

# Australian Institute of Eye Surgery Information Pack

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## **Laser Eye Surgery with one of Sydney's most experienced LASIK Surgeons**

The Australian Institute of Eye Surgery specializes in Laser Eye Surgery and Cataract Surgery.

Established in 1996 our surgeons specialize in vision correction procedures such as LASIK, ASL (Advanced Surface Laser) and Phakic IOL (Intraocular Lens Implants) with patients receiving vision correction from all over Australia and New Zealand. Our reputation for the very best results has also extended to England, France, Germany, South Africa, the USA and Asia.

The Institute is headed by respected surgeon Dr. Ronald Binetter who has performed over 18,000 Lasik procedures and over 10,000 Cataract and Implant procedures. Each week Dr Binetter does more Laser Eye Surgery procedures than any other LASIK surgeon in Sydney and NSW.

For over 15 years our approach has always been one of delivering first class results at an affordable cost, making laser eye surgery accessible to as many people as possible. Currently our fees for the initial consultation are \$220 (this can be rebated from medicare) and LASIK surgery only \$1,550\* for each eye, which under certain circumstances can be used as a tax deduction for your Tax Return.

We stand behind our vision correction results with The Lifetime Commitment for which most patients are eligible. We are the only vision correction centre in Australia to provide this.

We look forward to welcoming you here at our surgery. Please feel free to contact us on 02 9460 1177 or email at [info@aies.com.au](mailto:info@aies.com.au)

\*correct at 1st July 2011.

## **Types of Surgery.**

The Australian Institute of Eye Surgery specializes in Laser Vision Correction and Cataract Surgery. It is a purpose built facility, incorporating the finest available technology. Two operating theatres are available and the complex is licensed by the New South Wales Department of Health and the influential Australian Council of Health Standards.

## **Dr Ronald Binetter**

Dr. Ronald Binetter graduated in Medicine from the University of New South Wales in 1981. He then spent 5 years in specialist ophthalmic training at Sydney Eye Hospital and was awarded the Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists in 1990 and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 1991. After a year as a Research Associate in Ophthalmology at St. Vincent's Hospital he was appointed as a Clinical Assistant in Ophthalmology. At the same time he became a Visiting Medical Officer at Goulburn Base Hospital and a clinical examiner in Ophthalmology for the Civil Aviation Authority. In 1995 he was appointed as a Visiting Medical Officer in Ophthalmology at St. Vincent's Hospital. With the emergence of the Excimer laser and Laser Eye Surgery Dr. Binetter travelled to the USA and Canada where he was one of the first Ophthalmologists in Australia to be certified to perform LASIK. He underwent training with the pioneers of this procedure and in 1996 established a Laser Eye Surgery Centre specialising in LASIK. This centre now known as the Australian Institute of Eye Surgery specializes in LASIK and Cataract Surgery. It incorporates the finest available laser technology and vision correction treatments. Dr. Binetter has performed over 18,000 Lasik and over 10,000 Cataract and Implant procedures. He is one of the most experienced Lasik and Cataract surgeons in Australia. He now instructs other surgeons in Lasik and Cataract Surgery. He is a founding member of the Australian Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery and holds memberships to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery and the International Society of Refractive Surgery.



Before you actually have surgery we need to assess your suitability for Laser Eye Surgery. An assessment and tests will be carried out in the practice by our medical team:

- **REFRACTION** determines the refractive error in your eyes.
- **LENSOMETRY** measures the strength of your glasses.
- **VISUAL ACUITY** to understand how far down the eye chart you can read without your glasses.
- **PACHYMETRY** measures the thickness of your cornea.
- **TOPOGRAPHY** generates maps of the cornea to provide a contour plan of the front surface of the cornea. (This aids in the diagnosis of astigmatism and the exclusion of certain diseases).
- The consultation with your surgeon is the next step. Your surgeon will assess your suitability for LASIK, taking into account your test results and needs as a patient.



