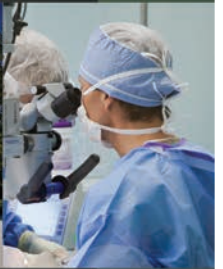


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# Coastal Laser Center, ELLSWORTH

**C**oastal Laser Center located in Ellsworth and leading eye surgeon Lawrence Piazza, MD are pleased to be the first and only center in Downeast Maine to offer patients the benefits of iLASIK, a customized all-laser method of LASIK, endorsed and approved by NASA and the U.S. military. Our all-laser method of LASIK is the procedure of choice for surgeons worldwide and has helped correct the vision of millions of men and women during the past two decades.

The first part of the iLASIK procedure involves the creation of your unique custom vision profile. Using advanced wavefront technology, a three dimensional map is created of your eye, documenting all the imperfections that exist in your vision. This information is then translated into a custom treatment plan designed to correct all your unique visual imperfections and aims to leave you with nothing but spectacular vision.

In the second part of iLASIK's 2-step process, Dr. Piazza creates a thin flap on the outer part of the cornea. This flap is then folded back to allow vision correction to be applied by the VISX Excimer laser to the exposed area of the cornea. After treatment, the flap is folded back, where it quickly heals in place.

Traditionally, the first step of the procedure—

making the thin, protective flap—is done with a handheld bladed device called a microkeratome. While still extremely safe and accurate, the bladed method poses some risks of complications that no longer exist when using the Intralase laser to create the flap.

Our IntraLase Method is a 100% blade-free approach to creating a corneal flap. The computer-guided IntraLase laser delivers extremely rapid pulses of light to a predetermined depth in your cornea. These pulses form tiny microscopic bubbles that gently separate the tissues of your cornea without severing them as with a blade. Once all the bubbles are formed, they connect together to make a smooth flap, which Dr. Piazza can gently lift to allow for the second step of the process; cornea reshaping with the VISX laser.

NASA's approval of the iLASIK method of LASIK validates the clinical excellence of the combination of our advanced CustomVue technology with the IntraLase method. Patients in Maine seeking information on the safety and effectiveness of iLASIK are encouraged to view a free documentary highlighting LASIK's successful performance in the military called "LASIK On The Front Lines." The video is available for viewing on our new Coastal Eye Care website, [www.coastaleyecare.net](http://www.coastaleyecare.net).

LASIK is the most commonly performed elective refractive procedure. During the past 20 years, more than 11 million people have undergone LASIK to correct their NEARsightedness, FARsightedness and Astigmatism. The combination of Advanced CustomVue iLASIK with the IntraLase flap making method is safe enough for astronauts and Top Gun fighter pilots. It is also safe enough for you.

iLASIK has now been put through extensive tests for safety and effectiveness and has proven to be a procedure ready for the rigors of space travel. All surgical procedures have risks, but with its exceptional track record, the average consumer may now undergo iLASIK with the lowest possible risk.

iLASIK is the culmination of years of development and research in laser vision correction. It is the combination of all the best technological innovations into one truly customized procedure that produces outstanding visual results.

After receiving the iLASIK procedure, patients should expect to see as well as, or better, than they ever could with glasses and contacts. Clinical studies of the iLASIK method of vision correction have shown it to produce vastly superior results to the national average of LASIK patients, with over 98% of patients seeing 20/20 or better after their procedure. ●