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Northwest Eye Surgeons Acquires ZEISS VisuMax Femtosecond Laser for Correction of Myopia with ReLEx SMILE Procedure

Northwest Eye Surgeons Offers Latest Laser Vision Correction Technology

Seattle, WA July 22, 2019 – Northwest Eye Surgeons announced today that it has acquired a ZEISS VisuMax® femtosecond laser and will be the first Multi-Specialty Ophthalmology Care Center in the Pacific Northwest Region (WA, OR, AK, ID) to offer ReLEx® SMILE minimally-invasive laser vision correction. With millions of procedures performed worldwide year to date, ReLEx SMILE is a proven procedure for treatment of myopia or nearsightedness. Only recently, however, was this revolutionary procedure FDA approved to be performed in the U.S.*

ReLEx SMILE is the first minimally-invasive laser vision correction procedure available anywhere in the world. This revolutionary procedure developed by ZEISS utilizes the VisuMax femtosecond laser to create a thin, contact-lens-shaped layer just beneath the surface of the eye and then a small opening through which that layer is removed, correcting the patient's vision. With this new treatment option, Northwest Eye Surgeons can now offer its patients access to the newest, most advanced refractive laser vision correction technology currently available.

Audrey Talley Rostov, MD; cornea, cataract and refractive surgeon at Northwest Eye Surgeons says, "We are so excited to be able to offer the latest technology to help patients achieve the best possible vision! The VisuMax laser is able to correct nearsightedness and astigmatism using a flapless, blade-less technology. In addition, we can use the laser to help correct keratoconus with INTACS ring segments and perform laser corneal transplants!"

With the acquisition of the VisuMax femtosecond laser, the only laser that can currently perform the ReLEx SMILE procedure, Northwest Eye Surgeons brings this exciting new treatment option to the Pacific Northwest Region (WA, OR, AK, ID).



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***FDA Approved Indications for Use:**

For use in the reduction or elimination of myopia with or without astigmatism for spherical refractive error from -1.00D to -10.00D, for an Astigmatism from -0.75D through -3.00D, and when the MRSE is no greater than -10.00D in the eye to be treated. SMILE is indicated for patients who are 22 years of age or older with documentation of stable manifest refraction over the past year.

About Northwest Eye Surgeons

Northwest Eye Surgeons is the premier eye surgical center in the Northwest and remains committed to its tradition of personalized, high-quality patient care, advanced technology and excellent results. The staff at Northwest Eye Surgeons includes a nationally-recognized team of specialized ophthalmic surgeons and optometric physicians. Formed in 1986, Northwest Eye Surgeons now has clinics in Seattle, Sequim, Smokey Point, Renton, Mount Vernon and Bellingham (and four surgery centers). Find more information at www.nweyes.com.