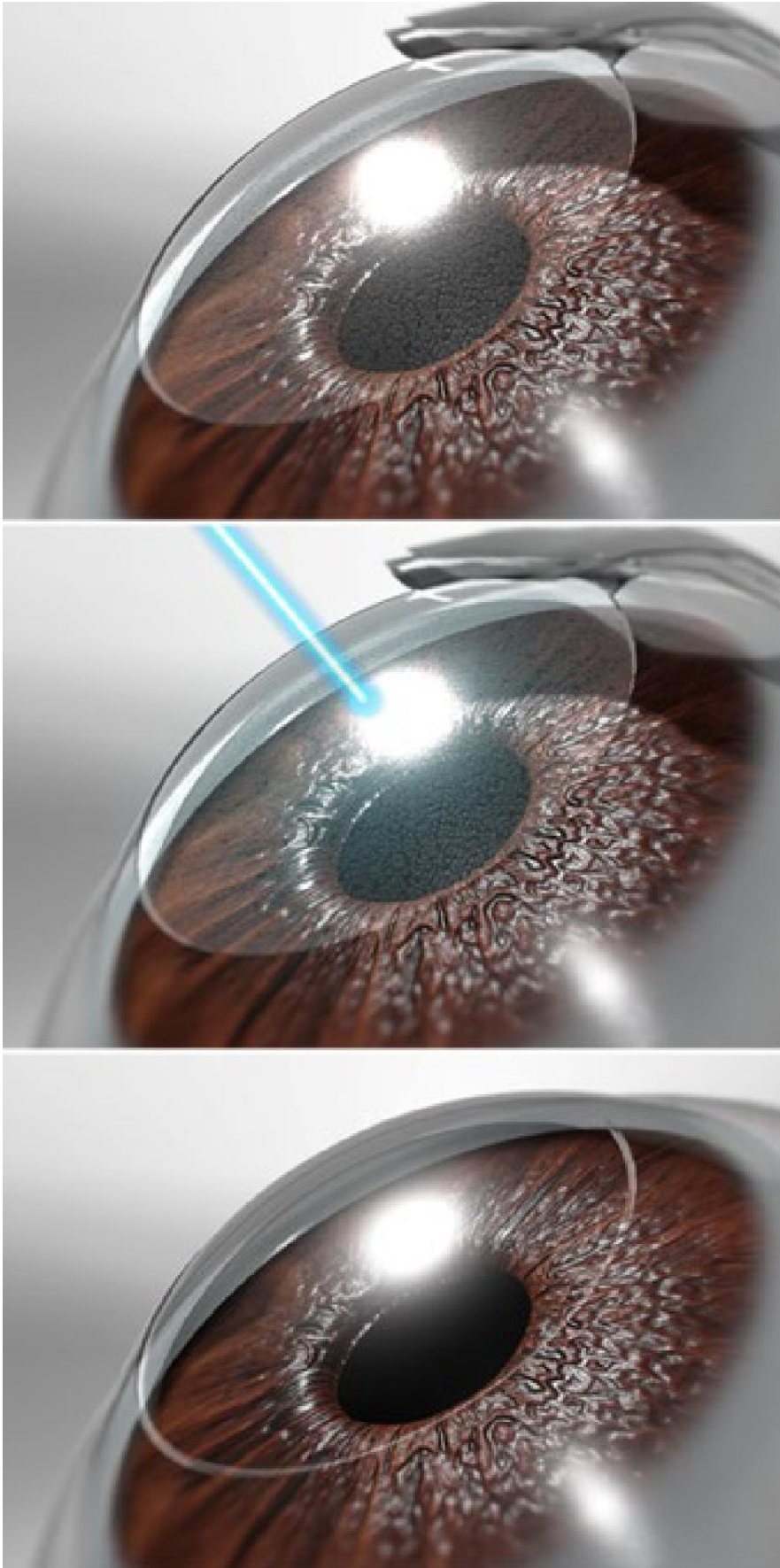




## LASIK Eye Surgery



### Overview

This improves vision by reshaping your eye's cornea. That's the clear outer layer at the front of your eye. LASIK can treat nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism.

### Preparation

When it's time for your surgery, you're given medicine to help you relax. Drops numb your eye. Your eyelids are held open to keep you from blinking. A suction ring is placed on your eye. Then, the doctor carefully opens a small flap of tissue in the front of your eye. That exposes the part of your cornea that will be reshaped.

### Reshaping

The doctor reshapes your cornea with a computer-controlled laser. Its new shape will help the cornea focus light properly. Then, the flap is folded back over the front of your eye. It will heal naturally.

### After the procedure

After the procedure, your eye may be itchy and watery. It may burn. Your vision may be blurry. You'll use medicated eyedrops as it heals. You'll have followup appointments to check your vision. Follow your doctor's care plan.