

To See or Not to See...That was the Question I had to face

American, Jim Barrett has trusted his blurry eyes to laser eye surgery TWICE. The first time it went very wrong for him in the US. 12 years later, after years of in depth research he found a clinic, he believed he could trust again. The problem was, they were in London!

To see or not to see, that is the question; well, at least it was for me. From birth I had two choices: either live with totally blurry vision or use glasses or contact lenses to reach the best correct (BC) vision of 20/15. In 1998, the possibility of life without glasses arose but went terribly wrong when I trusted my eyesight to doctors who said they could improve my vision with LASIK. The experience decreased my BC vision with glasses to 20/50 - right eye and 20/70 - left eye and introduced me to starbursts, halos and loss of contrasts: black colors looked more like grey. With help from a local Ophthalmologist, and trial and error, soft contact lenses brought my BC vision to 20/30 – right eye and 20/50 – left eye. It was tough to adjust to, but for the next 12 years I had plenty of practice. Thank God for healing grace, as my BC vision slowly corrected to 20/25 – right eye, and 20/30 – left eye but starbursts, halos and loss of contrast remained.

Then in 2009, after years of prayerful research, I was recommended to Accuvision by a research doctor who had been helping me for several years to watch both technology and search for Surgeons with complex case experience. But never did I dream just how wonderful the recommendation would turn out to be.

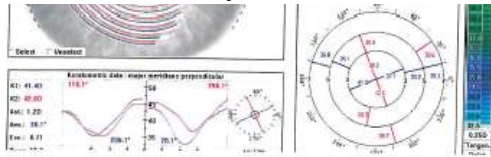
Getting from the US to London presented challenges regarding travel logistics, time off from work, and cost of treatment, which insurance would not cover simply because I chose to obtain treatment outside of the USA. This was further complicated by my lack of trust that stemmed from a range of recommendations by 26 Doctors, across 12 years, who turned me away, said nothing could help my eyes, or presented greater risk of failure than success.

It took awhile to build up my resolve and contact Accuvision, but the warm confidence and knowledge of the staff came across from the very first conversation through the months up to the surgery. Their demeanor was filled with patience and helpfulness as they responded to my many phone and email questions. The staff took exceptional care to review my records and provide detailed answers to my questions. Even the Surgeon gave personal interest and time to discuss the technical aspects and strategies of treatment for my complex situation. And with 12 years of research, my questions were technical and straight to the point, yet they were handled in a graceful way that revealed humble confidence; this confidence would eventually renew not only my sight but my life in many ways.

My trip to Accuvision in London took months to arrange as my work schedule kept changing, but the Accuvision staff remained patient and helpful. Finally in July of 2010, my daughter and I traveled to London for a 17 day schedule that has given me the ability to function without glasses for the first time in my life. And this was no small feat because for the last 7 of my 57 years I had been wearing progressive lens glasses.

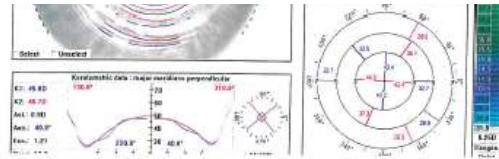
I simply can't say enough about the Accuvision Surgeons and Staff but two things are certain. My trust in Accuvision was rewarded. What they said they could do – they did. And a picture is worth a thousand words. Illustrated below is the before and after X Y plot of one of my eyes, that really says it all.

First LASIK 12 years later



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Note the irregular shape

Accuvision Result



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Note the concise precise shape

The Surgeons and Staff at Accuvision do walk the talk.. Not only do they utilize some of the best technology in the world, they actually know the how's and why's of it. They are able to evaluate and reprogram the equipment to improve the outcome, going beyond standard programming. This was done to increase the quality of my results. I agree with the Accuvision Staff who say of the Surgeons: "Anyone can buy a Ferrari, but not everyone can drive like Schumacher."

What more can I say...Thank You Accuvision for your independent approach to quality over quantity, and for driving like Schumacher.

Warmest Regards,
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