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## Richard S. Kalski, M.D. is the vision correction specialist... where patients can receive the treatment they need

Residents of our county are fortunate to have access to one of the latest and most accurate laser treatments for cataract, corneal and refractive surgeries in the world. In the skilled hands of ophthalmologist Dr. Richard S. Kalski, patients can receive the treatment they need from the LenSX laser by Alcon at a state of the art facility, the South Florida Surgery Center, located on SW 70 St in South Miami.

Dr. Kalski, a native of Cleveland, Ohio is a physician who believes in arming his patients with information, providing a complete packet about his services, what to expect during and after surgery, and even a video on his website in which his patients describe their experiences with eye surgery. His treatment includes pre- and post-operative personal phone calls to each patient.

Cataracts, something that may be on the increase as Baby Boomers age, are generally the consequence of surviving a certain number of birthdays. Witness the famous Impressionist artist Claude Monet (1840 – 1926), whose vision was severely impacted by cataracts, after the age of 72; some believe they interfered with his ability to accurately see color from 1915 on. Today, modern techniques in cataract surgery and intraocular lens replacement would have made Monet's eye troubles easy to remedy.

Dr. Kalski says that cataracts are a matter of "when," not "if." The issue about them is that surgery is only necessary when the condition greatly hampers one's ability to see clearly, a la Monet. The approval by the FDA of foldable artificial lenses (intraocular lens or IOL) in the 1990s moved the treatment of cataracts into a realm that was much better for the patient with healing time being greatly reduced.

With the invention and approval of the Alcon LenSX in the United States, cataract and other surgeries are safer,



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smaller incisions are required and can self-heal without suturing, healing time for the patient is reduced and there is much less swelling as a result of the procedure. Because the equipment relies on discrete patient information entered by the doctor, the solutions are custom tailored for each patient. Results are extremely accurate and certain routine maneuvers are easily replicated, thanks to this state of the art equipment and the skilled hands of an ophthalmologist like Dr. Kalski.

Another major improvement in artificial lenses is their ability to solve certain vision challenges such as astigmatism and other issues that may require glasses or contacts. These premium lenses are available and decisions about choosing one

over the other should be made in consultation with the doctor.

Dr. Richard Kalski is a board certified ophthalmologist who is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and performed his residency at CWR's Ophthalmology program. Also, he is the recipient of the "Physician's Recognition Award in Continuing Education" from the American Medical Association and has published and presented his work worldwide. He may be reached at 305-665-2023 and his medical office, Vision Correction Specialist, is located in Kendall at 7000 SW 97 Avenue, Suite 114.

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