# Description:

This consultation seeks views on the document ‘[Professional Standards in Refractive Surgery’](https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Consultation-Professional-Standards-in-Refractive-Surgery.pdf) from health and care professionals, stakeholder organisations and the public. The document builds on the April 2016 guidance from the General Medical Council ‘[Guidance for doctors who offer cosmetic interventions](http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/news_consultation/27171.asp)’, associated guidance issued simultaneously from the Royal College of Surgeons [‘Professional standards for cosmetic practice’](https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/publications/docs/professional-standards-for-cosmetic-practice/) and the Keogh Report [‘Review of the Regulation of Cosmetic Surgery Interventions](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-the-regulation-of-cosmetic-interventions)’ (Department of Health 2013). It incorporates elements from the responses to the [Spring 2016 consultation](https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/standards-publications-research/refractive-surgery-standards/refractive-surgery-standards-consultation-aprilmay-2016/) on draft Standards for Patient Information and Consent and replaces that draft document.

We are seeking feedback on the further information for refractive surgeons outlined in the document.

# Consultation period:

24 August 2016 to 5 October 2016

# Consultation document:

[Professional Standards for Refractive Surgery](https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Consultation-Professional-Standards-in-Refractive-Surgery.pdf)

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