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NEWPORT BEACH EYE SURGEON TO BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO PERFORM NEW FDA APPROVED PROCEDURE THAT PROMISES HOPE TO EXTREMELY NEARSIGHTED/FARSIGHTED

Thanks to recent FDA approval, those suffering from extreme nearsightedness and farsightedness who want to eliminate their dependence on reading glasses or bifocals have newfound hope. Leading eye surgeon Gregg Feinerman, M.D., who has earned international attention in the medical community for his revolutionary work in the area of laser eye surgery, is among the first in the nation to perform the newly approved Verisyse procedure, which helps the countless individuals who are not candidates for more common laser procedures such as PRK, and LASIK. Verisyse differs from similar procedures in that it leaves the patient's natural internal lens intact.

Feinerman, who is best known for his revolutionary work in pioneering the Crystalens procedure, which simultaneously corrects near- and farsightedness, says that the Verisyse technique is generally geared toward those under the age of 45 while those appropriate for Crystalens are generally over the age of 50.

"The procedure involves placing an intra-ocular lens in eye in front of the iris," said Feinerman. "Unlike laser vision correction procedures that permanently change your vision, it is possible to remove the Verisyse lens if necessary."

Feinerman said the 15-minute procedure is relatively safe for patients. When they arrive for surgery, the area around their eyes is cleaned and a sterile drape is applied. Eye drops are used to numb the eye after which an eyelid holder is placed between the eyelids to keep the patient from

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blinking during the procedure. Next, a very small incision is made and the intra-ocular lens is inserted. The small incision will seal itself using the natural outward pressure in the eye so there is no need for stitches. The recovery time is reportedly short and the results are almost immediate. Feinerman was one of a handful of surgeons who were invited to perform the surgery after FDA approval.

Feinerman has embarked on an active campaign to educate other eye surgeons as to this new advancement. He has been extensively published in prestigious medical journals including the leading publication in his field, "Ophthalmology," as well as in numerous textbooks read by physicians throughout the world.

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