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<u>ORDER</u>

AND NOW, this

day of

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Steven Friedman's Motion to Determine Plaintiffs' Public Figure Status, his supporting

Brief and Exhibits, and any Response thereto, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant

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DEFENDANT STEVEN A. FRIEDMAN, M.D., J.D., LL.M.'S BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF HIS MOTION TO DETERMINE PLAINTIFF'S PUBLIC FIGURE STATUS

Defendant Steven Friedman, Esquire, [hereinafter "Friedman"], by and through counsel, hereby moves this Honorable Court for a ruling to determine the public figure status of Plaintiffs in this defamation action. Specifically, Friedman requests that this Court deem Plaintiffs to be "limited purpose public figures." In support thereof, Friedman states that following and incorporates his supporting Brief and Exhibits.

1. Plaintiff Herbert Nevyas, M.D. ["Nevyas"] is a practicing ophthalmologist in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and is the 60% owner of Nevyas Eye Associates, P.C. Nevyas describes himself as a recognized leader in LASIK surgery, an innovator in surgical equipment and procedures, a medical expert in the field of LASIK surgery, a pioneer in vision correction, and the author of over 40 ophthalmic publications.

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- 2. Plaintiff Anita Nevyas-Wallace ["Wallace"] is a practicing ophthalmologist in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and is the 40% owner of Nevyas Eye Associates, P.C. Wallace describes herself as a recognized innovator in the field of refractive surgery, an inventor of techniques to make LASIK surgery safer, a medical expert in LASIK surgery and an internationally recognized physician.
- 3. Nevyas Eye Associates ["NEA"] is a professional corporation with offices located throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and describes itself as a worldwide expert in the field of refractive surgery and a leader in the field of LASIK surgery.
- 4. Co-defendant Dominic Morgan ["Morgan"] underwent LASIK surgery performed by Plaintiffs in 1998, after having heard several of Plaintiff's radio advertisements regarding LASIK surgery. The outcome of the surgery was poor and Morgan is now legally blind.
- 5. Friedman is an attorney and also a physician practicing internal medicine.

 Morgan retained Friedman to represent him in a medical malpractice action against

 Plaintiffs. The claims pursued included medical negligence, as well as violations of FDA regulations regarding the use of the specific laser.
- 6. The medical malpractice action resolved by way of binding arbitration. Thereafter, in 2003, Morgan created a website known as, "lasiksucks4you.com" and proceeded to discuss his experience with LASIK surgery, his lawsuit, the Plaintiffs and the specific laser used during the procedure. At some point after the website was created, Morgan uploaded several letters Friedman had sent on his behalf to the FDA regarding Plaintiffs and their use of the laser without full FDA approval.

- 7. As a result of statements made on Morgan's website, Plaintiffs filed this defamation action, in 2003 and then added Friedman as a defendant in 2004.
- 8. Before this Court can rule on the merits of the defamation claim, it must first determine the public figure status of Plaintiffs. This determination of a plaintiff's public figure status is a particularized and fact-sensitive analysis, but it is also a question of law to be determined by the Court. Gertz v. Robert Welch, Inc., 418 U.S. 323, 344, 94 S.Ct. 2997, 3009 (1974); American Future Systems, Inc. v. Better Business Bureau of Eastern Pennsylvania, 923 A.2d 389, 401 (Pa. 2007).
- 9. Friedman submits that Plaintiff are limited purpose public figures, and that, consequently, Plaintiffs need to show that Friedman acted with malice with regard to any purported defamatory statements made about them.
- 10. Limited purpose public figures are "less deserving of (judicial) protection ... because they have voluntarily exposed themselves to increased risk of injury" from defamatory falsehood concerning them. *Gertz*, supra, 418 U.S. at 345, 94 S.Ct. at 3009. Two characteristics are particularly relevant to the court's analysis on this issue: (1) a plaintiff's ability to rebut the defamatory statements due to greater access to the channels of communications than private individuals; and (2) voluntary exposure by plaintiff to the controversy. *American Future Systems, Inc.*, supra, 923 A.2d at 401; Gertz, supra, 418 U.S. at 344, 94 S.Ct. at 3009.
- 11. Plaintiffs meet the criteria to be classified as limited purpose public figures as they have significant access to effective communication channels, including radio, television, internet, and print media outlets, as well as sponsoring over 80

educational seminars, and employing persons solely for the purpose of promoting Plaintiffs and LASIK surgery.

12. Through their conduct, Plaintiffs have voluntarily thrust themselves into the public discussion concerning LASIK surgery, and Plaintiffs have attempted to influence public opinion concerning the safety of LASIK surgery and their own qualifications to perform the procedure.

13. Plaintiffs have actually used their access to communication channels and financial resources to counter representations made on Morgan's website regarding their qualifications and regarding LASIK surgery.

14. As such, and for the reasons set forth more fully in his Brief and Exhibits, Friedman respectfully submits that Plaintiffs should be deemed to be limited purpose public figures with regard to this case, and that Plaintiffs must prove that any alleged defamatory statement made by Friedman was made with malice.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTION PRESENTED

Should Plaintiffs be deemed to be limited purpose public figures in this defamation action arising

from co-defendant Morgan's website regarding LASIK surgery, where Plaintiffs have had

significant access to effective channels of communication, and have voluntarily injected

themselves into the public discussion concerning LASIK surgery?

Suggested Answer:

Yes.

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

This matter arises from an physician patient relationship whereby co-defendant Dominic

Morgan ("Morgan") underwent LASIK eye surgery to repair nearsightedness in both of his eyes.

The surgery was performed by plaintiff Anita Nevyas Wallace, M.D. ("Wallace"), using a laser

device procured by plaintiff Herbert J. Nevyas, M.D. ("Nevyas"), while conducting business

through their jointly owned practice, Nevyas Eye Associates, P.C. ("NEA").

The outcome of Morgan's LASIK surgery was poor and he was rendered legally blind in

both eyes. He subsequently brought a medical malpractice action in this Court against Wallace,

Nevyas and NEA. Morgan was represented by Defendant Steven Friedman, Esquire

("Friedman") in that action. After the medical malpractice action concluded, Morgan created his

own website which discussed his experience with LASIK eye surgery. Morgan published certain

statements about Plaintiffs on his website, including uploading letters Friedman wrote to the

Food & Drug Administration ("FDA") on his behalf.

Plaintiffs filed suit in this Court asserting a defamation claim against both Friedman and

Morgan based upon statements made on the website. Before the Court can evaluate Plaintiffs'

defamation claim against Friedman, it must first determine whether Plaintiffs are "limited

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purpose public figures" under the law. If plaintiffs are held to be limited purpose public figures, then they must prove that Friedman acted with malice with regard to the alleged defamation. If not, then plaintiffs need only show negligence.

A limited purpose public figure is one who has access to effective channels of communication and who voluntarily injects oneself into a matter of public controversy.

Friedman respectfully submits that Wallace, Nevyas and NEA should be deemed to be "limited purpose public figures" with regard to the claims of defamation they have asserted. Plaintiffs have had significant access to effective channels of communication, in the form of extensive promotion through radio, television, print and internet outlets, as well as employees whose sole job responsibilities are to promote Plaintiffs and LASIK surgery to the medical community and public at large. By virtue of their access to these communication channels, as well as their professional efforts and publications, Plaintiffs have voluntarily thrust themselves into the public discussion regarding LASIK surgery and their own qualifications to perform this procedure. As such, they are limited purpose public figures in this case.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Plaintiffs' Use of the Excimer Laser for LASIK Procedures

LASIK eye surgery is an elective surgical procedure whereby an excimer laser is used to cause physical change in the cornea which can result in vision corrected without eyeglasses. It became prevalent in the mid-1990's as a means by which near-sightedness or far-sightedness could be corrected. Under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, all such laser devices used to perform medical procedures on humans must be fully licensed by the FDA, be subject to an Investigation Device Exemption ("IDE") used under the FDA's review, or be a custom device used for a particular patient. Any medical procedure performed in violation of this Act was subject to both criminal and civil penalties.

In 1995, Plaintiffs began using an excimer laser for LASIK eye surgery without FDA approval. In 1996, the FDA notified physicians that, in its view, the continued use of an excimer laser was not permitted and they would be required to apply for an IDE. The FDA offered a program in November of 1996, and again in January of 1997, as to how to apply for an IDE. The FDA promised that it would not take action against ophthalmologists if they obtained an IDE, and scheduled training programs for physicians to learn how to apply for an IDE.

In March of 1997, Plaintiffs submitted an IDE application to the FDA. However, prior to the submission of this application, Plaintiffs had performed almost 200 LASIK procedures using the excimer laser. While Plaintiff's IDE application was pending, the FDA instructed Plaintiffs that they were not to perform any more surgeries with this laser until the IDE was granted, and that any use of this laser to treat patients was a violation of the law.

Rather than wait for the FDA to act on its application for an IDE, Plaintiffs formed their own in-house institutional review board ("IRB") in April of 1997. The purpose of this IRB was to obtain a writing from the IRB stating that plaintiffs were cleared to use their laser -- effectively maneuvering around the FDA's application process. Indeed, during this period before the FDA granted conditional approval of the IDE, plaintiffs performed numerous LASIK surgeries using their laser, in contrary to the FDA's directive. Plaintiffs did not disclose to the FDA that they had used this laser during the period prior to August of 1997.

The FDA conditionally granted the IDE on August 2, 1997, at which point plaintiffs advertised and promoted the availability of LASIK eye surgery by radio and television. Plaintiffs were seeking approval from the FDA to make their laser device available for commercial distribution. However, the FDA never approved this device for such use or any use at all, and plaintiffs eventually abandoned it in favor of a competitor's laser device that had received full FDA approval.

2. Morgan's LASIK Surgery and Medical Malpractice Claim

Morgan underwent his LASIK surgery in 1998, after having heard advertisements from NEA aired on KYW 1060 news radio. Wallace performed the procedure at the NEA offices, using the excimer laser device which Nevyas had procured, but which never received full FDA approval. Plaintiffs' use of this excimer laser was shut down shortly thereafter. Morgan's surgery did not achieve the anticipated results, and he is now legally blind.

In April of 2000, he filed a medical malpractice action against Plaintiffs in this Court, and was represented by Friedman. The claims pursued in this action included medical negligence, lack of informed consent, deceptive trade practices, and violations of the Federal Anti-Kickback Act, the False Claims Act and FDA violations. Although Morgan, through Friedman, requested various discovery relating to the use of this specific laser and Plaintiffs' interactions with the FDA regarding the laser, much of the information requested was not supplied during the underlying case. All claims were dismissed prior to trial, with the exception of the medical malpractice claim. By agreement of all the parties, the remaining medical negligence claim was submitted to arbitration with a "high-low" arrangement in place. The arbitrator ruled in plaintiffs' favor, resulting in him receiving the "low" payment.

Dissatisfied with the outcome of the medical malpractice action, Morgan retained Friedman to represent him in pursuing the matter before the FDA. Specifically, Morgan requested that the FDA investigate plaintiffs and their use of the specific laser while performing LASIK surgery. He requested that the matter be presented to the FDA's Ophthalmic Devices Panel. In conjunction with this representation, Friedman sent letters to the FDA, dated December 28, 2001, August 10, 2002 and December 4, 2003. Friedman provided copies of these letters to his client, Morgan, around the time the letters were sent.

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¹ Attorney Friedman is also a medical doctor and currently practices internal medicine in Delaware County, PA.

3. Morgan's Website and Plaintiffs' Subsequent Defamation Lawsuit

Thereafter, in June of 2003, Morgan created a website, known as "Lasiksucks4you.com," in which he related his personal experience with LASIK surgery, and began to post a series of articles and commentary critical of the LASIK procedure and the care he received from Plaintiffs. He also discussed his medical malpractice lawsuit, the specific laser used in his surgery, and whether that laser complied with FDA regulations. Unbeknownst to Friedman, at some point after the website was created, Morgan uploaded portions of Friedman's letters sent to the FDA.

Plaintiffs then filed an amended defamation action in this Court against Morgan in November of 2003 based upon his website. On July 13, 2004, Plaintiffs filed an Amended Complaint in this action, adding Friedman as a defendant and asserting a defamation claim against him based upon his letters to the FDA which were published by Morgan on his website.

III. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. The Standard for a Limited Purpose Public Figure

Under the First Amendment, the amount of protection afforded plaintiffs in a defamation action depends on whether plaintiffs are public figures or private persons. Weber v. Lancaster Newspapers, Inc., 878 A.2d 63, 74 (Pa. Super. 2005). If a plaintiff is a public figure, then plaintiff must prove that the alleged defamatory statement was published with actual malice, i.e. with knowing falsity. If a plaintiff is not a public figure, then plaintiff need only show that the alleged defamatory statement were negligently made. Manning v. WPXI, Inc., 886 A.2d 1137, 1143-1144 (Pa. Super. 2005). The classification of a plaintiff as either a public or private figure is a question of law to be determined initially by the trial court. Iafrate v. Hadesty, 423 Pa. Super. 619, 621 A.2d 1005 (1993). This inquiry into a plaintiff's public figure status is a

particularized and fact sensitive analysis. <u>American Future Systems, Inc. v. Better Business</u>

<u>Bureau of Eastern Pennsylvania</u>, 923 A.2d 389, 404 (Pa. 2007).

In making this determination, courts are guided by several considerations. First, public figures "usually enjoy significantly greater access to channels of effective communication" and hence have a more realistic opportunity to counteract false statements than private individuals normally enjoy. *Gertz v. Robert Welch, Inc., 418 U.S. 323, 344, 94 S.Ct. 2997, 3009 (1974)*. Public figures are "less deserving of (judicial) protection ... because they have voluntarily exposed themselves to increased risk of injury" from defamatory falsehood concerning them. *Id*, at 418 U.S. at 345, 94 S.Ct. at 3009. Thus, two characteristics are particularly relevant to the court's analysis on this issue: (1) a plaintiff's ability to rebut the defamatory statements due to greater access to the channels of communications than private individuals; and (2) voluntary exposure by plaintiff to the controversy. *See American Future Systems, Inc. v. Better Business Bureau of Eastern Pennsylvania, 923 A.2d 389, 401 (Pa. 2007); Gertz, supra, 418 U.S. at 344, 94 S.Ct. at 3009.*

A plaintiff can be classified as a public figure in two different scenarios. First, the "all purpose" public figure is a scenario where an individual may achieve such pervasive fame or notoriety that he becomes a public figure for all purposes and in all contexts. *Gertz v. Robert Welch, Inc., supra, 418 U.S. at 351, 94 S.Ct. at 3013*. Alternatively, a "limited purpose public figure" -- a much more common scenario – arises where a plaintiff voluntarily injects himself or is drawn into a particular public controversy and thereby becomes a public figure for a limited range of issues. *Id.* Such a person has used "purposeful activity" to thrust "his personality" into a public controversy. *Curtis Publishing Co., v. Butts, 388 U.S. 130, 155, 87 S.Ct. 1975 (1967)*.

Traditionally, a plaintiff could only be a limited purpose public figure relative to a preexisting controversy in which he elected to participate. <u>American Future Systems</u>, <u>supra</u>, 923

A. 2d at 401. However, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court recently expanded this scenario and held that a plaintiff may become a limited purpose public figure as a result of its own activities, particularly with respect to widespread public solicitation and advertisements. <u>Id.</u> at 923 A. 2d at 401-02, citing, <u>National Foundation for Cancer Research v. Council of Better Business Bureau</u>, 705 F. 2d 98 (4th Cir. 1983); <u>Steaks Unlimited, Inc. v. Deaner</u>, 623 F. 2d 264 (3d Cir. 1980); <u>Bruno & Stillman, Inc. v. Globe Newspaper Co.</u>, 633 F. 2d 583 (1st Cir. 1980). Thus, promotional speech by the plaintiff that overlaps with the subject matter of the alleged defamatory speech is now a sufficient basis to be classified as a limited purpose public figure. <u>American Future Systems</u>, <u>supra</u>, 923 A. 2d at 403-04.

B. Plaintiffs Are Limited Purpose Public Figures With Regard to the Subject Matter of LASIK Eye Surgery

When analyzing whether a plaintiff is a limited purpose public figure, Pennsylvania courts consider whether plaintiff had access to effective channels of communication and sought to influence the resolution or outcome of a public controversy; whether plaintiff voluntarily assumed a role of special prominence; whether the controversy existed prior to the publication of the alleged defamation, and whether plaintiff retained public figure status at the time of the alleged defamation. *Joseph v. Scranton Times*, 959 A.2d 322, 340 (Pa. Super. 2008), citing Marcone v. Penthouse Int'l Magazine, 754 F.2d 1072, 1082 (3d Cir. 1985).

1. Plaintiffs Had Access to Effective Radio, Television, Print and Internet Communication Channels And Sought to Influence the Controversy Over LASIK Surgery Through These Channels

At the time of the alleged defamation, Plaintiffs have had significant access to numerous effective communication channels. Indeed, they devoted substantial financial resources to these channels and sought to influence the public debate over LASIK surgery through these channels. These communication channels include radio, print, television and internet outlets whereby

Plaintiffs advertised their LASIK surgery capability and promoted themselves and the safety of the LASIK procedure and laser devices.

With regard to radio as a mode of communication, Plaintiffs regularly ran advertisements on numerous popular radio stations explicitly promoting LASIK surgery, namely -- WIP 610, WMGK 104.5, KYW 1060 AM and WNJC 1300 AM. Advertisements were aired to "let the world know" about plaintiffs' new LASIK equipment and instrumentation, and at one point, specifically promoted the laser device which Wallace used when operating on Morgan. NEA spends \$10,000 monthly, or \$120,000 annually, just on radio advertising. The objective of this advertising is to obtain LASIK patient referrals. Both Nevyas and Wallace, as well as NEA employees are involved in developing the content for these radio advertisements. (Nevyas Dep., Exhibit "A," pp. 43, 44, 180-81, 184; Schafer Dep., Exhibit "B", pp. 20, 23-27; Wallace Dep., Exhibit "C", pp. 294-95).²

The specific radio ads which aired on KYW 1060 between July - October of 2001 explicitly mentioned NEA, Nevyas and Wallace by name and were scripted to cite the following:

- NEA, with a tradition of excellence in eye surgery for over 30 years
- NEA performs advanced vision correction, including laser correction
- NEA has the most modern techniques to increase your visual independence
- NEA is the only practice in the Philadelphia area to offer the new LTK laser system... This LTK procedure is one of the safest... this new laser procedure takes less than 3 seconds of laser time per eye
- Call NEA at 1-800-9-LASER-6 for a free evaluation
- NEA are not only highly skilled surgeons but are experienced in a wide range of advanced refractive surgery techniques which correct nearsightedness

² All exhibits referred to in this Brief are separately bound and labeled as "Exhibits in Support of Defendant Friedman's Motion and Brief to Determine Public Figure Status of Plaintiffs." These Exhibits are being simultaneously filed with the Brief and Motion.

(See Declaration of KYW General Manager and attached documentation, Exhibit "D"). In addition to these scripted radio ads, NEA also submitted bullet points to radio broadcasters to read and discuss their own experiences. (Schafer Dep., Ex. B, pp. 25-26). Wallace herself appeared on commercial radio six or seven times to promote LASIK surgery and has also appeared on a public radio call-in show. (Wallace Dep., Ex. C, pp. 76-79).

Along with radio, Plaintiffs utilized television as a mode of communication to promote themselves and LASIK surgery. Prior to the creation of Morgan's website, Plaintiffs paid to appear on MDTV, which is a cable television station based in New York that features medical issues of public interest. (Wallace Dep., Ex. C, pp. 324-326). By paying MDTV, Plaintiffs were provided with a national audience for a 30 minute exclusive televised broadcast entitled "LASIK Surgery." Nevyas and Wallace appeared on television and were introduced as "medical experts in the field of refractive surgery, specifically LASIK laser vision correction." Both Nevyas and Wallace were the sole physicians featured as speakers on the broadcast, and were accompanied by three NEA patients who favorably discussed their respective LASIK experiences with Plaintiffs. Nevyas and Wallace specifically promoted the excimer laser and the safety of LASIK surgery during this broadcast. Some of the representations made during this television broadcast were as follows:

- Moderator: "Nevyas is a pioneer in vision correction with more than 20 years performing refractive surgery. He is a technological leader in the field of ophthalmic surgery."
- Nevyas: "We use an excimer laser which is computer controlled so that each pulse is in precisely the right place."
- Moderator: "[Wallace] has performed thousands of LASIK procedures in the Delaware Valley and has operated internationally as an invited guest surgeon and recognized innovator in the field of refractive surgery."
- Moderator: "Wallace joins us as a guest medical expert. Wallace is a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and an award winning

member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery for innovative work in her field."

- Wallace: "LASIK is very safe. In fact, statistics show that nationwide 98 percent of patients experience significant improvement of their vision. I also enjoy teaching doctors to become good surgeons and I love inventing ways to make an excellent procedure even better. I feel very fortunate to have been able to contribute to the field."
- Six different times throughout the broadcast, the following statement was aired: "To learn more about LASIK laser vision correction or to find out if you are a candidate for LASIK, you can reach Nevyas Eye Associates toll free at 800-9-LASER-6. That's (800) 952-7376."

(See MD TV Medical News Transcript, Exhibit "E"). This 30 minute presentation was broadcast numerous times on the MD TV cable television channel, on channels in the Philadelphia area, and on public television channels. It was also shown to prospective patients at NEA's offices throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. (Nevyas Dep., Ex. A, pp. 177-79; Wallace Dep., Ex. C, pp. 83-84, 320-21). In addition to appearing on this MDTV 30-minute broadcast, Wallace has appeared on local network television news programs, such as Channel 10, to promote herself, NEA and LASIK. (Wallace Dep., Ex. C, 74-75).

Plaintiffs also promoted LASIK surgery and themselves in the print media. They regularly advertised in publications such as The Trend, City Suburban News, and the Yellow Pages, and also presented and published numerous scientific and medical papers which have addressed LASIK to the American Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgery. (Schaffer Dep., Ex. B, pp. 26, 29; Wallace Dep., Ex. C, pp. 65, 67-68, 89; Nevyas Dep., Ex. A, pp. 133-34). Plaintiffs retained an advertising agency to develop a marketing brochure for NEA, and this brochure was distributed to all members of the Delaware Valley Refractive Surgery Partnership and to all people who called NEA for information. (Wallace Dep., Ex, C, pp. 85, 88; Nevyas Dep., Ex. A, pp. 38-40).

promote themselves and LASIK surgery to the public. NEA developed its own website and Plaintiffs retained an outside company to maintain this website and make changes as needed to reflect new technologies and new directions. (Nevyas Dep., Ex. A, pp. 27-31). NEA also pays MedNet for internet visibility and awareness to promote its name and that of Nevyas and Wallace throughout the internet. (Nevyas Dep., Ex. A, pp. 98-99). Plaintiffs have used the NEA official website to make the following representations about Wallace, Nevyas and NEA:

- Wallace: "An innovator in the field of refractive surgery, Dr. Nevyas-Wallace has designed and patented instrumentation to make refractive procedures safer and more precise. ... She has held faculty appointments at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania. ... She has invented techniques and instrumentation which make refractive surgery safer and more precise. She has taught refractive surgery since 1993, and she is the senior instructor for hands-on training in cataract surgical technique for the American Academy of Opthalmology. She has been recognized by the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery for her innovative work. She has performed surgery and taught surgical techniques internationally."
- Nevyas: "Dr. Herbert Nevyas is a recognized leader in ophthalmic surgery, particularly refractive surgery. An innovator in surgical equipment and procedures, Dr. Nevyas hold a number of ophthalmic patents. Techniques and instruments bearing his name are used worldwide. He has also invented two varieties of intracolular lens implants. He performs a full range of refractive surgery procedures including LASIK excimer laser surgery. He has delivered many papers on refractive surgery, including award winning presentations. He has lectured widely and has authored more than 40 ophthalmic publications for major journals."
- NEA: "NEA physicians have performed over 50,000 cataract and laser surgical procedures ... In addition to being recognized as worldwide experts in the field of refractive surgery, NEA is also held in high regard by eye doctors in the Delaware Valley... NEA is often referred to as "the doctor's doctor."... NEA is a leader in the field of LASIK eye surgery.

(See NEA Website Materials, Exhibit "F").

Plaintiffs also have several video presentations available for viewing on the NEA website, including the MDTV broadcast regarding LASIK surgery. These videos promote themselves and LASIK surgery to the public and seek to influence the public opinion on the procedure. (See Ex. F).

Aside from their own NEA website, Plaintiffs have used several other websites on the internet to promote themselves and LASIK surgery. Wallace's uncle developed a website called "Quackwatch.com," which purportedly exposes quackery and professes to gives supposedly accurate information to the public. Both Wallace and Nevyas published articles on this Quackwatch website regarding LASIK, with the intent to educate consumers about false information available over the internet regarding LASIK. (Wallace Dep., Ex. A, pp. 309-12; Quackwatch Article, "Refractive Surgery," Exhibit "G").

Further, both Wallace's and Nevyas' names appeared on other internet sites, both prior to, and subsequent to, the creation of Morgan's website. Their names were linked to various scientific presentations or publications which they authored or presented. (Wallace Dep.,Ex. C, pp. 255-56). In addition to the Quackwatch.com and NEA official website, Plaintiffs use many other internet sites to promote themselves and LASIK surgery. Some of these other sites are: Docshop.com, LaserSurgery Eyes.com, Medlawplus.com, Phillyhealth.com, Squidoo.com, Healthgrades.com, Lasikeyesurgerycorrection.com, Myeyenet.com, 800review.com, and Yahoo.com. (See Internet Materials From Other Websites, Exhibit "H").

Finally, along with using radio, television, print and internet channels to reach the public, Plaintiffs also utilize manpower resources. NEA employs individuals whose responsibilities are related solely to marketing. In particular, since 1993, NEA has employed Dr. Richard Sterling as its Director of Interpersonal Relations. Dr. Sterling's primary role is to "network" with South Jersey and Philadelphia optometrists and ophthalmologists and to "make the world aware of the

services performed at NEA." (Sterling Dep., Exhibit "I", pp. 8, 52 – 53). He is a full-time employee who spends 2/3 of his time visiting other medical professionals to promote NEA and its services in the community, including LASIK. (Id., pp. 31-35). NEA also employs Caroline Cowper, whose job duties include monitoring the media publications and websites of competitors and then devising media responses to those publications on behalf of NEA. (Cowper Dep., Exhibit "J", pp. 21, 34-35). NEA also employs Kristen Schafer who is responsible for its radio advertisements aired on at least six different stations. (Schafer Dep., Ex. B, pp. 23-24).

Through both the manpower resources and media channels (radio, television, print, internet) plaintiffs have tremendous access to effective means of communication, with both the general public and the referring medical community. Since the mid-1990's through the present, Plaintiffs have used these channels to express the view that LASIK is both safe, and that they are uniquely qualified to perform the procedure. As such, plaintiffs are positioned to easily counter and statement perceived to be inaccurate about their reputation, qualifications or LASIK surgery.

2. By Virtue of Their Marketing and Educational Activities, Plaintiffs Have Voluntarily Assumed A Role of Special Prominence in the Area of LASIK Surgery

Through the above-cited radio, television, internet and print media channels, plaintiffs have promoted themselves as "leaders," "innovators," "pioneers" and "worldwide experts" in the field of LASIK surgery. Plaintiffs describe themselves using these terms, and repeatedly allow others to refer to them as "expert" "leaders" and "innovators" in the field of refractive surgery and LASIK in particular. In addition to their self promotion, plaintiffs have also assumed a role of special prominence in this field based upon their educational and research activities.

