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MEMORANDUM FOR SGVT

ATTN: CAPT JASON CROSKREY

FROM: 59 MDW/SGVU

SUBJECT: Professional Presentation Approval

1. Your paper, entitled **Higher Order Aberrations after Femtosecond LASIK Flap Creation** presented at **American Academy of Ophthalmology Society of Military Ophthalmologists Annual Meeting: November 2015** with MDWI 41-108, and has been assigned local file #**16081**.
2. Pertinent biographic information (name of author(s), title, etc.) has been entered into our computer file. Please advise us (by phone or mail) that your presentation was given. At that time, we will need the date (month, day and year) along with the location of your presentation. It is important to update this information so that we can provide quality support for you, your department, and the Medical Center commander. This information is used to document the scholarly activities of our professional staff and students, which is an essential component of Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center (WHASC) internship and residency programs.
3. Please know that if you are a Graduate Health Sciences Education student and your department has told you they cannot fund your publication, the 59th Clinical Research Division may pay for your basic journal publishing charges (to include costs for tables and black and white photos). We cannot pay for reprints. If you are 59 MDW staff member, we can forward your request for funds to the designated wing POC.
4. Congratulations, and thank you for your efforts and time. Your contributions are vital to the medical mission. We look forward to assisting you in your future publication/presentation efforts.

Linda Steel-Goodwin

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PROCESSING OF PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS			
TO: Clinical Research Division/SGVU (59th CSPG/SGVU)	FROM: (Name/Rank/Office Symbol) Jason Croskrey Capt, 59TRS, SGVT	PROTOCOL NUMBER: FHW20140061H	
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1. TITLE OF MATERIAL TO BE PUBLISHED OR PRESENTED Higher Order Aberrations After Femtosecond LASIK Flap Creation			
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Higher Order Aberrations After Femtosecond LASIK Flap Creation

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Introduction: Higher order aberrations (HOA) are known to decrease visual quality and can naturally exist, or can be induced by procedures such as corneal refractive surgery. While studies have previously compared HOA in microkeratome vs. femtosecond corneal flap creation, no studies have compared two femtosecond lasers.

Purpose: To compare HOA induced by two femtosecond lasers used to create corneal flap for LASIK.

Methods: 14 eyes with corneal flaps created by the ZD4 laser for LASIK were compared to 14 eyes with corneal flaps created by the iFS laser. The two groups of eyes were similar in age, gender, spherical equivalent (SE), and treatment laser. The difference between the pre-operative and three month post-operative root mean squared (RMS) of HOA was used to compare the higher order aberrations. Paired t-tests were used to test difference between the RMS in the iFS and ZD4 eyes. The P-values were Bonferroni corrected.

Results: There was not a statistically significant difference in means of RMS values between eyes that had corneal flap creation with the ZD4 and iFS lasers ($p > 0.05$). The improvement of SE was similar between groups.

Conclusions: Based on our results the both ZD4 and iFS lasers do not induce significant changes in higher order aberrations after corneal flap creation for LASIK surgery.

