

To: Dr. Yankelove

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Dr. Yankelove, thank you for improving the quality of my life. My eyesight is better than 20/20 and I don't need glasses. When I first came to you I was very nervous and cautious because of the previous experience that I had with cataract surgery.

In 2007, I had cataract surgery with another Dr. It was a terrifying experience. The surgery was performed in the hospital. I arrived about 5 AM and was prepped and wheeled into a surgical room. I was given the anesthetic and later I woke up during the surgery feeling like there was a hot burning poker in my eye. I was told that it would be just a minute more and that I should "hang on." The pain was terrible and seemed to last a lifetime. I was sent home with a metal eye protector taped in place. It stayed on either two or three days. I went back to the Dr. and they took it off. My glasses were adjusted and I continued regular office visits until a cataract developed on my left eye. My neighbor and friend gave you the highest recommendation so I made an appointment. When I got to your waiting room, I had to double check to be sure that I was in the right office because there were cookies and coffee. This told me that something was different. Meeting you and having you tell me about your type of cataract surgery was wonderful. Cataract surgery – that quick of a lens that would let me read out of my left eye without glasses.

The surgery was even easier on me than what you explained. They gave me a little dab of Novocaine to make the IV painless. I was awake and talking to you through the whole surgery-which seemed to take about 10 minutes. Totally painless. In fact, I had just gotten back to the recovery area and was thinking that I would take a little nap because I was tired. I was so nervous that I did not sleep well the night before. That was not to be. A few minutes later, I was given some goggles to wear that night and sent home. There was no eye patch and no pain. You even called to see how I was feeling that evening. What a difference!

The Lasik surgeries that I had with you – both eyes – were painless and everything that you said that they would be. Your office staff is friendly and very helpful. My vision is better than 20/20. And when I look at the cost of glasses because I was only comfortable wearing the lightest possible glasses with titanium frames and the thinnest lenses (I needed a set of reading glasses, computer glasses, and a progressive trifocal and also polarized sunglasses), I believe that the Lasik surgery is more economical than having my glasses continually changed.

You cannot put a price on feeling younger and more confident. The quality of my life has improved and I thank you for it personally. A big plus is that I don't have to hear my wife constantly complain about my three pairs of glasses in her purse. She even went so far as to suggest I get my own purse...you saved me!

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