Over the last ten years, NEA, Wallace and Nevyas have hosted and sponsored over eighty (80) Continuing Medical Education seminars for other medical professionals. These seminars

are designed to educate other ophthalmologists about medical developments. LASIK surgery is discussed at these seminars and some seminars are devoted exclusively to LASIK surgery. Wallace, Nevyas and other NEA physicians have been featured speakers at these seminars. Hundreds of Philadelphia and South Jersey physicians often attend each seminar, which NEA hosts at a local hotel on City Line Avenue. (Sterling Dep., Ex. I, pp. 12-13, 15-16, 23, 46-47, 49-50; Nevyas Dep., Ex. A, pp. 20, 212; Wallace Dep., Ex. C, p. 209).

In addition to the NEA-sponsored educational medical seminars, Wallace, Nevyas and NEA often accept invitations from other physicians across the country to speak at their educational seminars. (Wallace Dep., Ex. C, p. 209). Both Nevyas and Wallace have also lectured at prestigious universities, such as the University of Pennsylvania, and at various community events, such as Career Days, nursing homes and school groups, where they discuss topics including LASIK surgery. (Nevyas Dep, Ex. A, p. 213; Wallace Dep., Ex. C, 79-80). Both Nevyas and Wallace have presented and published scientific presentations involving LASIK surgery to the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery – the preeminent national medical society related to LASIK surgery, and have published papers on internet .sites such as Quackwatch.com. (See Ex. G).

Nevyas promotes himself as an innovator since he has also applied for several patents with regard to his efforts to develop new technology and medical devices relating to the excimer laser used in LASIK surgery. (Nevyas Dep., Ex. A, pp. 156-57). Wallace has been described as being at the "forefront of refractive surgery" and claims to have brought the latest techniques and input with regard to the selection of lasers. She also claims to be the first area physician to be certified in certain specialized lens procedures. (Nevyas Dep., Ex. A, pp. 130-31). Nevyas and Wallace have appeared on the MD-TV cable channel and have joined the channel's staff as medical experts. (See Ex. E).

3. The Topic of LASIK Surgery Was A Matter of Public Concern and Controversy That Existed Prior to Morgan's Website

Morgan created his website in 2003 and uploaded Friedman's letters to the FDA at some point between 2003-2004. Prior to this time frame, a tremendous amount of publicity was devoted to LASIK eye surgery, its risks, complications, and the use of lasers for the procedure.

Major media outlets devoted significant attention to the topic of LASIK eye surgery prior to the publication of Friedman's letters. A sampling of just some of the news publications between 1996 and 2003 addressing LASIK surgery prior to the publication of Friedman's letters include the following:

- July 27, 1996: Philadelphia Inquirer: Doctors Told Not to Use Unapproved Lasers
- July 12, 1997: The New York Times: FDA Advisory Panel Endorses A New LaserProcedure for Eyes
- May 17, 1999: The New York Times: *Under the Laser, Up Close and Personal*
- October 12, 1999: Washington Post: What Have I Done to My Eyes?
- May 1, 2000: ABC News: Risks Associated with Lasik Surgery
- August 1, 2000: The New York Times: Laser Eye Surgery's Turf War
- August 15, 2000: Washington Post: Eyes Wide Open; Lasik Surgery; A Guide to the Market place
- October 12, 2000: Washington Post: *The Lure of Laser Surgery;* Should You Have It?
- April 3, 2001: Washington Post: Getting Burned by Lasik Surgery
- July 10, 2001: Washington Post: For Some Lasik Patients, No More Tears; Researchers Find That Dry Eyes is Potentially Debilitating Side Effect
- September 4, 2001: Washington Post: Eyeball Hardball
- September 11, 2001: Washington Post: A Black Eve for Lasik
- June 4, 2002: Philadelphia Inquirer: Guidelines for Lasik Surgery
- June 11, 2002: Washington Post, New Lasik Guidelines: Do You Make the Cut?
- May 28, 2002: Washington Post: For Some Injured By Lasik Surgery, A New Fix

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- April 29, 2003: Washington Post: Lasik's New Revision; Can a New Eye-Mapping Technology Reduce Bad outcomes? We'll See
- February 2, 2003: The New York Times: Fewer People Choosing Lasers Over Lenses
- February 18, 2003: BBC News: *Laser Eye Surgery Risks Highlighted* (See Exhibit "K", Compilation of News Articles).

Plaintiffs themselves acknowledge that the topic of LASIK eye surgery and the use of lasers was frequently addressed in the media, and that this media attention was both favorable and unfavorable. Prospective patients often came in with questions about whether they should undergo the procedure – and their concerns were based on various media sources which preceded Morgan's website. Specifically, plaintiffs concede that there were many negative sources of information on the internet about LASIK in the 1990's, and that other NEA patients critical of LASIK had put up information on the internet prior to Morgan. (Wallace Dep., Ex. C, pp. 252-254, 257, 314-15; Copter Dep., Ex. J, pp. 7, 15, 20).

4. Plaintiffs Retained Public Figure Status at the Time of the Alleged Defamation

Morgan's website was created in 2003. He uploaded Friedman's letters to the FDA at some point during 2003-2004. Both the public controversy surrounding LASIK surgery as well as Plaintiffs' voluntary acts of injecting themselves into this controversy continued through the 2003-2005 period, when the alleged defamation by Friedman occurred. Thus, Plaintiffs retained limited public figure status at the time of the alleged defamation.

C. Courts Have Consistently Designated Others As Limited Purpose Public Figures Under Far Less Compelling Facts Than This Case

One of the leading cases in Pennsylvania concerning limited public figure status is the Third Circuit's decision in <u>Steaks Unlimited</u>, <u>Inc. v. Deaner</u>, 623 F.2d 264 (3d Cir. 1980).

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There, a meat producer entered the Pittsburgh area market and immediately launched an intensive advertising campaign over local radio stations, through local newspapers, by large signs displayed at sales locations, and by handbills distributed to pedestrians. The total advertising cost exceeded \$16,000. Shortly thereafter, the Bureau of Consumer Affairs began to receive complaints from Pittsburgh residents about the poor quality of the beef being sold. The defendant, a consumer reporter, broadcast a report stating that the meat producer had engaged in deceptive practices with regard to the price and quality of the beef sold to consumers. In the subsequent defamation lawsuit, the Third Circuit viewed these facts sufficient to deem the meat producer a "limited purpose public figure," stating:

Steaks also possess regular and continuing access to the channels of communication. There is no suggestion that the company had any difficulty purchasing as much advertising as it desired. Nor is there an allegation that any newspaper or radio station refused to sell Steaks advertising space or airtime after [Defendant's] report was broadcast. Thus, if it had so desired, Steaks could have purchased additional advertising in order to respond to or seek to refute [Defendant's] charges. Under these circumstances, Steaks does not have as compelling a claim for judicial relief as it might, had it not possessed alternative means of challenging the defendant's allegations.

Id. at 274.

Compared to the <u>Steaks</u> plaintiff who spent \$16,000 on total advertising, Wallace,

Nevyas and NEA spend \$120,000 annually on *just* radio advertising. Radio advertising is only
one method by which Plaintiffs communicate to the public, along with its internet, television,
print, seminars and marketing employees. Like the plaintiff in <u>Steaks</u>, Plaintiffs have the means
to purchase as much advertising as desired and have, in fact, used these communication channels
to refute Morgan's website with regard to their qualifications and with regard to LASIK surgery.
For example, they have countered Morgan's website through the NEA website, the Quackwatch
website and publications, and the extensive advertising and promotion depicted on other

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websites. (See Ex. F, G, H). Pursuant to the <u>Steaks</u> holding, Plaintiffs easily meet the criteria and should be deemed limited purpose public figures.

Likewise, the other leading Pennsylvania case is the Supreme Court's recent decision in American Future Systems, Inc. v. Better Business Bureau of Eastern Pennsylvania, 923 A.2d 389 (Pa. 2007). There, a telemarketer's promotional efforts were vast and a subject matter nexus existed between the alleged defamation and the content of the telemarketer's sales pitch. By virtue of its promotional efforts, it had greater access to channels of effective communication than ordinary private citizens for purposes of counteracting statements perceived to be false. Thus, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court held that the telemarketer was a public figure for the limited purpose of commentary concerning its business relations. <u>Id.</u> 923 A.2d at 405. See also Rust Evader Corp. v. Jensen, 1993 WL 540383 *2 (W.D. Pa. 1993) (plaintiff corporation who enjoyed access to the media and who voluntarily entered into the public controversy surrounding its product was held to be a limited purpose public figure); McGee v. Times Leader, 1991 WL 135475 (M.D. Pa. 1991)(plaintiff was a public figure for limited purpose of the defamation claim arising from a news article regarding a baseball league franchise in Northeastern PA, where plaintiff voluntarily assumed an active public role in promoting professional baseball in area and had broad access to the media with respect to his efforts to reestablish professional baseball); Medure v. The New York Times Company, 60 F.Supp. 2d 477, 485 (W.D. Pa. 1999) (casino manger held to be a limited purpose public figure in connection with two articles implying he was linked to organized crime; as he had "thrust himself to the forefront of a broad public controversy over gaming casinos" by his conduct).

Pennsylvania court have held professional individuals to be limited purpose public figures with regard to specific public controversies arising from their professional practice. In McDowell v. Paiewonski, 769 F.2d 942 (3d Cir. 1985), an architect who participated in

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numerous known controversial building projects was a limited purpose public figure as to his participation in those projects. In *Marcone v. Penthouse International Magazine for Men, 754*F.2d 1072 (3d Cir. 1985), an attorney who represented members of a notorious motorcycle gang was a limited purpose public figure as to his alleged participation in a drug conspiracy with gang members. In *Mendelson v. The Morning Call, 2007 WL 5023209 (C.C.P. Lehigh Co. 2007)*, a real estate developer was a limited purpose public figure, as the court ruled that he had assumed the risk of injury to his reputation by virtue of his buying and promoting high profile landmark buildings, and his ample access to the media to promote his development efforts. The rationale of the *McDowell, Marcone* and *Mendelson* decision is that when professional individuals voluntarily and publicly involve themselves with controversial persons or projects, it is foreseeable for them to become the subject of discussion. *See also Wagstaff v. The Morning Call, 41 Pa. D&C.4*th 431, 443 (Ct. Com. Pleas), aff d. 758 A.2d 732 (Pa. Super. 2000) (owner of a garage who leased space which later became the base of robbery operations, was a limited purpose public figure, as the lease was sufficient connection to aspects of a public controversy).

Physicians, in particular, have been held to be limited purpose public figures with regard to aspects of their medical practice. For example, in *Swate v. Schiffer*, 975 S.W.2d 70 (Tex. App. 1998), the court held that a physician was drawn into a public controversy about the quality of his medical practice in light of the 24 articles he had written over a period of ten years describing the atrociousness of the doctor's medical practice. In *Patrick v. Cleveland Seene Publishing*, 582 F.Supp.2d 939 (N.D. Ohio 2008), a doctor was held to be a limited purpose public figure with regard to the "heimlich maneuver" where the doctor had voluntarily injected himself into the controversy surrounding his role in the development and safety of the medical procedure.

Likewise, in *Schwartz*, MD v. American College of Emergency Physicians, 215 F.3d 1140 (10th Cir. 2000), the Tenth Circuit held that a physician was a public figure for the limited purpose of

a defamatory medical journal article regarding emergency medical care, where the physician was a spokesperson for ideas expressed in his editorial, he was held in high repute and was a nationally recognized author in the field of emergency medicine.

IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

Defendant Friedman respectfully submits that the Plaintiffs voluntarily injected themselves into the very real public controversy surrounding LASIK surgery at the time of the alleged defamation. Because Plaintiffs had such pervasive access to all forms of communication channels – radio, television, print, internet, marketing employees, educational seminars – Plaintiffs had more than ample means to counter any alleged false statement published on Morgan's website. Not only did Plaintiffs have this access, but they actually used it to counter Morgan's website. Plaintiffs have promoted LASIK surgery to the public and their own "expertise" and qualifications to perform the procedure, through multiple outlets, and particularly on the internet. Plaintiffs should therefore be viewed as "limited purpose public figures" with respect to the defamation claims asserted, and therefore be required to prove at trial that Friedman's allegedly defamatory statement was made with actual malice.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Maureen P. Fitzgerald, Esquire, do hereby certify that on this 17th day of June, 2009, I caused a true and correct copy of Defendant Steven A. Friedman, M.D., J.D., L.L.M.'S Motion to Determine Plaintiff's Public Figure Status and Brief in Support to be served upon the following:

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Q. But Einstein provides certain reports to Nevyas Eye Associates of Pennsylvania?

A. I'm not sure whether we've received any reports at this point.

Q. Have you personally asked Einstein, the people involved in the website, to make any changes to your website at any time in the last two years?

There have been changes made, but I don't know whether it was through Einstein or MOJO. I don't remember when we made that switch.

22 Understanding you don't 23 remember when you made the switch, have 24 you asked that any changes be made

think of in the last few years that we have had in advances in technology that we wanted to make known.

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O. What are those changes that have happened in the last two years?

A. I was thinking of use of INTACS, which are plastic ring segments implanted into the cornea that were originally devised for the treatment of myopia, and we're really not using them much for that but we are using them for a new use that's been discovered and that is treating keratoconus.

Q. With respect to these new technologies or the changing in existing technology, I assume that there are other -- and correct me if I'm wrong -ophthalmologists in the Philadelphia market who use these new technologies and these changes in technology?

Yes. A.

whether it be by Einstein or MOJO?

MR. SILVERMAN: In the last two years?

MR. ALBERT: In the last two years.

THE WITNESS: I think so. BY MR. ALBERT:

Q. Do you recollect any of those particular changes that you've asked to be made?

A. I have not been active myself in it, but I have asked that changes be made to reflect new technologies that we're involved in and new directions that we're involved in with previous technologies.

Q. With respect to the new technologies, what are the new technologies that you're referring to?

Among them, the use of a flying spot laser, the use of wavefront ablations, the use of optical coherence tomography, the use of conductive keratoplasty, and that's a few that I can

Q. So that in terms of the services that are provided here at Nevyas Eye Associates of Pennsylvania, is there anything unique other than the quality of the doctors and the dedication of the people and the facility, is there anything that is unique in terms of the technology or applications of technology provided by Nevyas Eye Associates of Pennsylvania?

A. We are using some technologies that are not widely available such as the use of the accommodating crystal lens, and there are a couple of other people doing it to some extent, but we are far ahead of them in experience and I think quality of procedures.

19 Q. Is there any other procedure 20 or technique that you can think of as you sit here now which at least within this region or area is pretty much available only through Nevyas Eye Associates of

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	2	2 updated it.	2	spoken ads, if you want to call them ads,
	3	Q. So the most recent update,	3	by people who we mostly know and have
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	7	Q. Other than publicizing your	7	who are satisfied and happy patients who
	8	•	8	would say something about your services
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	11	the public aware of your practice's	11	various radio stations contacted us.
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	15	brochures?	15	last two, three, four years? Gone up or
	16	A. We have had on some	16	down?
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Yes, yes.

who does that? Is that done in-house?

A. I've left that up to

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H. Nevyas, M.D. 98 1 records as to the number of patients, is 1 Nevyas Criminal, that's a problem. 2 there some correlation between the 2 Rather sophisticated people 3 profitability of the use of the laser at 3 who have LASIK surgery and younger group 4 this practice and the number of patients 4 of people utilized the web, so we've had 5 who are operated upon? 5 to spend money on that. 6 A. Yes. 6 There may be other 7 0. Has there been any study 7 expenses, but I can't think of them. 8 made within this practice to determine 8 I understand, Doctor, and 9 what effect there is upon the 9 it's kind of unfair to me -- I certainly 10 profitability of the laser as it relates 10 understand there may be other things and 11 to the number of patients who are 11 you are going to get a chance to read and 12 operated on? 12 review this deposition, and obviously, in 13 A. I don't know about a 13 the course of this deposition, if 14 specific study, but it's pretty obvious 14 something comes to mind, that's fine, but 15 that once you cover your expenses, the 15 I understand that may not be complete. 16 rest is profit. 16 You mentioned that you paid 17 Q. Now, do you know what 17 for the practice -- the practice has paid expenses are attributed to the use of the 18 18 for some firm or person to increase the 19 Alcon laser? 19 visibility of the web site. 20 A. I have an idea, yes. 20 Q. Who is that? 21 Q. Can you tell me, at least 21 A. MedNet. 22 in general categories, what those 22 Q. Do you know who in this 23 expenses are that are attributable to the 23 practice has dealt with MedNet? 24 Alcon laser? 24 A. I have. 97 Α. Yearly cost of upkeep of 1 Q. With whom at MedNet have the laser. I do not know whether he has 2 you dealt? included a portion of the initial 3 A. I think the primarily purchase of the laser advertised or not, 4 person is Chris Pelman, P-E-L-M-A-N. and I do not know whether he's included 5 There's another one, person, I forgot his the interest loss on the money that we 6 name. spent or not, but we do have the space 7 Q. Is Chris a male or female?

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building the web site and also engaged another company to try to increase our visibility on search engines, which has been a tremendous problem because of the matters that we're meeting here, for the

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22 people who have engineered the LASIK site 23 have engineered it in such a way that 24 whenever my name comes up, it comes up

Α. Male. He was my first contact person.

Okay. How much has been Q. spent or been paid to MedNet?

I don't have the number. A.

Q. But, with respect to MedNet, is MedNet still performing services?

> A. Yes.

Q. Has she given a report as to its success undertaken for your practice?

> A. No.

Q. Has MedNet provided any reports as to the success of its efforts?

They have provided a report of what their efforts are and what the

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	3	, and a second s	3	A. A few weeks ago.
	4	company with whom this practice deals?	4	9
	5	A. Yes.	5	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	6	Q. Who is that?	6	Cataract and Refractive Surgery meeting
	7	A. I forgot his name. There	7	recently in Washington.
	8	have been a number of representatives	8	Q. And what without going
	9	over a period of time. Kristen would	, 9	into all the medical details, what was
	10	8-1	10	the general subject matter of your paper?
	11	information.	11	A. It was on the – it was a
	12	Q. Now, with respect to Alcon,	12	theoretical paper explaining pseudophakic
	13	does Alcon, in any way, provide	13	
	14	information to you indicating how your	14	
	15	practice stands, either economically or	15	accommodate -
	16	in terms of the laser use, compared with	16	Q. Prior to that presentation,
	17	average practices or other practices?	17	
	18	A. I don't recall ever seeing	18	
	19	any such information.	19	A. Any professional group,
	20	Q. Now, with respect to your	20	shortly before that I had presented a
	21	conduct as a professional, you're a	21	paper at our spring symposium.
	22	member, I know, of various ophthalmology	22	Q. When you say "our
	23	or professional associations, have you	23	spring"
	24	become a member of any new organization	24	A. The one that Nevyas Eye
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	1	or newly have you newly been admitted	1	Associates and Delaware Valley well,
	2	as a member of any professional or	2	the one that we sponsor basically.
	3	honorary organization in the last four	3	Q. When your daughter
	4	years?	4	testified, she said, and I may be wrong,
	5	A. Newly, I can't think of	5	Mr. Silverman can correct me, I'm sure he
	6	any.	6	will in an instant, she thought there was
	7	Q. Okay. Professionally,	7	some other sponsoring organization beside
	8	other than spending an incredible number	8	your practice?
	9	of hours in this practice, do you engage	9	A. The Delaware Valley
	10	in any professional activities outside of	10	Refractory Partnership is the other
	11	what you do within the four walls of	11	sponsoring organization, but it's a loose
	12	whatever building you're working at? Are	12	organization. We take the responsibility
	13	you active in these societies, let's say,	13	for organizing it and we charge a fee to
ı	14	you know, any of these ophthalmologic	14	attend it and we keep track of we make
١	15	associations?	15	the arrangements for hotels and food and
1	16	A. I prepare and present	16	spending of the money.
	17 .	papers.	17	Q. Are there professional
۱	18	Q. Okay. Are you an officer	18	continuing education credits that are
	19	of any	19	obtained by those who would attend the
	20	A. No, no.	20	meeting?
	21	Q of the groups?	21	A. Yes.
	22	Have you ever been?	22	Q. Now, with respect to your
	23	A. No.	23	standing in the profession, since this
	24	Q. Now, with respect to the	24	web site, the Morgan web site has been
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No, there's not.

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       advertising on radio or television for
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       anything?
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                                                        yesterday. It says "Refractive Surgery
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               MR. SILVERMAN: You're
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                                                        with Nevyas Eye Associates." And then it
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           talking about '94, '95?
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                                                        has Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace.
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               MR. ALBERT: Yes.
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                                                        1-800-9-Laser6.
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               THE WITNESS: I don't think
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           so, but I'm not sure. I don't
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                                                       practice first used that 800 number?
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          believe so.
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      BY MR. ALBERT:
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                                                       began doing laser surgery, probably right
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                When did your practice, to
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      your recollection, first engage in any TV
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                                                       laser surgery.
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      may well have had some advertising before
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      then, I am not sure. I do not remember.
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               Do you remember when your
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      practice first began to engage in any
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      television or radio advertising for any
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      laser surgery?
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                                                       Argen, A-R-G-E-N, who had a business
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              MR. SILVERMAN: He's asking
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                                                       where he -- MDTV, and he had physicians
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          for a date.
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                                                       in various specialties provide the need
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              THE WITNESS: No.
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                                                       for his TV programs and then he got
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     BY MR. ALBERT:
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                                                       advertisers also, and he showed them in
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               Do you remember in which
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     medium, radio or television, if it ever
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     did, did your practice first advertise
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     laser surgery?
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               I would think radio. I
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                                                                We paid the cost of
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     don't know that we advertised
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     specifically for laser surgery, but we
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     may have advertised for refractive
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     surgery.
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     television except for one MDTV video
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     which was shown on some public channels.
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                                                      of distribution other than television?
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              Let's talk about the MDTV
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    because we did talk about it the other
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    day.
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    done?
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              I don't remember the exact
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    date, but I'm sure we can look it up.
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that you would have here as to when radio

advertisement appeared and as to the

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then advertised on these other stations,

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aspects. We had some new equipment which

we wanted to let the world know that wehad as well as new LASIK instrumentation.

LTK and CK as well as new LASIK.

Q. As far as advertising on the new stations to let the world know you had the ability to do CTK and KK?

MR. SILVERMAN: Do you mean

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10 MR. ALBERT: I'm sorry.

11 BY MR. ALBERT:

- Q. When that advertising was started, was that advertising changed in its volume or the quality of the buys, it's called in the business, after it started?
- 17 A. I don't understand your 18 question.
 - Q. Okay. I gather from your prior testimony that the Alcon was purchased sometime in late 2001?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. So, presumably, if you're going to advertise things that are

determination that was made that the expense just wasn't justified by the amount of business that was being produced by the advertising; is that correct?

- A. That's correct.
- Q. And then in terms of the cutting it down some, do you recollect whether after it was cut down, you were able to determine whether your business went down or stayed the same?
- A. Didn't seem to make much difference.
- Q. Now, with respect to the activities of the practice, I just want to make sure I understand in terms of the -- one of the aspects of the training for the LASIK, I gather, was through the involvement of Dr. David Dulaney?
- A. Yes.
 - Q. What was his involvement?
- A. He's a very prominent ophthalmologist in the Phoenix, Arizona area and he's been a pioneer in a number

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related to its existence, that would have started some time in late 2001 or in 2002.

I'm just trying to get an understanding, from that point to the present day, has there been any change in terms of the amount of radio advertising done by this practice?

- A. It's changed, but I don't have the exact dates. And we built it up to a point, and then we realized it was quite expensive so we cut it down some.
- Q. Okay. When did you realize it was quite expensive and cut it down some?
- A. Within the last yearor so, I think. Again, just because Itell Kristen to cut it down doesn't mean that she necessarily did it exactly as I requested.
- Q. I appreciate that, but with respect to the expense, that was obviously a concern at some point. I gather that that was part of the

of things, and one of the first people to get a Sullivan laser of the sort we were considering and, therefore, I went with several of my employees to Phoenix. And we spent probably the better part of a week with him.

He was very kind with his time. And we watched his whole operation, and we spoke to all his technical people and we got everybody essentially trained by them in how one would have to operate a LASIK center and excimer laser instrument.

- Q. You said he had a Sullivan laser. What was it that made what he had into a Sullivan laser?
- 17 A. I believe it was designed 18 by and assembled by Sullivan, and it used 19 the same Physik, Compex, laser 20 engineering.
- Q. Other than the training and the observations made in Dr. Dulaney's practice, has he had any involvement with Nevyas Eye Associates after that?

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you are a member?

Some people are on

nominating committees, publications

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212 214 You said that you've been a committees. There are committees that 1 professor, head of department of 2 deal with the standards, qualifications. ophthalmology, when did you last serve in 3 Any of those kinds of things, any of the capacity as professor? 4 those committees? 1994 – professor now, but 5 A. No, not specifically. I served as head of department of Medical 6 Q. Have you ever spent College of Pennsylvania from 1984 to 7 professional time on committees of that 8 sort with any of these professional 9 associations with which you are a member? Okay. And you say you're still a professor, where are you a 10 Just one organization society for excellence in eye care and 11 You know, Ive got to check 12 some projects given to me, but that was a my registration. I believe it was MCP, 13 few years ago, and I don't know where I but once they demised, I think Hahnemann, 14 am officially now. but I'm not teaching now so I'm not sure 15 The projects that were Q. what they have me listed as. 16 given to you a few years ago, do you have When did you last teach? some recollection --17 Iguess I stopped most of 18 A. **Evaluating medical** the medical teaching in '94 when I 19 equipment. stepped down as chairman. I'm teaching 20 Q. Did any of that medical now at meetings, but that's something equipment involve lasers? 21 22 No, I don't think so. It 23 was more evaluating vendors than 24 equipment. 213 215 (Whereupon, a briefbreak 1 Q. In evaluating vendors, were 2 any of those vendors vendors of laser? 3 Α. No. BY MR. ALBERT: 4 O. As a result of your not Doctor, you say that you 5 having enough sleep from time to time -last taught at -- medical students back 6 A. As a result of my what? in 1994. Have you had any academic 7 I'm sorry. involvement since that time with any of 8 Q. I'm sorry, I'm losing my the local medical colleges or 9 annunciation. 10 Not having enough sleep Not really. I mean, I've 11 from time to time? spoken at Scheie Institute, University of 12 A. Sleep. Pennsylvania a few times, meetings where 13 Q. Sleep, yes, have you been there were residents, but I didn't do any 14 unable to do anything personally or specific teaching in those institutions, 15 professionally that you otherwise would 16 have done? We've talked about things in Previously, we had talked a 17 your practice -little bit about professional 18 Personally, I'm known for associations and organizations. Are you 19 last minute cancelling vacations because a member of any particular committees of 20 I'm so tired all I want to do is stay the professional associations of which 21 home, and if I've got a few days, and

sleep. I've cancelled medical meetings

tired and have some time to set aside, I

for that reason also. If I am really

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1	THE COURT REPORTER: Usual
2	stipulations?
3	MR. FRIEDMAN: That's fine.
4	MR. ALBERT: That's fine.
5	MR. SILVERMAN: That's fine.
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7	(It is hereby stipulated by
8	and among counsel for the
9	respective parties that the
10	reading, signing, sealing, filing
11	and certification are waived, and
12	that all objections, except as to
13	the form of the questions, be
14	reserved until the time of trial.)
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16	Kristin Schafer, after
17	having first been duly sworn, was
18	examined and testified as follows:
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20	EXAMINATION
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22	MR. SILVERMAN: Before we
23	begin, let's mark this document as
24	Exhibit KS-1. (Indicating).

