NEAR VISION AFTER LASIK

Eye Center of Texas would like to take this opportunity to clearly and completely explain what occurs to your near (close-up, reading) vision following LASIK laser eye surgery. If you are over 40 and you were nearsighted (myopic) prior to your LASIK, you either removed your glasses or used reading glasses / bifocals to read. Optically speaking, removing your glasses "gave" you reading glasses and clear up-close vision.

After your LASIK procedure you will not be able to remove your glasses to read – your prescription will be permanently changed.

Your near (reading) vision will be very blurred after LASIK.

You will need reading glasses or bifocals after LASIK.

Most patients over the age of forty (40) will experience this loss of near vision and patients forty-five (45) and older will usually experience this problem. The loss of near vision after LASIK will be more profound, much more blurred, than the poor near vision you may have experienced without your reading glasses or bifocals. This is to be expected.

Two options now exist to correct distance (far-away) and near vision at the same time. Monovision LASIK and ReSTOR intraocular lens surgery. Monovison LASIK involves using a laser to correct one eye for distance vision and one eye for near vision. ReSTOR surgery involves implanting a "bifocal" artificial lens inside your eyes. Our counselor can provide more information about this exciting surgery.

We hope that this document has clearly stated the effect of LASIK on your near (reading) vision. Should you have any questions, please ask your counselor or one of our doctors.

I have read and understand the above explanation concerning my near (reading) vision following my LASIK procedure.

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PATIENT SIGNATURE **DATE**

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