

LASIK Expert Dr. James Salz Gives Three Lectures at the Annual Meeting of the San Diego Eye Bank

Summary:

Dr. James Salz (www.drsalz.com) spoke at the Annual Meeting of the San Diego Eye Bank, Current Concepts in Ophthalmology. Dr. Salz gave three lectures. In his first lecture, Dr. Salz reviewed seven different methods for doing intraocular lens calculation for patients with cataracts who previously had LASIK, PRK or RK surgeries. Dr. Salz discussed two FDA approved lenses for severely near-sighted patients whose condition cannot be corrected by conventional laser surgery during the second lecture. In his third lecture, Dr. Salz discussed the medical legal aspects of refractive surgery with emphasis on the Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company and highlighted proper screening techniques and informed consent issues which can help protect both patients and their physicians.

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Los Angeles, California (_____)—August __, 2006 Dr. James Salz (www.drsalz.com) of Laser Vision Medical Associates was invited to speak at the annual meeting of the San Diego Eye Bank where he delivered three lectures on July 29 and 30, 2006. This was the third time Dr. Salz was invited to speak at this meeting. The San Diego Eye Bank annual meeting is unique in that the audience consists of both ophthalmologists and ophthalmic technicians. Dr. Salz and the other three invited speakers brought those in attendance up-to-date concerning current concepts in glaucoma, retina and refractive surgery.

Dr. Salz's first lecture was on intraocular lens calculations in patients with cataracts who have had previous refractive surgery such as LASIK, PRK (photorefractive keratotomy) and RK (radial keratotomy). Dr. Salz commented that as patients who have had LASIK and other refractive eye procedures years ago get older, some of them are developing cataracts. "This is a normal part of the aging process and is not related to the LASIK, PKR and RK," Dr. Salz continued. "The cataract surgery itself is no more difficult than in any other patient who had not had LASIK but calculating the power of the lens implant that goes into the eye is more challenging." In the course of the lecture, Dr. Salz reviewed seven different methods for doing these calculations, which will help surgeons achieve better results in their patients.

The second lecture concerned a review of Phakic lens implants including the STAAR Vision and the American Medical Optics (AMO) Verysye and a new anterior chamber phakic implant under FDA study by Alcon. Phakic lens implants are lenses that are placed inside the eye, just in front of the pupil of patients who are extremely near sighted and cannot be corrected by conventional LASIK surgery. These are the patients who can benefit most from this type of surgery as very strong glasses do not give normal vision and it is encouraging that two of these lenses are now FDA-approved.

The third was on the medical legal aspects of refractive surgery with emphasis on the Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company (OMIC). In the final lecture, Dr. Salz reviewed the claims experience of OMIC for the past several years and discussed proper screening techniques and informed consent issues which can help protect both patients and their doctors. A common problem is proper interpretation of corneal maps before surgery to make sure the patient is a good candidate for LASIK or another laser eye surgery procedure.

Dr. Salz stated: "I am very pleased to have the opportunity to share my experience with other colleagues in the hopes of improving patient care involving both cataract and refractive surgery."

About Laser Vision Medical Associates

Laser Vision Medical Associates, Inc. (Laser Vision Medical Associates)(www.drsalz.com) is the refractive surgery medical private practice of Dr. James J. Salz, M.D. and is services patients in the Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, and Orange County regions of Southern California. Dr. James Salz, M.D. is the President and primary physician who performs laser vision surgery for the company. Dr. Salz has been researching and publishing studies as well as performing refractive surgery, including LASIK, for over 20 years. Dr. Salz is Clinical

Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Southern California and Co-Director of Refractive Surgery Research at the Discovery Fund for Eye Research at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He has been the principal investigator for several major studies, including 8 FDA excimer laser studies, STAAR Surgical Implantable Contact Lens for Hyperopia FDA clinical trial. Dr. James Salz has been a paid consultant to Visx, and Alcon. Dr. James Salz is an expert of special interest in all aspects of refractive surgery, including LASIK, PRK, and Phakic implants. Dr. James Salz is also an expert in cataract surgery and lens implantation as well as medical legal matters and device and method patents related to ophthalmology. Dr. James Salz has an extensive listing of publications he has written or edited (www.drsalz.com/publications.htm), and spoken at hundreds of meetings concerning LASIK and other laser eye surgery procedures in the United States and abroad. For more information about Dr. Salz and LASIK and other laser eye surgery procedures, please visit www.drsalz.com. For information about Dr. James Salz's unique qualifications for LASIK, please see www.drsalz.com/choose_dr_salz.htm. Laser Vision Medical Associates performs its LASIK and laser eye surgery procedures at Laser Eye Associates.

About Laser Eye Associates, Inc.

Laser Eye Associates of Los Angeles, Inc. ("Laser Eye Associates") is an association consisting of about 30 LASIK and laser eye surgeons in the Beverly Hills/Los Angeles area. Laser Eye Associates is one of the few laser vision centers in the world with 3 different FDA approved excimer laser systems (Alcon, Visx and Alegretto): a femtosecond laser (Intralase) for creating the LASIK flap without a blade; (2) a Holmium laser system for treating low degrees of hyperopia; and (3) the only FDA approved procedure for treating presbyopia (the condition which requires reading glasses after age 40 the Refractec Conductive Keratoplasty (CK) instrument. Dr. James J. Salz is currently President of Laser Eye Associates and a shareholder of the company.

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