



## ***Refractive Surgery Co management Outline***

### ***Making the Appointment - Call 1-800-309-2020***

Once you have a patient interested in having surgery your office is responsible to call our call center and set up the appointment\*. Call 1-800-309-2020 and let us know what office you're from and that you want to **book a co managed refractive surgery evaluation**. You will be required to send over some supporting documentation / paperwork on your patient in order for us to book the appointment

\*Please note- under no circumstance should you allow your patient to call us directly to schedule their own refractive surgery evaluation. This will breach the co management agreement.

### ***The required Paperwork - Fax to 716-564-2060***

There are only 2 forms we require you send to us PRIOR to your patient arriving for their Refractive Surgery Evaluation. If we have not received this paperwork before the patient arrives they will be unable to be co managed,

- 1) Fichte, Endl & Elmer Election of Post Operative Care Form
- 2) Fichte, Endl & Elmer Co managed patient form

You may fax them to 716-564-2060 Attn: Call Center *or* e mail directly to the call center representative you are working with. There is no need to send over any other exam notes, corneal topographies, maps etc. but if you wish to include them you may.

### ***Co management Fees - Recommended you collect this up front***

LASIK and ASA co management fee will be \$250 per eye. The co managing Optometrist will collect \$500 for a bi lateral treatment and \$250 for a unilateral treatment. This is collected directly from their patient and Fichte, Endl & Elmer Eyecare will discount the procedure by the same amount. We STRONGLY recommend you collect your fee in full and up front BEFORE the surgery. This will ensure proper patient follow up and that you receive your payment in full. Some government, state and federal employees such as NYS Troopers, NYS Corrections officers, firefighters etc. may be unable to be co managed as they have special cosmetic riders offering LASIK for less than \$500. We will handle these patients on a case by case basis and may treat them as referred only.

### ***Schedule of office visits - We do the surgery and the 1 day visit***

Doctors & surgeons at Fichte, Endl & Elmer Eyecare will do a full LASIK evaluation, perform the surgery and see the patient for the 1 day acute visit. All other visits will be the responsibility of the co managing Optometrist. We recommend a 1 week, 6 week, 3 month and 6 month visit as part of your post op period. Some patients may need an extra visit as healing times differ and complications may arise. After 6 month we suggest you recall your patient annually for a billable complete eye exam. If there are any complications or special circumstances of course we are happy to see the patients at any point during the post-operative period.

\***Please note-** under no circumstance should you allow your patient to call us directly to schedule their own refractive surgery evaluation. This will breach the co management agreement. *Some patients will not be eligible to be co managed. These patient would have insurances types which partially or totally cover the cost of*

*refractive surgery. Although this is not very common, some examples are City of Buffalo Police officers, Teachers with BlueCross / Blue Shield, NYS Corrections officers with Quallsite Insurance & Town of Amherst employees with Passport Vision insurance. Others also may present and we will be handle on a case by case basis.*