



# **Horizon Laser Vision Center**

## Finalist for the MD Ambulance Care Ltd., Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region and Saskatoon Health Region Award for Health Innovation

Horizon Laser Vision Center (HLVC) offers laser eye correction surgery, alternately known as refractive laser surgery and laser vision correction. This surgery is a comfortable, safe, effective and affordable treatment that eliminates the need for, or reduces one's dependence on, glasses or contact lenses.

HLVC was established in 1996 and is locally owned and operated by 86 shareholders (optometrists and ophthalmologists). What is unique about Horizon is that they work co-operatively with the patient and the patient's own optometrist (the person who knows your eyes best). The patient's optometrist examines the patient and refers them to either of the Horizon clinics in Regina or Saskatoon where the patient is further assessed and proceeds with the procedure if they are an acceptable candidate. Following the initial post operative check by the surgeon, all the follow up care is done by the patient's own optometrist (the visits are included in the cost of the eye surgery) with the surgeon being locally available if further consultation is needed. This is a model laser centers around the world are looking at.

By working cooperatively with the patient and their optometrist, the process keeps the optometrist in the loop with regards to their patient's eye health. All of the services are included in the advertised fees which is innovative in a field where low fees are sometimes offered and then patients are often upsold; Horizon's fee is all inclusive.

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