

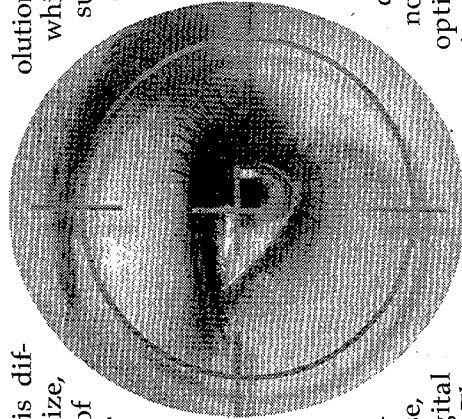
## Focus on Health

# Lasers make their L.I. debut for cataract surgery

**O**n Tuesday, April 19, Long Island's first laser enhanced and customized cataract surgery was performed by Dr. Eric Donnenfeld at Island Eye Surgicenter in Carle Place using the Alcon LenSx® Femtosecond Laser. Dr. Donnenfeld, a founding partner of Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island and clinical professor of ophthalmology at NYU, is one of only a handful of surgeons in the U.S. experienced with this laser. Island Eye Surgicenter is only the fourth surgical facility in the U.S. to acquire this advanced technology. Cataract surgery is the most commonly performed operation in the United States with over 3 million cases performed annually. Today, visual rehabilitation following cataract surgery may be significantly enhanced with the implantation of a lens designed to correct refractive error. The addition of this exciting laser technology adds a new level of precision and predictability to the procedure that simply was not possible with conventional manual surgery.

• **The LenSx laser ensures highly precise surgical incisions** •

Each human eye is different in terms of size, depth, curvature of the cornea and other key features. Before cataract surgery, every eye is carefully measured and mapped. The LenSx laser uses a combination of highly advanced technologies to capture incredibly precise, high-resolution digital images of the eye. These images and the measurements and data they provide are then used to plan and perform a surgery to exacting specifications that were previously unachievable with traditional (manual) cataract surgery. In addition, the LenSx laser adds computer-control to key steps of cataract surgery, ensuring highly precise surgical incisions. The unique software analyzes high-res-



olution images of the eye which then enables the surgeon to design a customized, image-guided procedure for every patient and then execute the laser procedure on command. "Laser refractive cataract surgery is without a doubt the most technologically advanced option for cataract patients," said Dr. Eric Donnenfeld. "Before this technology was available, many of the most challenging steps during cataract surgery were performed manually with a blade. With the LenSx laser, we can offer our patients a truly premium experience with the precision and reliability of a laser for refractive cataract surgery. "Island Eye has invested significant resources integrating this sophis-

ticated technology and in training our staff" said Robert Nelson, PA-C, executive director at the center. "We are thrilled to once again bring our patients the absolute latest innovations in ophthalmic surgical care."

The LenSx laser is the first FDA approved femtosecond laser for cataract surgery, which can very accurately perform anterior capsulotomies, corneal incisions and lens dissection. Prior to the introduction of this breakthrough technology, all of these steps were performed manually with handheld blades or ultrasound energy.

There are only a handful of surgeons in the nation trained to do this procedure.

Dr. John R. Wittpenn — who heads up the OCLI Port Jefferson office — is also offering this procedure.

To learn more about customized laser cataract surgery and refractive laser options using the LenSx laser technology, visit [www.ocli.net](http://www.ocli.net). To schedule an appointment with an OCLI cataract surgeon, please contact 866-733-6254.