
Chapter 5 – CONCLUSIONS

5.1 FURTHER STUDY

The risks and benefits of refractive surgery in military organisations have not been fully evaluated by some NATO Member Nations. The costs of providing comprehensive service provision for military members should be offset against the cost of loss of clinical governance. The concern is that external service providers with limited understanding of military needs may recommend inappropriate procedures and abbreviated post-operative care for military personnel. Therefore, guidance and oversight of total refractive surgery care should be provided by military medical personnel.

Refractive surgery is an evolving discipline with new technology entering the medical care market place at a rapid rate. It is recommended this technology be monitored with periodic update of this report and adding member state policy summaries as they become available.

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