

# How are novel IOL technologies increasing the range of vision after cataract surgery?



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# Driving forward innovative IOL technologies: How to meet high patient expectations after cataract surgery?

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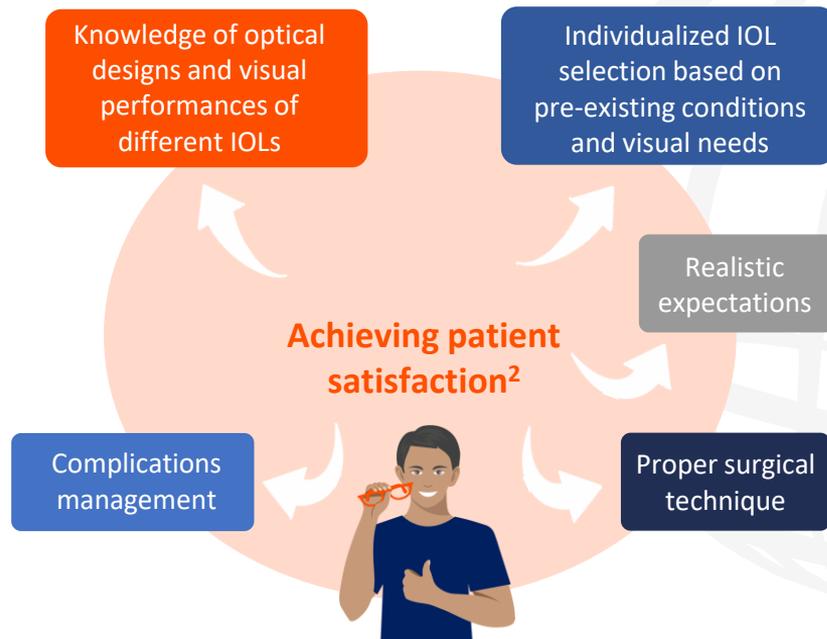
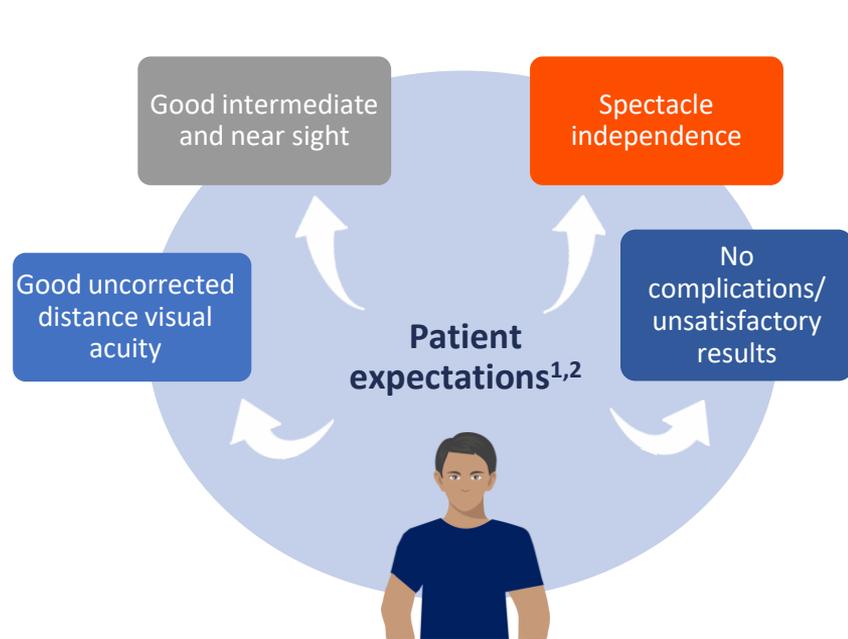




**What are the key visual  
needs and expectations  
of patients after  
cataract surgery?**

# Patient visual needs and expectations after cataract surgery

Advances in manufacturing and surgical techniques mean an increasing variety of novel IOLs are available to the cataract surgeon



IOL, intraocular lens.

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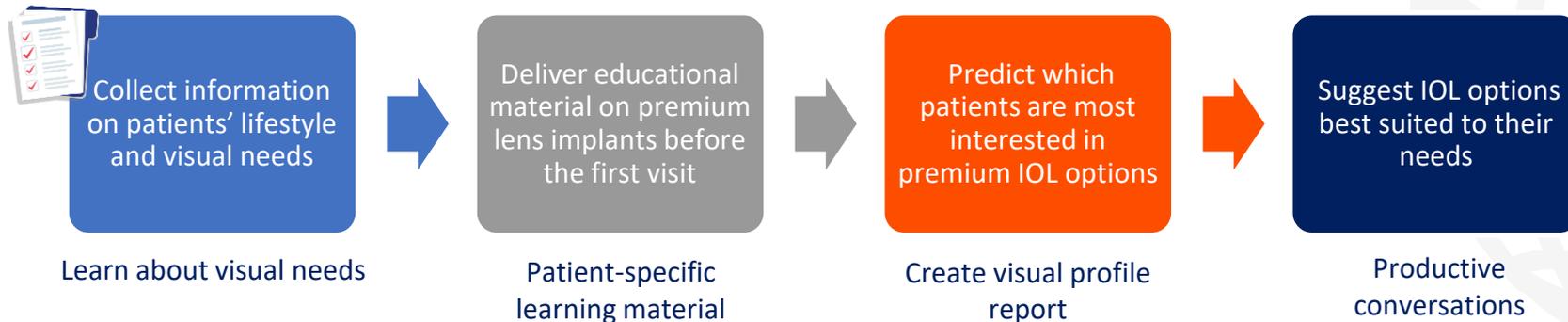
**How might clinicians  
assess patient needs and  
preferences to help  
select the best IOL for  
individual patients?**

