

SAY ANYTHING

SURGEONS AS REFRACTIVE SURGERY PATIENTS

This month, *CRST* polled a selection of refractive surgeons who have undergone refractive surgery to ask about their personal experiences from the patient's perspective.



MITCHELL A. JACKSON, MD

- ▶ **Which procedure did you undergo, and what technology was used?**
I underwent LASIK in both eyes for myopia in 2000. The procedures were performed with a Visx excimer laser (now Johnson & Johnson Vision) and a microkeratome from Moria.
- ▶ **Were you satisfied with your outcomes?**
I was and am still extremely satisfied with my outcomes.
- ▶ **Why or why not?**
I no longer have to deal with contact lenses during long surgery days, working out, traveling, etc. I was becoming contact lens-intolerant, so, for me, LASIK saved the day.



ALLON BARSAM, MA, MBBS, FRCOPTH

- ▶ **Which procedure did you undergo, and what technology was used?**
I underwent LASIK with a femtosecond laser.
- ▶ **Were you satisfied with your outcomes?**
I was delighted with my outcomes.
- ▶ **Why or why not?**
This was a life-changing surgery for me. I now have much better vision than I had with glasses or contact lenses.



ROBERT K. MALONEY, MD

- ▶ **Which procedure did you undergo, and what technology was used?**
I underwent LASIK with an Automated Corneal Shaper (Bausch + Lomb; no longer available) and a Nidek excimer laser.
- ▶ **Were you satisfied with your outcomes?**
Yes.
- ▶ **Why or why not?**
For 2 decades after the surgery, I had 20/15 UCVA. After 20 years, I still enjoy 20/20 UCVA.



KARL G. STONECIPHER, MD

- ▶ **Which procedure did you undergo, and what technology was used?**
I underwent LASIK in both eyes in 2002 with the Intralase platform (now Johnson & Johnson Vision) and the Wavelight FS200 (Alcon).
- ▶ **Were you satisfied with your outcomes?**
I was totally satisfied with my outcomes.
- ▶ **Why or why not?**
I have plano vision in my dominant right eye with 20/15 UCVA, and -1.00 D in my left eye with 20/40 UCVA by design. I am old and can read, and yes, I have halos, but I am otherwise perfect. I water-ski, snow ski, wave surf, regular surf (or try to), and hunt dove, quail, and duck.



DAN Z. REINSTEIN, MD, MA(CANTAB), FRCSC, DABO, FRCOPTH, FEBO

- ▶ **Which procedure did you undergo, and what technology was used?**
I underwent LASIK with Presbyond Laser Blended Vision performed with the MEL 90 excimer laser (Carl Zeiss Meditec)
- ▶ **Were you satisfied with your outcomes?**
I was very satisfied with my outcomes.
- ▶ **Why or why not?**
I have great vision at all distances from a 10-minute LASIK procedure that was very low risk, very accurate, and had no side effects. ■