Higher order aberrations after LASIK with femtosecond flap creation

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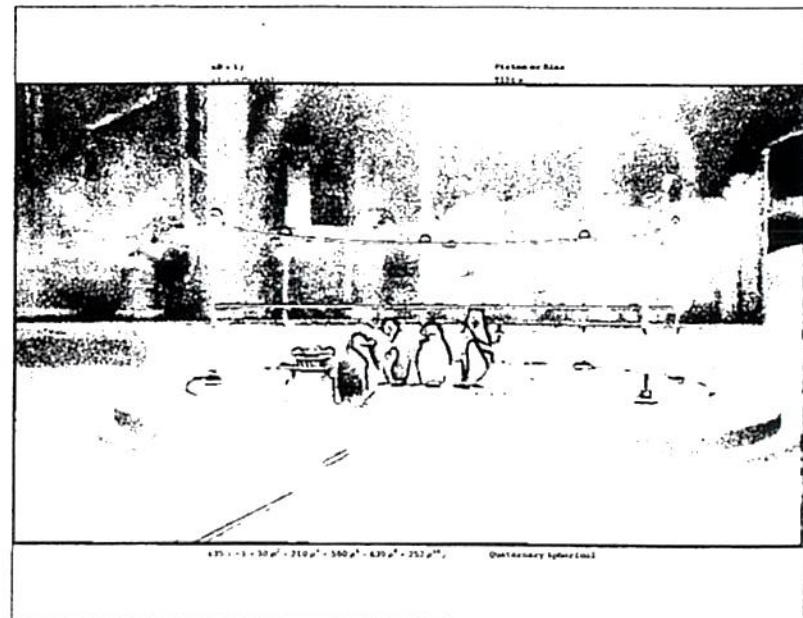
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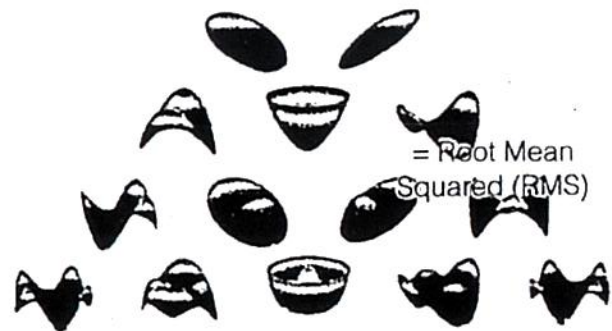
Methods/Demographics

Results

Conclusions/Limitations



Background



Background

15 myopic eyes;

observed HOA in LASIK

pre RMS

0.344 post RMS

0.440

Background

18 eyes;

Intralase FS vs microkeratome

Intralase FS induced less HOA

Background

47 eyes;

iFS vs

microkeratome

1yr f/u

increased aberrations in microkeratome group

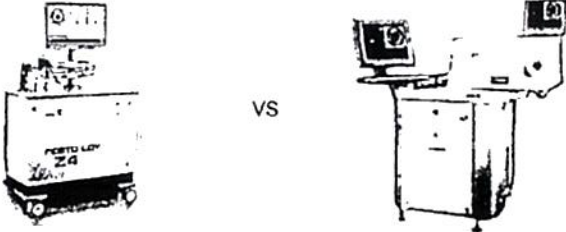
Background

115 porcine eyes;
LASIK flaps cut
with IFS or ZD4
similar flap
thickness and
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The collage consists of several newspaper clippings. The top left clipping has a headline that reads 'LASIK Surgery' and mentions '115 porcine eyes'. The middle left clipping has a headline that reads 'Eye Surgery' and mentions 'LASIK flaps cut with IFS or ZD4'. The bottom left clipping has a headline that reads 'LASIK Surgery' and mentions 'similar flap thickness and roughness'. The right side of the collage contains several smaller clippings, some of which have headlines that read 'LASIK Surgery' and 'Eye Surgery'. The clippings are arranged in a way that suggests a progression of information or a collection of related news items.

Purpose



The image shows two medical ultrasound machines side-by-side. On the left is the Ziemer ZD4, which is a portable unit on wheels with a control panel and a monitor. On the right is the AMO IFS, which is a larger, more complex unit with multiple monitors and a control panel. The text 'VS' is placed between the two machines.

VS

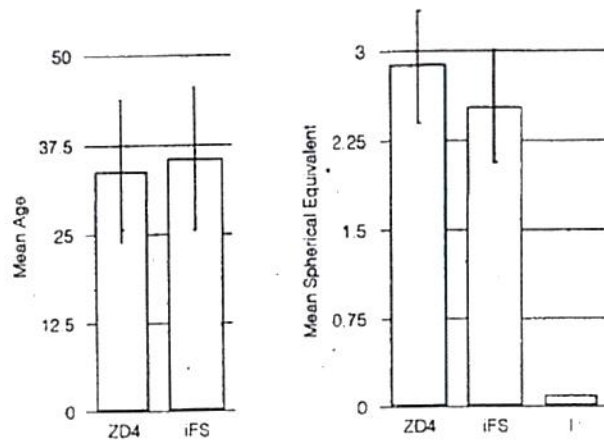
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AMO IFS

