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SUBJ/LASER EYE SURGERY PRK IN NEW ACCESSIONS TO NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

/AVIATION CLINICAL STUDY CHANGES IN STUDY ENROLLMENT CRITERIA//

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NARR/REF A IS THE REFRACTIVE SURGERY POLICY FOR THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS. REF B IS THE MANUAL OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ARTICLE 15-65.

REF C IS THE CURRENT ENROLLMENT CRITERIA FOR NEW ACCESSIONS TO THE

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS WHO HAVE UNDERGONE PHOTOREFRACTIVE KERATECTOMY

SURGERY (PRK) INTO THE AVIATION CLINICAL STUDY. REF D IS THE AVIATION VISION STANDARDS CHANGES TO REF B.//

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RMKS/1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO DELINEATE SEVERAL IMPORTANT
CHANGES TO THE ENROLLMENT CRITERIA OUTLINED IN REF C.

2. CLARIFICATION TO PARAGRAPH 1 REGARDING WAIVERABLE FORMS OF
REFRACTIVE SURGERY FOR AVIATION DUTY: "PRK (ANTERIOR CORNEAL STROMAL
SURFACE LASER ABLATION WITH NO STROMAL FLAP) IS THE ONLY WAIVERABLE FORM
OF REFRACTIVE SURGERY FOR ALL AVIATION DUTY INVOLVING FLIGHT. WAIVERS WILL
NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE HAD ANY OTHER TYPE OF
REFRACTIVE EYE SURGERY. SPECIFICALLY, LASER IN-SITU KERATOMILEUSIS (LASIK)
IS PROHIBITED."

3. CHANGE TO PARAGRAPH 2C REGARDING STUDY ENROLLMENT INCLUSION
CRITERIA FOR BOTH SNA AND SNFO CANDIDATES: "CANDIDATES WHOSE
PREOPERATIVE REFRACTIVE ERROR WAS GREATER THAN MINUS 5.50 TOTAL
DIOPTERS IN ANY MERIDIAN AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO MINUS 8.00 TOTAL
DIOPTERS IN ANY MERIDIAN MUST HAVE UNDERGONE PRK NO SOONER THAN 6
MONTHS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT. CANDIDATES WHOSE PREOPERATIVE REFRACTIVE
ERROR WAS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO MINUS 0.25 TOTAL DIOPTERS IN ANY
MERIDIAN AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO MINUS 5.50 TOTAL DIOPTERS IN ANY
MERIDIAN MUST HAVE UNDERGONE PRK NO SOONER THAN 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO
ENROLLMENT. CANDIDATES WHOSE PREOPERATIVE REFRACTIVE ERROR WAS
GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO PLUS 0.25 TOTAL DIOPTERS IN ANY MERIDIAN AND LESS
THAN OR EQUAL TO PLUS 6.00 TOTAL DIOPTERS IN ANY MERIDIAN MUST HAVE
UNDERGONE PRK NO SOONER THAN 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT."

4. CHANGE TO PARAGRAPH 2D REGARDING STUDY ENROLLMENT INCLUSION
CRITERIA FOR BOTH SNA AND SNFO CANDIDATES: "PREOPERATIVE REFRACTIVE
ERROR IN EACH EYE MUST BE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO MINUS 8.00 TOTAL DIOPTERS
IN ANY MERIDIAN OR LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO PLUS 6.00 TOTAL DIOPTERS IN ANY
MERIDIAN WITH LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO PLUS OR MINUS 3.00 DIOPTERS OF
CYLINDER AND ANISOMETROPIA LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 3.50 DIOPTERS."

5. CHANGE TO PARAGRAPH 2E REGARDING STUDY ENROLLMENT INCLUSION CRITERIA
FOR BOTH SNA AND SNFO CANDIDATES: "DEMONSTRATED REFRACTIVE STABILITY AS
CONFIRMED BY CLINICAL RECORDS. NEITHER THE SPHERICAL OR CYLINDRICAL
PORTION OF THE REFRACTION MAY HAVE CHANGED MORE THAN 0.50 DIOPTERS
DURING THE TWO MOST RECENT POSTOPERATIVE MANIFEST REFRACTIONS,
SEPARATED BY AT LEAST ONE MONTH. THE FINAL MANIFEST REFRACTION SHALL BE
PERFORMED NO SOONER THAN THE END OF THE MINIMUM WAITING PERIOD AS
SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE (3 OR 6 MONTHS DEPENDING ON THE DEGREE OF
PREOPERATIVE REFRACTIVE ERROR)."

6. CHANGE TO PARAGRAPH 2J REGARDING STUDY ENROLLMENT INCLUSION CRITERIA
FOR BOTH SNA AND SNFO CANDIDATES: "(SNA ONLY) POSTOPERATIVE REFRACTIVE
ERROR IN EACH EYE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO PLUS 3.00 OR MINUS 1.50 DIOPTERS
SPHERE IN ANY MERIDIAN, LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.00 DIOPTRER TOTAL CYLINDER,
AND ANISOMETROPIA LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 3.50 DIOPTERS ON BOTH THE FINAL
MANIFEST REFRACTION AND THE CYCLOPLEGIC REFRACTION REQUIRED FOR AN SNA.
BOTH EXAMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED NO SOONER THAN THE END OF THE MINIMUM
WAITING PERIOD AS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE (3 OR 6 MONTHS DEPENDING
ON THE DEGREE OF PREOPERATIVE REFRACTIVE ERROR)."

7. THE REST OF THE ENROLLMENT CRITERIA OUTLINED IN REFERENCE C REMAIN THE
SAME.

8. BE REMINDED THAT MEETING ALL ENROLLMENT CRITERIA DOES NOT
GUARANTEE ENROLLMENT INTO THE STUDY, NOR ACCEPTANCE INTO
NAVAL
AVIATION TRAINING. ENROLLMENT INTO THE STUDY AND ACCEPTANCE
INTO
AVIATION TRAINING DOES NOT GUARANTEE COMPLETION OF TRAINING
NOR
DESIGNATION AS A NAVAL AVIATOR OR NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER.//
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