



HOW TO CHOOSE A LASIK SURGEON: THE INSIDE STORY

Choosing the right surgeon for your laser vision correction procedure can be a difficult task. How do you find the right ophthalmologist for you? The reality is not all board-certified eye surgeons are of the same quality and experience. Wouldn't it be valuable to have an inside source direct you to the best surgeon you will entrust your eyes to?

Training and experience are certainly fundamental criteria. You want a surgeon with a solid background who has done a good number of cases over many years with top-notch results. Patients should beware of surgeons who delegate the critical pre-operative examination and discussion to others. In our practice, we are proud that Dr. Salz performs the vital pre-operative measurements himself and answers your questions at the time of consultation. Dr. Salz trained at the prestigious Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, consistently rated among the top 3 eye specialty hospitals in the United States as ranked by U.S. News and World Report. He was the first ophthalmologist to perform Laser Vision Correction in our area when approved by the FDA in late 1995 and has been performing LASIK since 1998.

Technology is key in the 21st century. Dr. Salz was the first surgeon in central New Jersey to be certified in performing All-Laser Bladeless Intralase LASIK in early 2005. He utilizes the most current generation VISX CustomVue technology which has been shown to reduce the chance of night vision disturbances following laser vision correction.

So what is the "inside" story?? Who might know the difference in skill among the many laser surgeons in New Jersey? Would it be someone who worked intimately in the laser suite as the chief technician and head surgical assistant? Who would that person select to perform laser vision correction for a loved one? Recently, Jon Cesaro asked Dr. Salz to perform CustomVue all-laser bladeless IntraLase LASIK for his wife, Lucia. Jon is the chief technician for New Jersey Eye Laser Center, which runs a series of laser vision facilities throughout northern and central New Jersey. He has worked with dozens of the busiest eye surgeons in this broad geographic area and selected Dr. Salz as the surgeon for his family. Dr. Salz considers this to be one of the highest compliments of his career!

When asked about her LASIK experience, Lucia commented on how Dr. Salz's coaching style put her at ease throughout the procedure. "Dr. Salz's bedside manner made me feel completely confident and kept me calm the whole time," she explained. Three months following the procedure she is still "amazed at waking up and seeing clearly." She is happy to be free from the discomfort and hassle of contact lenses. Her results are better than 20/20 vision in each eye!

If you are reading this article and are still burdened by glasses or contact lenses, now that you know the inside story, why not make it yours?!



Dr. Salz, Lucia and Jon Cesaro, right after Lucia's LASIK procedure.