

PRK Consult / Screening Prioritization Based on Operational Requirements

Priority I (highest priority)

Description: Member whose military job requires them to *frequently and regularly* work in an extreme physical environment that precludes the safe use of spectacles or contact lenses, or where their use would compromise personal safety or jeopardize the mission.

- Member has an unusually physically demanding and *dangerous* job.
- Probability of survival would *clearly* be enhanced with this procedure.
- *Without question*, member's job requirements justify *highest* priority.

Priority II

Description: Member whose military job requires them to *frequently and regularly* work in a physical environment where spectacle or contact lens use is possible and would not compromise personal safety or jeopardize completion of the mission, but where their use is physically more difficult or challenging than ordinary circumstances.

- Not a safety or survivability issue.
- Procedure likely to enhance job performance.
- High priority, *but not absolutely imperative*.

Priority III

Description: Members whose jobs *do not typically* expose them to environmental extremes, and *do not typically* involve physical activity or use of equipment that would preclude the safe use of spectacles or contact lenses. However, there is a *reasonable expectation that the member may periodically meet the criteria for "priority II"*.

- *Normal* work environment is not physically demanding / extreme.
- *Typically not* required to use equipment incompatible with eyewear.
- *Reasonable* expectation of periodic exposure to "priority II" conditions.

Priority IV:

Description: Members whose military jobs *rarely or never* expose them to environmental extremes, and do not involve physical activity or use of special equipment that would preclude the safe use of spectacles or contact lenses.

- Administrative, clerical, office work.
- Indoor, non-extreme environment
- No *reasonable* expectation of being in a work environment that would make spectacle or contact lens wear difficult.