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## Blade-free or blade + laser?

If you are unsure of the differences between the blade-free IntraLase® Method and a traditional microkeratome — or you just want to compare the features and benefits of each procedure — please take a few minutes to review the following table.

	IntraLase Method (BLADE-FREE)	Microkeratome (BLADE + LASER)
Better outcomes <sup>1</sup>	YES	—
Better safety <sup>2,3</sup>	YES	—
Highest degree of precision <sup>1,3</sup> and predictability <sup>2,3</sup>	YES	—
Individualized flaps <sup>1</sup>	YES	—
Ability to be used in more eligible patients <sup>4</sup>	YES	—
Patient preferred <sup>5,6*</sup>	YES	—

\*In a clinical survey of LASIK patients who had their corneal flaps created using a blade in one eye and the **IntraLase Method** in the other, the vision in the IntraLase-treated eye was preferred 3-to-1, among those who stated a preference.<sup>5</sup>

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## SUMMARY OF SAFETY INFORMATION

The FS and iFS Laser systems are ophthalmic surgical lasers indicated for use in patients undergoing surgery or treatment requiring the initial lamellar resection of the cornea. Contraindications may include corneal edema, glaucoma, and keratoconus. Risks and complications may include corneal pain, flap tearing, and epithelial ingrowth. Consult with your eye care professional for a complete listing of contraindications and risks. US Federal law restricts this device to sale, distribution, and use by or on the order of a physician or other licensed eye care practitioner.

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