1	Q. And who is that?
2	A. Can I say?
3	MR. SILVERMAN: Yes.
4	THE WITNESS: Dr. Leon
5	Mielcarek.
6	BY MR. ALBERT:
7	Q. And is he still using the
8	facilities?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. But that would not, in any
11	way, be reflected on what is KS-1; is
12	that correct?
13	A. That's correct.
14	Q. Now, with respect to these
15	listings of referred bys let's see
16	here. Let's just deal with June 13,
17	2002. There's a reference to as a
18	Referred By on the first LASIK procedure
19	there WIP. I assume that's a reference
20	to the radio station?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. And that would be because
23	the person indicated that they had heard
24	an ad or some kind of promotional mention
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     total amount of the ad buy, that is you
     want to spend $5,000 or $10,000 on a buy
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     over the next week or two; things of that
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     sort?
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            Α.
                   Right.
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                   And is that ad buy on,
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     say, WIP, because we just mentioned that
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     before, has that changed over the last
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     three years? Has it increased,
     decreased, or stayed the same?
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                  MR. SILVERMAN: Are you
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            talking about the dollar volume?
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                  MR. ALBERT:
                                The dollar
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            volume.
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                  THE WITNESS: I would have
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            to look back to see exactly.
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            There was a period that we stopped
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            or changed a little bit. Not
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            much. We have been pretty
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            consistent with it.
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    BY MR. ALBERT:
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              Is this ad still running on
            Q.
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    WIP?
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           Α.
                  Yes.
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                    Do they run on any other
             Q.
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      radio stations?
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             Α.
                    Yes.
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             Q.
                    And what other stations?
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                   WMGK and -- currently?
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             Q.
                    Yes.
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                    There's a station, an AM
             Α.
     station, in New Jersey, WNJC, I think it
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     is.
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             Q.
                   Okay.
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                   3600 AM. I'm not sure.
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     That's the only other one.
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                   Were there ever any ads run
             Q.
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     on KYW?
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             Α.
                   Yes.
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                   And when most recently was
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     there an ad run on KYW?
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                   I don't remember. It hasn't
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    been for the last year at least.
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                   Was there some reason why
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    the ad or ads were no longer run on KYW?
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                   KYW is probably the most
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    expensive station.
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                  Now, with respect to a
            Q.
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- budget for the ad buys on radio, are you
 given a budget?
 - A. Not really. Over the last six months we have, but before that it was always if there was something that we wanted to say or a new procedure that we wanted to make known, then we would just do it.
 - Q. Are there text writings of the content of these ads that are sent to the stations?
 - A. Sometimes.

- Q. Who makes up the content? Who develops the content of the ad?
 - A. That would be the people I mentioned before: Myself, Carrie, Dr. Sterling, Dr. Wallace, Dr. Nevyas.
 - Q. People sit down, go over a draft, and everybody agrees and then it is sent on to the station. Would that be right?
 - A. Yes. Two of the stations or three of the stations have live reads, which are not scripted as much as we give

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     them bullet points and they talk about
     their own experience here.
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             Q .
                    And which of the three
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     stations --
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                    The three that we are
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     currently on.
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                   Now, have there been any
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     television advertisements, let's say,
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     over the last four years?
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             Α.
                   No.
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                   Have there been print
             Q.
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     advertisements?
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             Α.
                   Yes.
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             Q.
                   And where have they
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     appeared?
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            Α.
                   The Trend. Now, this was
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    not for LASIK, though.
18
            Q.
                   Just tell me.
19
                   The Trend, a synagogue
            Α.
    newsletter-type thing.
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            Q.
                   Somebody knew somebody.
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            Α.
                   It was more of a donation, I
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    think.
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            Q.
                   We know how that happens.
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1 Α. I think that's it. 2 So with respect to LASIK, Q. though, there is no print ads that have 3 appeared, as far as you know? 4 5 Α. No. 6 Have there been any mailings 0. 7 that have been done for LASIK other than mailings that may be directed or sent to 8 9 optometrists? 10 I would say no except for 11 when a patient calls and schedules 12 evaluation, I do send them information 13 along with the confirmation letter. Ιf 14 you would consider that. I don't know. 15 Again, getting back to the Q. 16 radio buy, the amount of money that is 17 spent for radio ads, has that amount 18 increased or decreased over the 19 three years or stayed the same? 20 Α. About the same. 21 Q. About how much is spent per 22 month? 23 About 10,000 a month. Α. 24 Q. Now, you say about

1 Α. Right. 2 Q. Now, with respect to the number of patients who come in and say, 3 I heard your ad on WIP or whatever or, I 4 heard the promotional mention of Nevyas 5 Eye Associates on WIP, has that, in your 6 understanding, changed through the years? 7 8 The number that have come Α. 9 from radio stations? 10 0. Radio ads. 11 Α. Well, yes. Yes, but I would 12 have to look back and we have the 13 information. We can look back and do an 14 analysis of that. 15 With respect to the material 16 that appears on KS-1, you haven't done 17 that analysis, I gather. 18 Yes, we do. We have another Α. 19 spreadsheet that keeps track of how many 20 people came in through radio or OD 21 referrals, optometric referrals, Yellow 22 Pages, whatever it may be. 23 Now, this other spreadsheet Q. 24 that you have, does it have a name?

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4 Q. Has there been, since you 5 joined or became affiliated with Surgical Eye Expedition, any reference 7 by that organization to Mr. Morgan or to 8 the website?

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Q. You also mentioned the Society For Excellence In Eye Care. How long have you been associated or affiliated with that organization?

This is going to be a rough guess, 2003.

Q. Okay. Now, was there an application that you needed to submit in order for you to become affiliated or associated with that society?

> A. A nomination.

21 A nomination. Do you know 22 who nominated you for membership in that 23 society?

A. I'm not certain who

originally nominated me.

Q. Did you get to see the -at some point -- the paper or papers that were submitted in connection with the nomination?

> Α. No.

Q. Was there any reference, in connection with your being nominated to that society or your then being advised, I assume, that you were admitted to that society, in connection with or relating to Mr. Morgan or the website?

A. No.

Have you, since you have become a member of the Society For **Excellence In Eye Care, been in contact** with the society in any way pertaining or referring to Mr. Morgan or to the website?

20 Α. No.

21 Q. Have you, understanding 22 that when you gave me the list of what I 23 jotted down as five organizations that 24 you may not have come up with all of the 16 17

18 And the scientific paper 19 that you were presenting -- I don't need all of the particular details, but what 20 21 was the general subject matter of it? 22

The Rationale For Chilling Proparacaine and The Safe Way in Which To Do That.

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That's perfectly fine. We can ask you; to the extent you can remember, that's fine, but we don't want you to guess. With respect to that particular meeting -- again, without getting into all of the scientific detail, what was the general subject matter of your presentation?

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A. The disease keratoconus.

You mentioned these two recent meetings. Would you tell us, approximately, how often each year -- if there has been any consistency -- you have presented scientific or medical papers at professional societies or meetings?

present. Has there been any time when anyone has told you that you were not invited or not being asked to appear because of any issue concerning Mr. Morgan or the care or treatment rendered

to Mr. Morgan? A. No.

Q. Have you been told at any time, from the year 2002 forward, that you are -- that you were not asked to speak or not being invited to present either a talk or participate in a poster session because of the website?

> No. A.

Now, at these various professional meetings -- I realize,

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    you appeared on a news program?
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            Yes.
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    appeared on a news program, whether it
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    was live or taped, from 1997 to the
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    present?
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        A. To the best of my
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    recollection, one.
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        Q. And can you recall, as you
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    sit here today, the channel or the show
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    on which you appeared?
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        A. It was Channel 10, whatever
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    network that is. It seems to change.
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        Q. Philadelphians who are
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    affected remember that. Not everybody
    else would. And the Channel 10 program
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            It was a news program.
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             And what was the subject
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matter of the news program that you --1 2 the portion that you appeared in? 3 The Crystal Lens 4 Intraocular Lens Implant. 5 Q. Do you recollect in what 6 year that was? 7 I think it was about a year 8 ago. 9 Do you know how that came 10 about? Was that a contact that originated from the television station, 11 12 from Channel 10, or was that a contact that originated from you or somebody 13 from Nevyas Eye Associates? 14 15 A. To the best of my recollection, Channel 10 called us and 16 17 asked if they could come out. 18 Q. Now, in terms of 19 television, have you ever appeared on 20 television in any other capacity from 21 1997 to the present? 22 A. No. 23 Now, with respect to radio, Q. commercial radio first -- have you ever

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whatever -- couple years, do you have

being on radio, commercial radio, has

any reason to believe that your not

treatment of Mr. Morgan or the website? A. No. Now, with respect to your appearances on radio or your being on radio -- appearance may not be the right word -- your being on commercial radio -- did any of those occasions deal with Lasik surgery? A. They dealt with a variety

A. They dealt with a variety of topics.

Q. One of those may have been the Lasik surgery?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you keep the text or recording of any of those radio appearances?

A. No.

Q. Now, when we're talking about commercial radio, we excluded public radio. Have you ever appeared or been a participant in a program on public radio?

A. I was on a program that -I'm not sure whether it was commercial

day, and they ask people who are from the public to come to hear discussions about particular medical issues. Have you ever participated in that kind of a thing, outside of the career day context?

A. Many years ago, I was asked to speak at a retirement home, talk about the eye.

Q. Other than that, do you recollect any other such occasion?

A. I gave a lecture to a school group that wasn't for career group, talking about the function of the eye, structure.

Q. Anything that has been open to the members of the general public or been advertised to the members of the public, that you recollect?

A. No.

Q. Now, have you authored any material, concerning your professional activities or services, in a newspaper or magazine of general public interest

or not.

Q. Okay. And can you give us any more information about that?

A. Yeah. It was a Filipino language program. And a Filipino doctor, who is the host, asked me to join her, and people call in with questions. And she translated them, and I answered them in English and then she repeated the response.

Q. When was that?

12 A. Three or four years ago, 13 probably.

Q. We've talked about television. We've talked about radio. Have you appeared at any lectures or community events in any -- that at all relate to your professional activities?

19 A. Career day at various 20 schools.

Q. Other than career day. I mean, one of the things -- we know that some hospitals, at least, nowadays -- they have -- they advertise a particular

1 or circulation?

A. Not to my recollection.

Q. Does Nevyas Eye Associates presently do any commercial advertising for its services, whether on TV or radio or by mail?

A. I believe so.

Q. Do you have any participation in that activity? It sounds like, from your answer, that you don't. When Nevyas Eye Associates does this advertising, do you participate in reviewing a copy, the content of the advertising?

MR. SILVERMAN: Are you talking about presently?
BY MR. ALBERT:

Q. Yes, presently.

A. I had a look at our brochure before it went to the printer, but I don't know if that counts as advertising.

Q. The brochure that you're referring to, does that get mailed out

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any work for Nevyas Eye Associates, to vour recollection?

I don't know.

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Q. Do you know what work Glen Page did for Nevyas Eye Associates?

A. Well, he helped us with a brochure.

Q. Other than the brochure, did he provide any other services to **Nevyas Eye Associates?**

A. He must have. I recall meeting with him, but I don't remember the details.

Q. Fair enough. If you don't remember, it's perfectly appropriate to say you don't remember. I don't take offense to that. I assure you. If you don't remember, it's a perfectly natural thing. Not everybody is going to remember everything that happened in their life. I've testified sometimes and said I don't remember, and it's been honest and true, so I accept when you

1 you which Chinese restaurant, but do you 2 remember whether there were persons from 3 Nevyas Eye Associates, other than you, 4 who were present at that restaurant?

I remember it was me and Glen Page.

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Q. And I take it that there was no one else with Mr. Page from whatever organization that he was affiliated or associated with?

> A. No. It was the two of us.

Now, what was the purpose of that particular meeting, other than to have some food?

A. I believe it was to talk about the new brochure.

Q. Okay. Now that implies there was an old brochure. How many different brochures has Nevyas Eye Associates had to your knowledge?

A. I'm not sure there was an old brochure. I believe it was a new idea.

> With respect to the new Q.

87 Other than Mr. Page, do you remember anybody else who worked on or was providing help to Nevyas Eye Associates in advertising?

say you don't remember. That's fine.

A. No.

Q. Now, you remembered Mr. Page's name. Do you remember the firm or business with which he was affiliated or associated?

A. No.

11 You say you met with Mr. 12 Page. Do you remember whether you met 13 with Mr. Page on more than one occasion? 14

A. Yes.

15 Q. And did you meet with him 16 on more than one occasion?

> A. Yes.

18 Q. And when you met with him, 19 did you meet with him at Nevyas Eye 20 Associates or did you go to some other

21 location?

22 A. I recall one meeting at a

23 Chinese restaurant.

Q. Okay. I'm not going to ask

brochure, understanding that there may not have been an old one --

A. There are new babies without old babies.

Q. I understand that. Do you remember whether any of its content dealt with Lasik surgery?

A. No, I don't.

Q. Now, with respect to the various contacts that you've had with these various professional societies where you've gone to these various meetings, have you made any presentations or given any speeches at any time at any professional meeting concerning Lasik surgery?

> Yes. Α.

O. And would those presentations have all been based upon papers that you had prepared?

No.

Would any of those presentations have referred to the IDE or the laser that was part of the IDE?

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- those doctors told you, we're seeing fewer people coming to these events than we used to?
- A. Those doctors have described questions from the attendee about this web site.

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- Q. Okay. We'll get into that in a second. Have any of these doctors told you, we're just not seeing as many people come to these events as we used to see?
- 12 I haven't discussed numbers A. 13 with them.
 - I understand you haven't, nobody has made that observation to you. Is that correct?
 - Not to my recollection. A.
- 17 18 Now, with respect to these 19 doctors telling you that they've heard 20 comments or questions about the web 21 site, other than their just mentioning 22 that in general, have any of the doctors 23 given you more specific comments about 24 things that they've heard about the web

- from Nevyas Eye Associates, the ones
- 2 that were working at Nevyas Eye
- Associates, told you that they have 3
- 4 heard from a particular doctor or
- doctors that they're just not going to 5 send patients or refer patients to 6
- 7 Nevyas Eye Associates because of the web 8 site?
 - They've described doctors saying that it's awfully hard to send a patient.
 - Have there been any names attached to those statements, that is, Dr. X – whoever that happens to be -has said, it's awfully hard to send patients to you or to any of the doctors at Nevyas Eye Associates because of the web site?
 - A. Probably, but I can't produce those names.
 - Q. Now, in terms of promoting the knowledge of and the good works of Nevyas Eye Associates, other than having these eight events a year - and I

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site from those who were attending these meetings?

- What was the question? A.
- You mentioned that these doctors from Nevyas Eye Associates -- at these meetings, a number of them have come back and said, they asked me questions; I've had questions about the web site.
- 10 Have any of these doctors from Nevyas
- 11 Eye Associates given you any more
- 12 specific information about questions
- 13 they are hearing about the web site at 14 these meetings?
 - They've said that doctors are fielding questions from their patients.
- 18 Ο. Other than that, anything 19 more?
- 20 That doctors are not happy 21 about having to defend us to their 22 patients, rather than simply telling 23 their patients about us.
 - Q. Have any of the doctors

realize it may vary, but approximately eight events a year -- does Nevyas Eye

- Associates do anything else in this 3 4 period of time, from the beginning of
- 2002 to the present, to make the 5 6 community, or the medical community,
- 7 aware of its services, its efforts, its 8 quality?
 - We get other speaking invitations from groups of doctors.
 - And I take it that to the extent possible, the speaking invitations are accepted?
 - Often, yes. Α.
 - Has there been any notice that the number of speaking invitations over the last couple of years have declined or evaporated?
 - A. I don't believe we have a statistically significant sample.
 - With respect to the practice, one of the things that some medical practices do is, they sponsor other kinds of activities, whether it's

but I don't have it on the tip of my --

Q. Is that still ongoing, the DiMaggio case?

A. It's not resolved.

Q. Okay. Understanding that it's still not resolved – and I don't want to go into the details of it. Has there been, in that suit, a trial scheduled?

A. No.

Q. Do you believe that that has -- the pendency of that suit has had any affect upon you or upon your professional reputation?

A. No.

Q. Do you believe, puting aside the web site, that the suit by Mr. Morgan had any effect upon you or any effect upon your professional reputation?

A. When you say any effect on 22 me, what do you mean?

Q. Sometimes having a lawsuit against people becomes a burden to them. A. Yes.

Q. Did that have any effect upon you or your family, other than the fact that it upset you?

A. No.

Q. In terms of professional reputation, did any of the three lawsuits, themselves, become known among your colleagues outside Nevyas Eye Associates?

A. Each was probably known to someone.

Q. I understand that, but did that come back to you or did you hear about it from somebody?

A. No.

Q. Lasik eye surgery, itself, has been the subject of some commentary from time to time by people who have been very strongly in favor of it and some people who have been critical of the Lasik eye surgery. Are you aware of that, prior to the existence of this web site?

They get unhappy. I was sued once. I wasn't real happy and it affected, maybe, some sleep a few nights, that kind of thing. Did the Morgan suit have any effect upon you?

A. Of course it's burdensome.

Q. Okay. Other than you and whoever else from the practice knew about it, did the Morgan suit, while it was pending, before the web site, become something that anybody else knew about?

A. Anybody else?

Q. Outside the practice, other than Mr. Morgan and Mr. Friedman and your attorneys who were representing you.

A. My family.

Q. Would you say that you got upset as a result of that lawsuit being brought against you?

21 A. Yes

Q. Would that also be true of the Fiorelli suit? Would that have been upsetting to you?

1 A. Yes.

Q. Have you participated -you, personally – participated in any
effort to try to either support people
who have been performing Lasik eye
surgery or been critical of those
performing Lasik eye surgery?

A. What's the question?

Q. Have you, personally, been involved in any criticism of anybody performing Lasik eye surgery or offering Lasik eye surgery services?

A. No.

Q. Do you know whether anybody at Nevyas Eye Associates, other than yourself, has been involved in any effort to criticize anybody or any organization providing Lasik eye surgery?

A. Idon't know.

Q. Before you ever heard of this web site, did people come in – did patients come in and have questions about whether they should undergo Lasik

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eye surgery because they heard some stories about it from other sources?

> Α. Yes.

And what sources did they 0. report to you as being of concern to them?

> Various media. Α.

0. And these --

As well as their A. acquaintances.

So their -- whatever their sources were, there was some sources of information that they had that were negative about Lasik eye surgery?

About any surgery.

In particular, were there sources of information on the Internet before this web site went up that were negative about Lasik eye surgery?

About any surgery.

21 Okay. Did you or, to your 22 knowledge, anyone within Nevyas Eye 23 Associates monitor what was on the 24 **Internet concerning Lasik eye surgery** that your name was on the web?

A. I had presented scientific papers that were cited.

Q. Did you know that those scientific papers were published on the Internet or cited on the Internet?

Sure.

0. How did you know that?

Because that's what Α. happened with scientific papers. 10

You were aware of that being on the Internet before you ever heard of Mr. Morgan's web site?

A. I knew that anyone who publishes a paper -- it will have some mention of that.

Were you aware, for example, that there are other kinds of websites besides scientific papers that appeared on the Internet?

21 A. Was I aware that there were websites other than ones concerning 22 23 scientific papers?

> Yes. Q.

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before you heard of Mr. Morgan's web site?

Monitor? Α.

Yes. The web had been Q. around for a number of years before his web site went up.

A. What do you mean by monitor?

Q. Check -- now people call them Google searches or Yahoo searches. You put in the name of Lasik or you put in the name of Nevyas and you come up with hits, they're called. Was that occurring at Nevyas Eye Associates before you heard of Mr. Morgan's web site?

A. I don't know.

Did you do that yourself? Q.

Α. No.

20 Did you ever hear of your 21 name appearing on the Internet before 22 you heard of Mr. Morgan's web site?

> A. Yes.

Q. How did you hear of that,

The Internet consisted of more than scientific papers?

> Yes. Q.

Yes. A.

And that there were people out there who were critical of various kinds of medical procedures. You were aware of that, too?

> A. Yes.

Did you ever hear of those 0. patients, concerning Lasik surgery, before you heard of Mr. Morgan's web site?

> A. Yes.

Q. Did you review the content of any of those websites before you -when patients would mention that?

Sometimes. A.

Q. Did you find some of them to be inaccurate?

21 Sometimes patients printed things out that they had seen. 22

> Q. And they'd bring them in for you to take a look at?



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           MR. ALBERT: Quackwatch.
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           MR. SILVERMAN: Who is the
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        person that created Quackwatch?
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           MR. ALBERT: Yes.
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        Barratt.
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    BY MR. ALBERT:
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        Q. What relationship is Dr.
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    Steven Barratt to you?
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        A. He's my uncle.
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refractive surgery, did you contribute anything else to the publication in Quackwatch?

A. I think I wrote something about cataract surgery. I don't see it here.

A. Mine doesn't say that.

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Q. Now, this apparently was -at least as described at the end of this -this article was revised October 24th, 1999. Do you know when the first version of this article was provided to Quackwatch?

2 Mine says April 24th. That's what mine 3 says. 4 Q. That's what I thought I 5 said. 6 Α. October. 7 Q. Oh, I'm sorry. I 8 apologize. You have some recollection 9 as to preparing a prior version of this 10 for publication on Quackwatch? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. Now, are you aware that on 13 Quackwatch, there were other articles 13 14 that were prepared by Dr. Barratt or 14 15 others concerning advice to consumers? 15 16 A. Yes. 16 17 And part of the purpose of 17 18 submitting this particular article for 18 19 publication on Quackwatch was to provide 19 20 advice to the consumers? 20 21 Yes. A. 21 22 And the reason why you 22 23 participated in providing this article 23

for advice to consumers was what?

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period?

MR. SILVERMAN: I believe that may assume a fact not in evidence.

MR. ALBERT: I appreciate that.

MR. SILVERMAN: I'm going to ask you to rephrase the question or I'm going to instruct

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         her not to answer.
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         Q. Were there organizations
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     surgery back in the 1990s?
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         A.
             Yes.
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         Q. Did you see information
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            MS. SILVERMAN: All what
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            MR. ALBERT: The
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        information these organizations
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        encourage them to consider Lasik
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accuracy available.

Q. And that implies both

accurate and not accurate. Is that

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the public or any portion of the public

aware of the inaccuracy of any of that

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BY MR. ALBERT:

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- 2 think is page eight of the document. It
- 3 has, at the top, seven. In the middle
- 4 of the page -- maybe two thirds down --
- 5 there's a reference to Dr.
- 6 Nevyas-Wallace, and then it has some
- 7 words that follow that. Do you
- 8 recollect having, at some point, made
- 9 the statements that appear after your
- 10 name on pages seven and eight of this 11
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- Yes. A.
- Do you know why you made О. these statements?
 - In answer to questions. **A**.
- Was this part of some commercial that was being done? You see, at the bottom of page eight of the transcript, there's the word commercial?
- 20 There are millions of reasons to fly
- 21 today. And it continues, only one that
- 22 matters to you at Delta Airlines and so
- 23 forth. I'm not going to regurgitate all
- 24 this stuff for Delta Airlines. Does

- 1 says, on the declaration -- this is by
 - Mr. Morgan, apparently. He says he saw,
- 3 on television -- at least three times
- 4 while he was a patient at Nevyas Eye
- 5 Associates and after his surgery – the
- MD-TV videotape featuring you and Dr. 6
- 7 Herbert Nevyas. And he says the
- 8 information given by you on the
- 9 videotape is the same that was orally
- 10 given to him before his laser eye
- surgery. I'm not seeking rights now to 11
- 12 have you review it to compare what you
- said to him back then. I'm not 13
- interested in that. 14

Was this videotape that was prepared for MD-TV made available and provided to patients of Nevyas Eye **Associates?**

- A. I think it may have been playing or at least they were able to watch it in the office.
- Q. When they came in, they would be able to see the tape?
 - A. Ithink so. This was

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that give you any recollection as to

what you were involved in doing in

making the statements that are reflected

- 4 on this transcript? 5
 - I was being interviewed.
 - Was it for the purpose of Q. some commercial?
 - A. It had commercials in it.
 - It was an informational interview.
 - And the information, though, was for purposes of a broadcast on airplanes?
 - No. I don't believe so. Α.
 - What did you think you were doing when you gave this informational?
 - A. I was answering questions about refractive surgery for a show that was to be shown on cable.
- 19 Q. Let me go back to the first 20 page of this document. I'm not going to 21 spend all this time going over the
- 22 transcript and whether it's true and
- 23 accurate and so forth. We can do that 24
 - at another time, if we need to. It

information. This was not consent.

This was information.

- Q. I appreciate that. I'm not arguing that it was consent. Given what Mr. Morgan said -- I'm not asking you to accept it, but on this declaration -would it be your recollection that this videotape was done sometime in 1999 or 1997?
- I don't remember when it was done.
- Were there other videotapes of this type that you were involved in concerning laser eye surgery?
- At some point, we had something explaining radial keratotomy. I'm not sure about laser eye surgery.
- This document at least would seem to talk about Lasik laser vision correction. I'm not going to ask you to look through the whole thing. If you want to look at it, you certainly can. It says -- the announcer is quoted a whole bunch of time to say, to learn

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You're trying to put words into

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a question, ask it.

MR. SILVERMAN: Objection.

Don't answer that question. That

will encroach on the attorney-

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Salesperson:

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January 10, 2002

Steven A. Friedman, Esquire 850 West Chester Pike, 1st Floor Havertown, PA 19083

RE: <u>Dominic Morgan v. Dr. Nevyas-Wallace, et al</u>

Dear Mr. Friedman:

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PHILADELPHIA

Enclosed please find true and correct copies of the following Motions of Defendant, Anita Nevyas-Wallace, M.D., the originals of which has been filed with the Court in the above-captioned matter:

PITTSBURGH

HARRISBURG

1. Motion in Limine to Preclude Plaintiff from Introducing any KYW Documents regarding any Advertisements which Took Place after April, 1998;

LANCASTER

ALLENTOWN

2. Motion in Limine to Preclude Plaintiff from Introducing any Evidence regarding the Status of the FDA's Approval or Classification of the Laser involved in Plaintiff's Surgery:

NEW JERSEY

3. Motion in Limine to Preclude Plaintiff from Introducing the 1999 Informational LASIK Video;

VOORHEES

4. Motion in Limine to Preclude Plaintiff from Introducing Cumulative Evidence

Any Answers or Answering Memoranda must be filed within five (5) days of the date of this letter or no later than January 15, 2003.

