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What should I expect before Lasik surgery?

Before Surgery

If you decide to go ahead with LASIK surgery, you will need an initial or **baseline evaluation** by Dr Harrison to determine if you are a good candidate. This is what you need to know to prepare for the exam and what you should expect:

If you wear contact lenses, it is a good idea to stop wearing them before your baseline evaluation and switch to wearing your glasses full-time. Contact lenses change the shape of your cornea. Not leaving your contact lenses out long enough for your cornea to assume its natural shape before surgery can result in inaccurate measurements.

If you wear:

- **soft/disposable** contact lenses, you should stop wearing them **1 week** before your baseline evaluation.
- **Hard** contact lenses, you should stop wearing them for at least **3 weeks** before your baseline evaluation.

Inform Dr Harrison about:

- your past and present medical and eye conditions
- all the medications you are taking, including over-the-counter medications and any medications you may be allergic to

Dr Harrison will perform a **thorough eye exam** and discuss:

- whether you are a good candidate
- what the risks, benefits, and alternatives of the surgery are
- what you should expect before, during, and after surgery
- what your responsibilities will be before, during, and after surgery