

Fairfield County Cornea Specialist on Need for Laser Cataract Surgery

As laser cataract surgery continues to grow in popularity, some patients and even some cataract surgeons are unaware of why the femtosecond laser is an important surgical tool for even the most experienced cataract surgeons.

June 13, 2014 (FPRC) -- "As a corneal specialist, who is also a cataract surgeon, I have a somewhat unique set of experiences and perspectives," explained Leslie Doctor, M.D. "First, I see patients who have had cataract surgery elsewhere and for a number of reasons their corneas may not clear as fast as they would like or as crisply as they would like. Typically, these people had a bit more fragile corneal tissue that could have really benefited by have the most gentle cataract procedure possible. These days I am always thinking-too bad they didn't have a laser cataract surgery procedure," said Dr. Leslie Doctor. "There is little doubt that laser cataract surgery gives the surgeon the ability to deliver a gentler cataract surgery that is easier on the cornea and the delicate internal structures of the eye. Really, anyone with a concurrent eye condition such as diabetic retinopathy, fragile corneal tissue, glaucoma or thinning retinal tissue should have laser cataract surgery as it allows us to reduce the energy required to break apart and remove their cataract," said Dr. Doctor.

"Second, I have the perspective of a teacher. When I help new eye surgeons at Yale learn to do cataract surgery I am reminded that cataract surgery is technically very difficult. Creating the perfectly centered and perfectly round opening in the front of the lens to remove the cataract is actually quite challenging. I have been doing cataract surgery for about 25 years-and even with that breadth of experience, I am amazed at how the laser for cataract surgery gives me the ability to create that opening perfectly, time after time. This really makes inserting and positioning the lens implant much more consistent and provides better optical performance for patients," she said.

Leslie Doctor, M.D. is the Medical Director of Doctor & Associates, a leading Fairfield County eye care practice providing eye examinations for adults and children, cataract surgery and intraocular lens implants (IOL), laser vision correction such as LASIK, care for cornea disease including cornea transplants, ocular inflammatory diseases including uveitis, management of diseases of the retina including diabetes and age related macular degeneration and diagnosis and treatment of glaucoma as well as contact lenses, eyeglasses and optical services. For those patients in need of eye surgery, as a founding member of the Wilton Surgery Center, Doctor & Associates eye surgeons are able to provide eye surgery in a convenient, close to home and cost effective ambulatory surgery center.

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