Very truly yours,

ABBIE R. NEWMAN

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Andrew Lapat, Esquire Kathleen Kramer, Esquire

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2	MDTV MEDICAL NEWS NOW
3	LASIK SURGERY
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8	Tracription of above-titled videotape by
9	Lisa C. Bradley, Registered Professional Reporter
10	and Notary Public.
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	1 MDTV MEDICAL NEWS NOW - LASIK SURGERY	
	2 ANNOUNCER: MDTV Medical News Now is an	00:00:00
	3 informational program only and can't be construed as	00:00:04
	4 medical advice. The guests on the program are not	00:00:06
٠.	actors and are not paid for their appearance. This	00:00:10
	6 program may be deemed medically graphic so viewer	00:00:16
	discretion is advised.	
9	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Since the dawn of the	
10	first formal vision corrective aid, around 1000	00:00:20
11	A.D., through the early stages of eye glasses in the	00:00:20
12	1600s and the birth of contact lenses in the 1950s,	00:00:24
13	poor eyesight has been addressed through treatment	00:00:30
14	of the symptoms rather than the cause. Today,	00:00:30
15	advances in technology and greater knowledge allow	00:00:34
16	doctors to go to the root of the problem by	00:00:36
17	correcting the eye itself.	00:00:38
18	During the next half hour, we'll examine	00:00:40
. 19	the latest procedure in laser vision correction	00:00:42
20	known as LASIK and tell you how it works. We'll	00:00:44
21	also speak with two board certified ophthalmologists	00:00:48
22	from Philadelphia and southern New Jersey with	00:00:52
23	extensive experience in LASIK laser vision	00:00:52
24	correction.	00:00:56
25	If you've ever dreamed of throwing away	00:00:56
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	1 MDTV MEDICAL NEWS NOW - LASIK SURGERY	
	2 your glasses or contact lenses, stay tuned. MDTV	00:00:58
	3 Medical News Now is next.	00:01:02
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	MS. MURPHY-STARK: I'm Pat Murphy-Stark.	00:01:32
	6 Welcome to MDTV Medical News Now, a program	
•	dedicated to bringing you leaders in the field of	00:01:38
	health care that are in your hometown. Our show	00:01:40
9	strives to give you the latest information about new	00:01:42
10	technics and treatments in the field of medicine.	00:01:46
. 13	Refractive surgery is the general term	00:01:48
12	referring to the surgical reshaping of the cornea to	00:01:52
13	correct poor vision. The cornea is the clear dome	00:01:56
14	on the front of the eye which provides about 80	00:01:58
15	percent of the eye's focussing power. The most	00:02:00
16	recent advancement in laser refractive surgery is	00:02:02
17	LASIK. Here, the ophthalmic surgeon gently lifts	00:02:06
18	the protective outer layer of the cornea from the	00:02:08
19	side to create a corneal flap. This is folded back	00:02:10
20	to allow a computer-guided laser called the excimer	00:02:14
21	laser to instantly reshape the inner corneal tissue,	00:02:18
22	correcting the femore said	00:02:20
23	According to experts, more than 1 million laser	
24	correction procedures were performed last year.	
25	With us now is MDTV medical expert, Dr.	1
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	1 MDTV MEDICAL NEWS NOW - LASIK SURGERY	
	2 Herbert Nevyas. Dr. Nevyas is a pioneer in vision 00:02:3	4
	3 correction with more than 20 years performing 00:02:3	6
	4 refractive surgery. He is a technological leader in 00:02:3	8
*/	5 the field of ophthalmic surgery and will be sharing 00:02:40	0
	6 his perspective on how we've reached this level of 00:02:44	1
	7 treatment. 00:02:46	1
	Welcome to the program, Doctor. 00:02:46	
	DR. NEVYAS: Thank you, Pat. 00:02:48	
1	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Now, the idea of 00:02:50	
1:	correcting a person's vision so they no longer need 00:02:50	
12	glasses or contact lenses is really incredible. How 00:02:54	
13	did we get to the point from simply being able to 00:02:58	
14	treat the symptoms to fixing the problem? 00:03:04	
15	DR. NEVYAS: Well, I think we owe it all	
16	to technology. We have been the beneficiary of so 00:03:04	
17	many new developments that came from the Space Age, 00:03:08	
18	that came from the Cold War, that came from Star 00:03:12	•
19	Wars. Between computer advances and laser advances, 00:03:16	
20	we've come to the point where we can do things we 00:03:20	
21	couldn't have imagined some years ago. I know I'm 00:03:22	
. 22	amazed really every day as I go about my work and I 00:03:26	
23	obtain a perfect picture of the cornea showing each 00:03:28	
24	elevation greatly magnified computerized by using a 00:03:34	: :
25	special computerized measuring device which tells us 00:03:38	
L	ub 00.03:36	

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	the elevations. And then we go ahead and we use an 00:03:40
	3 excimer laser which is computer controlled so that 00:03:46
	4 each pulse is in precisely the right place. And 00:03:48
	5 this is all due to advances in technical aspects 00:03:50
	6 which we couldn't have imagine many years ago. 00:03:54
	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Now, we've learned 00:03:56
	about several of the refractive procedures that came 00:03:58
	before the LASIK. But there are other procedures 00:04:02
1	that are just as common as LASIK, they just don't 00:04:04
1:	get as much of the media hype. Could you address 00:04:04
12	some of those and tell us their place? 00:04:08
13	DR. NEVYAS: Sure. These include things
14	like refractive lensectomy where we can take the 00:04:12
15	lens of the eye out and put in a plastic lens which 00:04:14
16	has been gauged to exactly the right power to give 00:04:22
17	us the refractive correction we wish. We can also 00:04:22
18	put little pieces of plastic into the cornea. These 00:04:26
19	can give us small corrections. We can use RK, which 00:04:30
. 20	is not dead, it's still used, and AK. These are 00:04:34
21	incisional refractive procedures for myopia and 00:04:36
22	astigmatism which are quite useful, particularly in 00:04:40
23	patients who are older and give us more correction 00:04:44
24	for a given amount of incision. 00:04:46
25	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Now, I understand 00:04:48
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:	1 MDTV MEDICAL NEWS NOW - LASIK SURGERY	
	2 that you have come from a family of	00:04:50
, ,	3 ophthalmologists.	00:04:52
	DR. NEVYAS: Well, I guess we sort of	
· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	5 created a family of ophthalmologists. In addition	00:04:54
	6 to myself, my wife is an ophthalmic surgeon. My	00:04:56
	daughter, showing not too much originality, has gone	
- ;	into ophthalmology and does ophthalmic surgery, and	00:05:04
9	particularly refractive surgery as I do. And she	
10	met an ophthalmologist in residency and he does	00:05:10
11	ophthalmic plastic surgery. We all work together in	00:05:12
12	the same group with six other ophthalmologists.	00:05:16
13	MS. MURPHY-STARK: You must be very	00:05:20
14	proud of daughter.	00:05:20
15	DR. NEVYAS: Oh, I certainly am. I've	
16	been very proud of many things she's done. I was	00:05:22
17	proud of her when she first came out of high school	00:05:24
18	and became an university scholar at the University	00:05:26
.19	of Pennsylvania, which means she was admitted to	00:05:28
20	medical school and undergraduate school	00:05:32
21	simultaneously. I was proud that she went into the	00:05:34
22	Same regidency program to the	00:05:36
23	University of Ponnaylyania 7 17	00:05:40
24	her often when I go to medical meetings. Anita has	. 1 -
25	done many things sho has really to	00:05:48
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	2	for me to realize she's been an ophthalmic surgeon	00:05:48
	3`	for 15 years, but she's made many developments. And	
	4	I have too. And yet it's often happened when I sit	
	5	around a luncheon table at a meeting either in other	
	6	parts of the country or abroad, someone will look at	
	7	my badge and say, "Nevyas, are you related to Anita	
	8	Nevyas-Wallace?" And that, needless to say, makes	00:06:06
*	9	me very happy.	00:06:10
1	.0	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Oh, that's terrific.	
1	1	Well, thank you, Dr. Nevyas, for being here today.	00:06:12
1.		DR. NEVYAS: Thank you, Pat.	00:06:14
1.3	3	MS. MURPHY-STARK: We spoke to Dr. Anita	
14	1 1	Nevyas-Wallace in her Bala Comment set	00:06:16
15	N	that she had to say about the inc.	00:06:20
16		f LASIK surgery	00:06:22
17		DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE.	00:06:24
18	s	o popular now is because it can provide people with (
19	, C(orrection that they had many	00:06:30
20		nat people are excited about is that	00:06:32
21	Ħ	lange so quickly and that many reasons.	0:06:38
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24		SIK, the correction is prompt and comfortable.	
25	Mos	st patients are perfectly comfortable the night of 00	0:06:48
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	2 surgery or feel just a slight foreign body	00:06:56
	3 sensation, just a little scratchiness, but no big	00:07:02
	4 deal. With previous operations, again, there was	00:07:04
	5 never the accuracy that we're able to get with the	00:07:06
	6 laser and yet its atraumatic. And that has people	00:07:10
	7 excited that they can go in on Thursday and be back	00:07:14
	8 to work on Saturday no longer wearing glasses.	00:07:16
	Their friends are excited, their families are	00:07:22
1	excited. It's an amazing thing.	00:07:24
1:	MS. MURPHY-STARK: When we come back,	00:07:28
12	we'll speak with Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace in our	00:07:30
13	studio. We'll learn how the excimer laser works and	00:07:32
14	examine the safety of the LASIK procedure. We'll	00:07:34
15	also hear from patients firsthand about how the	00:07:38
16	procedure has given them a new perspective on life.	00:07:40
17	We'll be right back.	00:07:44
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19	ANNOUNCER: To learn more about LASIK	00:07:44
20	laser vision correction or to find out if you are a	00:07:46
21	candidate for LASIK, you can reach Nevyas Eye	00:07:48
22	Associates toll free at 800-9-LASER-6. That's (800)	
23	952-7376.	
24	COMMERCIAL: There are millions of	00:08:10
25	reasons to fly today. Only one that matters to you.	
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	2 At Delta Airlines it is our pleasure to get you to	00:08:20
	3 the place you want to be. Delta Airlines, on top of	00:08:24
	4 the world.	00:08:30
•	COMMERCIAL: At 6 a.m. they begin to	00:08:34
	6 arrive from cities around the world.	00:08:36
•	7 Heads of major corporations share their	00:08:38
	8 vision.	00:08:42
	Their strategy.	00:08:42
1	If these leaders were visiting a nation,	00:08:44
1.	it would be called a global economic summit.	00:08:46
_ 12	When they arrive at Fidelity	00:08:52
13	To b carred just another day at the	00:08:54
14	office. Just one of the ways we uncover	00:08:56
15	opportunities to help you make the most of your	00:08:58
16	money.	00:09:00
. 17	ANNOUNCER: To learn more about LASIK	00:07:44
18	laser vision correction or to find out if you are a	00:07:46
19	candidate for LASIK, you can reach Nevyas Eye	00:07:48
20	Associates toll free at 800-9-LASER-6. That's (800)	00:07:50
21	952-7376.	
22		00:09:18
23	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Welcome back to MDTV	0:09:18
. 24	Medical News Now. Our topic today is the correction (
25	Of nearsightedness family and	0:09:22
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14 15 j	1 MDTV MEDICAL NEWS NOW - LASIK SURGERY	
	2 through a procedure called LASIK laser vision	00:09:30
	3 correction.	00:09:30
	With more about LASIK and the technology	00:09:30
٠.	behind it is medical reporter Sean Doran and today's	00:09:32
	6 MDTV medical moment.	00:09:38
	MR. DORAN: LASIK or laser vision	00:09:40
ł	correction is a procedure that owes its phenomenal	00:09:42
9	success rate to two factors: The skill of the	00:09:46
10	surgeon and a computer-controlled laser developed in	
11	1979 by IBM for the production of silicone computer	00:09:52
. 12	chips. It's called the excimer laser, and today is	00:09:54
1,3	used to correct poor vision. Here's how:	00:09:58
14	The first step in LASIK laser vision	00:10:00
15	correction is to analyze the irregularities of the	00:10:02
16	eye. This is accomplished through corneal	00:10:04
17	topography. The automated equipment measures the	00:10:08
18	eye according to several thousand points and creates	00:10:10
19	a topographical map of the cornea's shape. This	00:10:12
20	information is fed into a computer and will be used	00:10:18
21	to guide the laser. Next, the ophthalmic surgeon	00:10:18
22	uses a device called a microkeratome to create a	00:10:22
23	protective corneal flap. The flap is folded over,	00:10:26
24	exposing the inner corneal tissue. Now, the surgeon	
25	uses the excimer laser to precisely sculp the inner	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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	2	cornea.	
	3	While most surgical lasers burn tissue,	00:10:36
	4	the excimer laser uses a cool ultraviolet beam that	
	5	dissolves the bonds between molecules in the cells	00:10:42
٠	6	gently painlessly reshaping the cornea. And because	
	- 11	this refractive ablation takes place on the inner	00:10:48
	- 11	cornea, the accuracy of the correction far exceeds	00:10:48
	H	that of all previous procedures.	00:10:52
1	10	Any questions or comments, please call	00:10:54
. 1	.1 1	toll free 1-877-MDTVNOW. That is, 1-877-638-8669.	00:10:56
1	2	MS. MURPHY-STARK: We're joined now by	00:11:08
1	3 [Or. Anita Nevyas-Wallace, a board certified	00:11:12
1	4 c	ophthalmologist. Dr. Nevyas-Wallace has taught at	00:11:12
15	5 h	er alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania	00:11:16
16	6 S	chool of Medicine in addition to her faculty	00:11:16
17	7 a	ppointment at the Medical College of Pennsylvania.	00:11:20
18	S	he has performed thousands of LASIK procedures in	00:11:24
. 19	t]	he Delaware Valley and has operated internationally	00:11:24
20	81	s an invited guest surgeon and recognized innovator	
21	11	the field of refractive surgery.	00:11:34
22		Doctor, welcome to the show.	00:11:36
23		DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: Thank you so much,	
24	Pa	t. It's good to be home	00:11:38
25		MS MIDDHY CHARK I	00:11:40
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	2 that we saw in the LASIK procedure is really	00:11:42
	3 incredible, and I'm sure it would have to be because	00:11:42
	4 it's such a delicate procedure. But how safe really	00:11:42
· • •	5 is LASIK?	00:11:46
	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: LASIK is very safe.	00:11:46
``	In fact, statistics show that Nationwide 98 percent	00:11:50
. 1	of patients experience significant improvement of	00:11:54
9	their vision. Now, I aspire to a hundred percent,	00:11:58
10	but a lot of factors come into play in determining	00:12:00
11	safety. For one thing, the need to be sure that a	00:12:02
12	person is really an excellent candidate for this	00:12:04
13	surgery. For another, the technology itself, the	00:12:10
14	laser and the microkeratome are very important. And	00:12:12
15	the surgeon, the surgeon learned hands, level of	00:12:16
16	skill and experience, mindset are crucial.	00:12:18
17	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Now, Doctor, you	00:12:20
18	mentioned a good candidate for this procedure. Who	00:12:22
. 19	is a good candidate?	00:12:26
20	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: Well, a person who	00:12:26
21	is nearsighted or farsighted or has astigmatism can	00:12:28
22	be treated. Now, if a person is nearsighted, we	
23	fold the flap back and use the laser to flatten the	00:12:34
24	Central corner In a service of the corner of	00:12:36
25	the flan is folded beat at a	00:12:40

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	2 steepen the central cornea to correct	00:12:42
	3 farsightedness. And in astigmatism, we're	00:12:46
	4 flattening one meridian so that the cornea which was	00:12:48
	5 shaped more like a football can now be shaped more	00:12:52
	6 like a basketball.	00:12:54
	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Doctor, what are some	00:12:56
;	of the risks associated with the procedure and how	00:12:58
9	do you minimize them?	00:13:00
10	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: Well, the first	00:13:00
11	about anywhere in the body is the	1
12	but rearrize, Pat, that you stand	00:13:04
13	a greater chance of getting an infection from	00:13:08
14	The other	00:13:10
15	risks that we worry about are glaring halo symptoms.	00:13:14
16	Now, I tell everyone to expect that in the first	00:13:18
17	week, but usually it goes away after the first week.	00:13:22
18	If it somehow doesn't, there are drops we can use	00:13:24
19	that will bring the pupils a little smaller and a	00:13:28
20	person can use those for night driving until that	00:13:28
21	symptom goes away. The other risk, if you could	00:13:32
22	call that, is the risk that either the nearsighted	00:13:36
23	or the astigmatism could be a little over-corrected	00:13:38
24	or little under-corrected. If that happens, what we	
25	do is we lift the flan and do a life.	00:13:46
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	2 lasering to fine tune just to bring that person to	00:13:46
	exactly where he wants to be.	00:13:50
	Now, to minimize those risks, well, the	00:13:52
٠.	5 number 1 to minimize them, of course, is that the	00:13:56
	6 surgery be intimately familiar with the procedure	00:13:58
	7 and with the technology. You want somebody with	00:14:00
,	8 experience. Also to minimize them, especially the	00:14:04
	risk of infection, you want a sterile operating	00:14:08
1	room. Now, that may sound like a given, but	00:14:12
1:	sometimes the surgery is done in a non-sterile	00:14:14
12	condition, sometimes in a carpeted room in an office	00:14:16
13	rather than a real operating room. The other thing	00:14:20
14	that I think is important is a special particle-free	00:14:22
. 15	environment because you really don't want particles	00:14:28
16	under that flap.	00:14:28
17	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Now, along with this	00:14:30
18	technology that is being used, how important still,	00:14:32
. 19	though, are the surgeon's hands?	00:14:34
20	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: Oh, the surgeon's	00:14:36
21	hands are crucial. The technology is only the tool.	00:14:36
22	It's the surgeon who does the	00:14:40
23	a skier and have the best skis in the world, but if	00:14:44
24	you don't actually know how to ski, you could have a	
25	very disappointing regult	00:14:52
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	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Thank you, Doctor.	00:14:54
•	Joining us now is Andrew Kessler, an	00:14:56
	4 attorney from Pennsylvania and a LASIK patient.	00:14:58
••••	Andrew, welcome to the show.	00:15:02
	MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Pat.	00:15:04
	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Why did you decide t	0 00:15:04
	8 have a LASIK procedure.	00:15:08
	9 MR. KESSLER: Well, I lead a relatively	
. 1	addition to being a father,	00:15:08
1	and a tennis player and I like to spend,	00:15:08
12	outdoors. Coming	00:15:12
. 13	outdoors in the winter, anyone who	00:15:16
14	graduates has had the experience of having the	
15	on their grasses. And just being able	00:15:22
16	the ocean doing the things that I want to	00:15:24
17	were an inconvenience.	00:15:28
18	120. MORPHI-STARK: Now, with any	
19	surgery, we all know that there is some risk	00:15:30
20	involved. When you approach this, how did you weigh	00:15:30
21	the benefits against the risk?	00:15:34
22	MR. KESSLER: Well, obviously, what I	00:15:36
23	was looking at was the opportunity to not have to	00:15:38
24	wear glasses anymore. But primarily, I looked at	00:15:40
25	all the potential operations that were available and	00:15:44
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	2 I've been looking for a lot of years. I had the	00:15:48
	3 benefit of being the son of an optometrist. So for	00:15:52
	4 about the last 15 years, I've been looking for some	00:15:54
	5 way to avoid wearing my glasses. At some point, it	00:15:56
	6 was made known to me that there was this LASIK	00:16:00
	7 procedure which has a very high level of success and	00:16:02
	for which I was a very good candidate.	00:16:06
	9 MS. MURPHY-STARK: Now, after being	00:16:08
1	0 through this procedure, what do you think?	00:16:10
1	MR. KESSLER: I'm ecstatic. I'm also	00:16:12
1	grateful to Dr. Nevyas-Wallace. Since I had the	00:16:16
1.	procedure, I am corrected vision free.	00:16:18
14	MS. MURPHY-STARK: So very happy with	00:16:20
15	the procedure?	00:16:22
16	MR. KESSLER: I am thrilled.	
17	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Doctor, in what other	00:16:24
18	ways have you seen how this surgery can really help	00:16:26
19	people's lives?	00:16:28
20	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: Well, one thing I	00:16:28
21	hear over and over again from parents is that they	00:16:30
22	want to be able to see where their children are in a	00:16:32
23	swimming pool and in the ocean, and that when they	00:16:36
24	Como out of the	00:16:38
25	find their family. I've heard from people who while	
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* . '	2 they were in the ocean wanted to be able to be	00:16:44
	3 certain they were swimming toward the shore rather	00:16:46
	4 than away from it.	00:16:48
	MS. MURPHY-STARK: That's a good	00:16:52
	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: Important.	00:16:54
	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Doctor, in what other	00:16:54
	ways have you seen this procedure affect people's	00:16:56
9	lives?	00:16:56
10	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: It affects the	00:16:56
13	careers they pursue, it affects the way they can	
12	spend their recreation time. It opens a whole new	00:17:02
. 13	world to people who no longer need to wear glasses	00:17:04
14	or contact lenses.	00:17:08
15	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Well, thank you,	00:17:10
16	Andrew, for being here and sharing your experience	00:17:10
17	with us.	00:17:12
18	MR. KESSLER: You're welcome.	00:17:14
19	MS. MURPHY-STARK: When we return, we'll	00:17:14
20	speak more with Dr. Nevyas-Wallace and to an	00:17:16
21	optometrist about LASIK laser vision correction.	00:17:16
22	We'll also hear from a well-known radio personality	00:17:20
23	in Philadelphia about why he enjoys clearer vision	1
24	without corrective aid. We'll be right back.	į·
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	ANNOUNCER: To learn more about LASIK 00:07:44
	3 laser vision correction or to find out if you are a 00:07:46
	4 candidate for LASIK, you can reach Nevyas Eye 00:07:48
- \	5 Associates toll free at 800-9-LASER-6. That's (800) 00:07:50
	6 952-7376.
,	COMMERCIAL: See the world run. Run, 00:17:50
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15	doesn't carry packages overnight. It's a company in 00:18:24
16	the business of moving ideas, via long distance, 00:18:28
17	wireless, video, Internet, directories and local 00:18:34
18	telephone lines. What's the name of the company? 00:18:36
19	Well, it begins with G and it ends with GTE. 00:18:40
20	ANNOUNCER: To learn more about LASIK 00:07:44
21	laser vision correction or to find out if you are a 00:07:46
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24	952-7376.
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	1	MDTV MEDICAL NEWS NOW - LASIK SURGERY	
	2	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Welcome back to MDTV	00:19:02
• . •	3	Medical News Now. Refractive surgery became popular	
	4	with the emergence of radial keratotomy or RK to	00:19:08
	5	correct nearsightedness also known as myopia. RK,	00:19:12
	6.	however, only corrected low amounts of myopia and	00:19:16
	7	seemed to weaken the cornea resulting in	00:19:18
÷	8	farsightedness or hyperopia. Automated lamellar	00:19:20
٠	9	keratectomy or ALK soon followed. But because	00:19:24
1	0	adjustments to the cornea were done mechanically,	00:19:28
1		the refractive correction was very limited.	00:19:32
1	2	Photorefractive keratectomy, also called PRK	00:19:34
1.	3	addressed these limitations by using the extremely	00:19:36
14		precise excimer laser and treated broad ranges of	00:19:40
. 15	5 1	focal abnormalities. LASIK is the latest in the	
16	€	evolution of refractive surgery and incorporates the	
17		est of ALK and PRK.	00:19:50
18		Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace joins us as a	00:19:52
19	٠g	uest medical expert. Dr. Neurag Walls	00:19:54
20	Fe	ellow of the American Academy of Ontaker	00:19:58
21		award-winning member of the American	00:20:00
22		taract and Refractive Surgery for	0:20:02
23		her field.	
24	•	Doctor, what type of recovery is 0	0:20:08
25	in	volved with LASIK and how soon before	0:20:08
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	2 notices a difference?	00:20:12
	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: Well, patients	00:20:14
	4 sometimes notice improvement the very first day of	00:20:16
	surgery. But I tell my patients not to expect	00:20:16
	6 significant improvement until the next morning when	00:20:22
	7 they get up. Improvement continues from there. We	00:20:26
•	8 consider the eye to be fully healed at three months, (00:20:28
	9 but usually a person has excellent vision long, long	0:20:30
. 1	0 before that.	0:20:34
1:	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Will the corrected 0	0:20:36
. 13	2 vision last forever once it's done? 0	0:20:36
13	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: Yes, Pat, it will. 0	0:20:40
14	And I base that opinion on a 40-year track record 0	0:20:42
15	that we have with this type of surgery. Now, we	0:20:48
16	weren't doing LASIK 40 years ago, but we were doing 00):20:48
17	an operation called keratomileusis in which the 00	:20:52
18	Tobliaped, not with a laser, mechanically. 00	:20:52
19	And there are patients alive today who had that 00	:20:56
20	procedure done 40 years ago. They've done 00	:21:00
21	beautifully. The correction has lasted. Their 00	:21:02
22	vision has remained excellent. 00	:21:04
23	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Thank you, Doctor. 00	:21:06
24	We're now joined by Dr. Tammy Schuler, 00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
25	an optometrist and there	:21:08
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	Dr. Schuler, welcome to the program.	00:21:12
	DR. SCHULER: Thank you.	00:21:16
	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Now, as an	00:21:16
	optometrist and someone who has had LASIK performed,	00:21:18
•	what kind of leg work do you recommend to people	00:21:18
	when researching deciding whether they should get	00:21:22
1	this done and by whom?	00:21:24
9	DR. SCHULER: Usually when patients are	00:21:26
- 10	interested in refractive procedures, I recommend	00:21:28
11	that they look for a surgeon that they feel	00:21:30
12	comfortable with and also one that has experience.	00:21:34
13	You'd like to know that the physician will be	00:21:38
14	experienced to handle any facet of the procedure	00:21:42
15	that may or may not go as planned. You also want to	00:21:46
16	make sure they take everything importantly, every	
17	step of the procedure important. Also, you want to	00:21:58
18	be comfortable with the person who does it because	00:22:02
19	you will have concerns, both from a vision	00:22:06
20	standpoint and also from an anxiety standpoint.	00:22:10
21	MS. MURPHY-STARK: And how did you feel	
22	about your rogulter	00:22:14
23	DR. SCHULER: I'm very, very pleased.	1
.24	From the moment that I had the procedure done, I was	1
25	20/20, and I experienced very, very little	00:22:10
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	2 discomfort. I was told that I could anticipate a	00:22:26
	3 little bit glare or glare at night because I have a	00:22:30
	4 large pupil size. This, actually, I did experience	00:22:36
	glare at night. However, it was never hindering	00:22:40
,	6 because my vision was clear. It was almost as if I	00:22:42
	was looking out during a rain storm driving. And so	00:22:48
1	I'm very pleased with it. After about three months,	00:22:52
9	it totally dissipated. It's now gone.	00:22:56
10	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Well, thank you for	
11	being here with us, Dr. Schuler.	
12	DR. SCHULER: Thank you.	00:23:04
13	MS. MURPHY-STARK: If you have perfect	00:23:04
14	vision, it's very easy to take it for granted.	00:23:06
15	Sports radio personality, Glenn Macnow recently had	
16	his vision corrected and takes nothing for granted.	00:23:08
17	His story is the focus on today's MDTV patient	00:23:12
18	profile.	00:23:16
19	MR. MACNOW: Well, here we are again at	00:23:20
20	the end of another season and another season has	00:23:20
21	ended in failure for our teams. You know, it's been	00:23:22
22	since 1983 that Philadelphia has had a championship	00:23:24
23	any of the sports. We have not had a victory parade	1
24	down Broad Street since when? You take somebody	00:23:32
25	who's 21 years old, they were what? Oh, five years	00:23:36
1_	, 22.0 fcars	00.23.30