## On the Day

- On arrival you will be given a mild oral sedative to relax you.
- The nurses will take you through to the Excimer Laser Theatre.
- Local anaesthetic eye drops are applied.
- You will then be positioned under the Excimer laser. Your surgeon will ask you to look towards a fixation light. Then your surgeon will place a fixation ring over your eye to help keep your eye still.
- The Microkeratome will then be used to create the corneal flap.
- You will be positioned under the Excimer laser ready to correct your prescription. Your surgeon will now ask you to look towards a small red flashing light. You will be asked to fixate on this red light for the duration of the procedure.
- The corneal flap is gently folded back and the Excimer laser begins to reshape the corneal surface. During this you will be able to hear a continuous 'tat-tat' sound, This is simply the noise of the laser and can last between 10-60 seconds, depending on the amount of correction you require.
- On completion of the procedure antibiotic and anti-inflammatory eye drops will be applied.
- You will have a post operative appointment scheduled for the next day.
- You should have a restful day and evening after your surgery.
- You must not drive yourself home.
- Avoid soap and water around the eyes for one day after the procedure.
- Eye makeup must not be applied for one month.
- Do not rub or press on your eyes for one month.
- Do not swim for two weeks and avoid contact sports for one month.

When I came to the Australian Institute of Eye Surgery everything fitted into place. I met Dr. Binetter and felt very comfortable. After I had the LASIK procedure I sat up and could see straight away. It was such an emotional feeling. The hair on the back of my neck still stands on end when I tell people about what I've had done. It's just an absolute miracle. It gives you such a great feeling. It's very emotional. I should have done it years ago.

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***Bob McElvaney - Sales Manager***

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One of the things that really impressed me at the Australian Institute of Eye Surgery is the staff. Very professional and helpful.

They gave a realistic rather than over-optimistic appraisal of what could be achieved. I have 20/20 vision now and couldn't be happier.

Not a day goes by when I don't think about not having to wear contact lenses or glasses any more. It's incredible really.

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***Sherylyn Ratcliffe - Mother***

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I expected my vision to get better but I just couldn't believe the short time frame in which it happened. When I walked out of the room having had the LASIK procedure I could see my wife and mother waiting for me. I saw them perfectly and they appeared to be so much closer than they were in the past. I have been so happy with the results that I would gladly pay for it once a year to have the vision I now have.

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***Babak Moini - Actuary***

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Having to stop a ball travelling up to 80km/hr is hard enough, but without perfect eyesight even harder. I am amazed at the difference in my eyesight after the Lasik procedure and especially on focusing on a ball travelling that fast. Being able to judge distance accurately is a huge benefit.

I can't thank Dr. Binetter and his team at the Australian Institute of Eye Surgery enough.

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***Steve - Member of Australian Water Polo Team***

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10 out of 10 for accuracy. Thanks to all the team at the Australian Institute of Eye Surgery.

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***Glenn Kable - Olympic Games Sport Shooter and World Champion***

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By shaping my eyes after Lasik, you have actually shaped my life. From legally blind to 20/20, it is a miracle. I'm indebted all this life to you, Dr Binetter. Lastly, I very much appreciate all your staff for creating a cosy atmosphere on my surgery day.

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***Ling Gao - Hong Kong***

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It has been over a year since I entered the Australian Institute of Eye Surgery for Lasik and I wanted to say how happy I have been with the results. Having worn glasses and then contact lenses for nearly 40 years this past year has been a continual marvel in being able to work, read and drive without any form of correction. My only regret has been not having it done years earlier. I recommend Dr. Binetter and the Institute to any person considering Lasik and wanting to completely change their perspective in life.

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***Andrew Thompson - Salesperson***

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Thanks for restoring my sight with Lasik to 20/20. It's unbelievable the difference it has made. I can see clearly now the blur has gone. The kids are sick of me singing this but I just wanted everyone to know how great it feels. Thanks to Dr. Binetter and all his team.

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***Sue Brown - Mum***

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