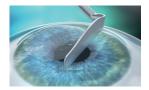
## **Treatment steps descriptions**

## PRK



Step 1: Layer preparation A diluted alcohol solution is applied to the cornea to dissolve the epithelial layer.



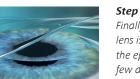
Step 2: Layer removal The epithelial layer is then removed or moved to the side using a manual instrument.



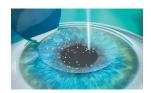
Step 3: Corneal sculpting An excimer laser sculpts the corneal tissue within a matter of seconds to correct the refractive error.



LASIK



Step 4: Eye protection Finally, a protective bandage lens is placed over the eye until the epithelium heals within a few days.





Step 1: Flap creation The eye is anesthetized with special drops. Femtosecond laser pulses are used to create a flap on the surface of the cornea.

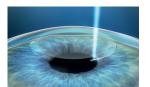
Step 2: Convenient interplay With setups that have a pivoting patient supporting system, the patient is conveniently moved from the femtosecond laser to the excimer laser.

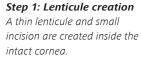
The prepared flap is folded back like the page of a book, exposing the inner corneal tissue to be treated.

Step 4: Corneal sculpting The excimer laser removes the corneal tissue point by point within a few seconds, thereby correcting the visual defect.

Step 5: Flap is repositioned Afterward, the flap is returned to its original position, protecting the eye much like a natural bandage.

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Step 2: Lenticule removal The lenticule is removed through the incision with minimal disruption to the corneal biomechanics.

## Step 3: Impairment is corrected

*Removing the lenticule changes* the shape of the cornea, thereby achieving a refractive correction.

Step 3: Flap is folded back