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	2 old the last time Philadelphia won a title. It's	00:23:38
	3 not fair.	00:23:42
	I'm one of these people who can't see	
. ,	the hand in front of the face when it's two feet in	
,	front. I wore glasses up until my 30s. I wore	00:23:50
	contacts after that. I hated it. I hated breaking	00:23:54
1	the glasses. I hated cleaning the lenses. I hated	00:23:56
. 9	not being able to see in the morning until I put the	00:23:58
10	glasses on. I couldn't even read the clock.	00:23:58
11	When I came to Nevyas, what I really	00:24:02
12	liked is I didn't feel as if they were sales people	00:24:04
13	and they weren't trying to push me into it. They	00:24:08
14	explained everything that was going to happen	00:24:12
15	step-by-step. I must have asked them 6,000	00:24:14
16	questions. They never got tired of my questions. I	00:24:18
17	probably had a lot of stupid questions. They never	00:24:20
18	made me feel stupid about them. They were very	00:24:24
19	gentle, for lack of a better word. I mean, they	00:24:26
20	figuratively held my hand through a procedure, which	00:24:32
21	I was a little bit nervous.	00:24:34
22	I'm still amazed that I go to a football	00:24:36
23	game, I go see the Philadelphia Eagles and I'm up in	00:24:40
24	the press box, I'm talking 200 yards away on the	00:24:40
25	other side of the field is the head coach and I can	00:24:46
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	2 see what he's saying and I can make out who he's	00:24:48
	3 talking to and I can see forever. And that really	00:24:52
	4 has amazed me because I didn't know.	00:24:56
	I'll tell you something else. This,	00:24:58
	again, may sound corny. Colors are brighter than	00:25:00
	they were. I used see the leaves on the trees. I	00:25:04
. 1	used see the distance as sort of a shading of	00:25:08
9	colors. Now I see the leaves on the trees and it's	00:25:08
10	individual leaves. Now I look off into the distance	00:25:12
1:1	and I can see this color breaking into to that	00:25:14
12	and the see. I	00:25:16
13	figured I would see about the same but not have to	00:25:22
14	5-11-10 of the concacts. What I feathed is	00:25:24
15	how much better I could see.	00:25:28
16	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Now, even though	00:25:32
17	people don't see Glenn while he's working, it's	00:25:34
18	apparent that Glenn's vision is very important in	00:25:38
19	his career and especially in is life outside of	00:25:38
20	work.	00:25:40
21	Now, Doctor, Glenn in is 40s and he had	00:25:42
22	terrific results. Are there any upper age	00:25:44
23	restrictions?	
24	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: No, Pat, there	00:25:50
25	really are not. We've done this procedure on people	00:25:50
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	2	in their 80s. Now, normally, a person in his 80s	00:25:52
	3	who wanted to correct nearsightedness or	00:25:56
	4	farsightedness would have lens surgery. If he had	3
	5	cataract, he'd have cataract surgery. If the lens	00:26:02
	6	is clear, we call this refractive lensectomy with	00:26:06
	7	intraocular lens implantation. But we've had	00:26:08
	8	patients who had had cataract surgery years ago	00:26:12
	9	elsewhere and had been left still nearsighted or	00:26:14
1	0	still farsighted, and we've been able to perform	00:26:16
1:	1 :	LASIK on those people and they've responded	00:26:18
12	2 1	peautifully.	00:26:22
13	3	MS. MURPHY-STARK: What do you enjoy	00:26:22
14	n	nost about what you do?	00:26:24
.15		DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: The most satisfying	00:26:26
16	t	hing about my job is making patients happy. I love	00:26:26
17	h	earing how thrilled they are with the results from	00:26:32
18	t!	he surgery. I love hearing what a new world has	00:26:32
19	, be	een opened to them. And I get to hear that not	00:26:36
20	jι	ast once a day, but many times throughout the day;	00:26:38
21		is is a happy, special day and I'm very lucky. I	
22	al	so enjoy teaching doctors to become good surgeons	
23	an	d I love inventing wave	00:26:48
24		ocedure even better. I feel very fortunate to	00:26:50
25	hav	ve been able to contribute to the contribute	00:26:54
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	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Well, thank you very	00:26:56
	3 much for being with us today.	00:26:56
	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: Thank you, Pat.	00:26:58
s.,	5 It's been a pleasure.	00:27:00
	MS. MURPHY-STARK: We have to go to a	00:27:00
	break, but before we do, if you would like	00:27:02
;	information on any of topics covered in today's	00:27:04
9	show, please give us a call toll free at	00:27:08
10	1-877-MDTVNOW. That's 1-877-638-8669. We'll be	00:27:08
13	back shortly with more Medical News Now. Stay	00:27:16
12	tuned.	
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14	ANNOUNCER: To learn more about LASIK	00:07:44
15	laser vision correction or to find out if you are a	00:07:46
16	candidate for LASIK, you can reach Nevyas Eye	00:07:48
17	Associates toll free at 800-9-LASER-6. That's (800)	00:07:50
18	952-7376.	
19	COMMERCIAL: Somewhere between amber and	00:27:34
20	linen, there's heaven. Between heaven and earth,	00:27:44
21	there's daylight. And if you follow daylight past	00:27:50
22	the sunrise and dawn, your eyes open to a color	00:27:50
23	called morning. One of the colors between the	00:27:54
. 24	colors created by Cannon, Cannon laser color. Its	
25	only competition is reality.	00:28:02
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	1 MDTV MEDICAL NEWS NOW - LASIK SURGERY	
:	COMMERCIAL: At Save The Children, we	00:28:06
	have photos and personal stories of thousands of	00:28:10
	4 children who need a sponsor, a caring friend,	00:28:12
	5 someone just like you. Won't you reach out to one	00:28:12
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19	sharing their expertise on refractive surgery,	
20	specifically LASIK laser vision correction and	٠
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24	medical experts on future programs. We look forward	00:29:14
25	to working with both of them.	00:29:16
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-3	Medical News Now. For everyone here at MDTV, I'm	00:29:20
4	Pat Murphy-Stark. Take care and stay healthy.	00:29:26
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7	information on LASIK laser vision correction, you	00:29:32
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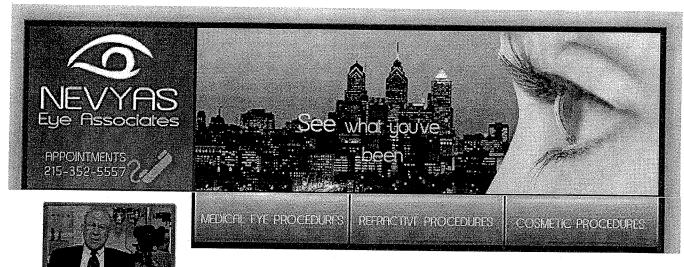
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Our doctors pride themselves on having extensive experience with many types of ophthalmologic surgery over the past 40 years. We remain on the cutting edge of refractive and cataract surgery, as well as retina and glaucoma treatments, providing our patients with all of the latest proven technologies. We were the first in the Delaware valley certified to perform the Crystalens® implant surgery and have the most experience using the Intraocular Collamer Lens (ICL).

Since our beginning in 1964, eye doctors throughout the Delaware valley have turned to us to care for their patients and their own family members. We are proud of our reputation as the "doctor's doctor". This special relationship with our referring doctors will benefit you as a patient. Nevyas eye associates works cooperatively with primary eye care practitioners, which means your eye doctor can play an important role in your care.

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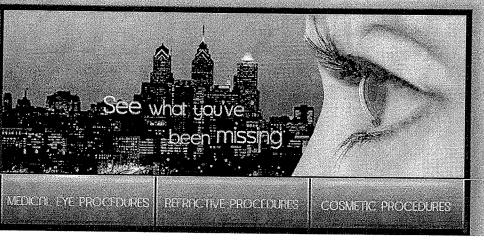
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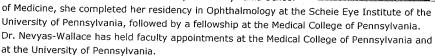
Doctor Biographies

Anita Nevyas-Wallace, M.D.

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Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace practices with a special interest in cataract surgery, refractive surgery, and BOTOX® therapy for both medical and cosmetic indications. An innovator in the field of refractive surgery, Dr. Nevyas-Wallace has designed and patented instrumentation to make refractive procedures safer and more precise.

Dr. Nevyas-Wallace is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where she had the honor of being named a University Scholar for undergraduate and medical education. After her graduation from the University of Pennsylvania School



Dr. Nevyas-Wallace has invented techniques and instrumentation which make refractive and cataract surgery safer and more precise. She has taught refractive surgery since 1993, and she is the senior instructor for hands-on training in cataract surgical technique for the American Academy of Ophthalmology. She has been recognized by the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery for her innovative work. She has performed charitable surgery and taught surgical techniques internationally. Dr. Nevyas-Wallace is a Diplomate of

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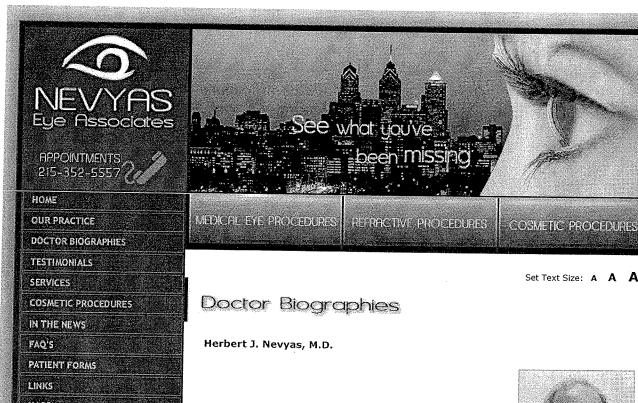
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New Jersey Office Greentree Executive Campus 1001 Lincoln Drive West Suite E Dr. Herbert J. Nevyas is a recognized leader in ophthalmic surgery, particularly cataract and refractive surgery. He is a Clinical Professor at the Drexel University College of Medicine. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa honor society and was awarded the Oliver Memorial Prize in Ophthalmology. He interned at Thomas Jefferson University and completed his postgraduate training in ophthalmology at the Institute of Ophthalmology of the University of London and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Nevyas has directed a practice in medical and surgical ophthalmology since 1964. Nevyas Eye Associates currently has four locations: Bala Cynwyd, Center City Philadelphia, Northeast Philadelphia and Marlton, New Jersey. He founded the practice's ambulatory surgical center, the Delaware Valley Laser Surgery Institute in 1989.

An innovator in surgical equipment and procedures, Dr. Nevyas holds a number of ophthalmic patents. Techniques and instruments bearing his name are used worldwide. He also has invented two varieties of intraocular lens implants. In addition to cataract and a full range of refractive surgery procedures including LASIK excimer laser surgery, Dr. Nevyas performs other procedures including corneal transplant, glaucoma and YAG laser surgery. He has delivered many papers on cataract, glaucoma and refractive surgery, including a number of award-winning presentations. He has lectured widely and has authored more than 40 ophthalmic publications for major journals.

Dr. Nevyas is a Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology, a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, a founding member of the American Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and a member of numerous other professional organizations.

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Testimonials

Why did you decide to have the LASIK procedure?

"I lead a relatively active lifestyle. In addition to being a father, I'm a skier and a tennis player and I like to spend a lot of time outdoors. Coming indoors from outdoors in the winter, anyone who wears glasses has had the experience of having the condensation on their glasses; and just being able to be in the ocean, doing the things I want to do, glasses were an inconvenience."

With any surgery we know there's some risk involved, when you approached this, how did you weigh benefits against the risks?

"Well, obviously what I was looking at was the opportunity to not have to wear glasses anymore but primarily I looked at all the potential operations that were available and I've been looking for a lot of years. I have the benefit of being the son of an optometrist, so for about the last fifteen years I've been looking for some way to avoid wearing my glasses and at some point it was made known to me that there was this LASIK procedure which has a very high level of success, for which I was a very good candidate."



After being through this procedure, what do you think?

"I'm ecstatic. I'm also grateful to Dr. Nevyas-Wallace. Since I had the procedure, I am corrected glasses free. I am thrilled."

- Andrew Kessler

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"Usually when patients are interested in refractive procedures, I recommend that they look for a surgeon that they feel comfortable with and also one that has experience. You should be comfortable with the person who performs the surgery because you will have concerns both from a vision standpoint and from an anxiety standpoint."

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How do you feel about your results?

"I am very very pleased. From the moment that I had the procedure I was 20/20 and I experienced very very little discomfort. I was told that I could anticipate a little bit of glare night because I have a large pupil size. I did experience glare at night however it was never hindering because my vision was clear. After about three months it totally dissipated and is now gone."

- Dr. Tammy Schuler

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"I'm one of those people who couldn't see the hand in front of their face when it's two feet in front. I wore glasses up until my 30's; I wore contacts after that. I hated it. I hated breaking the glasses. I hate cleaning the lenses. I hated not being able to see in the morning until I put the glasses on, I couldn't even read the clock."



"When I came to Nevyas Eye Associates what I really liked is, I didn't feel as if they were salespeople and they weren't trying to push me into it. They explained everything that was going to happen, step by step. I must have asked them six thousand questions, they never got tired of my questions. I probably had a lot of stupid questions. They never made me feel stupid about them. They figuratively held my hand through the procedure. I'm still amazed that I go to a football game, I go see the Philadelphia Eagles, and I'm up in the press box, I'm talking 200 yards away on the other side of the field is the head coach and I can see what he's saying and I can make out who he's talking to and I can see forever and that really has amazed me. I'll tell you something else

and this again may sound corny, colors are brighter than they were. I used to see the leaves on the trees, I used to see the distance as sort of a shading of colors. Now I see the leaves on the trees and it's individual leaves. Now I look off into the distance and I can see this color breaking into that color. The surprise was that I could see even better. I figured I would see about the same but not have to wear the glasses or the contacts. What I learned is, how much better I could see."

- Glenn Macnow

"Thank you for your kindness, compassion and for your endless patience. Your graciousness
under pressure when you had all those other patients to help was very impressive to
observe. You are truly exceptional people."

- Helen

"Thank you for your care and professionalism and for helping me to see well without glasses or contacts."

- Ken, Instructor, Prospect Park, PA

"I just wanted to give you my warmest thanks and gratitude for this new 'outlook' on the world that you have provided me." I appreciate all the special care and attention from you

and your staff." - K.V., Financial Analyst, NY,NY

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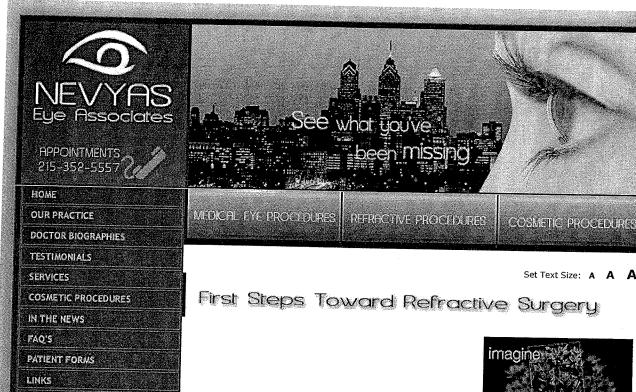
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If you are considering vision correction surgery as an alternative to contact lenses and glasses, then you should call us to schedule an initial evaluation. (Click on contact us, or call 800-9LASER6) Before your visit you will be sent a packet of information that you should fill out and bring with you to your evaluation. Please be sure to remove your contact lenses prior to your visit (for a minimum of 7 days prior for soft contact lenses and 5 weeks for hard or gas permeable lenses).

We are currently performing refractive evaluations at no charge in our Bala Cynwyd, PA office and our Marlton, NJ office. We have day, evening and weekend appointments available. To schedule your free evaluation, please call 800-9LASER6.

At this visit, please plan to spend between 2 and 3 hours with us as we will be going through the following testing procedures:

- History
- Visual Acuity Testing
- Refraction
- Dominant Eye Testing (for monovision analysis)
- Pupillary measurements
- Corneal Measurements, including Topography, Curvature and Thickness
- Tear Film Analysis
- Slit Lamp Examination
- Glaucoma Testing
- Dilated Exam to determine retinal health

You will meet with a refractive coordinator and your surgeon. You will undergo a thorough evaluation that will assess your eyes for candidacy as a refractive surgery patient. Your surgeon will develop a plan for the reduction of your dependency on glasses and contact lenses. Because we perform the widest range of FDA-approved refractive procedures, we have great success in finding the appropriate procedure to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism and even lowering your dependency on reading glasses as you get older.

We will discuss costs, payment plans, scheduling, informed consent - reviewing possible complications, and postoperative co-management options at this visit. By the time you leave our office, you will have a full understanding of refractive surgery and how it relates to you. After the exam is complete, you will be given dark spectacles that will help you with the glare

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When you decide to schedule surgery, you will be given a packet of information detailing preoperative instructions. And we will also provide you with your informed consent documents which we ask you to read prior to surgery. We are always more than happy to answer any remaining questions or any questions that arise after reading your literature.

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This term is an acronym for Laser In-Situ Keratomileusis, meaning reshaping of the cornea using a laser. Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace and Dr. Herbert Nevyas have been performing the Keratomileusis procedure since 1992, and Dr. Vipin Goyal has been performing the procedure since 2000 Using an instrument called a microkeratome, our surgeons create a thin flap in the outer layer of the cornea. This flap will then help to protect the treated cornea underneath. The flap, or thin protective cap, is then folded back to expose the corneal stroma, which the laser will reshape to reduce refractive error. When the excimer laser was FDA approved, it added an incredibly precise method of removing underlying tissue. The excimer laser produces a "cool" or non-thermal light beam, removing the necessary tissue without damaging the surrounding cornea. For nearsighted patients, corneal tissue is removed primarily in the center of the cornea, flattening the cornea and thereby decreasing their nearsightedness. For farsighted patients tissue is removed mainly in the periphery to steepen the cornea, thereby decreasing farsightedness. To treat astigmatism, the laser reshapes the cornea to make it more spherical. After the laser treatment, the protective flap is then placed back in its original position.







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We offer the highest level of technology for your LASIK procedure. We perform surgery using the Alcon LADARVision excimer laser. This laser offers the newest "flying spot" technology for correction of nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism. The other feature that sets this laser apart from all others is its eye tracking system. Our eyes are always making small, involuntary movements that are beyond our control. Eye movements



during the LASIK procedure on a "regular" excimer laser can compromise the precise placement of each laser pulse. The laser radar eye tracking system on the LADARVision system accurately tracks all eye movements during surgery. This means that as the patient, Marlton, NJ 08053 Tel: (856) 985-9797 Fax: (856) 985-1191 you do not have to worry about holding your eye still. The tracker will adjust and realign the laser 4,000 times per second, resulting in perfect placement of each individual laser pulse. The FDA states that, to cover all involuntary eye movements, the tracker must adjust 1,000 times per second – the LADARVision system tracks 4 times that amount! Other lasers with tracking devices use video-based systems that can only track the eye between 60 and 250 times per second. Only LADARVision can properly track all involuntary movements of the eye during surgery.

Another benefit to the LADARVision system is its ability to reduce the risk of nighttime glare and halos, thanks to its adjustable treatment zone. Because treatments can be performed that are wide enough in diameter to accommodate larger pupil sizes, more patients are able to have the LASIK procedure than ever before. At Nevyas Eye Associates we also have the LADARWave system for wavefront correction. Using a special aberrometer, we can program the LADARVision laser to correct higher order aberrations, or distortions and thereby personalize your correction to obtain a level of vision beyond correction of just nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism.

For more information on the LADARVision system, you can visit the Alcon website by clicking here.

The LASIK Procedure, from start to finish

- The no-charge preoperative evaluation: After scheduling your visit with us by calling 800-9LASER6, please remove your soft contact lenses for 1 week or hard or gas permeable lenses for 5 weeks. You should allot at least two hours for your visit, for we will be going through a thorough exam to determine your candidacy. You will be checked for eye health, refraction, corneal thickness, corneal topography (mapping of the shape and the curvature of the cornea), pupil measurements, retinal health, visual acuity, dominant eye, monovision candidacy and other tests. Your surgeon will perform a thorough examination of your eyes and will then discuss with you your refractive surgical alternatives.
- Scheduling: We do all of our laser vision correction procedures in our new LADARVision suite in our Bala Cynwyd office. A date will be chosen for your surgery and financing options will be discussed. At the time of scheduling, you will be given your LASIK packet. This contains your informed consent and pre-operative instructions. A refractive coordinator will review your packet with you before you leave the office. You will be given preoperative medications in the form of artificial tears and antibiotic eye drops. We have a courtesy van transportation service available, if needed, on the day of surgery.
- Surgery Day: Upon your arrival, a refractive coordinator will collect your informed consent and review any final questions. For our LADARVision laser, we take a "picture" of the eye before dilation. This picture is saved in the computer and allows the laser to "remember" each patient's exact measurements. Once we have taken the perfect picture, a nurse will instill the dilating drops into the eye and do a final eyelid wash to prepare you for your procedure. You will be given a gentle sedative and eye drop anesthesia. On average, you will be in the laser suite for about 20 minutes per eye. The actual operating time is just a few minutes. There is no pain. You will leave the office with clear plastic eye shields placed over the operated eye(s) and you will be given medication to take when you get home. That evening, you will be expected to rest comfortably with your shields in place, and to return to our office the following morning.
- After surgery care: You will be scheduled to return to our office the next day and return to either our office or a co-managing doctor's office intermittently over the next year. Usually, the visits are scheduled at 1 day, 3-5 days, 1 month, 3 months, 6 months and 1 year. For a few days postoperatively, you will be taking antibiotic and anti-inflammatory eye drops a few times a day. You will also be using lubricating drops as needed, and wearing the protective eye shields to bed each night for the first week. Complete post-operative instructions will be given to each patient after surgery.

Nevyas Eye Associates - LASIK Results

Our refractive surgeons at Nevyas Eye Associates, Drs. Anita Nevyas-Wallace, Herbert Nevyas, and Vipin Goyal pride themselves on their dedication to excellence in all surgeries that they perform. Since we began doing the LASIK technique, we have done everything

Case ID: 031100946 6/4/2009 Control No.: 09062101 possible to give you the best possible result. We use the very best technique on the most technologically advanced laser, the LADARVision laser, in a sterile environment. It is that dedication to excellence that has given us the many happy patients that we have today.

The excimer laser was first approved for use on the cornea in 1995; we began performing LASIK at that time. Many surgeons began laser treatments with PRK – a treatment using the laser to reshape on the surface of the cornea. However, because the surgeons at Nevyas Eye Associates were already experienced in performing procedures that involved creating corneal flaps (without using an excimer laser) they were able to begin performing LASIK immediately. Their vast experience with corneal flap making helped them to transition into performing the LASIK surgery, which was the procedure of choice for most patients.

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Cataract Surgery: A Crystal Clear Decision

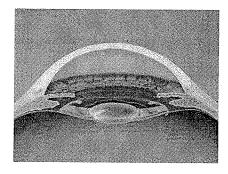
Imagine you're over 65 and struggling with ever-diminishing vision due to cataracts and presbyopia (the loss of near vision after age 45). Your eye doctor recommends cataract surgery to remove the cloudy lens and replace it with an artificial one. This type of surgery has been available for 20+ years, but now there are choices in the type of lens that's used. So how do you know which lens is right for you? Let the surgeons at Nevyas Eye Associates help to sort out the confusion of lens implant choices.

The standard lenses are called monofocal lenses. These non-focusing lenses have been available for decades for cataract surgery and can restore the distance vision that is blurred from cataracts. In most cases you would no longer need glasses to see in the distance after surgery. Monofocal lenses have one clear limitation in that they do not correct the condition of presbyopia. This means that reading glasses would be required for seeing at near and intermediate distances. These distances include activities such as reading a book, threading a needle, telling the time on a wristwatch, seeing the dashboard in the car or working on a computer. While a monofocal lens is effective in the treatment of cataracts, you are still very dependent on glasses for everyday activities.

Your second lens choice in cataract surgery is a multifocal lens implant. These lenses allow you to focus at two different points, distance and near. In essence, this gives each eye two or more images at the same time. While this may reduce dependency on glasses, it has some distinct disadvantages of its own. Night vision and contrast sensitivity are reduced by these double images. Glare, halo symptoms and double images can cause permanent night driving restrictions. Furthermore, the multifocal lenses cannot correct for the loss of intermediate vision. Reading glasses would be required for objects viewed at arms length, the distance where most people set their computers. A multifocal lens is effective in the treatment of cataracts, but can leave you impaired while performing daily activities.

In 2003, another alternative became available: the Crystalens™ accommodating lens implant.

Crystalens[™] was designed to treat cataracts as well as the need for glasses at both distance and near. It is a flexible lens that focuses just like the human eye, allowing you to see distance, near and intermediate objects, usually eliminating the need for glasses altogether. Unlike the other lens implants the Crystalens[™] will adjust its position in the eye to allow you to focus on a near object. It will then readjust to its



resting position as you look to the distance. This is a major advance in both cataract and elective eye surgery. A big difference between the CrystalensTM and other options is that the lens adapts to your visual needs, rather than forcing you to put up with or adapt to the lens.

Case ID: 031100946 Control No.: 09062101 The surgeons of Nevyas Eye Associates were the first in the Delaware Valley to be certified in the use of Crystalens[™], and have the most experience. Crystalens[™] is the only FDA approved accommodating lens implant, and in its first year, more than 13,000 were implanted into patients' eyes.

The Crystalens FDA results were phenomenal:

- 98.4% seeing 20/32 or better in the distance without glasses
- 100% had good intermediate vision, meaning they could work on their computer without glasses
- 98% could read the newspaper print without glasses

Nevyas Eye Associates is happy to announce a wonderful development in Crystalens surgery. Until recently, the use of Crystalens was restricted to two groups of people; refractive patients and those cataract patients who do not have Medicare. This left out the 2.5 million Medicare patients who have cataract surgery each year. Medicare did not allow their patients to pay for medical upgrades, such as Crystalens. On Tuesday, May 10th, Medicare announced a major change to their policy. A statement was released which will now allow Medicare patients to elect to use Crystalens. This change in policy represents a major breakthrough for the millions of Medicare patients who want to live their active lives with less dependency on glasses and contact lenses. Patients who select Crystalens will receive the standard Medicare reimbursement for cataract surgery, and can pay privately for the remaining cost of the surgery. Now all patients with cataracts, and a little disposable income, have access to a lens that mimics the human eye and can restore the vision of their youth.

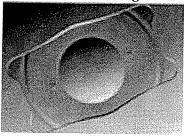
The benefits of the Crystalens[™] implant are clear. Seamless vision for distance, near and in between are a reality once again. Cataract patients no longer have to settle for anything but the best. You owe it to yourself to find out if Crystalens[™] is an option for you. Why choose a lens with proven visual restrictions when you can have it all? The surgeons at Nevyas Eye Associates are dedicated to giving you the highest quality of care with the most advanced technology. Appointments are available for evaluation for the Crystalens[™]. Call Nevyas Eye Associates today to take the first step toward your visual freedom!!

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Exciting New Advancements for Highly Nearsighted People



Are you highly nearsighted and under the age of 40? Have you been told you're not a LASIK candidate? The new ICL may be just what you've been waiting for! This exciting new option is particularly useful in younger patients due to the fact that it allows them to retain their natural focusing ability when looking at near objects.

The Staar Visian ICL (an abbreviation for Implantable Collamer Lens) recently received FDA approval. This lens has been used successfully outside the US for many years and has been implanted in more than 40,000 eyes worldwide. It is approved for use in 41 countries. The surgeons at Nevyas Eye Associates are excited to be able to offer the ICL in early April 2006.

This lens will offer another option for those seeking reduced dependence on glasses and contact lenses. It will also be an exciting new option for many patients who are not good candidates for LASIK for reasons including thin corneas, very high corrections, excessive dry eye and irregular corneas. According to Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace, "the patients who may benefit the most from the ICL are often those with the greatest dependence on contact lenses and glasses".

The best candidates for the Visian ICL are between the ages of 21 and 40, with moderate to severe nearsightedness. It is best if the patient has had no previous eye surgery and does not have a history of eye disease such as glaucoma, iritis or diabetic retinopathy.