# Psychometrics can help assess patient needs and preferences



## Psychometric testing to identify best candidates for cataract surgery

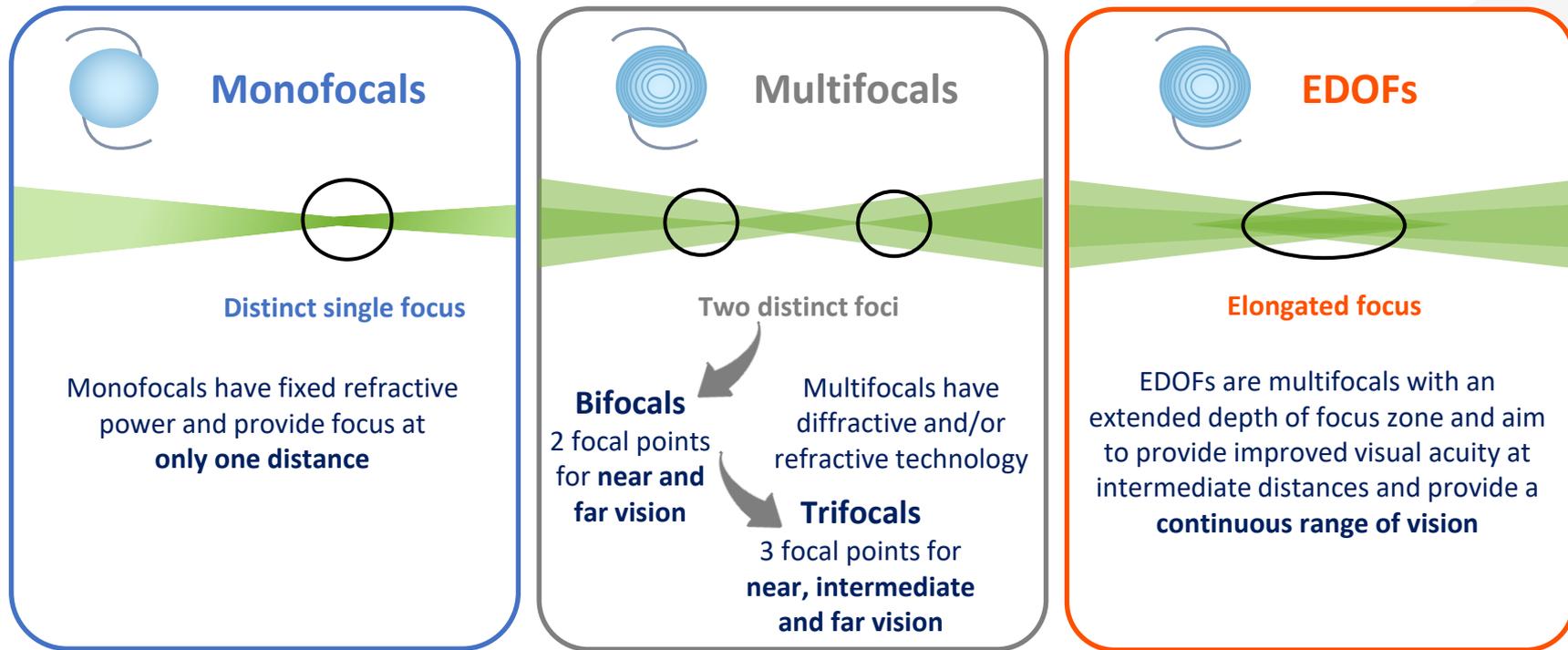
- Who is likely to do well with presbyopia correction?
- Who is really interested?
- What lens choice is ideal?





