**LASEK (Laser Epithelial Keratomileusis) or Advanced Surface Ablation (ASA)**

To treat farsightedness, the flat cornea is made steeper by removing tissue from the outer portion of the cornea. This results in moving the point of focus from behind the retina to directly on the retina.

To treat astigmatism, the cornea is made more spherical, or more like a basketball than a football. This results in light rays coming to one point of focus on the retina rather than multiple points. Astigmatism can be treated at the same time as nearsightedness and farsightedness.

LASEK may be appropriate for you if:

- You want to reduce or eliminate the need for glasses or contacts
- You are at least 18 years old
- You have had a stable eyeglass prescription for at least one year
- You do not have any health issues that affect your eyes
- You have wide pupils
- You have corneas too thin for LASIK