LASIK Expert Dr. James Salz Presents Refractec's™ Near Vision Conductive Keratoplasty Procedure for Adults Over 45 Who Need Reading Glasses to Japanese Doctors

Summary:

Refractec, Inc., the company that developed the NearVision CK procedure, obtained FDA approval of CK for those adults over the age of 45 who now face the gradual reduction of near vision due to presbyopia (aging eyes). Refractec's NearVision CK™ procedure and Visx's monovision procedure are the only two FDA-approved procedure to reduce the need for reading glasses in this group of patients. NearVision CK™ is a non-invasive procedure, with no cutting or removal of tissue, making it one of the safest vision procedures available today. The procedure offers a terrific option for baby boomers who now require reading glasses.

Body:

Los Angeles, CA (PRWeb) August 14, 2007--Lasik and refractive expert Dr. James Salz (www.drsalz.com) recently returned from a meeting in Tokyo, Japan where he made a presentation to over 150 Japanese refractive surgeons concerning indications, results, and technique of Conductive Keratoplasty (CK) to reduce the need for reading glasses in patients over the age of 45 with normal distance vision and also in patients who have had LASIK when they were younger and now require reading glasses.

Meeting: Tokyo Anti Aging Seminar hosted by Dr. Kaz Tsubota

Dr. Salz concluded his presentation with a demonstration of Refractec's NearVision CK™ instrument and the technique in a wet lab session after the meeting. The attendees were very receptive to this new technology since Nearvision CK™ is relatively new in Japan.

Presbyopia is a progressive condition that causes near vision (reading ability) to fade usually after the age of 40, the article sets forth the basic options with a brief description of each. The standard options have been reading glasses, bifocals, and contact lenses. The newest options are CLE (Clear Lens Extraction), PRK and LASIK with one eye targeted for distance vision and the other for near vision (Mono-vision or blended vision) and NearVision CK (Conductive Keratoplasty).

Dr. Salz is grateful that Refractec sponsored his presentation to Japan, a country he had never visited before. Dr. Salz's presentation gave him the opportunity to discuss the options available for patients who have always enjoyed good vision or who have had LASIK, but now have blurred near vision (Presbyopia), which is part of the normal aging process.

"The NearVision CK procedure is a very quick outpatient procedure that can dramatically decrease the need for reading glasses in these patients, including many who have had previous LASIK surgery but now require glasses to read", Dr. Salz continued. The Japanese surgeons were very interested in the procedure and several have ordered the CK instrumentation, according to Dr. Salz.

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 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 on patients with nearsightedness (myopia), farsightedness (hyperopia), astigmatism (blurred vision), and presbyopia. 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 (http://www.drsalz.com/publications.htm), and has 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 http://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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