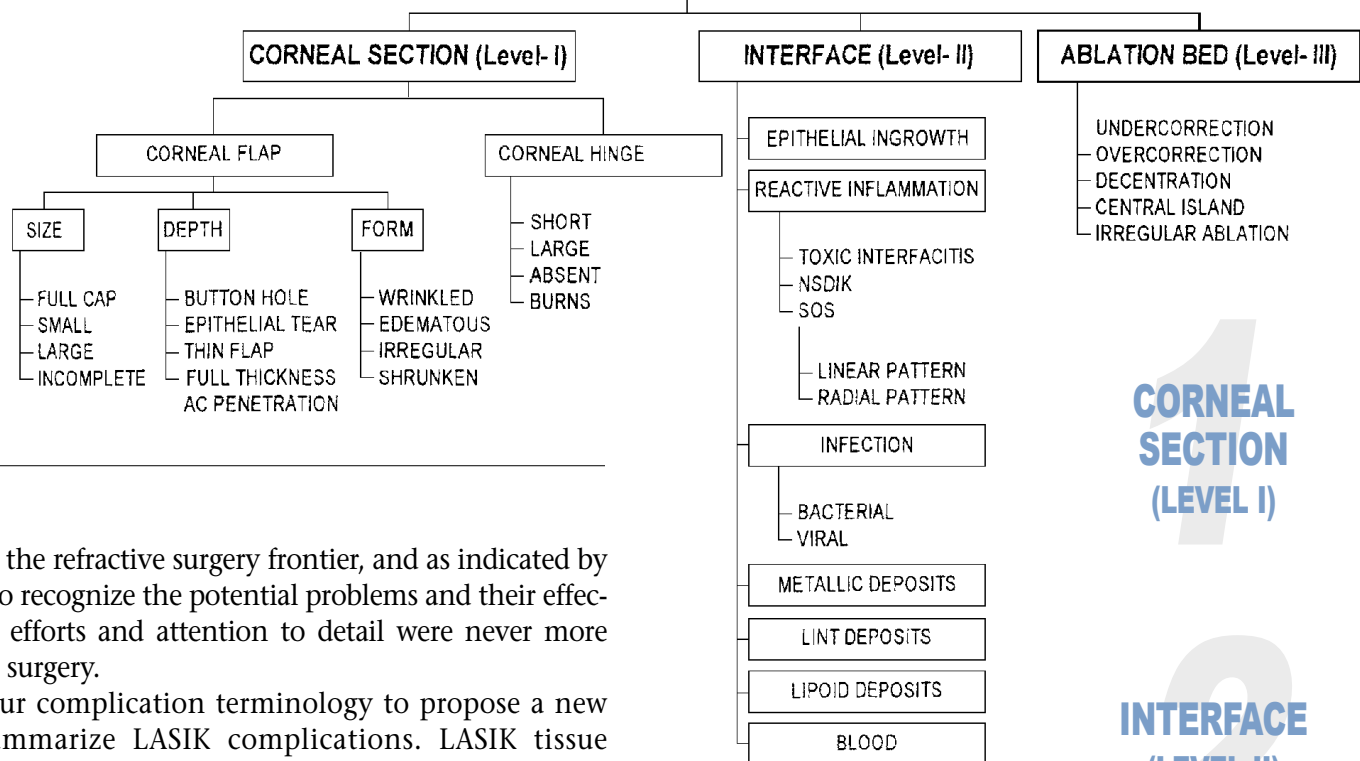




# Ophthalmology

## GULANI THREE-LEVEL CLASSIFICATION

### LASIK CORNEAL COMPLICATIONS



CORNEAL  
SECTION  
(LEVEL I)

INTERFACE  
(LEVEL II)

ABLATION  
BED  
(LEVEL III)

Dear Editor:

LASIK is now established on the refractive surgery frontier, and as indicated by Gimbel et al, we are learning to recognize the potential problems and their effective management. Preventive efforts and attention to detail were never more applicable than in this precise surgery.

It is important to adapt our complication terminology to propose a new classification system to summarize LASIK complications. LASIK tissue components comprise three basic levels:

1. Corneal section (level I)
2. Interface (level II)
3. Ablation bed (level III)

Each corneal complication of LASIK has been assigned to its respective level (Fig1).

This three-level classification offers a comprehensive, yet lucid, organization of LASIK corneal complications. As we encounter new complications in our ongoing endeavor to achieve emmetropia using LASIK, this three-level classification can be updated periodically.

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