



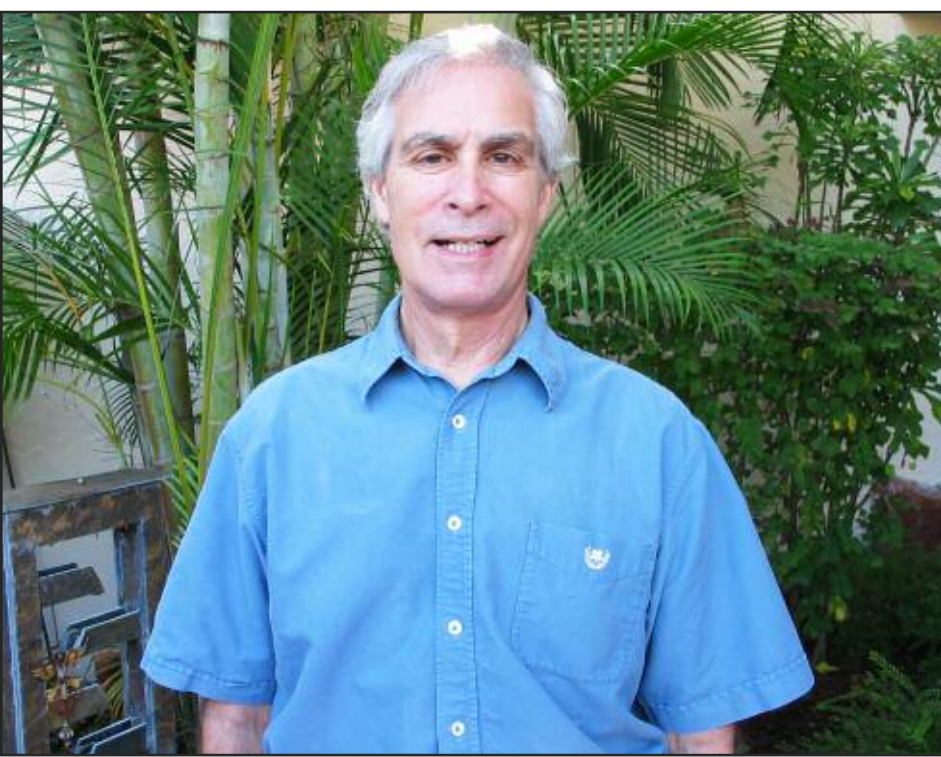
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SALESMAN KNOWS A GREAT BUY

Gil Wasserman's visit to Dr. Stanley Braverman, for delicate eye surgery to correct his nearsightedness, changed his life



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By Lynne Peterson

As a salesman who has sold real estate in Florida and cars for Auto Nation, Gil Wasserman knows a good buy when he sees one and that is the reason he went to Dr. Stanley Braverman for delicate eye surgery to correct his nearsightedness.

Gil was diagnosed with High Myopia (near-sighted) with astigmatism at three years of age and was prescribed glasses. Gil said, "The lenses were the thickness of coke bottles and I had to sit in the front row of the classroom in order to see the chalkboard. Later as a teenager, I switched to contact lenses."

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them; subsequently, I changed from hard contacts to gas permeable but there were comfort issues too."

Finding fulfillment in rescuing dogs and cats from animal shelters, Gil was looking for a doctor who could rescue him from the problems of having to wear contact lenses and/or glasses. "I visited with several ophthalmologists; however, they were reluctant to do anything for me because they lacked the latest technology."

After a referral from associates at the office, Gil made an appointment to see Dr. Stanley Braverman, a respected board certified ophthalmologist in Hallandale Beach.

After a comprehensive eye exam and advice offered by Dr. Braverman, Gil decided to have a Near Clear Lensectomy done in both eyes with a subsequent PRK (a form of Laser Vision Correction) procedure, often necessary with high prescriptions. This double procedure is also known as a Bioptrics procedure. As a successful salesman with Auto Nation,

Gil understands what it takes to be an excellent salesman by listening to people and answering their questions. Gil said, "I recommend Dr. Braverman because he listened to what I had to say. The laser procedure after the lensectomy was quick and painless. The Braverman Eye Center has a great office staff. Now I am 20/25 and I don't wear contacts or glasses and function quite well! Recently, I had to take my driver's license test and had no problems passing the eye test with no correction!"

WHAT TO EXPECT: NEAR CLEAR LENSECTOMY

Near Clear Lensectomy surgery is the removal of your 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 natural lens used to be. If the lens was significantly clouded, it would be called cataract surgery.

Near Clear Lensectomy 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, Near Clear Lensectomy surgery is successful in more than 99% of patients and they enjoy improved vision after the procedure.

WHAT TO EXPECT: PRK PROCEDURE

In PRK, the surgeon carefully removes the outer epithelial (skin) covering of the cornea, and then uses the excimer laser to reshape the corneal surface. A flap, which is cut when Lasik is done, is not necessary. A special "bandage" contact lens is placed onto the eye for comfort while the epithelium is healing and is removed 3-4 days later. Visual recovery takes longer than LASIK, and there are more post-operative office visits and medication, which is why LASIK has become more common. However, there are patients who have dry eyes or corneas that are too thin to perform LASIK safely, and for these patients, PRK is a great alternative.



The Braverman Eye Center is located at: 1935 East Hallandale Beach Boulevard, Hallandale Beach, Florida 33009. www.bravermaneyecenter.com.

ABOUT DR. STANLEY BRAVERMAN

Dr. Stanley Braverman is a Voluntary Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Miami School of Medicine and the Anne Bates Leach Eye Hospital/Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. He is also an Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor at the Nova Southeastern School of Optometry. In addition to treating patients, Dr. Braverman, a board-certified ophthalmologist, has been a medical researcher, and is 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, advanced cataract surgery and LASIK, both nationally and internationally. He has recently been recognized by Newsweek Magazine as one of the Fifteen Leaders in Laser Eye Surgery.

For additional information regarding Near Clear Lensectomy or Cataract surgery, please contact Regina Vasquez, Surgical Coordinator at **(954) 458-2112** or **(305) 374-8694**. For additional information or an initial LASIK consultation, please contact Rosemary Hartford, Refractive Surgical Coordinator at **(888) 954-LASIK** or by calling The Braverman Eye Center at **(954) 458-2112** or **(305) 374-8694**. Please also visit the Braverman Eye Center website at www.bravermaneyecenter.com where you can watch a video of Bladeless All Laser Z-LASIK and Cataract surgery, and learn more about refractive surgery choices, as well as the latest advances in LASIK, cataract surgery and upgraded lens implants.

In addition to Dr. Stanley Braverman, a Cataract and Refractive Laser Vision specialist 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.