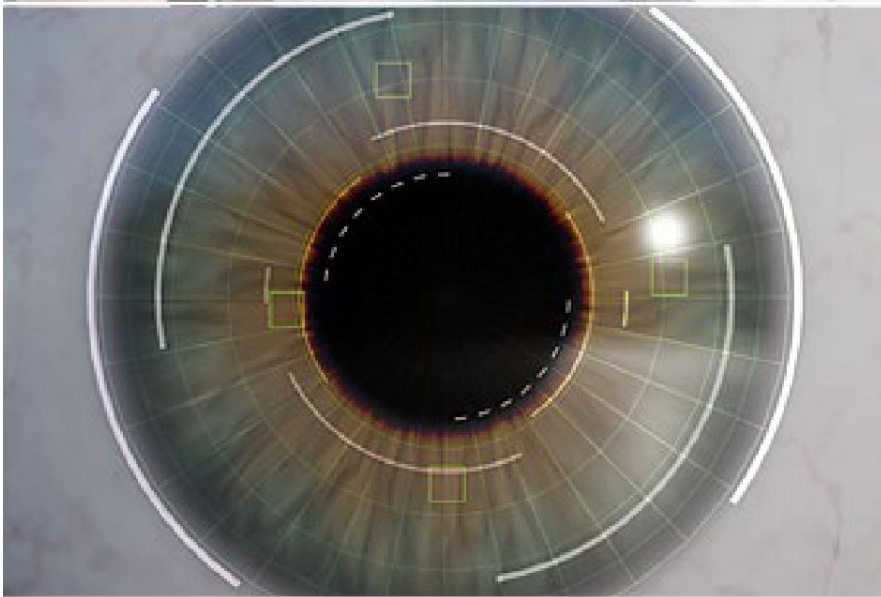




## Photorefractive Keratectomy (PRK) Laser Eye Surgery



### Overview

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

### Eye exam

Before surgery, your eye doctor carefully examines your eye. The shape of your cornea is measured and mapped. This data is put into a computer that controls the laser.

### 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.

### Reshaping

The doctor carefully removes a layer of cells from the surface of your cornea. Then, the laser reshapes your cornea. The new shape will help the cornea focus light properly.

### After the procedure

After the procedure, you'll wear a special contact lens to help your eye heal. You'll use medicated eyedrops. And, you'll have followup appointments to check your vision. Follow your doctor's care plan.

