

A message from  
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I started practicing ophthalmology in 1984 after completing my fellowship training in corneal transplantation and refractive surgery. In 1994 I decided to limit my career to Laser Vision Correction. No other procedure in the practice of ophthalmology has such a profound impact on an individual's quality of life as laser vision correction. Patients are so excited with the sense of freedom from the dependence on glasses and contact lenses.

I became a principal investigator in the field of Laser Vision Correction in 1993/1994. I helped several excimer laser manufacturers obtain FDA approvals for their lasers in the U.S. Based on that experience, I will choose the laser that will give you the best outcome.

After personally performing more than 80,000 LASIK procedures, I do sincerely believe that laser vision correction in our center is the safest it can be. Experience combined with the latest technology gives our patients the highest likelihood of achieving 20/20 or better vision.

I was the first in California to perform LASIK surgery and the first to perform Custom Wavefront Guided LASIK. I was also the first in the U.S. to use the Femtosecond Laser (IntraLase FS30 - All Laser LASIK). Using the IntraLase laser rather than the blade (microkeratome) makes the procedure safer and more precise, and increases the chance of 20/20 or better vision.

In 1999 I decided to partner with the largest provider of laser vision correction in the world, TLC Laser Eye Centers, Inc. This partnership has enabled me to provide my patients with a Lifetime Commitment. If you need an enhancement surgery in the future, you may have that completed at any one of more than 80 TLC centers throughout the United States for life, for no additional fee.

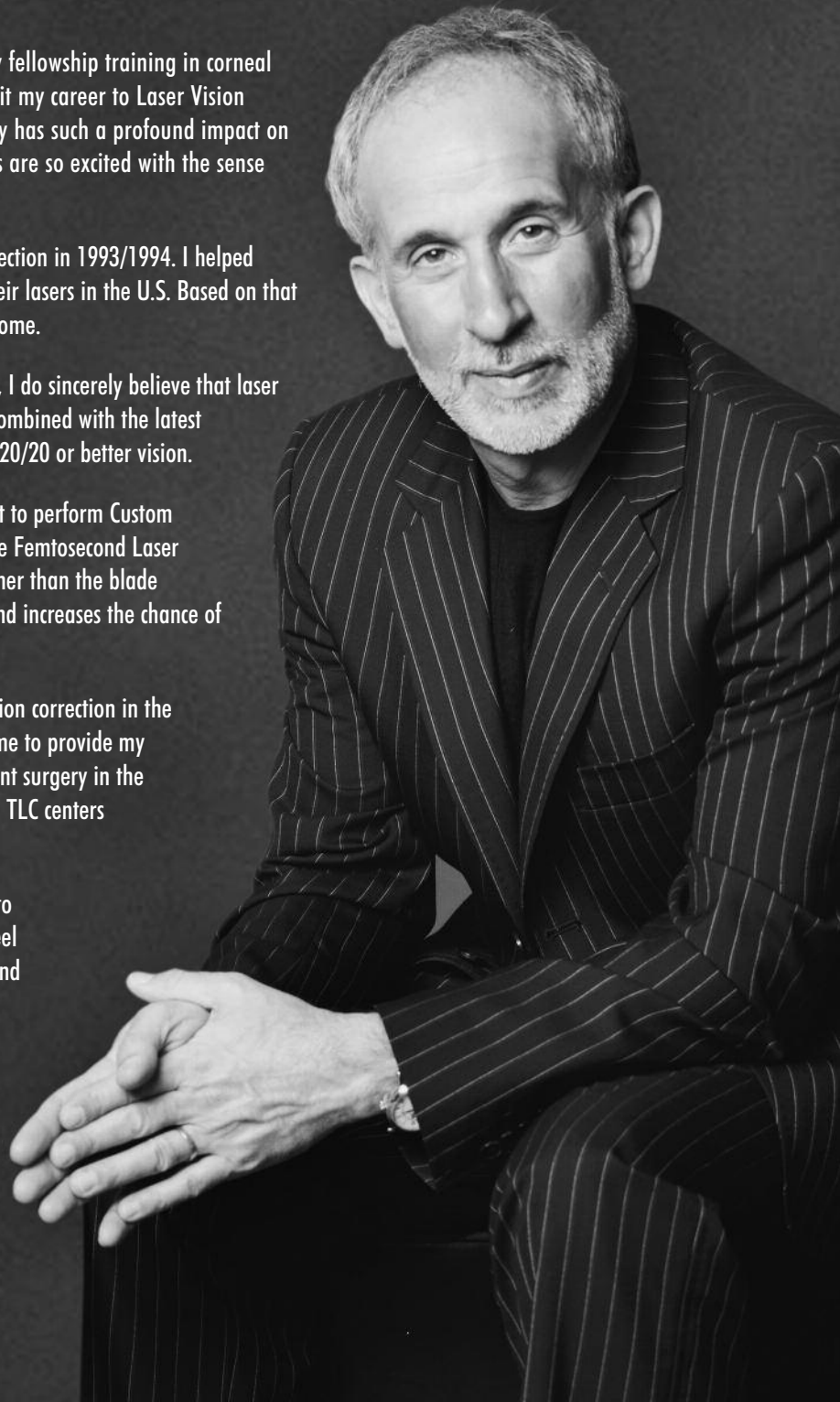
I thank God for being blessed with the opportunity and the skill to enhance the life of so many people and to restore their sight. I feel privileged to have the trust and confidence of so many patients and doctors to allow me to perform this life changing surgical procedure on their most precious sense of all, their sight.

