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To: Warburton, Karen  
Subject: LASIK

Ms. Karen Warburton

Food and Drug Administration

Dear Ms. Warburton,

I want to express my concern over the lack of oversight of surgeons performing LASIK. As the former President and CFO of a large LASIK provider in California, I have been appalled at the nonchalant attitude so many surgeons have when performing this procedure. I've seen patient after patient have 'unusual' results. Surgeons, who have barely glanced at the patient's charts, much less performed an exam on the patient, take somebody else's word that the patient is suited for the procedure, only to end up later with significant complications including ectasia, loss of bcva, unresolved pain and retreatments too numerous to mention.

The fact that so many surgeons routinely operate on patients beyond the FDA device labeling without appropriate patient informed consent is also concerning. I've settled too many LASIK claims and spoken with too many dissatisfied patients to mention.

I would encourage greater study and scrutiny of the practices surrounding the LASIK field, including restricting the procedure to those practitioners whose specialty is the cornea. I also believe the studies showing 1 out of 20 are dissatisfied under represent the real numbers.

Sincerely,

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Your Address