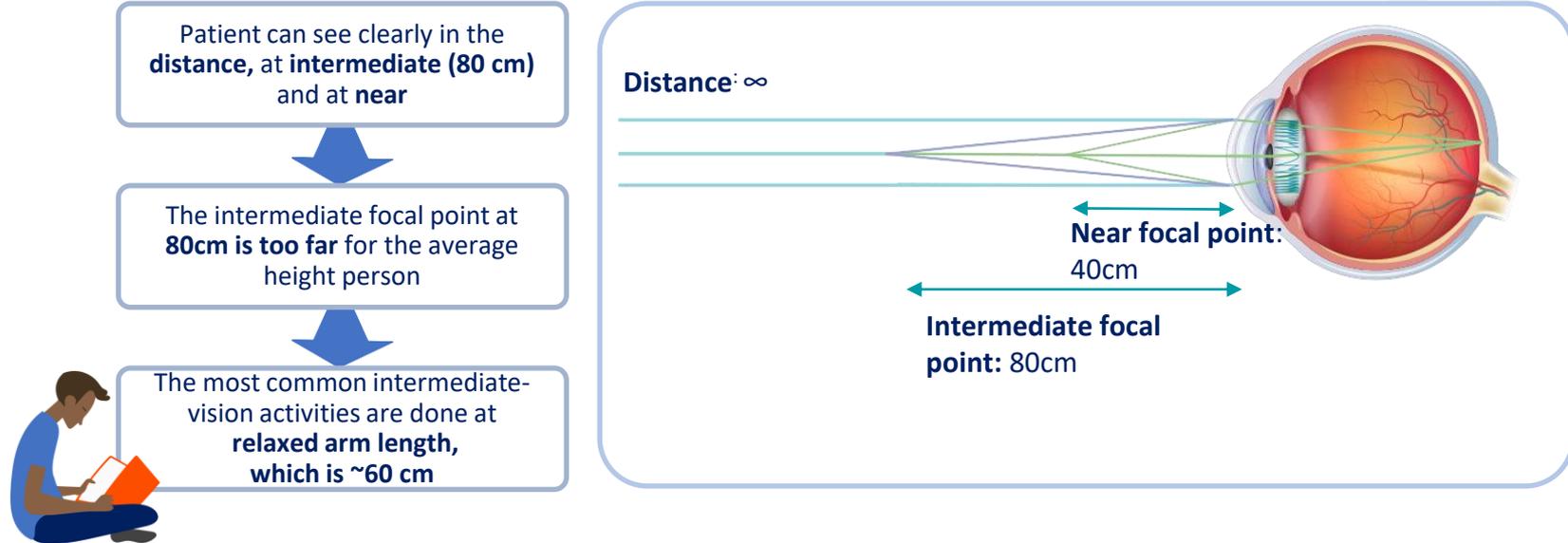
**How do the designs of available  
IOLs address near, intermediate  
and far visual needs of patients?**

# IOL types for near, intermediate and distance vision correction



# What is the optimal intermediate focal point?

- Traditional trifocal IOLs create an **intermediate focal point** that is located at **2 times** the distance of the **near focal point**





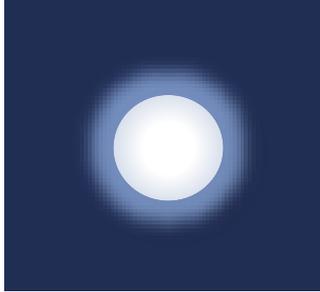
**Do IOLs with improved range of vision tend to be associated with fewer/less severe visual disturbances?**

# Trifocals: Balancing visual needs with undesirable optical phenomena

The division of light when passing through a trifocal IOL results in glare, halos and loss of contrast sensitivity<sup>1</sup>

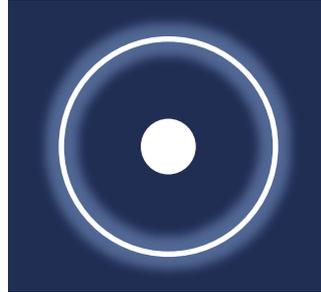
## Glare/flare

blurring or smearing of lights

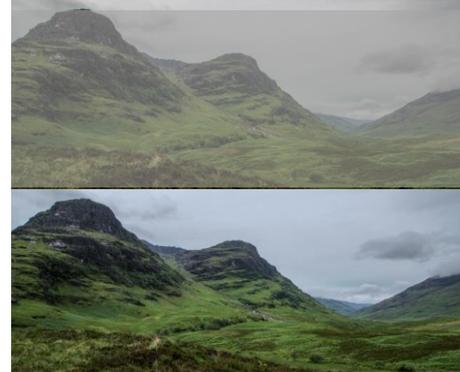


## Halos

distinct rings around lights



## Loss of contrast sensitivity



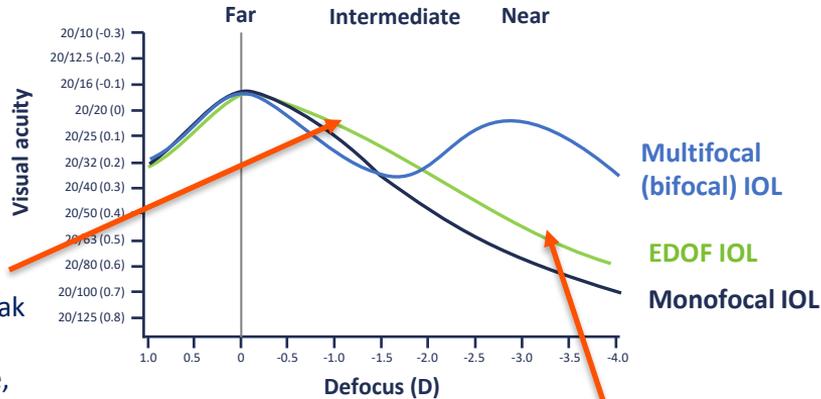
Photopsias result from off-axis light<sup>2</sup>

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# EDOF IOLs: Continuous range of vision while reducing undesirable optical phenomena

Simulated halo effects for a theoretical monofocal IOL, multifocal IOL, and EDOF IOL<sup>1</sup>



EDOFs have a broad peak and a monotonically declining defocus curve, providing good vision over a wide range of defocus<sup>1</sup>

EDOFs are inferior for near vision vs multifocals<sup>2</sup>



Glare and halos are closely related to the near vision multifocals provide<sup>1</sup>

EDOF, extended depth of focus; IOL, intraocular lens.

