

LASIK Expert Dr. James Salz Highlights Advantages of "Wavefront" LASIK and PRK in Improving Patients to 20/20 Vision & Reducing Complications in U.S. News and World Report

Summary:

Dr. Salz highlights the increased chances of obtaining 20/20 vision for LASIK and PRK refractive procedures while reducing complications in a U.S. News and World Report article entitled "Years of Refinement Have Made Laser Eye Surgery Better Than Ever" by Michelle Andrews.

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Los Angeles, CA (PRWeb) March 6, 2007—D/r. James Salz (www.drsalz.com) was recently interviewed for an article in U.S. News and World Report (www.usnews.com) entitled "Years of Refinement Have Made Laser Eye Surgery Better Than Ever" (www.usnews.com/usnews/health/articles/070225/5laser.htm) by Michelle Andrews. In the article, Dr. James Salz, discussed "wavefront" technology for LASIK and PRK refractive procedures. According to Dr. James Salz, "wavefront technology" increases the chance of obtaining 20/20 vision and reduces higher order aberrations such as glare and starbursts by providing a more precise map of the unique optical landscape of a patient's eyes. Dr. Salz can be seen performing the LASIK refractory surgery procedure on a patient in the accompanying photo (by Joey Terrill).

The article discusses LASIK, PRK, and other laser eye procedures, such as LASEK and Epi-LASIK, and interviews both patients who have had laser vision correction surgery and the doctors who perform these types of procedures. The article provides a good summary of eye conditions that can be improved with laser eye surgery procedures as well as some of the complications that can occur. In addition, the article notes what patients should look for in selecting a doctor in order to obtain the best results from LASIK, PRK or another laser vision correction surgery. As indicated in the article, while price and having the best technology (lasers) are important considerations, no amount of technology can make up for an inferior surgeon."

"I was happy to have been consulted for this excellent article which highlights the major advances in Laser Vision Correction since we did our first of eight FDA clinical trials in 1990," Dr. James Salz commented. "I would also stress one point made in the article. While price and the quality of equipment are typically important factors for patients looking for a laser eye surgeon, I have been consulted by hundreds of patients over the last 10 years suffering from complications of laser vision correction surgery performed at other centers. . With that in mind, I completely agree that there is no substitute for experience in choosing a LASIK doctor."

"Special reports such as this laser eye package is a prime example of our commitment to providing top-notch, reliable health care content on USNews.com's "Best Health" for consumers faced with important health decisions," said Brian Duffy, editor of U.S. News & World Report. "It is part of our effort to ensure that the public turns to U.S. News for vital health care information, whenever it's needed."

The article is available online at:

www.usnews.com/usnews/health/articles/070225/5laser.htm

The newsstand version of the article is in the March 5, 2007 issue of U.S. News & World Report.

The photo of Dr. James Salz performing a LASIK surgery procedure is provided courtesy of Joey Terrill (www.joeyterrell.com)

For more information about LASIK and "wavefront" technology, please visit:

http://drsalz.com/los_angeles_lasik_procedures.htm

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): (1) 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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