The ICL surgery is performed by Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace in our outpatient surgery center. A topical anesthetic is used, which means that the patient is awake during surgery but will not feel any pain. This is the case in almost all refractive surgeries. The surgery itself takes between fifteen and thirty minutes. During the surgery, a small incision about 3 mm wide is made, through which the ICL will be inserted. The lens



rests behind the iris, which is the colored portion of the eye, and in front of the natural crystalline lens. The ICL is well tolerated and cannot be seen or felt once placed in the eye.

ICL's are intended to remain in place without maintenance, however, should the need arise, it can easily be removed and replaced, or another procedure can be done at any time. With the ICL, patients can still wear glasses or contact lenses if necessary. The ICL does not affect presbyopia, or the need for reading glasses due to age.

Case ID: 031100946 Control No.: 09062101 For anyone over 40 who wants to reduce dependency on glasses and contact lenses, Nevyas eye associates has other options that may be well suited for you. Call us today at 800-952-7376 to schedule an evaluation to determine which procedure is right for you. We can also be found on the Internet at www.nevyas.com

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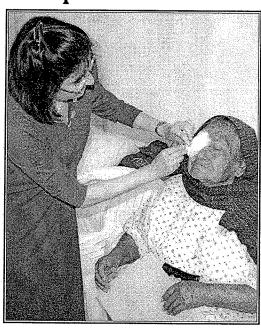
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Area Doctor Saves Sight and Learns Unexpected Lessons in Rural Mexico



The moment of truth. Dr. Anita Nevyas Wallace removes the bandages from a patient's eye following cataract surgery Thanks to the procedure, the woman was able to see clearly for the first time in years.

erforming 132 surgeries over three 15-hour days in less than adequate conditions is hardly the vacation of choice for most surgeons. Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace is the exception.

Partnering with the non-profit humanitarian group Surgical Eye Expeditions (SEE) International, Inc., Nevyas-Wallace recently traveled to Jerez, Zacatecas, Mexico, to help provide the impoverished residents with

the gift of sight.
"I've known many people who have traveled to remote parts of the world with SÉE to perform surgery for those in dire need," explains Nevyas-Wallace of the Bala Cynwydbased Nevyas Eye Associates. "In fact, my mother, who is also an ophthalmologist, has gone on SEE expeditions to Bulgaria and Paraguay. It's something that I've wanted to do for quite some time.

Accompanied by her 17-year-old son Jonathan, the Penn Valley resident left the comforts of her family's practice and set up camp in the rural mountains of central Mexico for eight days. Located 8,000 feet above sea level, Jerez, Zacatecas presented more challenges and lessons than Nevyas-Wallace had imagined.

"In the mornings when we arrived at the clinic, we were greeted by a line of people that wound all the way around the block," says Nevyas-Wallace. "I couldn't believe that all of these people were waiting

for surgery. There were so many people who needed help, who couldn't see because of cataracts or other eye disorders. I was amazed that there was such need for services we take for granted here in the U.S.'

Nevyas-Wallace and four other surgeons, who had joined her from other parts of Mexico, operated from 8 a.m. until after midnight for three days straight averaging

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Speakers Forum Presents Merion Vocalist Ilene Miller



Vocalist Ilene Miller of Merion will perform at JCCs Kaiserman Branch Speakers Forum on September 19.

The Joe Kaiserman Branch is thrilled to welcome vocalist llene Miller of Merion as the first performer in their Speakers Forum, part of the upcoming fall Adult Services class schedule. This class series offers stimulating and outstanding speakers and performers on a weekly basis. Ilene will perform a cabaret program of Broadway and movie selections. accompanied by her pianist. Joanne Crystle. This exciting

performance will be on September 19 at 1 p.m. For the past ten years liene has been privileged to perform locally with several organizations including the Main Line Symphony Orchestra, Trinity Opera Theater and the Wynnewood Vocal Ensemble, for which she is a principal soprano, and she recently performed a sold out show at Odette's in New Hope. Ilene's performance, Come to the Cabaret!, is sure to be the perfect kick off for the JCCs Kaiserman Speakers Forum.

The Adult Services program schedule also offers classes including Film Discussion, Mosaics, Jewish Short Stories, Introduction to Scrapbooking, Bridge and many others. The Speakers Forum runs from September 19 - November 7, with no classes October 3. Cost is \$45 for Kaiserman members, \$90 for non-members. Call 610-896-7770 ext. 128 to register or for further information.

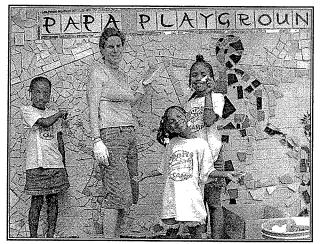
MOSAIC MAVENS DIFFERENCE

The Story of Neighbors, Artists, with a Vision

It was 2 weeks in the spring," says Beth Warren. "We were lucky the weather just came together for two weeks in a row. What you need when you're doing large architectural outside projects on cinderblock, cement, or stucco is good weather," she speaks while holding a piece of glass. "A little light misting is OK-even these exceptionally humid days," says Beth, But rain, nope we can't work outside in the rain."

Beth knows what she's talking about. She and business partner Karen Krivit have completed significant outdoor and indoor privately funded mosaic projects and donated their time and talent to major community projects that have changed lives.

Karen Krivit, sculptor and Beth Warren, former marketing manager who always had a strong artistic side, are two moms who met in the tiny neighborhood behind the Merion Elementary School. It's the kind of



Mosaic artist Karen Krivit and local children at Papa Playground.

neighborhood that time forgot, where children and families merge and share their lives, where the backyards have informal cut-throughs so kids can run home for supper. Both women have artistic talent, as evidenced through their work, but it all started with a course they took from master artist Isaiah Zagar. Zagar has been doing mosaics for over 30 years, transforming portions of South Street and teaching classes. Zagar's course is grueling work but apparently very satisfying—and motivating. At the conclusion of the course both artists, Warren and Krivit, started experimenting with techniques on their garage walls. After fine-tuning technique, the women began collaborating on mosaic projects for their neighbors

One of the first local projects was refacing one walk on the exterior phat 6

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New Exhibit at Tyme Gallery





Leon; top, right - a sample of Victoria Stoelker's expressive women; bottom - an abstract of oils and mixed media by Daisy Cohen.

n Friday <mark>September 9,</mark> On Friday September,
Tyme Gallery presents
"Ethereal Spirit," an exhibit of oils, mixed media and jewelry. Three very special artists will make their markwith abstract oils and mixed media by Daisy Cohen, Nina Leon's one of a kind vintage beaded jewelry and Victoria

Stoelker's expressive women.

New York based artist Daisy Cohen, has worked as a commercial artist and a fashion designer. And not just anywhere as a fashion designer, but for companies such as Calvin Klein and Sassoon Jeans. Daisy also owned her own firm Bebe Blond for 4 years. After some time working as a commer-

cial artist, she became dissatisfied. Daisy began painting large canvas and plexiglass sheet abstracts. Her work evolved naturally using paint, spackle, caulk and whatever else the paintings dictated. Daisy states, "Sometimes I feel as though I should stop and sometimes there is a need to go further. It is never the same and I don't try to control the process. I enjoy the surprise as well as the enjoyment it gives the viewer." Some of her collectors include Patrick Delaney, Senior Vice president of UBS and George Manahan, conductor for the New York City Opera. Daisy has exhibited her work in the Philadelphia suburban area and New York. She will also be exhibiting at the Venezuelan Embassy, in New York, in December.

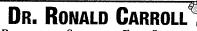
Artist extraordinaire is one description for Nina Leon. Nina is a painter, printmaker, sculptor and maker of wear-able art. She attended Long Island University and graduat-ed with a degree in Fine Arts from the Art Institute of Phila-

delphia. Nina calls her jewelry, Beaded Luxuries. One can easily agree with the description once you see not only the magnificent beads but the mesmerizing craftsmanship. Nina states, "I have always loved working with color. It doesn't matter if its paint or beads. I approach them both the same. To me beads are just like paint and jewelry is just like canvas." This year Nina was a finalist in the prestigious "Fire Mountain Gems Beading Contest." Nina's jewelry can be found in other galleries in the Philadelphia suburban area and some of her collectors include Mrs. Joseph Stein and Mrs. Michael Stellabottle.

Last is Victoria Stoelker, an artist and teacher, new to the art scene. Victoria is an artist who not only inspires others

with her paintings but inspires the minds of the young, as she is also a teacher working with adjudicated delinquents. Victoria's work is a direct reflection of her experience. She boldly forges into the world of pastels juxtaposed with the granu-lar control of pencil. Victoria like Daisy's work does not have a predetermined subject matter. Victoria will simply start scribbling patterns and waits to see what forms take place. She notes that mostly women rise out of the rubble but other subject matters have crept through from time to time.

The opening reception will be held Friday, September 9, at Tyme Gallery from 5:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m. The reception will have catered hors d'oeuvres and is free to the public. The artwork will be on sale and exhibit from September 9 through October 11. Tyme Gallery is located at 17 W. Eagle Road in Havertown. For infoabout the exhibition, or for directions, call 610-853-1215 or madametyme@tymegallery.com. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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Doctor Visits Mexico

Continued from front page more than 40 patients a day. "We would have sandwiches and water delivered to us from time to time," she says, "but other than that there was no break." She adds that some relief did come from her son who assisted the surgeons as they rotated through four makeshift surgical areas.

'Knowing that in Mexico we may be under-

staffed, my associates and I had spent weeks prior to the trip training Jonathan in such things as instrument care and surgical set up," says the proud mother. "It really helped to have another set of capable hands on site, and I know that this was an experience he'll remember for a life-

Supplies for the trip had been donated by SEE International, manufacturers and practices - including the Nevyas' practice - and had to be conserved as much as possible. This was a lesson that Nevyas-Wallace learned early in the

trip.
"One day I went to scrub for a surgery and realized that there were no scrub sponges," she begins. "Normally, I would go to the closet and get another box. But then it struck me that this wasn't an option. It had never crossed my mind that we could run out of supplies - but there I was improvising with detergent."

Communicating with the Zacatecas residents posed an unforeseen challenge for the team. "I left for this trip assuming that I would have no problem speaking with my patients – after all, I speak Spanish," Nevyas-Wallace explains. "The thing is, some of the patients didn't. Even though Mexico was settled hundreds of years ago by the Spanish, there are still pockets of the country that speak indigenous Indian languages such as Nahuatl and Huichol." She adds that fortunately, there were peo-

Despite the obstacles that the eight-per-

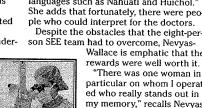
Wallace is emphatic that the rewards were well worth it.

particular on whom I operated who really stands out in my memory," recalls Nevyas-Wallace. "She was in her early 60's and was essentially blind from cataracts. For this woman, the surgery meant that she would finally be able to see what her grandchil-

dren looked like. When I removed the bandages, allowing her to see for the first time in years, she just started crying and thanking us. It was really a moving experience.'

Nevyas-Wallace's one regret of the trip is that there wasn't the time or the resources to help everyone.

"We were in Jerez, Zacatecas for a short time and could only see those patients who had signed up in advance for surgery. Even then, we were limited in what services we could provide. For example, if a patient came in with cataracts in both eyes we were only allowed to do one. We just didn't have the time or materials available to do both. Of course in the U.S. this is unheard of. It really drove home how much we take our sight for granted."



LASIK

What is the procedure that uses a laser?

When people talk about using a laser for refractive surgery, they are referring most often to the excimer laser. This laser vaporizes corneal tissue precisely. There are two main ways of using the laser to correct refractive error. One re-shapes the cornea by using the excimer laser to remove tissue from the front of the cornea (PRK and EPI-LASIK). The second raises a very thin flap of the front of the cornea and uses the excimer laser to re-shape tissue within the cornea (LASIK).

What is Epi-LASIK? ("bladeless LASIK")

Epi-LASIK is the newest surface laser procedure which utilizes new mechanical equipment which precisely separates the soft epithelial layer of the cornea from the thicker tougher deeper layer with a relatively dull mechanical separator. There is no balde incision into the cornea itself, and the surface layer that is removed re-grows within a few days. With epi-LASIK, or "bladeless LASIK" as it is often called, we avoid any complications due to flap problems and eliminate the possibility of diffuse lamellar keratitis, a type of inflammation which is seen occasionally after LASIK. Recovery takes a few days longer in the immediate postoperative period, and attainment of the very final visual acuity may be more delayed. Transient corneal haze has been reported, but this is rare with modern epi-LASIK techniques.

What laser will be used for my LASIK procedure and what is it's FDA status? We use the highest level of technology for your LASIK procedure. Our surgeons perform LASIK on the Alcon LADARVision system. The LADARVision system is FDA approved for the treatment of nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism both for standard and wavefront treatments to minimize higher order aberrations.

Tell me more about this LADARVision system.

The Autonomous LADARVision excimer laser combines the newest "flying spot" laser technology with the most advanced radar-like eye-tracking system to eliminate concern about eye movement during the procedure. With the LADAR tracker, each laser pulse is carefully and accurately placed to obtain a superior optical result. The LADAR system can also greatly reduce the risk of nighttime halos and glare due to its adjustable treatment zone and its wavefront correcting capabilities. By accommodating a larger pupil size and correcting higher order aberrations, this laser system permits more patients to have the LASIK procedure than ever before. The LADARvision flying spot technology is ideal for wavefront controlled Custom Cornea procedures to reduce higher order optical aberrations for even sharper vision. For more information on LADARvision, visit the website of manufacturer: www.Alcon.com and look up Custom Cornea LASIK and LADARVision.

What are the risks of LASIK or Epi-LASIK surgery?

Laser vision correction is a real operation and every surgical procedure brings with it the risk of some problem. The primary annoyance with LASIK is seeing halos around lights at night. This is more prominent in people who have large pupils and less pronounced in people with relatively small pupils. We measure everyone's pupil with an infrared "night vision" measuring device so that we can know the maximum size of the pupil in the dark. This allows us to warn patients with unusually large pupils that they may be subject to glare at night. However, with our new LADARvision

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technology, this risk can be even further reduced for most patients. This is due to the laser's capability to compensate for a larger pupil size and to reduce spherical aberration by Custom Cornea treatment.

There is a relatively rare situation known as diffuse lamellar keratitis characterized by a sterile inflammation of the interface between the corneal flap and the deeper part of the cornea. This problem is rare and usually responds very well to a short course of steroid drops or, if necessary, to lifting of the flap and irrigation under it.

Do you do both eyes at one time?

We usually perform LASIK on both eyes together however, in some cases, we may operate the two eyes at separate times. This also depends on the patient's preference. We always perform refractive lensectomy at separate times, usually one or two weeks apart. Astigmatic keratotomy is often performed on both eyes at the same time.

How long will it take?

The LASIK procedure takes about 15 minutes per eye. There is some equipment setup and patient preoperative time, but once everything is set up, it doesn't take very long at all. (With refractive lensectomy or ICL implantation, the procedure itself takes about 20 minutes per eye.)

Am I awake during the LASIK procedure?

You are awake but relaxed during the procedure. Your eyes will be numbed with eye drops so you should not feel any pain at all. Most patients report minimal discomfort, and report only a slight feeling of pressure during one portion of the procedure. Mild sedation will make you feel relaxed.

Will I have any pain?

There is essentially no pain reported by most of our LASIK and Epi-LASIK patients. Some stretching of the eyelid is felt as the eyelid holder is put into position, and a transient feeling of pressure, usually less than one minute, is felt while a suction ring is placed. Most people have just slight operative discomfort and no postoperative pain at all. We usually give a small amount of oral Valium before the procedure to relax you.

How long is the recovery time and what should I expect during that time? We usually operate at the end of the week. Recovery from the LASIK surgery is very rapid and is one of the reasons it is a preferred procedure. Immediately following the procedure, most patients show marked improvement, and within 24-48 hours, have returned to normal activities. Most of our patients choose to return to work the Monday following their procedure, if not sooner.

For epi-LASIK surgery, the recovery period is usually about three to four days. During that time a "bandage" contact lens is worn. Many patients return to work after three days, but some may wish to stay out another day or two. During the first few weeks, you may notice some fluctuations in your vision, which is normal and is part of the healing process. Night glare and halos may persist for the first few weeks but usually cease by the end of the two to three month healing process.

Will I have good vision immediately? How long will it take until my vision reaches its final status?

Most people have vision adequate for functioning well by the day after surgery. Vision is usually improved further by the next day. However, rarely some blurring

Case ID: 031100946 Control No.: 09062101 may take as long as three months to clear fully. It is common to have a certain amount of temporary overcorrection which then drifts in the proper myopic direction within a few days to weeks. One can expect a larger amount of overcorrection with a larger refractive error or with a wavefront–corrected procedure. We usually tell patients that 80% of the healing occurs within the first 48 hours, but the remaining 20% of the visual clarity takes about 2-3 weeks to fall into place. Patients can usually get along well in the interim, sometimes with the help of temporary glasses.

What is the likelihood that my vision will be good from this procedure? Just about all patients have their uncorrected vision vastly improved. The majority of patients obtain uncorrected vision after surgery that is similar to their best-corrected visual acuity prior to surgery. Some patients, especially those who have wavefront corrected procedures, obtain better vision than their preoperative bestcorrected vision. However, a small percentile (about 1%) will have best corrected acuity less sharp than their acuity before surgery. In almost all cases, such a loss of best corrected acuity consists of one line (20/25 for example), which is an amount that most patients would not even notice. The majority of patients obtain good (20/40 or better) distance vision without correction; most obtain 20/20.

Will I have 20/20 vision after the procedure?

Having a successful experience with your refractive surgery begins with realistic expectations of what it can do. The purpose of the surgery is to enable you to perform many activities without glasses, not just to give you 20/20 vision. While the vast majority of patients achieve excellent unaided vision, not everyone gains complete freedom from glasses. The goal of refractive surgery is to obtain useful, uncorrected vision close to or better than the best corrected vision you have now using your glasses or contacts.

Will I be able to see without glasses after the laser vision correction procedure?

The majority of refractive surgery patients are able to perform most activities without glasses, but some may still need help for especially demanding vision situations (such as driving at night or reading stock quotes). Also, you may still need reading glasses as you grow older, depending on the type of procedure performed. Your surgeon will give you more information on what results you can realistically expect.

What if I only wear reading glasses?

The need for reading glasses is one that affects most people over the age of 40. With age, the eye's lens becomes stiff and can no longer accommodate easily. This causes the condition "Presbyopia", which means a difficulty in focusing on nearby objects. Presbyopia can be treated by making one eye a bit myopic to allow near vision (with LASIK, Epi-LASIK, CK or ICL surgery). The only way to actually cure presbyopia is with the Crystalens implant which actually allows each eye to focus for near. Corneal surgery such as LASIK or Epi-LASIK surgery cannot treat the cause of presbyopia. However, there is a way to reduce your dependency on reading glasses with monovision.

What is monovision and why would I want it?

Monovision means correcting one eye better for distance and the other eye better for near. The distance eye will be slightly blurred at near in patients over 40, and the near eye will be somewhat blurred at distance, depending on the amount of monovision given.

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We see with our brains not our eyes; therefore, the brain will pay attention to the sharper image. If one eye is focused better for far and the other for near, then the far eye's image will be noticed more for distance vision and the near eye's image for near vision. We find that most patients with monovision are very happy with it and that it increases their degree of freedom from spectacle or contact lens correction. Occasionally, a patient does not like monovision, and we can usually enhance the near eye to make it also into a distance eye without difficulty. Monovision can rather easily be simulated with a contact lens trial from your eye doctor. If you are uncertain if monovision would be comfortable for you, a contact lens trial is recommended.

Is LASIK considered permanent or does it need to be repeated?

As you age, your eye may undergo some change, especially change in the lens of the eye. LASIK has undergone numerous clinical trials and has been done for years in Canada and Europe. Patients that have had this procedure several years ago are still enjoying remarkable vision. Some patients do not achieve full correction with the initial treatment and may have a need for an enhancement. An enhancement is a secondary procedure where addition laser must be added to achieve the full correction that was intended. This is more common in patients who are very nearsighted or farsighted or have a high astigmatism.

As the eye ages, especially after the age of 50, changes in the lens of the eye may cause refractive changes. For patients who are showing ongoing changes in the density of the natural lens of the eye with age, we would consider refractive lens surgery rather than LASIK or epi-LASIK which is performed on the cornea and does not affect the lens of the eye. Once refractive lens surgery has been performed, then the eye's refraction will not change with time, and of course, cataract can never develop.

What is an enhancement and when might it be preformed?

An "enhancement" is an additional refractive surgery that is performed to "fine tune" the original procedure. This is performed when there is either an over or under reaction by the eye to the laser treatment. Enhancement is never performed until at least 3 months have passed or refractive stability has occurred.

Can I speak to patients who have had this procedure?

We have many patients who are very happy with their refractive surgery and who are happy to speak to potential patients who have concerns. We can usually match you up with someone who has a similar refractive error to yours. Please ask our doctors or refractive surgery coordinators to arrange this for you.

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Refractive Errors

What refractive errors can you correct?

With refractive surgery of one variety or another, we can correct almost any refractive error in existence. We are experienced in a number of procedures, not just one. We choose the procedure best suited for each individual patient after careful examination. With our LASIK surgery, we can correct nearsightedness from -0.50 to -10.0 diopters and astigmatism from 0.50 to 6.0 diopters. We correct farsightedness from +0.50 to +6.0 diopters with hyperopic LASIK. We can correct almost any degree of nearsightedness or farsightedness with refractive lensectomy and crystalens implantation or with phakic intraocular lens implantation (the new ICL procedure). We have corrected as much as 42.0 diopters of nearsightedness and as much as 12.0 diopters of farsightedness. We have corrected as much as 14.0 diopters of astigmatism. Every case is different and must be evaluated individually. Drs. Herbert Nevyas, Anita Nevyas-Wallace and Vipin Goyal, the surgeons who will perform your evaluation are the same surgeons who will personally perform your evaluation.

How should I choose my eye surgeon?

It would be best to choose a surgeon who is highly skilled, experienced and well recommended. He or she should have recommendations from patients and particularly from doctors, especially eye doctors, who are familiar with his/her work. He or she should utilize an advanced excimer laser that is FDA approved. More important, you should meet with your surgeon prior to your surgery date and feel comfortable with his or her degree of skill.



Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace



Dr. Herbert Nevyas



Dr. Vipin K.Goyal

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The cataract and refractive surgeons at Nevyas Eye Associates are Dr. Herbert J. Nevyas MD, Dr.Anita Nevyas-Wallace M.D., and Dr. Vipin Goyal M.D. The surgeons are very experienced and prominent in their field. They have many years of experience in anterior segment and refractive surgery. Their refractive surgery experience extends to all aspects of refractive surgery, not just one or two modalities. Between they have performed over 50,000 cataract and laser surgical procedures.



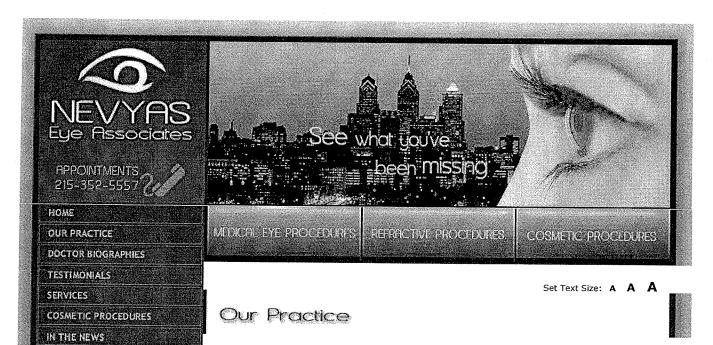
What is the experience of the Nevyas doctors with refractive surgery?

We at Nevyas Eye Associates began performing refractive surgery in 1980 with radialkeratotomy, and then astigmatic keratotomy. In 1992 we began performing ALK(automated lamellar keratoplasty). ALK is similar to LASIK because a corneal flap is made in both procedures. The difference is that in ALK, the corneal reshaping underneath the flap is performed with the same sort of instrument that was used to actually make the flap. In LASIK, the laser is the instrument that is reshaping the cornea. Once LASIK became available in 1995, we switched to this procedure since the corneal reshaping was performed more precisely with the excimer laser.

What part will my current eye doctor play in my vision correction?

We work together with numerous eye doctors, both ophthalmologists and optometrists, in co-managing refractive surgical patients. We typically see each patient immediately post-operatively, and then the patient can return to his or her own eye doctor for some of the further follow up. Reports are sent to us at every visit and we keep close track of each patient.

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Established in 1964, Nevyas Eye Associates specializes in medical and surgical ophthalmology. At our practice, you have the security of knowing you are in skilled hands. Our doctors are highly respected and are experienced in a wide range of advanced eye surgery.

Along with our main office in Bala Cynwyd, we have three other offices in the Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey areas, a staff of 10 Ophthalmologists, and over 50 support staff. The Bala Cynwyd office is home to the Delaware Valley Laser Surgery Institute, a fully accredited ambulatory surgery center, with two operating rooms and two minor surgery suites. It also houses our dedicated LASIK surgery suite. In both facilities, you will find state of the art equipment for your surgery. We pride ourselves on our sterile environment.

Delaware Valley Laser Surgery Institute



The operating suites of our Surgery Institute meet the same high standards as the operating suites of hospitals. They are fully accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) and licensed by the State of Pennsylvania. Our LASIK suite was designed to be both temperature and humidity controlled. It houses our state-of-the-art LADARVision Excimer laser system.

Equally important for our patients, we are a facility dedicated to ophthalmic surgery. The Institute is custom designed to meet the needs of our surgeons. We use the newest equipment including many types of lasers, computerized corneal elevation topography, wavefront aberrometry, laser interferometry and ophthalmic ultrasound. Also, our staff members are specially trained to work with our surgeons and to support our patients and their families. Nevyas Eye Associates is a secure and supportive environment in which to have your ophthalmic procedure preformed performed.

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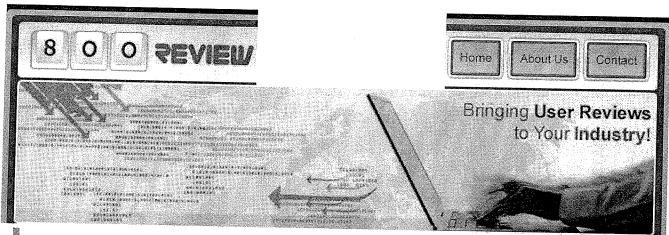
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As an optometrist and someone who has had LASIK performed, what kind of legwork do you recommend to people when researching and deciding whether they should get this done and by whom?

"Usually when patients are interested in refractive procedures, I recommend that they look for a surgeon that they feel comfortable with and also one that has experience. You should be comfortable with the person who performs the surgery because you will have concerns both from a vision standpoint and from an anxiety standpoint."

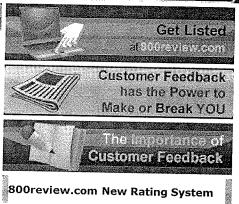
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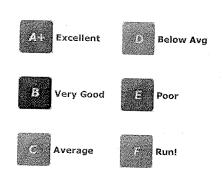
"I am very very pleased. From the moment that I had the procedure I was 20/20 and I experienced very very little discomfort. I was told that I could anticipate a little bit of glare night because I have a large pupil size. I did experience glare at night however it was never hindering because my vision was clear. After about three months it totally dissipated and is now gone."

