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Dr. Richard S. Kalski

Best LASIK and Laser Cataract Surgeon
Richard S. Kalski, MD, specializes in custom blade-free advanced procedures.

Fellowship-trained in Refractive Surgery, Dr. Richard S. Kalski concentrated on learning about surgeries and technologies that provide patients with the best possible vision while minimizing their dependence on glasses or contact lenses. Dr. Kalski can treat nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism with LASIK. He can also treat these conditions and presbyopia (the need for reading glasses) with Custom Laser Cataract Surgery and intraocular lenses. As a refractive surgery specialist on the cutting edge of technology, Dr. Kalski customizes each patient's procedure to address their visual needs. Here, a Q&A with the surgeon.

How do you choose which procedure is best for your patient?

"I listen to my patient and take into consideration his or her visual needs and medical conditions. For my patient who is younger than 40, or older than 40 who does not mind wearing reading glasses, then LASIK is an excellent choice. For my older-than-40 patient who wants to be less dependent on glasses, a Refractive Lens Exchange with an advanced technology lens may be a better choice. This procedure is performed in the same manner as Custom Laser Cataract Surgery, only a cataract is not present. When my patient is experiencing visual difficulty due to a cataract, cataract surgery may be medically needed. Custom Laser Cataract Surgery with an advanced technology lens may be the best choice for this patient. Advanced technology lenses are

now available that correct all distances: far, intermediate and near, whether astigmatism is present or not."

What is a common misconception about eye procedures?

"That they are very painful. I perform both LASIK and cataract surgery with anesthetic eye drops. Minimal systemic sedation is used for both LASIK and cataract surgery."

What is a typical reaction you have from patients after treatment?

"Wow! Why did I wait so long? Why was I so afraid of surgery? I am so happy!"

What is the best advice that you can give to patients?

"You must feel comfortable with your eye surgeon. Ask questions and get informed."

What sets your practice apart from others?

"I have a high-tech mom-and-pop practice. We provide friendly, personalized care while offering the most advanced technologies available in my field. I personally perform an extensive eye exam and review surgery options with all my patients prior to their surgery. I devise a customized treatment plan for each patient and also personally call them before and after surgery. This personalized care continues post-operatively when I personally examine and monitor my patients' progress."

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