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PHOTOREFRACTIVE KERATECTOMY (PRK)
ACCESSION WAIVER CRITERIA AND DOCUMENTATION

Waiver Criteria: Individuals may be considered for PRK accession (enlistment, commissioning and appointment) waiver if the following criteria are met. These criteria represent the consensus opinion of the three Services' Ophthalmology Consultants.

- Pre-operative refractive error did not exceed +8.00 to -8.00 diopters (spherical equivalent) in either eye.
- Post-procedure best spectacle corrected visual acuity is 20/20 in each eye that had the procedure. (Note: this is more stringent than accession standards for those who have not had corneal refractive surgery, due to the somewhat higher risk PRK poses to vision).
- At least 12 months since the date of the last surgery (or enhancement procedure).
- No significant side effects secondary to the surgery affecting daily activities.
- Stable refraction defined as two refractions performed six months apart with no more than 0.50 diopters change in the spherical equivalent of either eye.
- Ophthalmologic exam reveals no lattice degeneration, retinal detachment or other ocular pathology associated with myopia. (This requirement is included because the highly myopic eye is an abnormal eye aside from the myopia itself.)

Required Documentation:

- Documentation of all of the above information from the surgeon performing the PRK.
- Current comprehensive eye examination performed by an Ophthalmologist. This evaluation must address each of the waiver criteria.
- Copies of all medical records including the pre-operative eye examination (noting refractive error and keratometry readings); all operative reports (or procedure notes); and all follow-up notes. These should be included in the health record.