- Dr. Tammy Schuler

"I'm one of those people who couldn't see the hand in front of their face when it's two feet in front. I wore glasses up until my 30's; I wore contacts after that. I hated it. I hated breaking the glasses. I hate cleaning the lenses. I hated not being able to see in the morning until I put the glasses on, I couldn't even read the clock."

"When I came to Nevyas Eye Associates what I really liked is, I didn't feel as if they were salespeople and they weren't trying to push me into it. They explained everything that was going to happen, step by step. I must have asked them six thousand questions, they never got tired of my questions. I probably had a lot of stupid questions. They never made me feel stupid about them. They figuratively held my hand through the procedure. I'm still amazed that I go to a football game, I go see the Philadelphia Eagles, and I'm up in the press box, I'm talking 200 yards away on the other side of the field is the head coach and I can see what he's saying and I can make out who he's talking to and I can see forever and that really has amazed me. I'll tell you something else and this again may sound corny, colors are brighter than they were. I used to see the leaves on the tress, I used to see the distance as sort of a shading of colors. Now I see the leaves on the trees and it's





individual leaves. Now I look off into the distance and I can see the color breaking into that color. The surprise was how much better I see. I figured I would see about the same but not have to wear the glasses or the contacts. What I learned is, how much better I could see."

- Glenn Macnow

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There are currently eight doctors on staff at Nevyas Eye Associates, all of whom have years of experience in their respective specialties. Herbert J. Nevyas, MD, the founder of Nevyas Eye Associates, is a board-certified ophthalmologist and as well as a recognized leader in ophthalmic surgery. Dr. Nevyas has developed a number of surgical instruments and procedures that are used in ophthalmologic surgical facilities around the world, particularly in the areas of cataract and LASIK surgery. Dr. Nevyas' partner is Anita Nevyas-Wallace, MD, a board-certified ophthalmologist with a special interest in cataract surgery, LASIK surgery, Intacs surgery for Kerataconus, and Botox therapy for both medical and cosmetic indications. Dr. Nevvas-Wallace is also an innovator in the field of refractive surgery, and has designed and patented instrumentation to make refractive procedures safer and more precise. This emphasis on innovation means that patients at Nevyas Eye Associates receive the highest level of state-of-the-art treatment for their refractive surgery and other procedures.

Nevyas Eye Associates was established in 1964. For over forty years, Dr. Nevyas and his associates have continued to grow and to expand their practice. The newly designed LASIK suite at the Delaware Valley Laser Surgery Institute is dedicated entirely to ophthalmic surgery. The LASIK suite includes an assortment of lasers, computerized corneal topography equipment, and ophthalmic ultrasound equipment. In addition to provide excellent surgical care, the surgeons and staff of Nevya Eye Associates also work to ensure that their patients have a secure and supportive environment for their ophthalmic procedures and follow-up care.

In addition to being recognized worldwide as experts in the field of refractive surgery, Nevyas Eye Associates is also held in high regard by

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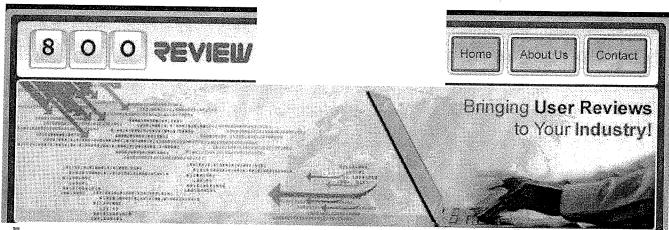
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Outpatient surgery facilities are located at Two Bala Plaza, on City Avenue, in Bala Cynwyd, PA. Additional offices for intake and postsurgery examinations are located in Center City, Northeast Philadelphia and Marlton, NJ. All surgical procedures are performed in Bala Cynwyd at the Delaware Valley Laser Surgery Institute, one of the most modern and well-equipped ophthalmologic surgical facilities in the Delaware Valley. The newly designed LASIK suite is dedicated entirely to ophthalmic surgery and includes an array of lasers, computerized corneal topography equipment, and ophthalmic ultrasound equipment. Although the facilities at the Delaware Valley Laser Surgery Institute are state-of-the-art, the doctors and staff at Nevyas Eye Associates understand that technology alone cannot meet all of the needs of their patients and their families. The surgeons and staff of Nevya Eye Associates take care to ensure that their patients have a secure and supportive environment for their ophthalmic procedures and follow-up care.

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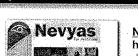
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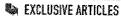
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Well, obviously what I was looking at was the opportunity to not have to wear glasses anymore but primarily I looked at all the potential operations that were available and I've been looking for a lot of years. I have the benefit of being the son of an optometrist, so for about the last fifteen years I've been looking for some way to avoid wearing my glasses and at some point it was made known to me that there was this LASIK procedure which has a very high level of success, for which I was a very good candidate.

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**** Andrew

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*** Dr. Tammy Schueler

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*** Glenn

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Refractive Surgery

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Surgical procedures now make it possible to permanently eliminate or significantly reduce the need to wear glasses or contact lenses, even for people with very large refractive errors that require thick lenses. Appropriate surgery can modify the eye to enable light rays to converge properly on the retina. Various operations can reduce or correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism.

Modern refractive surgery became popular in the United States through radial keratotomy (RK), which was introduced from Russia in the early 1980s. In this operation, incisions made in the outer part of the cornea cause the central part of the cornea to flatten. This can correct a mild degree of nearsightedness.

Initially, even though the procedure looked promising, many eye surgeons cautioned that there were no long-term data showing that the procedure was safe and likely to improve vision permanently. Many authorities also objected to the idea of operating on healthy eyes when the use of eyeglasses or contact lenses could enable them to see adequately.

In 1990, the Journal of the American Medical Association published the Prospective Evaluation of Radial Keratotomy (PERK) study of about 400 patients, most of whom had been followed for four years [1]. About two-thirds of the patients achieved their goal of eliminating glasses or contact lenses, and nearly all of the others improved considerably [2]. No severe complications occurred. Many patients reported seeing radiating light (flare) around light sources such as headlights or street lights at night. In most cases, this diminished as time went on. Most patients reported that it did not interfere with their normal activities, but some said it interfered severely with night driving. A ten-year follow-up study of 374 of the patients found that 70% said they did not use corrective lenses for distance vision and 53% had 20/20 vision without glasses [3].

We now know that the accuracy of this operation can be increased by varying the incisions according to the patient's age. In 1993, the American Academy of Ophthalmology noted that about 10% of ophthalmologists were doing RK, that hundreds of thousands of procedures had been performed, and that the operation usually improved the vision of patients with non-progressive low and moderate amounts of nearsightedness [4]. Today RK is used mostly for small myopic refractive errors, especially in older patients in whom the operation is more effective. The required incisions are small and far enough from the center of the cornea that postoperative flare is uncommon. Mild to moderate degrees of astigmatism can be corrected by astigmatic keratotomy (AK), in which arc-shaped corneal incisions are located far enough from the optical axis to make postoperative complications unlikely.

Newer techniques involving computerized assessment, precisely calculated cutting patterns, and lasers have made refractive keratotomy more predictable. Computerized topography can be used preoperatively to determine the best procedure and postoperatively to determine whether additional correction might be indicated. The newest apparatus measures the true elevation of the cornea and gives the surgeon an accurate topographic picture of the corneal surface [5-7]. The newer operations include the following.

Photorefractive keratotomy (PRK): An excimer laser is used to correct low to moderate degrees of nearsightedness. The correction is fairly precise but not completely predictable.

The recovery period varies, and the final refractive state may not be known for three to six months. During the procedure, the corneal surface is removed, which means that the eye will be very painful for a few days until the cornea regrows. Haziness of the cornea (with cloudy vision) is common for a few months, but goes away eventually in most cases. This procedure is being phased out by most surgeons in favor of LASIK surgery 8-12].

Automated lamellar keratoplasty (ALK): The cornea is reshaped by a microkeratome, a precise mechanical instrument that peels an outer flap and then removes a calculated amount of material from underneath. The outer flap is then put back into place and adheres firmly after just a few minutes. This operation can correct high degrees of nearsightedness. Since the corneal surface is not removed, there is little if any postoperative discomfort. However, this procedure is seldom used today because LASIK surgery is more accurate.

Laser in-situ keratomileusis (LASIK): The outer corneal flap is made as in ALK, and an extremely precise underlying cut is made with an excimer laser [13]. Each laser pulse removes just 0.25 microns of tissue (1/100,000th of an inch). LASIK techniques can be used to correct astigmatism and farsightedness as well as myopia. The results are nearly always predictable. There is usually no operative pain or postoperative discomfort. This operation is preferred throughout the world by eye surgeons who have sufficient experience and have access to the necessary equipment. Several eye-surgery centers in the United States have FDA approval to perform LASIK surgery, and many individual ophthalmologists are performing LASIK with laser devices approved by the FDA for PRK. LASIK is effective in a wide range of refractive errors (-15 to +5) and for up to 5 diopters of astigmatism. Excellent results have been reported [14-21].

Lens replacement: For people who are farsighted or severely nearsighted, an alternative approach is replacement of their natural lens with an artificial lens of a more appropriate power [22-27]. This is essentially the same operation as cataract surgery, an operation that has been perfected. In patients who are beginning to develop a cataract or who are within the older cataract age group, this approach is logical. In patients with extremely high refractive errors, it is often the best choice.

Phakic intraocular contact lens implantation: A special lens is placed either in front of or behind the iris so that it works with the eye's natural lens to bend the light rays more appropriately. In younger patients this procedure preserves the ability to focus. Some problems have been reported, but the most refined form of this procedure looks promising. It is being actively investigated and has been gaining acceptance worldwide. Only a few patients have been treated in the United States under an FDA protocol thus far.

Benefits vs. Risks

People contemplating refractive surgery should discuss the potential benefits and risks with an ophthalmic surgeon who is well regarded by the medical and optometric communities. As with any type of surgery, complications can occur. With corneal procedures, it is not unusual for the patient to experience flare around lights at night, especially younger patients who have large pupils. Undercorrection or overcorrection may occur and may necessitate a second "enhancement" procedure. Sometimes glasses may be required even after this surgery; and rarely, corneal irregularity may require even continued use of contact lenses.

With LASIK, complications in the cutting of the corneal flap can lead to corneal irregularity. Sometimes

wrinkles occur in the cap, requiring lifting and refloating of the cap; and sometimes corneal epithelial tissue grows under it and has to be removed. The excimer laser ablation itself could be off-center, resulting in reduced vision, halos around lights, and astigmatism.

Lens-replacement surgery carries with it the possibility of all the complications that could occur with cataract surgery, such as infection, bleeding, and retinal detachment. These are rare nowadays, but all patients who have lens-replacement surgery lose the ability to focus for near vision and must wear a reading glass unless one eye is purposely left focused for near vision (monovision). One advantage of lens-replacement surgery is that these patients will never develop a cataract. The phakic lens implantation bears with it the rare possibility of infection and also of producing a cataract that eventually requires cataract surgery.

Satisfaction with modern refractive surgery is very high, and complications are rare. Most patients do well, gaining a whole new world of freedom from dependence on eyeglasses or contact lenses. Even so, the risk involved may not justify the use of surgery if adequate vision and comfort can be achieved with eyeglasses or contact lenses. Individuals who wish to explore the possibility of refractive surgery should seek a qualified eye surgeon who is thoroughly experienced in the various procedures.

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22
23
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1	THE COURT REPORTER: Usual
2	stipulations?
3	MR. FRIEDMAN: That's fine.
4	MR. ALBERT: That's fine.
5	MR. SILVERMAN: That's fine.
6	·
7	(It is hereby stipulated by
8	and among counsel for the
9	respective parties that the
10	reading, signing, sealing, filing
11	and certification are waived, and
12	that all objections, except as to
13	the form of the questions, be
14	reserved until the time of trial.)
15	
16	Richard H. Sterling, M.D.,
17	after having first been duly
18	sworn, was examined and testified
19	as follows:
20	- - -
21	EXAMINATION
22	
23	BY MR. ALBERT:
24	Q. Dr. Sterling, I'm Jeffrey

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1
             Q.
                    In what capacity or
  2
     capacities are you presently employed by
  3
     Nevyas Eye Associates?
  4
             Α.
                   Director of
     interprofessional relations.
  5
  6
                   Of interprofessional
             Q.
  7
     relations?
 8
             Α.
                   Yes.
 9
                   And when did you assume that
             Q.
 10
     title?
11
             Α.
                   Ten years ago.
12
                   And what are your
             Q.
13
     responsibilities as director of
14
     interprofessional relations?
15
                   My responsibilities are
16
    network, work with the different
17
    optometrists, primarily optometrists
18
                South Jersey and Philadelphia.
    the area.
19
            Q.
                   And when you say primarily
20
    optometrists, are there other
21
    professionals with whom you work in terms
22
    of this network besides optometrists?
23
            Α.
                  Ophthalmology.
24
            Q.
                  And is there a list of
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1	Q. And who does the data entry?
2	A. Kristin.
3	Q. And how does that data entry
4	come about? How does Kristin get the
-5	information which she then enters?
6	A. Letters. Letters that are
7	written to the referring doctors.
8	Q. And who sends out the
9	referring, the letters to the referring
10	doctors?
11	A. The surgeon.
12	Q. Are you at all involved in
13	that process by which the surgeon sends
14	out these letters to the referring
15	doctors?
16	A. No.
17	Q. Now, with respect to your
18	involvement as a director, as the
19	director of interprofessional relations,
20	what do you do in terms of dealing with
21	the actual or prospective sources of
22	referrals?
23	MR. SILVERMAN: Now?
24	MR. PLAINTIFF: Now.
	$oldsymbol{1}$

1 MR. SILVERMAN: You may 2 answer. 3 THE WITNESS: What I do, we 4 do a lot of continuing education 5 seminars. All day seminars and 6 two-hour seminars. I help to put 7 the calendar together. I don't 8 development the lectures. 9 help with registration of those 10 doctors at the meetings, and I do 11 things as menial as taking their 12 names and filling out a form. 13 BY MR. ALBERT: 14 Q. And I assume that, in 15 addition to doing the menial things, you 16 also attend the sessions? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Q. And do you present at these 19 sessions? 20 Α. No. 21 When you are at the sessions Q. 22 do you have face-to-face contact with those who attend other than having them 23 24 fill out the forms?

1 start to answer. 2 THE WITNESS: Okay. 3 SILVERMAN: I know that 4 you know what he's going to ask, 5 but it is hard for the 6 stenographer to take it down in 7 stereo, so just give him a chance 8 to finish the question. 9 MR. ALBERT: Thank you, Mr. 10 Silverman. 11 BY MR. ALBERT: 12 Now, with respect to these 13 various continuing education activities, how often are they done? 14 15 Well, we did an all day seminar in the spring, we do another one 16 17 in September, and then approximately six 18 over the course of the year, so I would say about eight. Eight to ten. 19 20 Now, when you say six and Q. then you said eight to ten, the six that 21 you are referring to are two hours? 22 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q. And sometimes that number

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1
     will change?
  2
                   Whether it will -- yes,
     whether it four presentations or the
  3
     the all day ones, obviously, are from
  4
  5
     eight to five.
 6
                   Now, with respect to these
            Ο.
 7
     all-day seminars, the last one was held
 8
     this spring?
 9
                   The last one was held this
            Α.
10
     spring. April third, I believe it was.
11
            Q.
                   And how many people
12
     attended?
                How many professionals
13
     attended?
14
                   I would say 200.
            A .
15
            Q.
                   And where was it held?
16
                   It used to be called the
            Α.
    Twelve Caesars. Now I believe it is the
17
    City Line -- City Avenue Hilton.
18
19
            Q.
                  And when the prior one was
20
    held in September, I gather, '04 --
21
            Α.
                  Yes.
22
            Q.
                  -- how many attended?
23
            Α.
                  40. Approximately 40.
24
            Q.
                  And if we went back to
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1
                    MR. SILVERMAN: Attended as
  2
             opposed to presenters?
  3
                    MR. ALBERT:
                                  That's right.
  4
     BY MR. ALBERT:
  5
                   Who attended in the sense
     that they were there, whether they were
  6
     presenting or they were there just to
  7
  8
     eat.
  9
                   Yes, there were others there
             Α.
     from Nevyas Eye Associates.
 10
 11
                   Were there other medical
             Q.
12
     professionals who were there from Nevyas
13
     Eye Associates?
14
            Α.
                   Yes.
15
            Q.
                   And who was there besides
16
     yourself?
17
            Α.
                  Besides me?
18
            Q.
                   Besides yourself.
19
                   The entire staff of Nevyas
            Α.
20
    Eye Associates.
21
                  Is the office closed on days
            Q.
22
    in which the seminars are held?
23
            Α.
                  It is a Sunday. Yes.
                                            Ιf
    you are referring specifically to the
24
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1 contact with either Dr. Sterling or Dr. 2 Wolbransky concerning this subject matter 3 of the websites and referral of patients? 4 Α. No. 5 Now, with respect to the Q. 6 number of medical professionals referring 7 patients to Nevyas Eye Associates, do you 8 have some awareness as to whether or not 9 that number has increased or decreased 10 during the last four years? 11 I believe it has decreased, 12 but that's just anecdotal. I don't have 13 any solid numbers. 14 I understand you may not. 15 Has anybody, to your knowledge, studied 16 the referral sources or network of Nevyas 17 Eye Associates, to your knowledge, during 18 the last four years? 19 Studied, no. Collated, 20 maybe, but not studied. 21 Well, part of your 0. 22 responsibility, I assume, is to encourage awareness of Nevyas Eye Associates among 23 medical professionals who might refer 24

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patients. What have you done over the
  1
  2
     last four years other than be involved in
  3
     these continuing education seminars?
  4
                   MR. SILVERMAN: Aside from
  5
            seeing patients?
  6
     BY MR.
            ALBERT:
 7
                   Well, personal medical
            Q.
 8
     services that he may perform. Yes..
 9
            Α.
                   I make site visits to the
10
     doctors' offices.
11
                   And how much of your average
12
    month is devoted to these site visits?
13
                   I would say 2/3 of my time.
            Α.
14
            Q.
                  And when you make a site
    visit I assume that part of that purpose
15
    is to actually meet with the medical
16
17
    professional; is that correct?
18
            Α.
                  Yes.
19
                  Do you know how many medical
    professionals you meet with in making
20
    these site visits in an average month?
21
22
            Α.
                  I have an idea. I don't
    have a solid number for you.
23
24
            Q.
                  Okay.
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1
            A .
                   I would say three days a
  2
     week I could probably see six to eight,
  3
     maybe more, so that's even times
                                        four.
  4
     70, I would say.
  5
                   Now, I understand these
 6
     numbers are rough.
 7
            Α.
                   Yes.
 8
                   And you don't have these
            Q.
 9
     numbers written down and you don't have
10
    precise numbers, but if you say 70 in an
11
     average month, and assuming some vacation
12
     time and whatever else, it would be fair
13
    to say that you would see, in the course
14
    of an average year, at least 500 --
15
            Α.
                  Yes.
16
            Q.
                  -- medical professionals in
17
    these site visits. Would that be true?
18
            Α.
                  Yes.
19
            Q.
                  And you have been doing
    basically the same program of spending
20
21
    three days a week visiting these medical
22
    professionals during this last four
23
    years?
24
                  During certainly these last
            Α.
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1 two years. Two years prior to that I was spending a good amount of my time in the 2 3 office. 4 Now, when you say the last Q. two years, when did it change such that 5 you were devoting more time to the site 6 7 visits than you had been previously? 8 When did it change? 9 sorry. Say that again. 10 **Q** . When did it change so that 11 you began to spend more time on site 12 visits than you had been? 13 I don't know the specific Α. 14 date. It basically changed because how 15 busy or not busy we were here and some of 16 the other responsibilities I have. 17 Q. So you were less busy 18 here --19 No, I was -- well, yes, at Α. 20 less busy, so I was out times I was 21 there. 22 Was there any other reason Q.

that it changed such that you began to

make more site visits than you had

23

24

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1
     previously been making?
  2
             Α.
                   No.
  3
                   Now, with respect to your
             Q.
  4
     being more busy or less busy, was there
  5
     some change in your duties or
     responsibilities here which occurred,
 6
     whether in terms of performing
 7
     professional services here or other kinds
 8
     of work that you do here?
 9
10
                   It was not a result of; it
            Α.
11
     was essentially trying to go out there in
     the community a little more. That was
12
13
          It wasn't anything specific that
     it.
14
    changed my pattern.
15
                  Now, how much of a change
16
    was there in your pattern? You mentioned
    that now you are spending three days
17
    week on the average doing these site
18
19
    visits?
20
            Α.
                  Yes.
21
            Q.
                  How many days a week were
22
    you spending previously doing site
23
    visits?
24
           Α.
                  Again, it sort of changed
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1 BY MR. ALBERT: 2 And with respect to the new Q. 3 technology that is featured or discussed at these continuing education program 5 seminars, what has been the new technology that has been focused on or 6 7 discussed in the last year or so? 8 In the last year or so it is Α. specifically crystal lens and also 9 10 wavefront excimer laser application. 11 Now, with respect to LASIK Q. 12 eye surgery before wave front was 13 developed, was that a subject at these 14 seminars? 15 Α. Yes. 16 Q. When was it last? When was 17 LASIK eye surgery last a topic of any of 18 these continuing education programs? 19 Α. The entire theme, you mean? 20 Q. Yes. 21 Α. In other words, at these 22 lectures we will have seven hours of 23 lectures. There might be two or three hours of lectures specifically about 24

