
CK Radio Eye Treatment Is Now OK For Pilots - U.S. Airmen Can Now Take Advantage Of Leading Nonlaser Vision Correction Procedure To Improve Near Vision

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LONDON/EWORLDWIRE/Oct. 11, 2005 --- "Certification by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a vision correction procedure for pilots validates the safety and value of CK as a refractive treatment," said Mitchell B. Campbell, president of Refractec, Inc. "Only the safest and most effective procedures obtain an FAA protocol, and we're thrilled that pilots can now enjoy the benefits of NearVision CK."

FAA Protocol for Conductive Keratoplasty

U.S. pilots who are considering having conductive keratoplasty to improve their vision may now do so without losing their aeromedical certification for flying. First, before considering CK, the pilot should check with his/her employer (if employed by the airlines) and/or flight medical examiner to determine if CK is an appropriate treatment option and if post-CK vision meets their individual requirements for flying.

For details on certification requirements and the complete protocol for CK, visit the FAA website at www.faa.gov or www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/aam/ame_guide/media/protocols.pdf

In 2004, Refractec's NearVision CK became the leading nonlaser refractive procedure in the United States and is the fastest growing vision procedure since the introduction of LASIK. To date, more than 125,000 CK treatments have been performed worldwide and more than 800 physicians are certified to perform NearVision CK.

About NearVision CK

NearVision CK uses radiofrequency energy, instead of a laser, to reshape the cornea. There is no cutting and no removal of tissue. The procedure takes less than three minutes and is done in-office with only topical (eye drop) anesthesia. In FDA studies, 98 percent of patients could see J5 (magazine and newspaper size print) following the procedure and 87 percent could read J3 or phonebook-sized print.

NearVision CK is performed using a probe thinner than a strand of hair that releases radiofrequency energy. Applied to the cornea in a circular pattern, the radio waves shrink small areas of collagen to create a constrictive band (like the tightening of a belt) that increases the curvature of the cornea, bringing near vision back into focus.

NearVision CK is indicated for the temporary improvement of near vision in emmetropic presbyopes (those who require only reading glasses) and hyperopic presbyopes (those who require reading and distance glasses).

About Refractec

Refractec, Inc. is a privately held ophthalmic technology company that develops and markets minimally invasive procedures for ophthalmologists and their baby boomer patients. Based in Irvine, Calif., Refractec provides "Corrective Solutions for Near Vision" with its proprietary NearVision CK technology.

About Horizon Eye Centre

Horizon Eye Centre, on Harley Street London, is a specialist centre for CK treatment. Medical Director David Allamby has performed more than 1000 CK procedures.

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