

**Appendix: 1** Questions on awareness about refractive surgery for correcting refractive errors.

<b>S no</b>	<b>Sub-group</b>	<b>Questions related to awareness about refractive surgeries</b>
1	Contraindication	Are refractive eye surgeries contraindicated under the age of 21?
2	Indication	Are refractive eye surgeries only performed in patients with nearsightedness or farsightedness?
3	Surgeries	What types of refractive eye surgeries do you know?
4	Surgeries	Do you know the complications of refractive eye surgeries?
5	Preparation	Should contact lenses be stopped before investigations related to refractive eye surgeries?
6	Indication	Can patients with unstable refractive eye errors undergo refractive eye surgery?
7	Preparation	Can patients with unstable refractive eye errors undergo refractive eye surgery without undergoing any other procedure?
8	Indication	Are eye diseases (dry eye syndrome, atopy/allergy, corneal opacities, viral keratitis), laziness of the eye, strabismus, iritis or glaucoma or cataracts) considered contraindications to refractive surgery ?
9	Indication	Do diabetes mellitus or autoimmune diseases prevent patients from undergoing refractive eye surgery ?
10	Contraindication	Are pregnancy and breast feeding contraindications to refractive eye surgery?
11	Contraindication	Is the use of acne medications (e.g. isotretinoin and roaccutane) a contraindication to refractive eye surgery?