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**What new and emerging IOL technologies may further address patient visual needs?**

# New and emerging IOL technologies

Designed to improve patient expectations by enhancing range of vision with low incidence of photic phenomena<sup>1</sup>



## EDOF with X-WAVE technology<sup>2</sup>

- A single-piece looped hydrophobic acrylic non-diffractive EDOF lens
- 2 smooth surface transition elements on the anterior optic surface (X-WAVE technology)



## Small aperture monofocal IOL<sup>2</sup>

- A single-piece looped hydrophobic acrylic lens
- Achieves EDOF by combining small-aperture optics with a monofocal IOL
- The IOL is embedded with a central black circular mask with a nondiffractive clear circular aperture at the centre

**Light adjustable IOLs** allow the refractive power of the lens to be adjusted noninvasively after implantation<sup>2</sup>

**Accommodating IOLs** (e.g. fluid-driven lenses) are designed to allow for anterior optic movement or optic shape changes for accommodation<sup>2</sup>

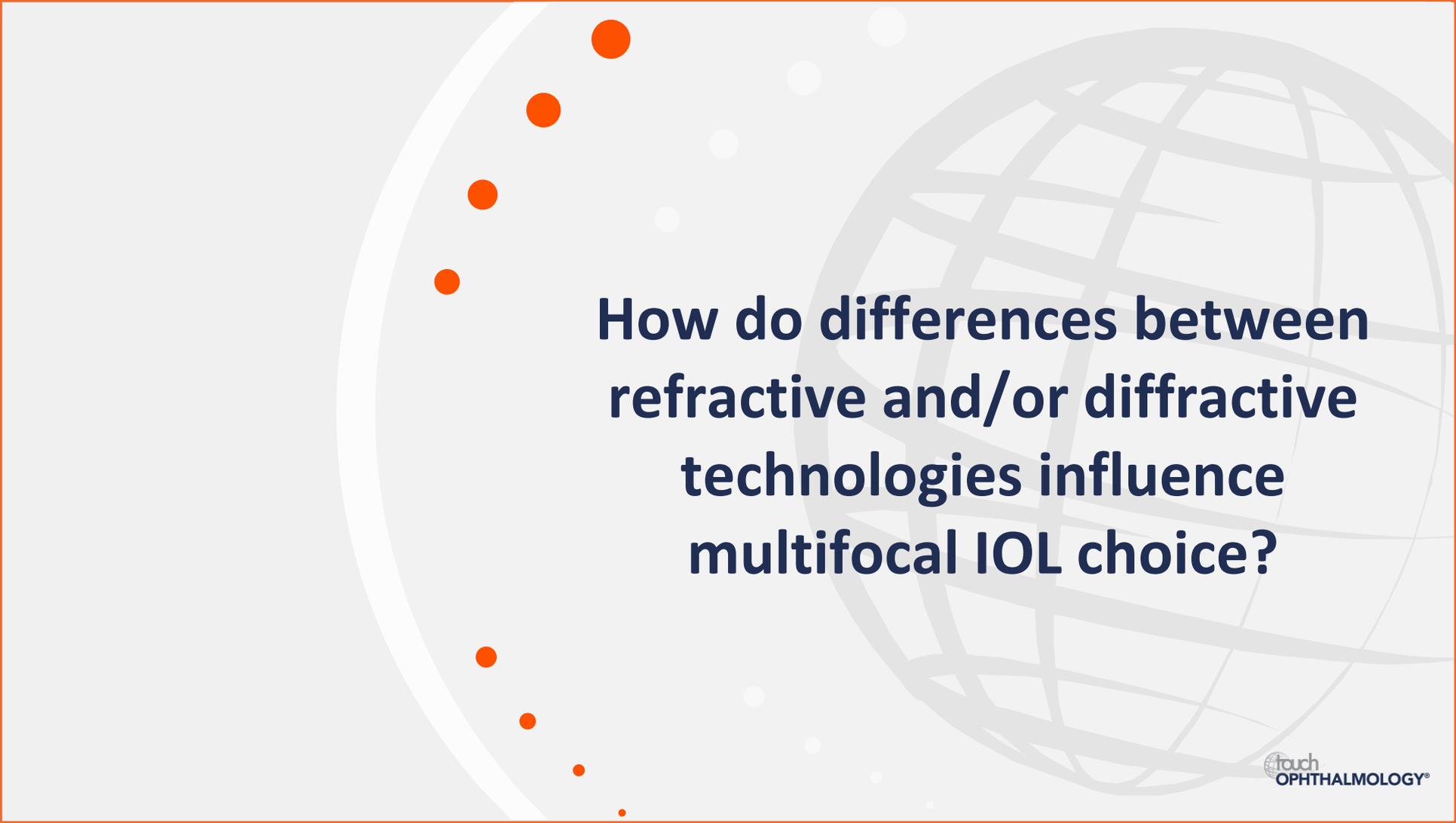


# Navigating novel IOL technologies: How can we differentiate between available IOL models?

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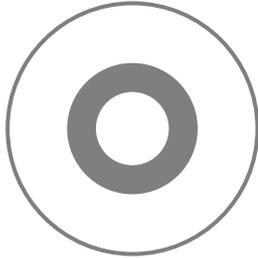




