

**TABLE 6 COMPARISON OF TECHNIQUES USED IN SUPERFICIAL AND ANTERIOR LAMELLAR KERATECTOMY**

	<b>Freehand</b>	<b>Microkeratome</b>	<b>PTK</b>	<b>Femtosecond</b>
Depth of dissection	Flexible but less accurate	120–350 µm	Flexible but less accurate due to uneven ablation	90–280 µm
Flap parameters	Flexible	Limited	NA	Flexible
Flap complications	Occasional	Occasional	NA	Rare
Bed smoothness	Worst	Better	Variable	Best

NA = not applicable; PTK = phototherapeutic keratectomy