

## *About LASIK surgery . . .*

- No stitches or shots are required! The only anesthetic is eye drops and the procedure is painless.
- The patient is awake during the entire procedure
- A computer-controlled cool laser is used to reshape the cornea after creation of a flap so that light rays can correctly focus on the retina in the back of the eye
- The procedure takes about 20 minutes.
- The laser is applied for about 15-60 seconds on each eye.
- Usually, patients notice an immediate improvement in their uncorrected vision
- Most patients can return to work the next day
- Dryness of the eyes is extremely common after the LASIK surgery but usually resolves in about 3 to 6 months
- In some cases, an enhancement LASIK procedure has to be performed at a later time
- The aim of the procedure is to decrease dependency on glasses or contact lenses
- Glasses or contact lens may still be needed to achieve the patient's absolute best vision
- The surgery is done as an outpatient