**How do differences between refractive and/or diffractive technologies influence multifocal IOL choice?**

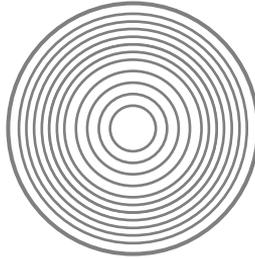
# Multifocals can be refractive, diffractive, or a combination of both designs

## Refractive<sup>1</sup>



- Different refractive power annular zones
- Dependent of pupil dynamics
- Very sensitive to their centering
- May cause halos and glare and reduce the contrast sensitivity

## Diffractive<sup>1</sup>



- Diffractive microstructures in concentric zones
- Not so dependent of pupil dynamics
- More tolerant to their centering
- Decreased contrast sensitivity at higher spatial frequencies

## Hybrid lenses<sup>2</sup>

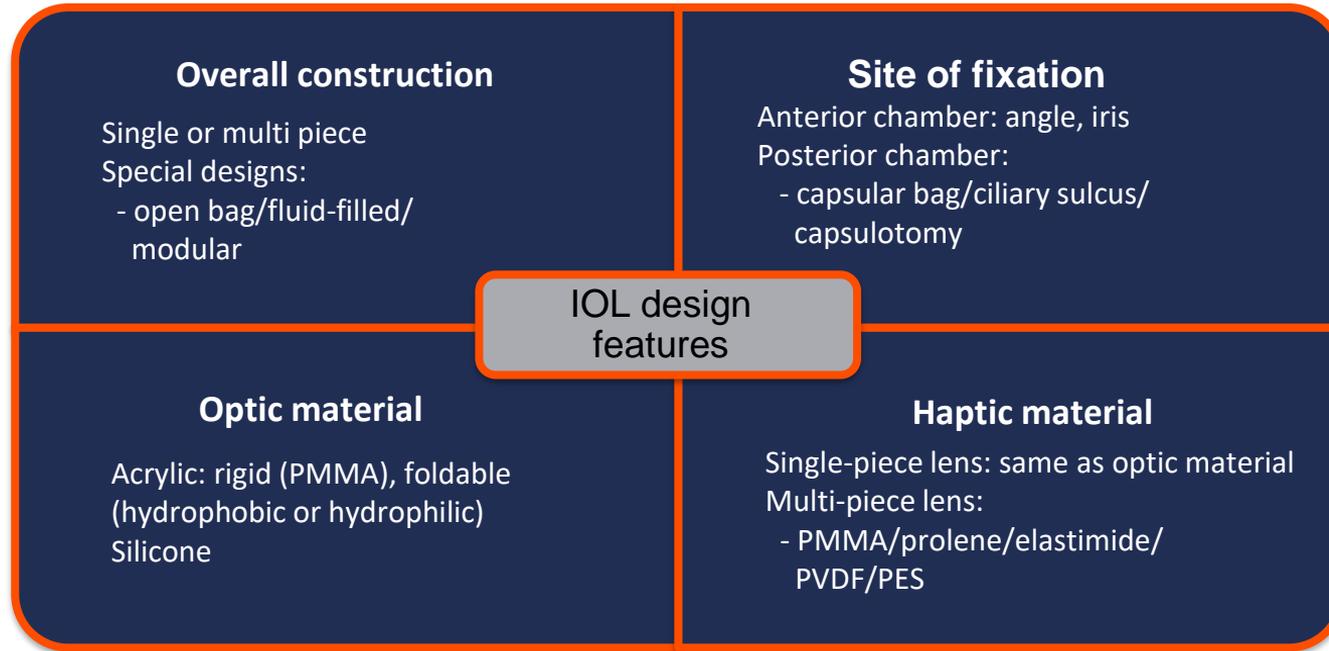
- Central progressive refractive zone surrounded by a diffractive zone
- Allows for far and near vision in a full range of pupil sizes
- Progressive power of refractive zone allows far and intermediate vision
- Apodized diffractive design minimizes light loss outside and reduces halos



