10 things you should know about ARTISAN® myopia phakic IOLs

Imagine a life where you could be free from glasses.

ArtiLens™ by OPHTEC - THE ORIGIN
Huh? These lenses have been around for nearly 30 years?
1. LASIK is not always your best option

Maybe you already have chronic dry eye or your cornea is too thin for the procedure. If you’re excluded from LASIK, there is another path to reduce your dependency on glasses or contacts: ARTISAN® Myopia phakic intraocular lenses (IOLs).

2. ARTISAN® phakic IOLs are safe

The ARTISAN® Myopia phakic IOL is a medical grade acrylic lens that is inserted in the eye underneath the cornea and in front of the iris during a surgical procedure performed by your ophthalmologist.

These lenses have been safely used in Europe since the 90s, and the FDA approved the lenses for use in the US in 2004. Since then, over 150,000 patients have had their vision corrected with ARTISAN® phakic IOLs with great success. A recent FDA post approval study has also shown long term safety years after implantation.
“Or you can go skydiving. Or play professional beach volleyball. Whatever you want! Arti lenses are clipped underneath your cornea and always stay in place – No matter what you do.”

Normal eye

Myopic eye
3. ARTISAN® phakic IOLs are effective

You’ve seen how clear your vision becomes with your glasses. Imagine the “wow effect” of clear vision just when you open your eyes. After the procedure, patients who receive Artisan Myopia phakic IOLs have near perfect vision without the use of glasses or contacts as soon as you open your eyes. These lenses were designed with a focus on perfection.

4. Phakic means ‘like a lens’ - it works with your natural lens

Just like a camera lens, there is a crystalline lens in your eye that bends light into a single focal point on the back of your eye, called the retina. The retina then takes this light and changes it into electrical signals that it sends to your brain, allowing you to “see” what’s in front of you.

If the light rays meet at a single point on the retina, you see a clear, sharp image of the object in front of you. However, if the light focuses in front of or behind the retina, the image you see will be blurred. The ARTISAN® phakic IOL helps your eye to bend light into that single focal point on the right spot of your retina.
When you turn 21, you can opt for Artilenses – and choose to be free, never held back again by your sight. That freedom is important when you’re young. Choosing Artilenses now, you’ll enjoy them for most of your life. And you’ll save money, too – How about all those glasses, contacts and bottles of contact solution?
5. Your myopia can be permanently corrected

Myopia is nearsightedness, the struggle to see things that are far away. This happens when the shape of your eye affects how light enters and focuses on the retina. That focal point is actually in front of your retina, giving you blurred vision. You already fix this with glasses or contact lenses.

ARTISAN® phakic IOLs can correct this permanently and you will never have to worry about falling asleep in your contacts again.
So I can get rid of these thick glasses?
6. Vision correction with ARTISAN® phakic IOLs is still reversible

Unlike LASIK where they cut off a layer of your cornea tissue, there are no permanent changes to the basic structure of your eye with the ARTISAN® phakic IOL. Your doctor will make a small incision in your eye, avoiding the central part of the cornea and the lens will be inserted just in front of your iris. The lens itself is removable, if needed.

7. ARTISAN® phakic IOLs are made of safe PMMA plastic

Medical quality PMMA is a plastic that has been used in lenses for cataract surgeries for decades, and it is safe, durable, and nontoxic.

8. ARTISAN® phakic IOLs can correct a broader range of refractive errors

Perfect for patients with moderate to severe myopia. Your doctor will determine the appropriate lens power (diopter) to correct your nearsightedness.
Successful surgery with Artisan Myopia lens

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Now I’m finally free to focus on myself - no longer limited by my sight.
9. You might already qualify for the surgery

Typically, you must be at least 21 years of age, have healthy eyes and have had a stable eye prescription for the last 12 months. If so, you may be able to experience the convenience and proven performance of the ARTISAN® Myopia Phakic IOL.

10. You won’t regret it

No more glasses to hide your eyes. No more dry, itchy eyes from contacts. Just you and all your natural beauty.

Consult with your doctor to see if the ARTISAN® Phakic IOL is a good option for correction of your myopia.
Why ARTISAN® lenses?

- No longer or less dependent on glasses or contacts for perfect vision
- A feeling of freedom
- Being able to do whatever you want
- Very safe and reliable
- A proven concept for over 25 years
- Very small risk of complications
- Reversible procedure
- Meets the most stringent medical requirements
- Simple, quick treatment
- Regular check-ups
- Lifelong enjoyment

For more information on phakic IOLs, you can visit www.artilens.info