

The American Refractive Surgery Council

Preserving eyesight and achieving optimal vision through refractive technology requires many things – a high degree of skill, extensive resources, decades of experience and an ever-present spirit of innovation. Those are the qualities that the refractive surgery industry brings to bear, in collaboration with scientists, surgeons, the academic medical community and regulators, on behalf of the refractive surgery patients who depend on all of us to see clearly and well.

The American Refractive Surgery Council (ARSC) is the voice of industry in the refractive surgery community. ARSC is a collaborative group of industry representatives and medical professionals, working together to generate new knowledge and communicate accurate information about refractive surgery, and to provide a forum for the discussion of all issues related to refractive surgery in the US.

ARSC was founded in recognition that, while millions of people have benefitted from LASIK and other refractive surgeries, many more could benefit if they more fully understood the advantages, the clinical research, the positive impact on their lifestyle, and the factors that make people good candidates for refractive procedures.

ARSC's mission is to educate the public about the safety, clinical outcomes and lifestyle benefits of refractive surgery, and to support research into refractive surgery technologies. ARSC exists to continually advance the state of the art in refractive surgery, and to help people make informed choices and improve the way they see the world. The council's audiences include current and prospective patients, medical professionals and educators, legislators, the media and the refractive surgery industry.

The members of ARSC are:

- **Abbott Medical Optics**
- **Alcon**
- **Bausch + Lomb**
- Representatives from **the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS)** and the **American-European Congress of Ophthalmic Surgery (AECOS)**

ARSC's vision is about vision. The council and its members are dedicated to bringing about a world in which people make the right choices about refractive surgery and realize the greatest possible benefit from it, based on a clear understanding of its safety, clinical outcomes and lifestyle benefits. ARSC is dedicated to improving the way people see the world.

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Membership

Abbott Medical Optics (www.abbottmedicoptics.com)

Abbott is the world's leading provider of laser vision correction (LASIK) technologies. The complete line of refractive products meets the needs of patients who seek freedom from eyeglasses or contact lenses. Abbott offers eye care professionals the industry's most advanced laser vision technologies to correct myopia, hyperopia, and astigmatism and to enhance surgeon productivity.

Alcon (www.alcon.com)

Alcon, the global leader in eye care, provides innovative products that enhance quality of life by helping people see better. Alcon's three businesses, Surgical, Pharmaceutical and Vision Care, offer the widest spectrum of eye care products in the world. Alcon is a division of the Novartis Group,

Bausch & Lomb (www.bausch.com)

Bausch + Lomb, a Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. company, is a leading global eye health organization that is solely focused on protecting, enhancing, and restoring people's eyesight. Our core businesses include ophthalmic pharmaceuticals, contact lenses, lens care products, ophthalmic surgical devices and instruments.

Representatives of **the American Society of Clinical and Refractive Surgery (www.ascrs.org)**

The American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery is an international, educational society with more than 9,000 members. Its mission is to advance the art and science of ophthalmic surgery and the knowledge and skills of ophthalmic surgeons by providing clinical and practice management education and by working with patients, government, and the medical community to promote the delivery and advancement of high-quality eye care.

Representatives of **the American-European Congress of Ophthalmic Surgery (www.aecosurgery.org)**

The American-European Congress of Ophthalmic Surgery is a unique collaboration of physicians, ophthalmic industry executives, select venture capitalists and technology entrepreneurs. The Society meets three times each year - in the US and Europe - to evaluate new developments in technology, surgical technique, clinical studies and progressive patient care. The membership of AECOS remains dedicated to advancing vision care and improving patients' quality of life through innovation, education and advocacy.