Navy and USMC Refractive Surgery

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Accession for Special Duty								Accession General Duty		
PRK	Aviation (USN/USMC)									
Surgery prior to entry on active duty	Class I	Class II YES - Waiver will be	Class III	Diver YES - Waiver will be	EOD YES - Waiver will be	SPECWAR VEC. Weinerwill be	Submarine	Surface	USMC YES - Waiver will be	Non-warfare
is disqualifying	YES - Waiver will be considered	considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	considered	considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	considered	YES - Waiver will be considered
Waiver required for entry on active duty	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Favorable waiver review likely if current criteria satisfied	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment in Navy study possible Surgery available through Navy / DoD prior to entry on active duty	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Waiver required for special duty	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	No	No	No	NO	NO	NO	NO
Accession for Special Duty								Accession General Duty		
LASIK Aviation (USN/USMC)										
	Class I	Class II	Class III	Diver	EOD	SPECWAR	Submarine	Surface	USMC	Non-warfare
Surgery prior to entry on active duty is disqualifying	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES - Waiver will be	YES - Waiver will be	YES - Waiver will be	YES - Waiver will be
	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	considered YES	considered YES	considered YES	considered YES
Waiver required for entry on active duty Favorable waiver review likely	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	Possible w/ study enrollment	YES	YES	YES	YES
if current criteria satisfied	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment in Navy study possible Surgery available through Navy / DoD	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
prior to entry on active duty Waiver required for special duty	N/A	N/A	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	NO	NO NO	NO	NO
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Navy and USMC Refractive Surgery Pol				cy for Retention on Special Duty				Retention General Duty		
PRK		Aviation (USN/USMC)								
Surgery available through Navy / DoD	Class I	Class II	Class III	Diver	EOD	SPECWAR	Submarine	Surface	USMC	Non-warfare Limited - priority given
Civilian surgery permitted	YES	YES	YES	YES YES	YES YES	YES YES	YES	YES	YES YES	to warfare YES
Pre-op counselling by Navy Medical	NO	NO	NO							
representative required CO approval required for	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
surgery (2)	YES	YES - Waiver will be	YES Weiterwill be	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Disqualifying for Special Duty	YES - Waiver will be considered (1)	considered (1)	YES - Waiver will be considered (1)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Return to duty post-op medical clearance (up chit) required	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Waiver required to return to duty (1)	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Navy and USMC Refractive Surgery Policy for Retention on Special Duty								Retention General Duty		
LASIK Aviation (USN/USMC)										
	Class I	Class II	Class III	Diver	EOD	SPECWAR	Submarine	Surface	USMC	Non-warfare
Surgery available through Navy / DoD	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Limited - priority given to warfare
Civilian surgery permitted	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Pre-op counselling by Navy Medical representative required	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
CO approval required for	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
surgery (2) Disqualifying for Special Duty	YES- no waivers	YES- no waivers	YES- Waiver will be considered	YES- Waiver will be	YES- Waiver will be	YES- Waiver will be	NO	NO	NO	NO
Return to duty post-op	N/A	N/A	YES	considered YES	considered YES	considered YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
medical clearance (up chit) required Waiver required to return to duty	N/A	N/A	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	NO	NO	NO	NO
(1) Waiver granted when member achieve	ne vision standards and is		. = 3 (.)	. = 2 (1)	0 (./	. == (.,			1	

⁽¹⁾ Waiver granted when member achieves vision standards and is stable, no earlier than 4 weeks post-op.

⁽²⁾ All designated aviation personnel to submit an Aviation CRS Request form to San Diego and receive endorsement back prior to undergoing CRS at any DoD laser center