**What other design features are important to consider when assessing IOL performance for individual patients?**

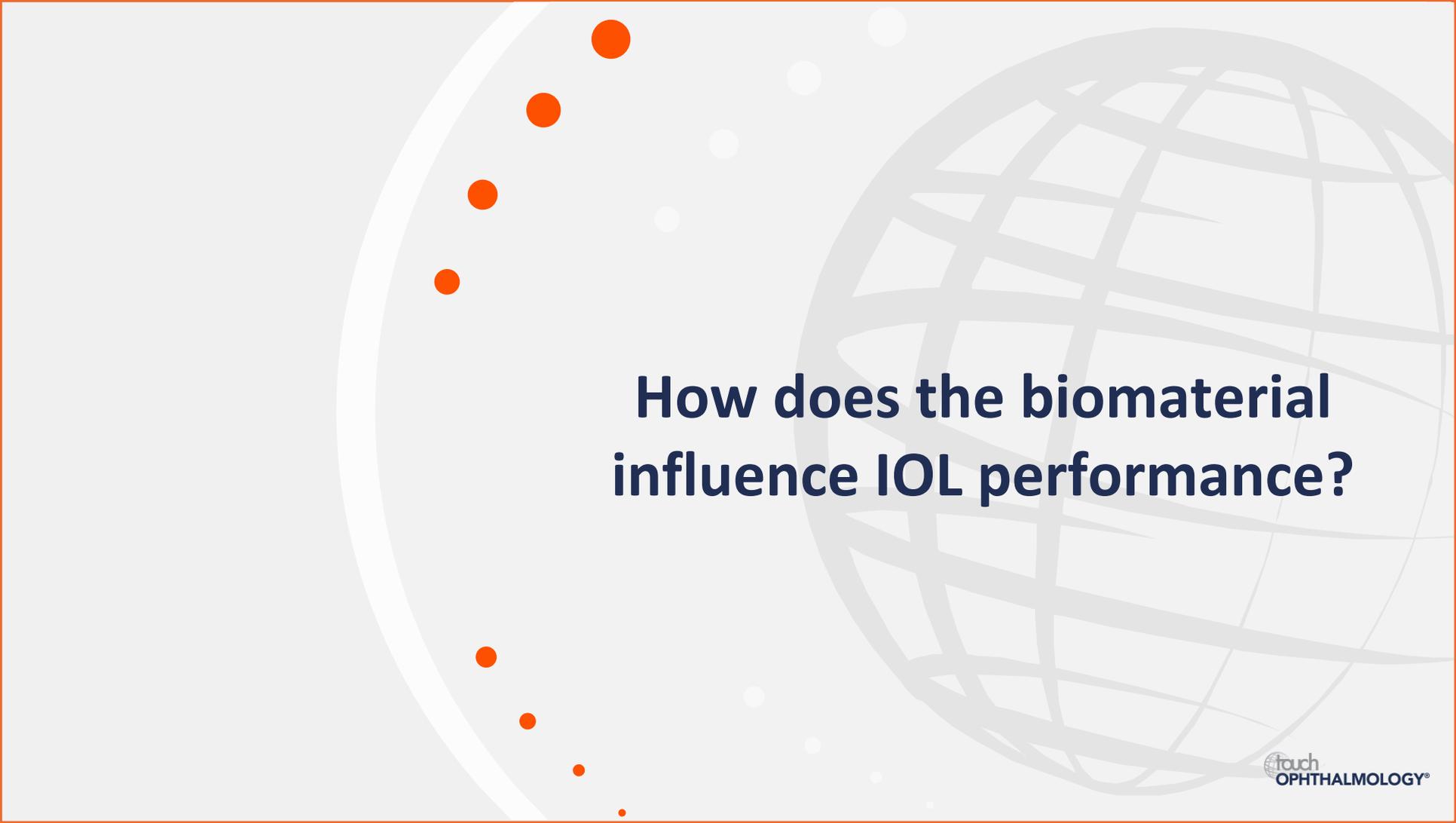
# Characteristics of IOL designs

## Designs and materials used for the manufacture of IOLs for cataract surgery



IOL, intraocular lens; PES, polyether sulfone; PMMA, polymethyl methacrylate; PVDF, polyvinylidene fluoride.

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# How does the biomaterial influence IOL performance?

# Impact of IOL material on post-cataract surgery outcomes

IOL materials vary in water content, chemical composition, refractive index and tensile strength<sup>1</sup>

## IOL material influences

Studies have shown:

- Lower PCO rates with hydrophobic than hydrophilic and PMMA IOL materials
- ACO rates lower for hydrophobic than for silicone and specifically for hydrophilic IOL materials
- Higher levels of glistening formation with hydrophobic IOLs than other materials. No correlation between glistening formation and visual performance

## Post-cataract surgery

- PCO development
- ACO development
- Glistening formation

Factors affecting patients' visual outcomes and satisfaction after cataract surgery<sup>1,2</sup>

## Secondary IOL features also have some influence

- Haptic materials and designs
- Edge profiles: sharp edges associated with lower PCO formation than round edges
- Optic size



**How does awareness of  
different characteristics of  
available IOLs assist surgeons  
in the choice of the most  
appropriate lens?**

# The way forward in cataract surgery: What is the experience with specialised IOLs?

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**What is the evidence for the effectiveness of available IOL technologies?**

# Effectiveness of monofocal vs multifocal IOLs

Systematic review  
and meta-analysis



1 Jan 2006–30 Apr 2017  
25 eligible RCTs

Compared to monofocal IOLs, multifocal IOLs had:

