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THE INTRALASE® METHOD:

## JUST THE FACTS

Before making the decision between a blade-free or microkeratome LASIK procedure, make sure you're armed with the facts. This information will help you make an informed decision about what's best for you.



TRUE

**More patients get better outcomes with the IntraLase Method.<sup>1</sup>**

FALSE

**IntraLase cannot be individualized.**

IntraLase allows surgeons to tailor the corneal flap for each individual patient, and each individual eye.

TRUE

**IntraLase improves precision<sup>2</sup> and outcomes<sup>1</sup>, whether you choose to have a standard or custom procedure.**

FALSE

**IntraLase is not accurate.**

IntraLase delivers micron-level accuracy, giving your doctor more control during the procedure and the ability to create a flap of precise size, shape, and depth—factors that are critical to a successful LASIK outcome.<sup>4</sup>

TRUE

**Leading doctors and teaching hospitals from around the world believe in IntraLase and use the IntraLase Method.**

**Patients prefer procedures using a microkeratome blade.**

More patients (81%), when given a choice, chose the **IntraLase Method** over a



microkeratome blade.<sup>3</sup>



**Millions of IntraLase procedures have been safely performed.**

**The IntraLase Method takes much longer to perform than a microkeratome procedure.**



The IntraLase Method takes approximately 15-20 seconds per eye and a total of 10 minutes for the entire LASIK procedure, which is comparable to—and sometimes faster than—procedures using a microkeratome.



**IntraLase is the most sophisticated and accurate technology for corneal flap creation available today and has given many patients greater confidence and assurance in choosing laser vision correction.**

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#### SUMMARY OF SAFETY INFORMATION

The FS and iFS Laser systems are ophthalmic surgical lasers indicated for use in patients undergoing surgery or treatment requiring the initial lamellar resection of the cornea. Contraindications may include corneal edema, glaucoma, and keratoconus. Risks and complications may include corneal pain, flap tearing, and epithelial ingrowth. Consult with your eye care professional for a complete listing of contraindications and risks. US Federal law restricts this device to sale, distribution, and use by or on the order of a physician or other licensed eye care practitioner.

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