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refractive surgery. Not necessarily
  1
     LASIK, but refractive surgery.
 2
 3
                   And has that been basically
 4
     the same over the last four years, about
     two hours over the all day program are
 5
 6
     devoted to refractive eye surgery?
 7
                   About the same.
            Α.
 8
                   And with respect to these
 9
     shorter two-hour programs, are they on
10
    one topic or multitude topics?
11
            Α.
                  One topic.
12
            Q.
                  And when was a two-hour
    program last devoted to refractive eye
13
14
    surgery?
15
                  I would have to look at the
    calendar, but within the last six months.
16
17
            Q.
                  Okay. And has there been a
    change in the frequency in which these
18
    two-hour programs have been devoted to
19
20
    refractive eye surgery over the last
21
    three years?
22
           Α.
                  No.
23
           Q.
                  And with respect to the
24
    number of doctors who attend these
```

1	could make?
2	Q. Yes.
, 3	A. Yes.
4	Q. And how would you go about
5	obtaining the data for such a study?
6	A. Just looking at the
7	attendance of each one of those lectures.
8	Q. And understanding that you
9	don't have that information right in
10	front of you now
11	A. Yes.
12	Q what is it or what facts
13	are you focusing on which give rise to
14	your belief anecdotally that there has
15	been a decrease in the attendance at
16	refractive eye surgery lectures?
17	A. Just simply observation.
18	Being at these lectures and seeing who's
19	there and who's not.
20	Q. Now, the lectures that we
21	are talking about, are they held both in
22	Pennsylvania and New Jersey?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. And with respect to those

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1
     lectures, would it be fair to say that in
     both Pennsylvania and New Jersey about
  2
     one such two-hour program is held on
  3
     refractive surgery each year?
  4
  5
             Α.
                   Yes.
  6
             0.
                   When was the last such
  7
     program held in either Pennsylvania or
     New Jersey devoted to refractive eye
  8
 9
     surgery?
 10
                   Again, I would have to get
     the calendar, but within the last six
11
12
     months. I want to say January.
13
            Q.
                   Do you recall whether that
14
     was in Pennsylvania or New Jersey?
15
            Α.
                   It was New Jersey.
16
                  And how many attended that
            Q.
17
    session?
18
                  I'm not sure. I want to say
            Α.
19
    eight to ten.
20
                  Now, understanding that your
21
    impression is that the number has
    declined, do you have any understanding
22
    as to why it has declined?
23
24
            Α.
                  No.
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1	A. Not really, no.
2	Q. Now, with respect to the
3	management of Nevyas Eye Associates, do
4	you participate in any management
5	meetings?
6	A. No.
7	Q. And I gather you are not an
8	officer, a corporate officer, of Nevyas
9	Eye Associates, either in Pennsylvania or
10	New Jersey; is that correct?
11	A. Correct.
12	Q. And with respect to your
13	involvement in terms of the network other
14	than these site visits and the continuing
15	education, you don't have any other
16	activities outside of the confines of
17	Nevyas Eye Associates?
18	A. I have would you repeat
19	the question.
20	MR. SILVERMAN: Do you
21	understand the question?
22	THE WITNESS: No.
23	BY MR. ALBERT:
24	Q. Let me focus on one aspect

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1
     of that.
                Is there anything else that you
     do, in terms of making the world aware of
  2
     the services available here at Nevyas Eye
  3
  4
     Associates, other than your good
     professional services that you perform
 5
 6
     here, your involvement in the site
 7
     visits, and your being involved in the
 8
     continuing education program?
 9
            Α.
                   No.
10
            Q.
                  And with respect to your own
11
    patients, those that you directly
12
    one-on-one have contact with, have any of
13
    them mentioned to you anything about any
14
    website concerning refractive eye surgery
15
    or LASIK eye surgery?
16
            Α.
                  No.
17
            Q.
                  And how many patients do you
18
    see a year?
19
            Α.
                  I see postop, prior to the
20
    surgeons.
21
            Q.
                  Okay.
22
            Α.
                  And I do not see everyone,
23
    and they are all refractive patients.
24
           Q.
                  I understand that.
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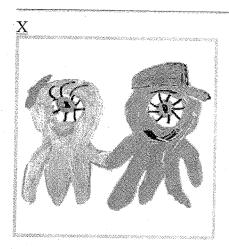
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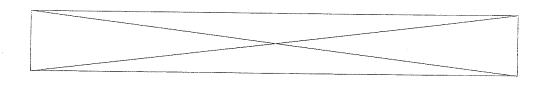
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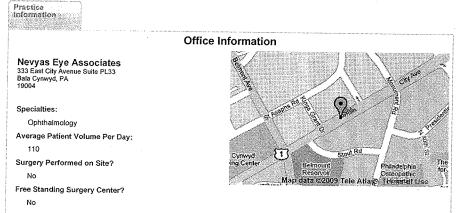
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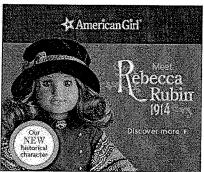
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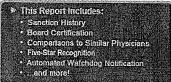
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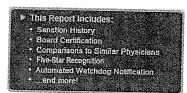
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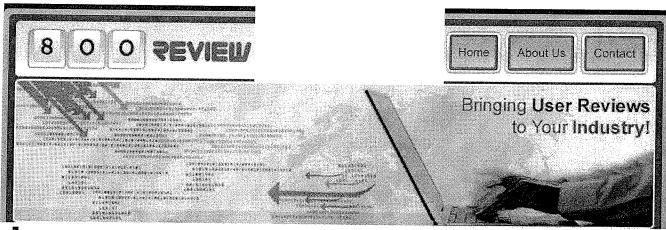
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A new way to look at things

An ophthalmologist and her son were part of a team that performed eye surgeries in rural Mexico. By Julie Shaw

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Ana Maria Ramirez's eyes had gradually worsened. At 62, she was nearly blind and couldn't make out her grandchildren's faces.

She couldn't afford a private eye doctor. So she, like others in the state of Zacatecas in central Mexico, traveled to the small town of Jerez de Garcia Salinas in Zacatecas.

A group of eye doctors, on a mission for the California nonprofit group Surgical Eye Expeditions International, was going to be at a small hospital for a few days, providing free exams and operations.

Anita Nevyas-Wallace, an ophthalmologist at Nevyas Eye Associates in Bala Cynwyd, was one of the five doctors. The other four were from Mexico, including the two host doctors, a husband-and-wife team who lived in Jerez.

This was Nevyas-Wallace's first time working in Mexico. She had visited and studied in the country before. Her son, Jonathan Wallace, a senior at Harriton High School, also went on this summer's trip, serving as a surgical assistant.

The experience showed them how advanced surgical conditions are in the United States compared to rural Mexico. But more important, they were able to change the way people see the world around them. Literally,

During the first three of their four days at the hospital, the five eye doctors performed 132 procedures. They stayed another day for follow-up exams. They worked from 8 a.m. to midnight, stopping for little breaks to eat a sandwich or drink water.

Even though they were based at a local hospital, they had to bring their own equipment and supplies.

Nevyas-Wallace, 46, of Penn Valley, and her son brought with them from the United States two boxes full of medicine, eye drops, intraocular lenses (clear lenses that replace the cloudy lenses, or cataracts, removed during surgery), sterile gloves, surgical masks and surgical scrub sponges. Surgical Eye Expeditions, manufacturers and doctors' offices, including Nevyas-Wallace's own, donated the supplies.

The Mexican doctors provided the surgical microscopes and the phacoemulsification machines, used in cataract surgery to break up a cloudy lens.

Jonathan, who spent a month before the trip reading about eye surgery and its related equipment, had never been to Mexico. Unlike his mother, he didn't know Spanish.

But even Nevyas-Wallace learned that not everyone in Mexico speaks Spanish. Some patients spoke the indigenous Indian languages of Nahuatl and Huichol. They had translators with them.

Jonathan, 17, said: "I gained a real appreciation of how good the medical care is in this country.... It was also very moving being able to help these people."

Ramirez, the grandmother, was one of those patients. She had cataracts in both eyes.

Nevyas-Wallace was able to remove the cataract in just one eye. With so many patients in need, and limited time and resources, the doctors decided to perform surgery on one eye per patient, even if the person had problems with both eyes. This way, they could help more people see better.

The day after her surgery, Ramirez sat in the exam room waiting for Nevyas-Wallace to remove the bandage from her

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right eye. She looked nervous.

Nevyas-Wallace took off the bandage. Ramirez smiled. She looked out the window and said, "Las hojas [the leaves]."

It was the first time, in many years, that Ramirez could see the individual green leaves. Before, a tree was one big blur.

She looked at her hands, noticing the wrinkles and dark tones.

"She looked at our faces as if she hadn't seen faces for a while," Nevyas-Wallace said. Another doctor was also in the room. "She cried. She blessed us. She hugged us."

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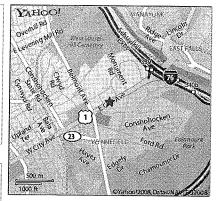
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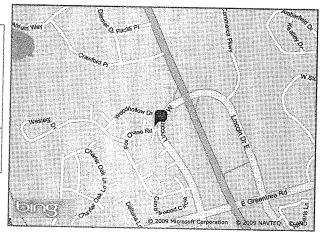
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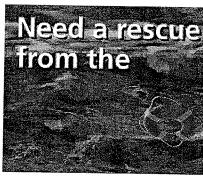
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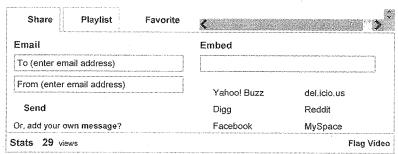
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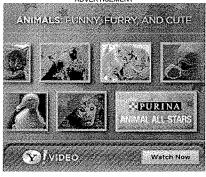
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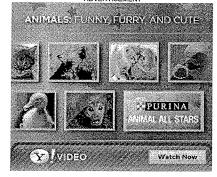
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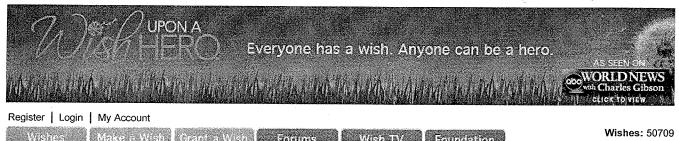
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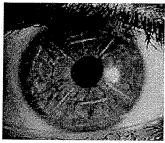
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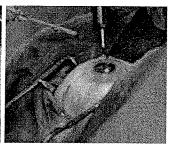
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F.D.A. Advisory Panel Endorses A New Laser Procedure for Eyes

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Government advisers cautiously backed the next generation of eye surgery lasers today, acknowledging their potential to cure near sightedness faster and with less pain but requesting more data.

A Food and Drug Administration panel voted unanimously that surgery with the new lasers, called Lasik, should be approved after the operation's developers provide the additional data. The request could keep the surgery off the market until year's end.

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"Lasik can be more satisfactory to patients" than the current eye surgery laser, said an F.D.A. adviser, Dr. Woodford Van Meter of the University of Kentucky. "It clearly is effective."

But Lasik is a complicated procedure, the F.D.A. panel said. It asked the technique's developers, at Emory University, to provide proof that patients' vision had stabilized properly 6 to 12 months after surgery and that side effects were not inordinately frequent after eyes were treated again for further vision enhancement.

"It's not a drive-through procedure," warned Dr. Marian Macsai, director of West Virginia's Medical Eye Bank.

The F.D.A. is not bound by advisory committee decisions but usually follows them.

Doctors can try to cure nearsightedness by reshaping a patient's cornea, by cutting tiny incisions into it with a knife or by blasting it with a cold beam of ultraviolet light from an instrument called an excimer laser. Thousands of Americans with mild to moderate nearsightedness have tried the latter option, undergoing the popular photorefractive keratectomy, or P.R.K., since the F.D.A. approved it in late 1995.

Lasik (it rhymes with basic) can treat more severe nearsightedness. Unlike its competitors, it does not injure the clear membrane covering the cornea, so healing should be faster and less painful.

"From the patients' point of view, this is a much more user-friendly procedure," said Dr. George Waring of Emory, who helped develop the P.R.K. procedure with the excimer laser. "The big point is that half the people we treated wouldn't qualify for P.R.K. today because they had too much nearsightedness."

Surgeons use a specially designed \$60,000 knife to slice off that membrane, leaving a small hinge of tissue connecting it to the eye and folding it aside. Then doctors use the laser on the inner cornea. The flap is folded back, adhering to the eye through suction, not stitches.

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About 90 percent of the eyes treated had 20/40 vision or better without glasses several months after Lasik, Dr. Waring said. It takes three to six months for vision to stabilize.

About 4 percent of the Lasik patients had somewhat worse vision after surgery than before, a risk similar to that posed by P.R.K.

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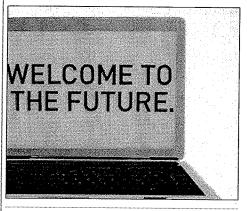
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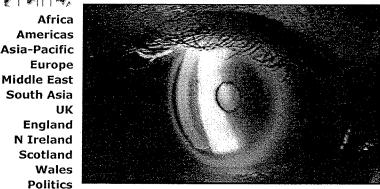
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Laser eye surgery risks highlighted



Around 100.000 people have laser surgery each year

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Consumer experts have warned that patients undergoing laser eye surgery are not being told about the risks they could be taking with

their sight.

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Laser surgery, which can cost thousands of pounds, is increasingly popular.

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vary between surgeons and clinics.

Around 100,000 people, tired of wearing glasses or contact lenses, undergo corrective laser eye surgery in the UK every year.

The procedure is seen as quick and simple, and has received many celebrity endorsements. this won't be the case

for everyone Health Which? looked at clinics offering the Lasik procedure - the most

Sue Freeman, Health Which?

While some people

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In very rare cases, complications can lead to corneal ectasia, where fluid pressure builds up on the eye.

Patients can need a corneal transplant to correct the condition.

Other complications, though deemed "minor" by clinics, occur "relatively frequently", according to a review by the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Patients can experience dry eyes or night vision problems, which can affect ability to drive or work in the evening or in dim light.

Health Which? also says that the Medical Defence Union and the Medical Protection Society, both doctors' insurance companies, are raising the fees they charge doctors working in this field because of increased compensation claims by patients.

Questions

David Gartry, a consultant ophthalmologist at Moorfields Eye Hospital has helped draw up Royal College of Ophthalmologist' guidelines on who should carry out laser eye surgery.

The guidelines say that only doctors with specialist training should carry out the procedure.

Mr Gartry told BBC News Online patients should find out as much as possible about the surgeon likely to carry out their operation.

"This is a situation where patients are responding to adverts, or even incentives.

"Patients should be asking the sort of questions they would ask if they were having, say, a hernia operation.

"What are the complication rates? What will happen if something goes wrong? Will I see the surgeon again?"

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Dan Reinstein, who is developing safety guidelines for the Medical Protection Society, added: "Expert surgeons are better equipped to avoid complications even if they have not previously seen them.

"And when these do occur, trained experts will have the knowledge and ability to correct them."

'Highest clinical standards'

Sue Freeman, managing editor of Health Which?, said: "Patients shouldn't be taken in by claims about the safety and success rates of laser eye surgery and in particular about so called 'minor complications'.

"While some people will be able to throw away their glasses, this won't be the case for everyone."

She added: "Patients should be fully informed of the possible risks and of the complication rates of clinics and individual surgeons.

"Until patients are able to make informed choice, they need to do a lot of research and ask a lot of hard questions of surgeons and clinics."

Here are a selection of your comments on this subject.

My wife had corrective laser treatment in November 2002 and all going to be like she the literature she received quoted 'best case' examples of people being back at

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G Fuller, UK

work the next day. Unfortunately she experienced massive discomfort and complete blindness for a week which failed to be controlled by the painkillers and sleeping pills prescribed by the clinic. In her own words "if she had known what it was going to be like she would never have had it done".

G Fuller, UK

Following surgery at the age of 44, I now have 20-20 vision, can use normal sunglasses

(essential in Australia and at high altitude) and no longer have problems with rain or fogging. I saw a specialist surgeon in Belgium who used the latest equipment. I have had one (free) adjustment operation to correct some astigmatism in one eye.

I have experienced some minor double-vision, slight loss of night vision, and initially starbursts/haloes around strong light sources - the latter now much reduced. For me these are very minor compared with the joy of being able to see the stars with the naked eye for the first time. I was given a video recording of the operation but this is not for the squeamish, and best seen afterwards. *Charles Barran, Australia*

After many years of consideration I finally took the decision to have laser treatment in December 2001. I opted for Lasek and was talked through all the possible complications and even had to take a little test to ensure I was fully aware of all possible side effects. After a thorough consultation I then had both eyes done simultaneously. I won't pretend the days following the treatment were bliss, I was in some discomfort for 3 to 4 days but after that had passed my eyes soon began to heal.

It was strange but having worn glasses for so long for a month or so afterwards I was still trying to push glasses that weren't there back up the bridge of my nose! It is now over a year since and I have perfect 20/20 vision. Just very occasionally my eyes are a little dry in the morning but I consider this a tiny inconvenience.

Edward Lacey, UK

I'd like to know if Sue Freeman would recommend micro lenses inserted into the eye as a better option than Lasik eye surgery. Would she be so kind as to find out on my behalf. I would like to lose my glasses. I did intend to have Lasik surgery but have now been scared off with the latest news regarding unsuccessful operations.

Vincent Jones, Dorset, UK

I had Lasik surgery last year and it was the best thing I ever did. I was fully informed by the company regarding any potential risks (and clear details on the procedures are on their website anyway). It was great just

waking up the next day and not having to fumble around looking for glasses, and no fussing about shoving bits of plastic in my eyes each day!

Dave, UK

I had laser surgery in June 2001 and have been more than satisfied with the results and the service I received. I felt under no pressure to make a decision and that I was able to make an informed choice to go ahead with the procedure. I agree though that you do need to ask questions and be aware that there are risks - but isn't this the case for any sort of medical procedure? It is also essential to use a reputable company, unfortunately there are rouges out there, look at cosmetic surgery.

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About 162 million people in the United States need some form of eyeglasses or contact lenses. So far, only about 3 million have tried to put away their glasses forever and undergo corrective laser surgery.

Prices have dropped for the most common form of laser surgery, called Lasik, to an average of around \$1,600 for each eye, but 21 percent fewer people had laser correction in the first nine months of last year compared with the same period in 2001. David R. Harmon, president of Marketscope, an opthamology research firm, blames the weak economy for the falloff. The surgery is not covered by most insurance policies.

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Many people are satisfied with the surgery, but risks include impaired vision, according to the Food and Drug Administration. Details can be found at its Web site, www.fda.gov/cdrh/lasik.

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Under the Laser, Up Close and Personal

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ROBERT POWERS was obviously nervous. It was a March morning, Friday the 13th, there was a full moon and he and his friend Joe Beitz were having eye surgery.

They arrived at the office of Dr. Robert T. Spector in Stamford for a last minute consultation before heading on a 20-minute ride to White Plains, N.Y., for the operation called Lasik that Mr. Powers hoped would correct his nearsightedness.

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"I'm assuming the worst," said Mr. Powers, 51, of his chances for perfect vision. "Dr. Spector is pretty conservative. I'm not going to get -- as he says -- a 16-year-old's vision again. I may well need reading glasses. But it's a compromise. I'll risk it."

Added Mr. Beitz, 41, "It's really not a vanity thing. It's really just convenience. But my wife thinks I look better without glasses."

Once at TLC-White Plains Laser Center, the men sign consent forms and then have the thickness and surface shape of their corneas measured by two computerized machines -- a pachymeter and a typography camera. These data are programmed into the laser to assure the right size of the cornea cut and amount of laser beam applied for each patient's sight correction. The laser's calibration is checked by two technicians and the doctor before surgery begins.

"No one wants to go into surgery and come out worse," says Dr. Spector.

Antibiotic and anesthetic drops are applied to Mr. Power's eyes. When the laser and the surgeon are ready, Mr. Power is escorted to a reclining chair with a pillow that inflates around his head. Cotton pads are taped to each side of his head to keep tears from going in his ears. His eyelashes are taped back and an instrument called a speculum is used to hold back his eyelids.

Dr. Spector tells him to stare at a light through the laser hanging above his bloodshot eye. The ophthalmologist uses a small tool to make purple ring marks on the side of Mr. Power's iris that will later help him reposition the sliced corneal flap.

A metal ring is placed on Mr. Power's cornea to keep the eye steady and help guide the microkeratome — which resembles a miniature carpenter's plane — that glides on the ring's tracks across the eye in seconds and cuts the programmed amount of the outer corneal layer. The patient feels a little pressure from the equipment.

All the while, Dr. Spector is describing each step to Mr. Power. The radio nearby distributes Mariah Carey's voice around the room. Through a microscope, Dr. Spector watches the moves he's making. The corneal flap is gently lifted to the side with a surgical **TicketWatch - Theater Offers by E-Mail**

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spatula. It looks like a thin piece of cellophane, but is very durable. Then the laser makes a clicking sound. The cold, ultraviolet beam is directed at the center of the cornea for maybe 15 seconds. Then it stops. Then it clicks on again.

In no time, the procedure is over. Dr. Spector gently returns the corneal flap to its original place, lining it up with the purple marks he made earlier. He applies saline drops under the flap to clean any possible debris and smooths the cornea with a sponge tool called a wecksel. The eye is allowed to dry for a few minutes so the cornea can adhere. Antibiotic eye drops are applied, the speculum is removed and the eye is covered with a cotton pad before surgery on the second eye begins.

Mr. Beitz, meanwhile who underwent the surgery earlier, is sitting in a dark exam room. He keeps his eyes closed because they feel better that way. His eyes are tearing excessively (a natural response to the trauma, say the staff), and he has a gritty feeling in one eye. "It feels like sand SF2 our contact lens is in wrong," he says. "My natural instinct is to rub my eyes."

Later, Mr. Power says his eyes feel as though they've been in chlorinated water too long.

After the men sit for a half hour, plastic eye shields are taped to their faces to protect the eyes from an inadvertent blow or scratch. They get the O.K. to head home and are offered protective sunglasses to reduce the glare on their light-sensitive eyes. The tears are expected to subside in four to six hours. The shields must be worn for 24 hours straight and then every night for a few days. The men will see Dr. Spector the next morning, a week later and a few times more in the months ahead.

TLC, which has 45 laser eye centers in the U.S. and Canada, performs 3,500 laser surgery procedures a month, says Dayna Heit, TLC's business manager. At the White Plains center, 60 to 100 are performed a month, two-thirds of which are Lasik, she said. The average age of patients is between 30 and 48 and they are divided equally between men and women, she says. The cost here is an average \$5,500 for two eyes and it is not covered by health insurance. "Look what people pay for a nose job," said Ms. Heit, "and that hurts a lot more."

The staff stays in motion. The laser is being reprogrammed, the microkerotome is being sterilized for six minutes and the headrest on the reclining chair is cleaned with alcohol in preparation for the next patient. The center could handle 25 procedures a day if the demand is there, said Ms. Heit.

Mr. Power and Mr. Beitz are loaded with souvenirs from the laser center, like mugs and mouse pads. They head to the limousine for the ride back to Connecticut, comparing symptoms. Both plan to sleep away the afternoon. It's the best medicine for the recovering eyes, and besides they certainly can't read or watch television comfortably.

"So far, no regrets," says Mr. Beitz on the ride home.

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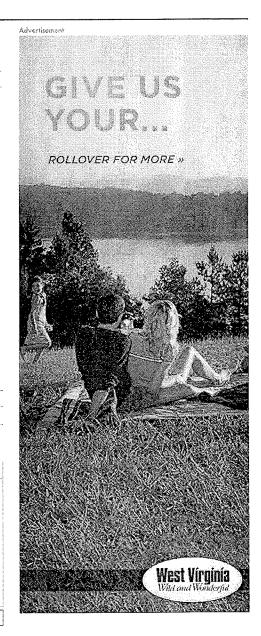
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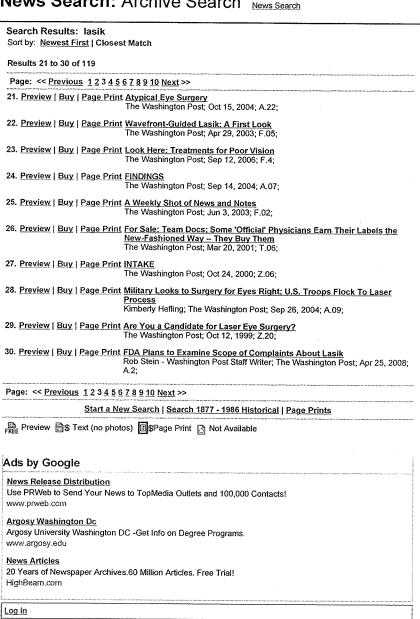


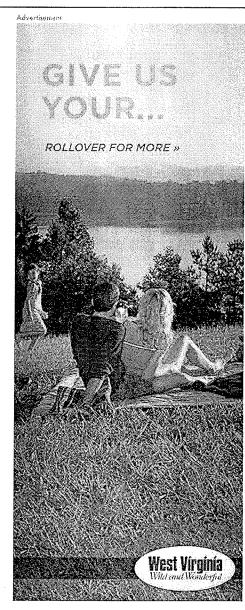
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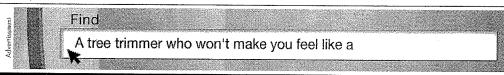
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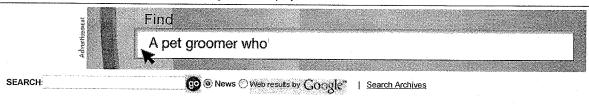
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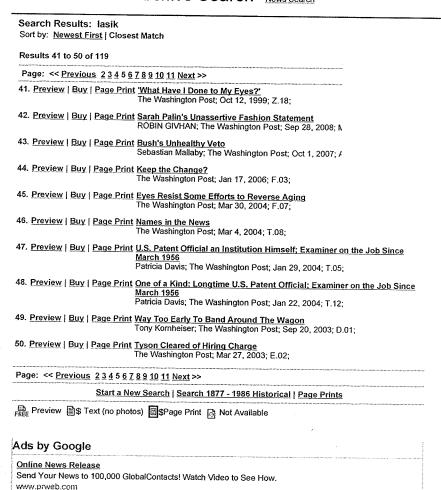
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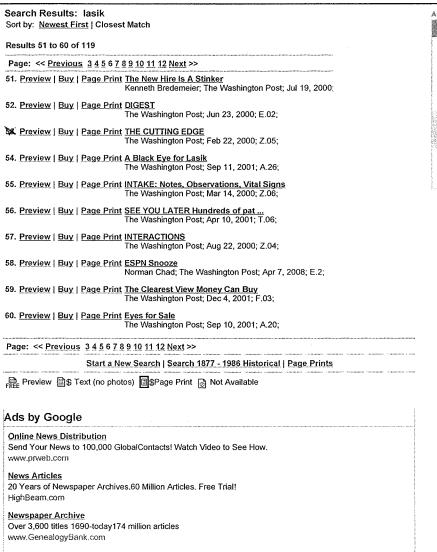
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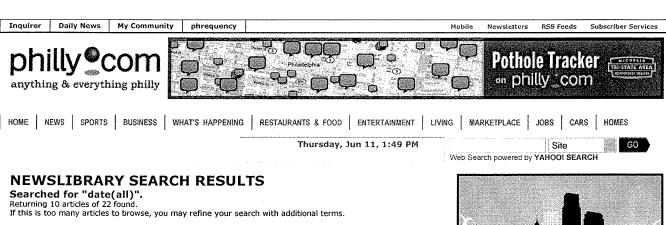
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There's a new option for people who suffer from extreme nearsightedness, whose world loses its crisp edge just a few inches from their noses. The first implantable lens for nearsightedness was approved yesterday by the Food and Drug Administration.

A surgeon slips the lens through a small incision and implants it in front of the natural lens. Like a photographer swiveling a camera lens into focus, the tiny hard plastic lens works behind the scenes to help the eye create in-focus

Published on 2004-09-14, Page A11, Philadelphia Inquirer, The (PA)

Article 14 of 22: 1681 words

Egg-freezing for fertility offers hope - and hype Source: Marie McCullough INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

After 20 years of trying, scientists are finally figuring out how to freeze a woman's eggs so she can look forward to making babies with Mr. Right, even if he doesn't show up until she's halfway to retirement. Egg-freezing is suddenly the subject of advertisements, talk shows, magazine articles, and even a fledgling chain of cryo-egg franchises.

"The days of the biological clock are over," fertility specialist Dr. Bradford Kolb Published on 2004-08-01, Page A01, Philadelphia Inquirer, The (PA)



Article 15 of 22; 924 words

'Innovation Days': IBM's idea festival Source: Brian Bergstein ASSOCIATED PRESS

On a bright, warm morning at IBM Corp.'s research center here, seven of Big Blue's scientists gathered around a conference table to consider a nonscientific question: What helps inventors invent things? IBM brass had asked the researchers to design a class that could teach lab managers how to help inventors stay fresh and innovative. The group erupted with ideas: the class' title, its methods, even whether someone could fail it. Then a boyish-looking

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Article 16 of 22: 670 words

New laser eye surgery has potential of sharper results Source: Lauran Neergaard ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new generation of laser eye surgery maps subtle irregularities in the cornea before it's zapped, in Just how much better this new "wavefront-guided Lasik" works isn't established yet, but it's causing

excitement among eye surgeons who say the three-dimensional maps let them customize treatment in a way never before possible.

Still, it comes with an important consumer warning:

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Article 17 of 22; 633 words

Legislator needs his eyes checked

Source: Monica Yant Kinney

Ever stopped by J.C. Penney for hand towels and wished you could have had eye surgery at the mall,

New Jerseyans could have a dream they've never dreamed come true, if Joe Roberts has his way. And if the guy makes a few bucks in the process, well, even better.

Roberts, you may know, is the majority leader in the state Assembly.

Roberts, as you may not know, also is part owner of U.S. Vision, the nation's sixth-largest retailer of

optical products and

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Article 18 of 22; 589 words

Guidelines for LASIK surgery

Source: Lauran Neergaard ASSOCIATED PRESS

Considering laser surgery to improve your eyesight? New guidelines may help determine if you're a good candidate or prone to vision-harming side effects.

One key: The guidelines explain what tests are needed before getting zapped, so if your doctor skips

these steps, consider picking another surgeon.
"There is a major need for credible, reliable information," says Roger Steinert, a Harvard Medical

School doctor who cowrote the guidelines for the

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Article 19 of 22; 1492 words

LASIK FOR CHILDREN? YOUNG EYES HAVE BEEN OFF-LIMITS TO LASIK. SOME PREDICT THE POPULAR SURGERY WILL BE AS COMMON FOR CHILDREN AS BRACES, OTHERS, MINDFUL OF THE RISKS, SAY THAT TIME IS NOT NOW - IF

Source: Susan FitzGerald, INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

Now that more than a million adults have undergone laser surgery to improve their eyesight, doctors are starting to look at whether it could be appropriate for some children.

Lasik eye surgery is currently recommended only for adults because young eyes are still developing. But several studies are evaluating Lasik for a childhood vision problem commonly known as "lazy eye," which if not effectively treated can lead to a lifetime of poor eyesight. At the same

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Article 20 of 22; 1260 words

FOUR EYES NO MORE, THANKS TO SURGERY Source: Kathy Boccella, INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

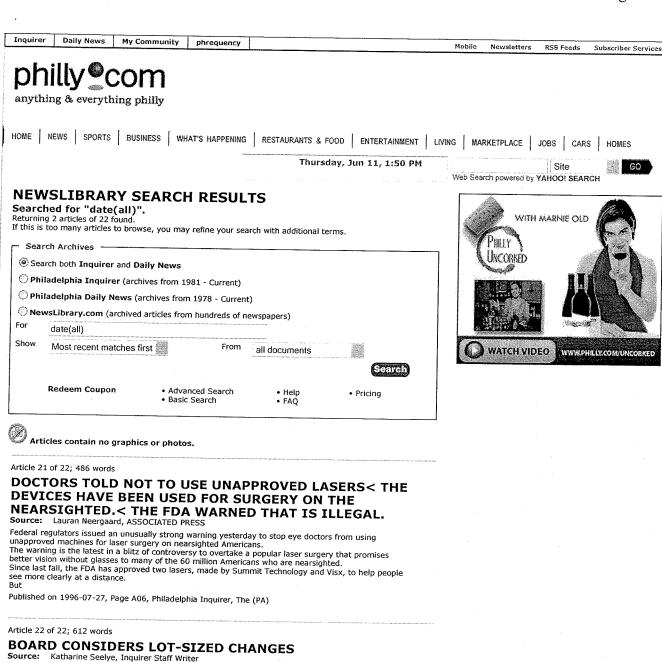
If there is one thing a chef in a fast-moving kitchen doesn't need to worry about, it's trying to read orders with eyeglasses that are fogged-up or grease-spattered.
"You know the little old lady with the glasses on top of her head? I was that old lady," sighed Tom

Ciarrocchi, who works in Chickie's and Pete's Cafe, his brother's restaurant in Northeast Philadelphia. These days the 31-year-old chef can

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With reservations, the Haverford Township Board of Commissioners has given preliminary approval to a plan that requires lots in a certain part of the Fifth Ward to be at least 1.5 acres. Until now, lots could be one acre.

The commissioners have been considering the special "very low residential district" for nearly a year at the request of John MacMurray, commissioner of the Fifth Ward. The district, a relatively affluent area of single-family homes built on

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