Statistically significantly **better** pooled  
results for



**Near vision**

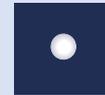
(mean difference in  
logMAR=-0.26)



**Spectacle  
dependence**  
(RR=0.27)

Borderline significantly **better quality of  
vision** (mean difference of -0.54)

Statistically significantly **worse** pooled  
results for:



**Glare**  
RR=1.36



**Halos**  
RR=3.14

**Newer multifocal lenses had statistically significantly better outcomes** than older diffractive or refractive lenses, when compared to monofocal IOLs, in near vision, quality of vision, and risk of halos

# Effectiveness of multifocal and EDOF IOLs

Non-randomized  
prospective series  
of cases



Evaluation 3 mos  
postsurgery

N=120 eyes (60 patients)  
Implanted IOLs (n=40 eyes  
each):

- **EDOF:** Tecnis Symfony
- **Trifocal:** PanOptix IQ; AT LISA tri 839MP

- All the tested IOLs provided good visual outcomes, reading performance and spectacle independence after cataract surgery

The two trifocal IOLs  
had better near VA  
vs the EDOF IOL  
( $p < 0.05$  to  $p < 0.001$ )

The EDOF IOL had better  
intermediate VA  
vs the trifocal IOLs  
( $p < 0.05$  vs AT LISA)

No statistically  
significant difference  
between groups for  
distance VA

Near

Intermediate

Far

The EDOF IOL showed significantly better contrast sensitivity vs the trifocal IOLs ( $p < 0.001$ )



# What do patient-reported outcomes tell us about multifocal IOLs?

# PROs after multifocal IOL implantation

Comparison of PROs and satisfaction after multifocal IOL implantation in three groups



Patient questionnaire administered 2 months after uncomplicated cataract surgery and follow up

- Overall **PROs and satisfaction were similar** among the groups
- **Refractive outcomes and accuracy were similar** among the groups
- **Refractive outcome differences were not meaningful among the groups** and were not a differentiating factor in PROs

**3.0/3.0 group (n=78)**  
bilateral implantation with AcrySof ReSTOR 3.0 lens

**2.5 mini-monovision group (n=102)**  
implantation with the ReSTOR ActiveFocus 2.5 or the ReSTOR ActiveFocus 2.5 toric lens

**2.5/3.0 blended vision group (n=89)**  
implantation with the ReSTOR 2.5 lens (dominant eye) and the ReSTOR 3.0 lens (non-dominant eye)

Substantially fewer patients in the 2.5 mini-monovision group noticed glare and halo vs the 3.0/3.0 group ( $p < 0.0001$ )

The 2.5 mini-monovision group reported better intermediate vision vs the other groups

# PROs in patients following trifocal IOL implant

Study of patient satisfaction, visual disturbances and uncorrected visual performance



PRO questionnaire  $\geq 1$  month after uncomplicated bilateral implantation with a **trifocal Panoptix (n=59)**

Comparison with 2 groups from previous studies:

- **2.5/3.0 group (n=89)**  
Active Focus (dominant eye)  
ReSTOR 3.0 (non-dominant eye)
- **2.5 mini-monovision group (n=102)**  
Active Focus

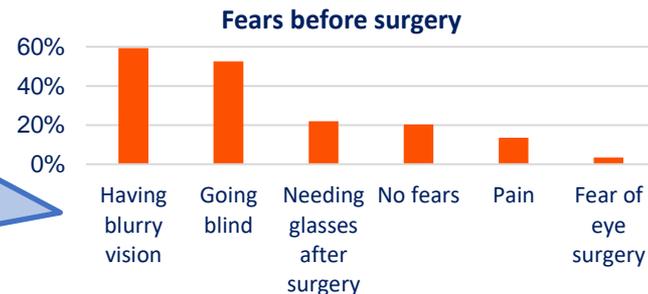
Group	Overall patient satisfaction	Spectacle need (All activities combined)
	"Very satisfied"	"Never need glasses"
Trifocal	85%	83%
2.5 mini-monovision	75%	36%
2.5/3.0	74%	31%

Greater spectacle independence with the trifocal vs other lens combinations (p<0.0001)