I look forward to meeting you and performing your vision correction procedure.

Sincerely,



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**Biography**



EDUCATION	1972-1975	B.S. in Biochemistry, Loma Linda University
	1975-1979	M.D., Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda, CA
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING	1979-1980	Internship in internal medicine, Loma Linda University Medical Center
	1980-1983	Residency in ophthalmology, Loma Linda University, Department of Ophthalmology
	1984	Board Certified - Ophthalmology
FELLOWSHIPS	1983-1984	Fellow in Corneal Surgery & External Disease, Emory University Department of Ophthalmology in Atlanta, GA
BOARD CERTIFICATION	1984	American Board of Ophthalmology
MEDICAL TEACHING MISSIONS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project Orbis: Romania, 1995 . . . Bulgaria, 1994 . . . China, 1992 . . . Fiji, 2000 - Present</li></ul>
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• American Society of Cataract &amp; Refractive Surgery</li><li>• International Society of Refractive Surgery</li><li>• Castroviejo Corneal Society</li><li>• American Academy of Ophthalmology</li><li>• and many others</li></ul>
UNIVERSITY & HOSPITAL POSITIONS HELD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chief, Department of Ophthalmology, Loma Linda University Community Hospital</li><li>• Director of Cornea Service, Department of Ophthalmology, Loma Linda University</li><li>• Director of Refractive Surgery, Department of Ophthalmology, Loma Linda University</li></ul>
INVESTIGATIONAL STUDIES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principal investigator, Technolas 217 Excimer Laser manufactured by Technolas, Munich, Germany</li><li>• Principal investigator, Cellugel VSF manufactured by Vision Biology, Santa Barbara, CA</li><li>• Investigator, Multifocal Intraocular Lenses (Alcon-Accurasee Intraocular Lens) manufactured by Alcon Ophthalmics, Fort Worth, TX</li><li>• Investigator, Foldable Intraocular Lenses (Alcon Acrysof Intraocular Lens) manufactured by Alcon Ophthalmics, Fort Worth, TX</li><li>• Investigator, Plasma Fluorocarbon Coated Lenses manufactured by Alcon Ophthalmics, Fort Worth, TX</li><li>• FDA investigational device exemption - Technolas Keracor 116 Excimer Laser for the correction of mild, moderate and high myopia and astigmatism, 1997</li><li>• Principal Investigator - Autonomous Technologies Eximer Laser - LASIK for hyperopia and astigmatism.</li><li>• FDA investigational device exemption - Nidek EC 5000 Eximer Laser for the correction of mild, moderate and severe myopia combined with astigmatism, .</li><li>• Principal Investigator - LaserSight LSX 200 Excimer Laser - LASIK for hyperopia, myopia and astigmatism.</li></ul>