In recent years, LASIK has benefited countless patients with greatly improved vision without their reliance on eyeglasses and contact lenses.

LASIK is intended to assist patients who are nearsighted (able to clearly see objects only when they are close to you), farsighted (able to see objects more clearly far away than close up) or suffer from astigmatism (an ocular abnormality which causes blurring of vision).

The procedure works by reshaping the clear tissue on the front of the eye, known as the cornea, so that light can be properly focused onto the retina, which is located in the back of the eye. By calibrating the refraction of light rays onto your retina, LASIK enhances the clarity of previously hindered vision. Thus, the surgery to improve vision is known as refractive surgery.

LASIK was previously performed by using a bladed instrument called a microkeratome. In recent years, Bladeless LASIK has become more popular with the aid of a special laser, called a femtosecond laser, instead of a blade.

It normally takes less than 30 minutes to complete the procedure in both eyes and most people can return to work the next day. The procedure is performed under topical anesthesia in the form of eye drops and does not require any needles, stitches, or bandages. It results in little or no discomfort and usually succeeds in correcting your unaided vision almost immediately.
Are you a good candidate for LASIK?

You should consult a professional with specialty training and experience in LASIK procedures to find out if it’s right for you. In addition to LASIK, other types of refractive surgery may be discussed, including LASEK or PRK.

Watson Clinic board-certified ophthalmologist DR. SHAWN CHHABRA has extensive training in Bladeless LASIK surgery and is one of the few specialists in the area to offer this procedure. He also offers the newer Wavefront Optimized technology.

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Areas of Expertise: Bladeless LASIK surgery, other types of refractive surgery, cornea transplants, laser surgery, cataract surgery, lens replacement, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy

Schedule a consultation with Dr. Chhabra today at 863-680-7486 and achieve clearer vision without prescription glasses or contact lenses.