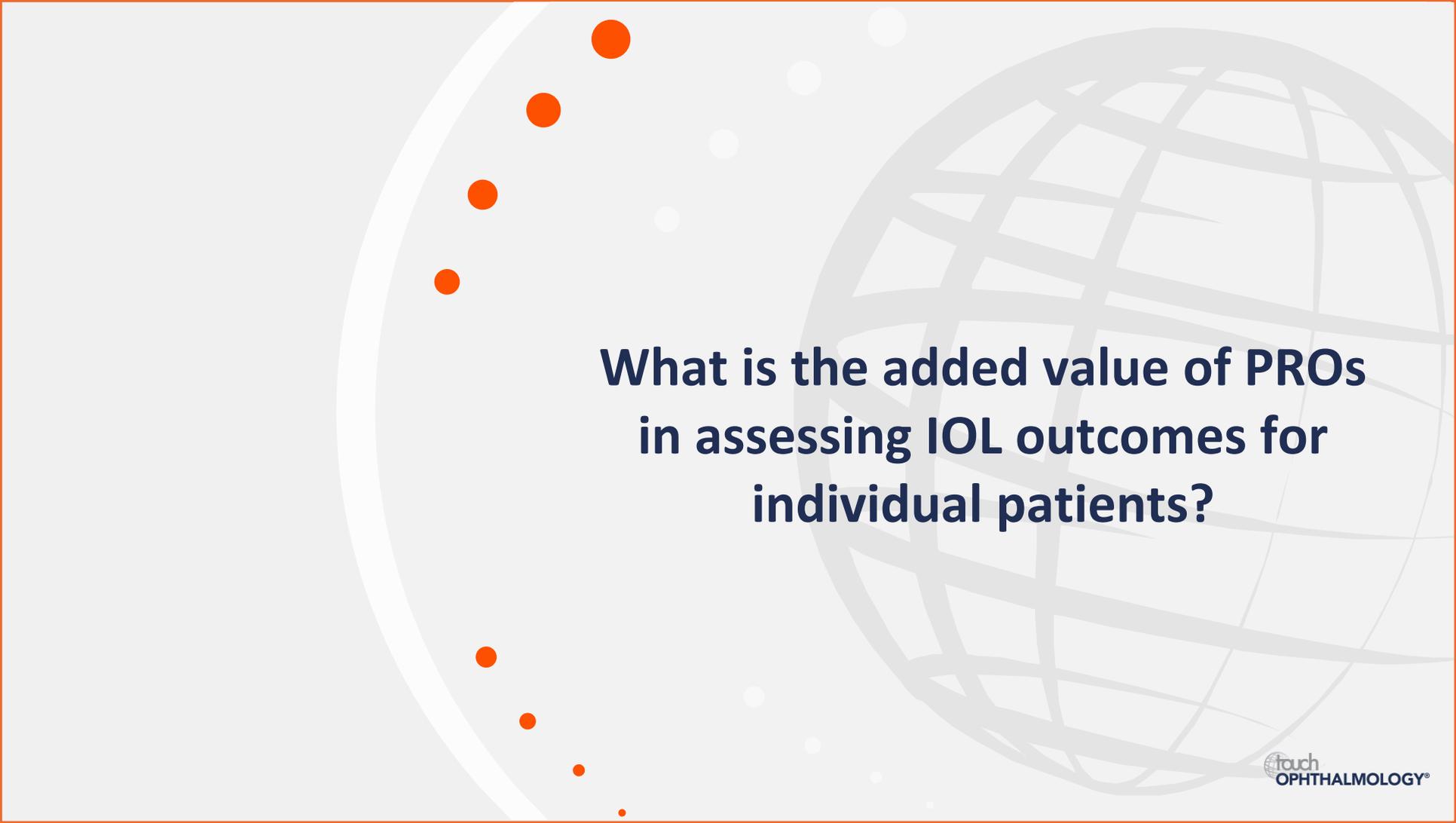
Severity of glare and halos was similar in all groups

The fear of blurry vision was more common than all other fears, including going blind



IOL, intraocular lens; PROs, patient reported outcomes.

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**What is the added value of PROs  
in assessing IOL outcomes for  
individual patients?**

# PROs: Assessment of patients' thoughts, beliefs and attitudes about their vision

**Large subjective component to IOLS:** Two individuals may have the same objective visual function but perceive their quality of vision differently



## Objective assessment

**Objective measures** include:

- Uncorrected binocular acuity under multiple conditions and distances
- Residual refractive error
- Contrast sensitivity
- Glare disability
- Straylight levels
- Halometry

## Holistic evaluation of QoL and vision after IOL implantation

## Subjective assessment

**PROs based on questionnaires** to evaluate:

- Spectacle independence
- Visual function across a range of distances and circumstances
- Overall satisfaction with vision including preoperative expectations





**How can we best pair patients  
with the right IOL technology?**

# Matching patients with the right IOL technology

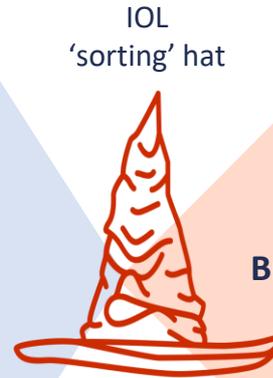
Each patient's care requires careful history, examination and discussion<sup>1</sup>

## Key considerations for IOL selection<sup>2</sup>

No previous LASIK/PRK/RK  
No K pathology  
No dry eye  
No macular degeneration

Low aberration  
Post-PRK/LASIK  
Mild irregular astigmatism  
Salzmann's nodular degeneration  
Significant dry eye  
Very mild maculopathy

Loss of BVCA besides cataract  
Post-RK  
High corrections  
Mild maculopathy



Patient is best suited for

**Binocular distance and near**  
**Binocular distance (or near) only**  
**Monovision success**

BVCA, best corrected visual acuity; K, keratitis; LASIK, laser *in-situ* keratomileusis; IOL, intraocular lens; PRK, photorefractive keratectomy; RK, radial keratotomy.  
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