

HealthFirst-ReSTOR lenses

Some cataract patients may be able to toss their glasses



By Leslie LoBue

Mid-Michigan - (09/06/05)-- Cataract patients may soon walk away from surgery not needing glasses anymore - not even for reading.

HealthFirst Reporter Leslie LoBue introduces to the first mid-Michigan patient to have it done. The FDA has just approved the ReSTOR lens.

This new spin on cataract surgery allows about 80-percent of patients to put down those reading glasses and bifocals.

Just weeks after her cataract surgery with the ReSTOR lens, Joyce Perry is undergoing her checkup at Michigan Eye Institute in Fenton. It's going well and Joyce is about as happy as she can be.

"I guess what amazes me the most, is I get up, just go about my business. I can read my devotionals and my Bible, which I do every day, without the help of those glasses," she said.

Here is how it works. When someone has a cataract, the cloudy lens has to be surgically replaced. Rather than the standard lens, doctors at Genesys/Michigan Eye Institute can now offer some patients the ReSTOR lens.

Dr. Jeffrey Diskin says the new lens offers an added bonus for cataract patients who are not good candidates for the ever-popular lasik refractive surgery. "Now that we have this new implant, we are able to offer a solution for the distance vision and for reading vision and lasik does not do that. Refractive surgery just corrects the distance vision."

Not every cataract patient will be a candidate for the ReSTOR lens. But, it may also work for some people who have already had lasik.

"If the vision is becoming early from cataracts, cataract surgery is needed. But now we can also help those patients read without glasses," Diskin said.

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