



## **EYE SURGERY IN IRAN: THE BEST OPHTHALMIC TREATMENTS WITHIN YOUR REACH**

Fed up with wearing eyeglasses and contact lenses and want to get rid of them for good? Suffering from an eye condition and looking for an effective treatment? Your insurance doesn't cover your eye treatment expenses and you cannot afford it in your home country? Not to worry! We are here to help you see the world better with eye surgery in Iran at the most decent prices.

Ophthalmology, the technical term for the medical specialty dealing with the eye and eye diseases, is one of the most developed medical fields in Iran and. As said above, Iran is among the top 15 countries in the world in terms of ophthalmology. Now with the country's measures to boost medical tourism, the number of eye treatment patients hitting Iranian cities from neighboring countries has increased dramatically.

## FIRST-CLASS EYE HOSPITALS IN IRAN OFFERING EYE CARE SERVICES TO FOREIGN PATIENTS

Given the great number of highly-qualified medical specialists in Iran, the country has taken significant steps to develop its medical — as well as tourism — infrastructure, in order to beef up the health tourism sector. To this end, many public and private hospitals began adopting special measures to reinforce their facilities and staff, some by opening their International Patients Departments (IPDs), for receiving foreign patients. For the same purpose, the government has issued special licenses to medical centers that fit the necessary requirements for admitting foreign patients.

Apart from beauty treatments — such as rhinoplasty, for which Iran has the highest reputation — in some medical fields, too, the country has shown a vast potential. Eyecare is one of the medical fields in which Iran has made giant strides. There are specialized eye hospitals and clinics in major Iranian cities that offer the most complicated eye surgeries and non-surgical treatments.

The rate of eye surgery in Iran is remarkably high. The current world record for the highest number of eye surgeries performed in a single day is currently held by an Iranian hospital (Farabi Eye Hospital), in which 709 eye operations were performed in only one day in 2013, extending its own record of 450 procedures achieved a year earlier. These surgeries were performed by 30 Iranian eye specialists, with the help of 15 anesthetists, 150 nurses and 200 other hospital personnel.

If it hadn't been for the great expertise of the many ophthalmologists in Iran, this achievement wouldn't have been possible. Of the many Iranian ophthalmologists working in Iran and/or abroad, some have gained great reputation and eminence both at national and international levels. One example is Dr. Ali Asghar Khodadoust, known as the father of Iran's ophthalmology, who was a world-renowned professor of ophthalmology known for his groundbreaking researches on corneal transplantation. Several famous American ophthalmologists selected Dr. Khodadoust as the best graft surgeon in the world. Professor Khodadoust passed away on 10 March 2018.

Not only is the eye care services in Iran very effective and high-quality, but they are also being offered at very low prices compared to other countries. As a result of these advantages, a large number of eye patients from neighboring countries visit Iran annually to receive ophthalmic treatments. Iraqi patients constitute the highest number of foreign eye treatment receivers in Iran.

## WHY EYE SURGERY?

Eyeglasses used to be the only solution for refractive errors of the eyes for more than seven centuries until the 1950s when contact lenses gained widespread popularity. And if someone had cloudy eye due to what is known as cataract, they had to either endure the cloudy vision for the rest of their life or undergo a gruesome surgery, called 'couching', in which a traditional medical practitioner uses a sharp needle to dislodge the cataract of the eye and push it into the eyeball so that the light would enter the eye.

Interestingly enough, couching cataract surgery is still performed in some parts of developing countries such as African nations, where modern eye treatments aren't available for most people. This traditional cataract surgery is not an effective treatment, though, with a small percentage of satisfaction rate and more than 70 percent of cases being left totally blind.

Today, thanks to advances in medicine and medical technology, not only can refractive errors be corrected with refractive eye surgery or vision correction surgery — eliminating the need for glasses and contact lenses in many cases — but other eye conditions such as cataract and glaucoma can be treated with painless surgery and high success rates.

Keeping pace with the latest trends in eye care and boasting a host of modern eye centers and proficient eye specialists, Iran is one of the best countries for eye surgery, offering affordable treatments to Iranian patients and foreign medical tourists who want to have their eye surgery abroad at affordable prices.

## REFRACTIVE EYE SURGERY IN IRAN

Refractive surgery refers to a wide range of eye surgeries aimed at correcting the refractive properties of the eye in cases that light is not properly focused onto the retina, including those suffering from myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), presbyopia (an age-related type of farsightedness, mostly affecting people over 50), and astigmatism.

Also known as vision correction surgery, refractive eye surgery includes procedures that use a laser to alter the cornea of the eye, including LASIK and PRK, and those involving placement of artificial lenses into the eyes to provide the individual with a clearer and sharper vision.

We at AriaMedTour work with some of the best eye hospitals in Iran and the best ophthalmologists to offer all types of refractive eye surgery to patients coming from other countries, where eye surgery is expensive or there is a lack of qualified specialists.

Whether you are looking for laser eye surgery (LASIK, Femto-LASIK, LASEK, PRK, etc.) or other refractive surgery in Iran, we will help you arrange your procedure with one of the best eye surgeons in Iran, in Tehran, Mashhad, Shiraz, Isfahan, Tabriz, or other cities of your choosing.

## **COST OF EYE SURGERY IN IRAN**

Given the high availability of medical healthcare services in Iran, including eye treatments, and the devaluation of the Iranian currency against foreign currencies, the cost of eye surgery in Iran is very reasonable compared to other countries. Together with other factors such as the quality of medical tourism services, low cost of travel to Iran, and the diverse tourist attractions, the low prices of eye surgery in Iran is a good reason to travel to the country to go under the knife and get your vision back.

## **TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO A BLURRED VISION WITH US**

We know well that traveling to a foreign country to have surgery is not without hassle. Just imagine you have to get a visa, arrange for flight and accommodations, book a hospital appointment, and so on while you don't speak the language of the destination country and are not familiar with the

culture. Well, a professional team at AriaMedTour will turn this into an experience you will remember. Just take a look at the videos of our patients who share their experiences with you to get an idea of how you would receive services with us.

If you have plans to have eye surgery in Iran but don't have any idea how to choose the best doctor and hospital, and are worried about the problems that might come up during your trip, feel free to send us a message for a free consultation.