

Attachment 2:
Responsibilities

A. Member:

1. Obtain squadron commander's permission
2. Comply with all required referral and follow-up evaluations
3. Comply with all operational restrictions following PRK
4. Acknowledge that failure to comply will result in automatic "grounding"
5. Read the booklet "Facts you need to know about photorefractive keratectomy (PRK) surgery." This booklet was written by VISX (a PRK laser manufacturer) and is required by the FDA to be given to patients and will be provided

B. Squadron Commander:

1. Grant permission for PRK
2. Certify that the member meets the requirements of the DoD Warfighter PRK program
3. Unit fund all required TDYs for treatment and follow-up
4. Comply with operational restrictions following PRK

C. Squadron Flight Surgeon:

1. Squadron educational briefings on corneal refractive surgery and policy
2. Initial clinical screening and referral (with local eye care professional)
3. Submit all required waiver and follow-up evaluation documentation
4. For the local follow-up option at 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 months, confirm that attending local eye-care professional is FDA-certified for PRK care

D. Local Ophthalmologist/Optomtrist:

1. Initial screening and referral (with local flight surgeon)
2. All local follow-up eye care professional post-op PRK evaluations
3. Determine if clinical waiver criteria are satisfied
4. Obtain the approved Refractive Surgery for the Warfighter training course for eye care professionals
5. Perform or obtain Corneal Topography

E. Local Designated Waiver Authority:

1. Confirm that all required waiver criteria are met
2. Interim return to status pending formal waiver review and certification
3. Ensure all required follow-up evaluations are accomplished and the required documentation is forwarded to the Air Force Aviation and Special Duty PRK Registry
4. Accomplish "grounding action" on all who do not comply with required follow-up

F. MAJCOM:

1. AETC: certification and waiver authority for all flying training and special duty applicants
2. MAJCOMs: certification and waiver authority for owned assets

3. Ensure all required documentation (initial waiver and follow-up evaluations) is forwarded to the Air Force Aviation and Special Duty PRK Registry
4. Ensure their local waiver authorities comply with all aspects of this program
6. Ensure their local eye care providers obtain the approved Refractive Surgery for the Warfighter training course for eye care professionals
7. Ensure waiver action is entered into waiver tracking database (Aircrew Waiver File or Aeromedical Information Management and Waiver Tracking System once it is on line)

G. Pilot Accession Sources: Ensure that no more than 10 percent of their JSUPT selectees have PRK waivers

H. WHMC and ACS are jointly responsible for the implementation of the USAF Aviation and Special Duty PRK Program. At a minimum this will include the following:

1. Develop referral forms; review and clinical quality control of referral documentation
2. Apportionment of pilot PRK slots by rated years of service (RYOS)
3. Notification to individual of permission to proceed
4. Final pre-op clinical evaluation
5. Informed consent document
6. Treatment and follow-up
7. Aeromedical vision testing pre-op and post-op
8. Finalize clinical inclusion and exclusion criteria with AFMOA/SGOA
9. Finalize local referral screening requirements with AFMOA/SGOA
10. Educate aviation and special duty personnel in corneal refractive surgery
11. Assist local eye care providers in obtaining the FDA-required PRK course for eye care providers
12. Establish and maintain the USAF Aviation and Special Duty PRK Registry to include all required forms and databases
13. Provide quarterly reports on status of PRK in USAF Aviation and Special Duty personnel to AFMOA/SGOA
 - 13.1. These reports will include at a minimum:
 - 13.1.1. Numbers of PRK waivers (by quarter and total) with PRK by crew position, for pilots by RYOS of service, for student pilots by pilot accession source
 - 13.1.2. Days DNIF (range, mean, and median)
 - 13.1.3. Statistics on pre-op and post-op visual acuity and all other vision tests
 - 13.1.4. Any significant vision complaints/trends

AFMOA/SGOA:

1. PRK waiver policy and updates as needed
2. Provide quarterly updates on status of PRK in USAF Aviation and Special Duty personnel and the Aviation PRK Study to HQ USAF/SG and HQ USAF/CC