

Warburton, Karen

From:
Sent:
To: Warburton, Karen
Subject: LASIK

Dear Ms Warburton,

I received an email from [REDACTED] asking satisfied patients to write to the FDA about their satisfactory result of Lasik treatment. This is very unfair as they should at the same time ask patients who have problems after Lasik to tell their affliction.

Also unfair because they do not ask for comments from happy patients who had surface treatment like PRK and are very happy.

Myself as a refractive eye surgeon I see many patients with many serious problems after Lasik, notably keratectasia, and at the same time I see NO serious problems with PRK.

I feel the only reason Lasik is still practised is financial benefits to the industry (keratomes, Femtosecond lasers etc) and the ophthalmologists themselves in the United States who will lose a large portion of work to the Optometrists if surface Excimer Laser treatment is proclaimed safer than Lasik.

I feel there has been a great disservice to the patients by doing Lasik for so many years.

One remarkable point is the new treatment for keratectasia. Prior to the introduction of Cornea Cross Linking treatment every body asked about keratectasia was stating that they did not have any cases.

Standard statement was, I did thousands procedures and I never have keratectasia. Now that CCL is available the very same surgeons present clinical studies with the beneficial results of CCL after Lasik induced keratectasia.

I hope my voice is heard at the FDA Ophthalmic Panel meeting.

Thank you

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