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**EYE SURGEON CLEARS UP CONFUSION OVER NEWEST PROCEDURES  
(Specialist Describes Who Is Candidate For Newest Vision Correction Surgeries)**

How can consumers sift through the myriad of vision correction procedures available today? Will LASIK offer the best results? What if you happen to be both near and farsighted? Is there any hope for those who have worn “Coke bottle glasses” all their lives? What about those with cataracts? With the many advances in eye surgery over the past few years, there is confusion over which procedures are right for whom.

To clear up the matter, 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, offers the following guidelines:

- **Nearsightedness** -- LASIK or custom LASIK surgery works for 65 percent of individuals who can see up close, but have trouble seeing objects at a distance without the use of corrective lenses. LASIK (an acronym standing for “Laser-Assisted In Situ Keratomileusis”) is a procedure that permanently changes the shape of the cornea (the clear covering of the eye). A cut is made to the cornea, the surgeon folds back the flap exposing the stroma (the midsection of the cornea) and a computer-controlled laser sends pulses to vaporize any irregularities. Afterward, the surgeon replaces the flap.
- **“Coke Bottle Lens Wearers”** -- Newly approved by the FDA, Verisyse treats the 10 percent of the visually impaired who suffer from extreme nearsightedness and depend on “Coke bottle lenses” to observe their surroundings. (The procedure will soon be offered for those with extreme farsightedness.) This procedure is effective for those who are not candidates for more common laser procedures such LASIK as it leaves the patient’s natural internal lens intact. The procedure involves placing an intra-ocular lens in the eye either in front of the iris or between the iris and crystalline lens. Unlike laser vision correction procedures that permanently change

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your vision, it is possible to remove the Verisyse lens. The procedure is generally geared for those under the age of 45.

- **Bifocal Wearers & Cataract Sufferers** -- Also newly approved by the FDA, the Crystalens procedure involves the surgical implantation of prosthetic lenses that works like the eye's natural lens. Because the implanted lenses are flexible, patients are able to focus seamlessly on objects whether near or far. Up until now, ophthalmologists have relied on the use of rigid artificial lenses, which still render cataract patients reliant on corrective lenses. The Crystalens procedure is generally geared toward individuals over 45 years of age who suffer from either near and farsightedness or cataracts. Approximately 20 percent of the population who rely on corrective lenses are candidates for this procedure.
- **Astigmatism** -- This condition is caused when the cornea is shaped like a football, instead of a basketball, and leaves the patient with distorted vision. Astigmatism can be corrected either with the use of lasers or via a corrective lens replacement surgery known as the Toric procedure.

Feinerman has embarked on an active campaign to educate other eye surgeons as to these new advancements in the field. 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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