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## STANLEY BRAVERMAN, M.D. F.A.C.S.

### Local ophthalmologist's mother discovers you're never too old to see better

Cataract surgery has become so commonplace that people rarely think twice about having the operation, but it isn't every day that a surgeon gets to restore the vision of his 89-year-old mother -and use some exciting new upgraded vision enhancing technology at the same time. Hallandale Beach ophthalmologist Stanley Braverman, M.D. F.A.C.S., who founded the Braverman Eye Center in Hallandale Beach in 1981, recently performed cataract surgery on his mother's second eye and he again put a ReZoom multifocal lens from Advanced Medical Optics (AMO) in her eye. The ReZoom lens implant is a second generation multifocal lens implant. The whole procedure was done through a micro-incision, with only anesthetic drops to the eye and twilight amnesia sedation, and took less than 15 minutes.

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"Monofocal lenses only have one power, so patients generally need either distance or reading glasses, as well as computer glasses. A multifocal ReZoom lens has five optic zones, including a distance-dominant central zone for distance vision in bright light, and near dominant zone for close-up reading. It gives the patient seamless vision from distance to near without the patient having to think about it. It's like being thirty years old again." Indeed, his mother, Rosalind

per-all without glasses. And, she is 89 years old!

In March 2005, the FDA approved ReZoom lenses. However their use did not really start to take off until May 2005 when the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) decided that Medicare beneficiaries could choose to pay for an upgrade from traditional monofocal lenses to the new, higher-tech multifocal lenses. Dr. Braverman previously performed cataract

es are a huge improvement over traditional lenses.

Patients have to pay extra for these lenses, but patients always say they are worth it, and my mother is no exception. She is thrilled with her new vision."

Rosalind and Nathan Braverman celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in September, and they continue to be active members of the community. Before the surgery, cataracts were making it difficult for Mrs. Braverman to do the things she enjoys -

driving her car at night, taking care of their home, and playing mah jong. Now, she is looking forward to doing all these things again without glasses. Mr. Braverman enjoys golf and avidly trades his own stock portfolio on his computer.

Dr. Braverman is a Clinical Instructor at Bascom Palmer and teaches residents cataract surgery.

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A consultation with Dr. Stanley Braverman can be arranged by calling the Braverman Eye Center at (954) 458-2112. Visit the website at [www.bravermaneyecenter.com](http://www.bravermaneyecenter.com) and learn more about these upgraded vision enhancing lens implants. The Braverman Eye Center is located at 1935 East Hallandale Beach Blvd.

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Braverman of Pembroke Pines, FL, is seeing 20/20 at distance in each eye and reading the small print in the newspa-

surgery on his now 92-year-old father, but at that time multifocal lenses were not available. Dr. Braverman said, "Multifocal lens-



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