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Father And Daughter Have Surgery Together

By Lynne Peterson

Corinne Ball developed astigmatism in one eye in childhood that her eye doctor told her might have been caused by exposure to sunlight. After seeing her current optometrist, Dr. James E. Morris, located at the Eye Center in Pembroke Pines, the patient was advised that she had developed cataract in that same eye and was referred to Dr. Stanley Braverman, a Board Certified Ophthalmologist in Hallandale Beach.

As a customer account manager for Stanley Black & Decker, Corinne's work schedule includes conducting site surveys of a business interested in installing security systems. She spends a fair amount of time on a computer compiling the data on a template and calculating the cost of each security project.

Corinne said, "Its interesting work, but that eye became progressively worse and I was not seeing anything from that eye; it was similar to a fog. During my first visit with Dr. Braverman, he did a comprehensive eye exam and I saw a video of the cataract eye surgery and learned about the step-by-step process. Talking about your eye, it's natural to be a little apprehensive." Corinne decided that her vision was of paramount importance and decided to go ahead with the cataract surgery in the one eye using the Tecnis Multifocal Lens Implant.

As a professional, Corinne is cognizant of taking very accurate information in designing a security layout for her clients. She noticed the same meticulous way the staff at Dr. Braverman's office does the job. "During my office visit, the staff was extremely thorough in my pre-op evaluation, before the actual surgery. I had various tests including taking the length of the eye and measurements of my cornea."

Ironically, Corinne and her father, Marcel Dulude, each had their cataract surgery done early morning on the same day. Marcel Dulude was also referred by Dr. James E. Morris, located at the Eye Center in Pembroke Pines. Corinne is a caring daughter and is very concerned for her parent's well being. Marcel is retired and for 34 years owned Ray's Paint and Body Shop in Hollywood where many snowbirds would get their cars repaired. City employees brought their vehicles and called Marcel by his nick name "Blackie" because of his dark black hair.

Pleased with the results at the Braverman Eye Center, Corinne said, "I feel I was treated like a celebrity; the staff is very attentive and informative. During my surgery the medical staff explained to me exactly what they were doing. Within fifteen minutes my cataract surgery was complete."

Marcel had a Tecnis Aspheric lens put in both eyes. He is currently recovering from shingles and could not participate in this interview; however, Corinne said, "My father is doing well with his replacement lens in both of his eyes. During the years my father worked at the auto shop, he did all his own preparations for the body work under a shop light. We live nearby and I am able to look after my parents since they are getting up in their years."

What Is A Cataract?

A cataract is formed when the natural lens of the eye, responsible for focusing light and producing



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sharp images, becomes cloudy and hardens, resulting in a loss of visual function. The lens of the eye is clear at birth but is one of the first parts of the body to show the effects of aging. A cataract is painless and usually develops gradually over several months or years. The onset of a cataract in one or both eyes may cause decreased night vision, impaired depth perception, and increased color distortion.

Cataracts are the leading cause of vision loss among adults age 55 and older. In fact, poor vision from cataracts affects 60 percent of all adults over age 60. However, cataracts also can result from injury, heredity, or medications, so they can affect people of all ages.

Understanding that no two conditions or patients are the same, Dr. Braverman analyzes the patient's symptoms, performs a comprehensive eye exam, and may test for glare disability and contrast sensitivity before making a diagnosis. The final decision to proceed with the surgery belongs to the patient.

Your optometrist or Dr. Braverman may prescribe glasses, medication or surgery depending on your symptoms, complaints and age. Usually surgery will not be recommended until glasses no longer work to make you visually happy. In the case of lensectomy surgery, the patient cosmetically wants to get rid of their glasses.

Cataract Surgery: What To Expect

Cataract surgery is the removal of your cloudy natural lens, which is usually dissolved using high frequency ultrasound through a small (less than 3 millimeter) opening. An artificial lens is then placed inside the eye where the cloudy lens used to be. Cataract surgery continues to improve. Recent developments include no-stitch surgery, topical anesthesia, surgical correction of astigmatism, and new upgraded lens designs. Eye drops are given to the patient to aid in the healing of the eye, which takes a few months, but the patient is able to return to normal activity almost immediately after surgery and usually sees well within just days.

If the eye is otherwise healthy, cataract surgery is successful in more than 98% of patients and they enjoy improved vision after the procedure.

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About Dr. Stanley Braverman

Dr. Stanley Braverman is a Voluntary Assistant Clinical Professor at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and an Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor at Nova Southeastern School of Optometry. In addition to treating patients, Dr. Braverman, a board-certified ophthalmologist, is a medical researcher, the inventor of several eye surgical instruments and author of many articles for medical journals. He has lectured at professional meetings about upgraded lens implants and advanced cataract surgery both nationally and internationally.

An initial cataract consultation can be scheduled by calling the Braverman Eye Center at: (954) 458-2112 or (305) 374-8694

For additional information please contact Regina Vasquez, Surgery Coordinator, or visit the Braverman Eye Center website at www.bravermaneyecenter.com where you can watch a video of cataract surgery and learn more about all of the latest advances in cataract surgery and upgraded lens implants.

In addition to Dr. Stanley Braverman, a Cataract and Refractive Laser Vision surgeon, your other sub-specialty eye care needs can also be evaluated and treated. On staff at the Braverman Eye Center are Rashid Taher MD FACS and Tirso Lara MD FACS, Vitreo-retinal surgeons; David Tenzel MD FACS, Ophthalmic Plastic, Reconstructive and Cosmetic Surgeon; Kevin Stewart MD FACS, Complex Glaucoma Specialist; Jesse Pelletier MD, FACS, Corneal Surgeon; and, Eric Ciliberti MD, Neuro-Ophthalmologist. All sub-specialist surgeons at the Braverman Eye Center are Board Certified Ophthalmologists.