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## **Did You Know?**

If you have diabetes and are interested in having LASIK surgery, you may not be a candidate. Diabetes is listed by the FDA as a contraindication to LASIK surgery. Reasons include: unstable glasses needs, altered immune function, poor healing and potential for developing retinal blood vessel problems. Similar concerns are present with other eye surgeries that reduce glasses or contact lens needs. There are many factors to consider if thinking about vision correction and you have diabetes. The best thing to do if you're considering LASIK surgery is consult with an Eye M.D. who performs refractive surgery to help you better understand your individual risk.

*November is Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month. Learn more about diabetic eye disease and the EyeSmart EyeCommitted effort to encourage people with diabetes to get regular eye exams at [www.geteyesmart.org/eyecommitted](http://www.geteyesmart.org/eyecommitted).*

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