

The Real Costs of LASIK - LASIK vs. Wearing Contacts/Glasses Over a Lifetime

An in-house study sheds some light on an interesting cost comparison of wearing glasses or contacts over a lifetime versus the one-time cost of a LASIK procedure.

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If you wear contacts or glasses and have considered LASIK Surgery but are concerned about the cost, think about this – LASIK will pay for itself in about three years.

How could that be? Consider that LASIK is a one-time fee, while glasses and contact lenses require a lifetime commitment.

A doctor's visit to examine your eyes every two years is the recommended guideline for people who wear glasses. If your prescription has changed, you will need new glasses with lenses and frames. Even if you're fortunate not to need a stronger prescription, you may still want new frames to update your appearance. In addition, some people have more than one pair of glasses just in case one gets broken or misplaced. And let's face it, glasses, especially designer frames, are increasingly expensive and usually not covered by your health care plan.

If you wear contacts, you will have monthly costs for new lenses and supplies, along with an eye examination every two years. That doesn't include emergency doctor visits if you develop eye irritation or an infection from wearing the contacts.

Whether you wear glasses or contacts, don't forget the need for prescription sunglasses.

Let's take a look at the math. Here are the national averages for glasses and contacts:

Doctor visit \$150 every two years

Prescription glasses \$320 every two years

Contacts \$48 a month

Contact Supplies \$12 a month

Prescription sunglasses \$270 every two years

Here is the national average for LASIK: \$1,644 per eye – a one-time charge. Plus, after LASIK you will no longer need to pay for expensive prescription sunglasses. Why not put the money you would spend on glasses and contacts to better use in a long-term savings retirement plan?

To make LASIK convenient and affordable for every budget, most LASIK Centers offer flexible financing plans. For example, the Kleiman Evangelista Eye Center <http://www.kleiman-evangelista.com> in the

Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex currently offers the following financing options:

- o 24 months no interest
- o 12 months no payments, no interest
- o Payments as low as \$33 a month

For more information about LASIK, please call the Kleiman Evangelista Eye Center at 1-800-714-2020 or contact them via the Internet at <http://www.lasiksurgery.com>.

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