

ELLIOT HOSPITAL

CRITERIA FOR LASER ASSISTED CATARACT SURGERY USING ALCON LASER (1030 NM YTTERBIUM: YAG)

Educational Component

- a. Completion of Alcon online course (per Alcon certification protocol).
- b. Observation of 2 cases performed by an Alcon certified surgeon (this may be at an Elliot facility or off site.)

Onsite/Proctoring Component

- a. Must meet the Alcon on site criteria: As of 7/20/2013, those criteria are:
 - i. On site review of the unit and of the procedure with the Alcon trainer.
 - ii. Performance of 10 cases with the Alcon trainer present.
- b. Of those cases performed with the Alcon trainer,
 - i. For surgeons *previously credentialed to use of a femtosecond laser for laser vision correction (LASIK)* (at the Elliot or at another institution) and with documentation of having performed 5 such cases within the last six months, **the first two** laser assisted cataract surgery procedures must be *proctored* by an ophthalmologist certified in laser assisted cataract surgery. *(If fewer than 5 femtosecond LASIK cases have been performed within the last six months, follow path ii, below.)*
 - ii. For surgeons not previously certified to use a femtosecond laser for laser vision correction (LASIK) **AND** for surgeons previously certified to use femtosecond laser for LASIK, but who have not done 5 cases in the last six months, **the first four** laser assisted cataract surgery procedures must be *proctored* by an ophthalmologist certified in laser assisted cataract surgery.
 - iii. For surgeons previously certified to use a different brand of femtosecond laser for laser assisted cataract surgery (at the Elliot or at another institution) and with documentation of having performed 5 such cases within the last six months, proctoring by an ophthalmologist will not be required. However, meeting Alcon educational and on-site requirements will be required.

For Surgeons coming out of training with prior certification for laser assisted cataract surgery

- a. If previously certified with an Alcon laser for laser assisted cataract surgery and with documentation of having performed 5 cases within the last six months, credentials will be granted.
- b. If previously certified to use a different brand of laser for laser assisted cataract surgery and documentation of having performed 5 cases within the last six months, the applicant must meet Alcon educational and on-site requirements, but proctoring by an ophthalmologist will not be required.

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**Italicized date above indicates review only (no changes)*