For years, the miracle of Lasik surgery for vision correction was almost always either an on-or-off treatment. Patients who wanted to throw away their glasses or contact lenses but were old enough to require reading glasses on top of their distance correction, had to choose one kind of correction or the other for each eye. Now, a remarkable new procedure called Presby-Lasky allows some patients to eliminate both problems. Jose Berrios, 64, and his wife, Almagra Berrios, 64, both qualified for the Presby-Lasky procedure and are thrilled with the results. Jose, a Miami-Dade transit driver, began to need reading glasses years ago. Then over time, he started to have trouble seeing at a distance as well, and needed his glasses or two different pairs of glasses. “I was going to lose vision last every two years, and the prescription would always change,” he recalls. “I was really tired of it.” One day, a co-worker told Jose about a friend who had successful Lasik surgery by Dr. Stanley Braverman. Intrigued, he decided to pay a visit to Dr. Braverman’s office, the Braverman Eye Center in Hallandale Beach, an area Jose knew was also a good place to be able to quit wearing his glasses, he says. As a bus driver, Jose needs to be able to see clearly, because the safety of his passengers can depend on it. Then, when he was working, he enjoyed going to the firing range, a pursuit that also requires keen distance vision. And when he relaxes at the couple’s home in Hialeah, he likes to surf the Internet, for which he needs clear close vision.

Jose had the painless consultation and today, he can see clearly both for distance and for reading. “It’s nice not to have to wear glasses anymore,” he says. “I’m enjoying being able to see again.”

Jose was so pleased with his result that Alma decided to see if she might qualify for Presby-Lasky. A month later, her husband had the procedure, too, visited the Braverman Eye Center. She was doubly happy with the candidacy, however, for a couple of reasons. Her prescription was stronger and more complex than Jose’s. “I wore bifocals,” she says, “I work a lot at the computer and I was having problems. I could not see without glasses—everything was a blur—and I couldn’t see when I was driving.”

Then, the other reason Alma wondered whether the procedure could be successful for her: “I’d been told I wasn’t a candidate for Lasik,” she says. “I didn’t think I’d ever be able to go without glasses.”

But Jose kept urging her to try again. And at a visit to the Braverman Eye Center, Alma discovered that technology had changed since she last inquired about corrective vision surgery. During the consultation, she learned that she was indeed a candidate for Presby-Lasky. Alma decided to go ahead. “My husband was so happy with his outcome that he convinced me to have the procedure,” she says. Just as it was for Jose, Presby-Lasky was successful for Alma. Now, whether they are at work, out for a drive, watching a movie or walking their two Australian sheepdogs, two German shepherds and an Australian shepherd, they do it without the inconvenience of glasses or contacts. “I’m very happy not to have to wear glasses,” Alma says. “It took me a while to figure out I didn’t need them anymore. I feel really good. I feel very grateful. Both of us have recommended Braverman to friends.”

Dr. Stanley Braverman performed both the Presby-Lasky and the LASIK procedures for Alma and Jose.

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Dr. Stanley Braverman, Ophthalmic Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Miami School of Medicine and the Anne Bates Leach Eye Hospital/ Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, is also an Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor at the Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry.

Dr. Berrios has recently been recognized by Newsweek Magazine as one of the Fifteen Leaders in Laser Eye Surgery in 2011 and recently co-authored a book on Z-Lasky that is being distributed internationally.

For additional information or consultation please call the Braverman Eye Center at (954) 458-2112 or visit bravermaneye-center.com where you can watch a video of Bladex All Laser Z-Lasky and learn more about refractive surgery choices, as well as the latest advancements in LASIK, cataract surgery and upgraded lens implants.

In addition to Dr. Braverman, other highly qualified, skilled refractive and LASIK Laser Vision Correction surgeons, your other sub-specialty eye care needs can also be evaluated and treated at the Braverman Eye Center. The Center is composed of the following surgeons at the Eye Center:

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