

Press Release

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TLC to be FIRST in Michigan To Use “Custom LASIK” Procedure

FDA Expected to Approve New Revolutionary Procedure

Latest Laser Technology Promises Better Results

Many Patients Who Were Not Candidates For Conventional LASIK Can Now Be Treated With “True Custom LASIK”™

Farmington, MI-- The newest, most advanced laser eye technology available in the state is being introduced in the metropolitan Detroit area at TLC Eyecare & Laser Center in Farmington Hills.

The Food and Drug Administration, (FDA) is expected to approve the procedure soon. TLC's True Custom LASIK™ provides the most exact measure possible of a person's eyes so that the corrective procedure can truly be customized to the specific vision needs of that patient.

"In TLC True Custom LASIK,™ a wave front analyzer measures the way light travels through the patient's eye and compares it to the way light travels through an eye with perfect vision," explains Dr. Jeff Varanelli, regional clinical director at TLC Eyecare & Laser Center, 34405 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. "This device then creates a 3-D wavefront map that is unique to the eye in the same way that DNA is unique to one and only one human being."

The precise measurement generated by True Custom LASIK provides a custom mapping of the eye, much like a human's unique fingerprint. The 3D map of the exact corneal reshaping needed is then transmitted to the laser surgery equipment, allowing the surgeon to customize the LASIK procedure to the patient's individual eyes.

"Today's announcement further demonstrates TLC's commitment to remain at the clinical forefront of the laser vision correction industry by taking advantage of the newest clinical technologies," says Nicole Bowers, CEO of TLC Eyecare and Laser Centers.

The wavefront analyzer, already installed in the Farmington Hills Center, maps both lower and higher-order aberrations of the eye by projecting waves of light into a patient's eyes and mapping the waves that bounce back. Many patients who were not candidates for conventional LASIK can now be treated with True Custom LASIK because this technology corrects higher-order aberrations that previously could not be adequately corrected with glasses, contacts, or conventional LASIK.

Until now, only lower-order aberrations such as nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism could be measured and corrected by standard LASIK technology and procedures. Now higher-order aberrations can be corrected.

"These higher-order aberrations also can have a significant impact on the quality of a person's vision," adds Dr. Varanelli, "and are often associated with visual glare and halos that might cause night vision problems."

By treating higher-order aberrations as well, True Custom LASIK™ not only potentially improves visual acuity better than 20/20, but also the overall quality of vision is improved through crisper vision and enhanced contrast sensitivity.

As the technology and laser instrumentation has improved they have placed these newer laser systems in their centers. The multiple sites and laser systems gives the surgeon the advantage of selecting the single unique laser system that is appropriate for each patient. No other provider has the number of lasers and options available to the surgeon than TLC. The Farmington Hills center is part of a network of TLC centers in Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Chelsea, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Okemos, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario.

For information or an appointment, call the Center at 800-551-7347 or visit the company's web site at <http://www.tlcmi.com>

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