

## Recommended Technique for Opening the Intacs® Carrier and Removal of the Intacs® Corneal Implants with Clear Cover

To minimize the risk of missing segments or segment “pop-outs” at the time of surgery, the following guideline should be followed before opening the Intacs® carrier.

1. Prior to opening the inner tray, note the two holes on the lid of the carrier. Visually confirm that there is one segment in each U- shaped well of the carrier. If one or more segments are missing do not open the inner tray and return for exchange. No credit will be issued for missing segments if the inner tray has been opened.

*Carriers are shown within their inner tray.*



*Symmetric*



*Asymmetric*

2. Stabilize the carrier on a flat surface with the rounded end etched with the Intacs logo facing up and pointing away from you.
3. Add 1-2 drops of a sterile, broad-spectrum antibiotic solution into each hole on lid of the carrier. The benefit of adding the antibiotic drops onto the surface of the Intacs is threefold. First, the addition of the antibiotic will help to eliminate any built up electrostatic charge thereby reducing the risk of the segments from “popping” or “jumping” (ejecting) out of the carrier. Secondly, the addition of the antibiotic provides a lubricant to the surface of the Intacs segment, which may provide improved ease of placement. Finally, the use of antibiotic on the surface of the Intacs® segment provides an added level of comfort for the surgeon and patient as it may help to reduce the risk of infection postoperatively (prophylaxis).
4. Gradually slide the cover of the carrier back using your thumb, until the first Intacs® segment is exposed and the cover snaps into the first position.
5. Using the Intacs Forceps, remove the first Intacs® segment from the carrier and place the segment into the clockwise (CW) intrastromal tunnel.
6. For symmetric sets, using the technique just described, advance the carrier lid until it snaps into the second position. Using the Intacs Forceps remove the second Intacs segment from the carrier and place the segment into the counter-clockwise (CCW) intrastromal tunnel.
7. Remove any stromal debris from the incision area. Thoroughly irrigate the incision area with balanced salt solution.

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