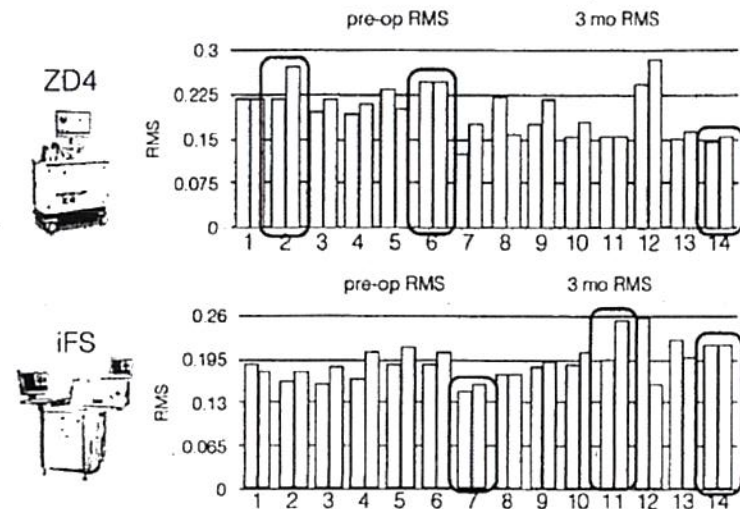
Methods

43 eyes had LASIK with ZD4 flaps	303 eyes had LASIK with iFS flaps
Pts with 3mo I/u	
14 eyes	14 eyes

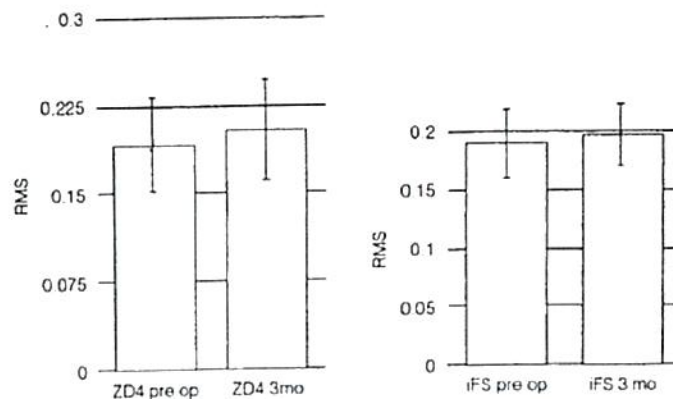
Demographics



Results



Results



Conclusions

No statistical difference in the change RMS pre and post-surgery between iFS and ZD4 eyes, ($P>0.05$)

No statistical difference in the change in spherical equivalent pre and post-surgery between iFS and ZD4 eyes, ($P>0.05$)

neither femtosecond lasers studied did not have a significant effect on HOAs

Limitations

Increasing numbers (n=28 in this study) may reveal a difference in post operative HOA

HOA analyzed independently may be statistically different between the two femtosecond lasers

The study was retrospective, a prospective study would be less likely to incorporate the possibility of selection bias

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

19 February 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR 59 MDW

ATTN: CAPT JASON CROSKREY

FROM: 502 ISG/JA

SUBJECT: Ethics Review for Presentation Approval Request (Croskrey)

1. A request for a legal review of a slide presentation titled "Higher Order Aberrations After Femtosecond LASIK Flap Creation" was submitted by Capt Croskrey. He plans to present the slides at the American Academy of Ophthalmology Society of Military Ophthalmologist Annual Meeting. This legal review is limited to the ethics issues regarding the presentation. The presentation slides included the required disclaimer discussed below. The disclaimer must also be included on the abstract. A Public Affairs review will be required if it has not already been obtained. There are no conflict of interest issues with presenting this research at this professional society meeting.

2. FACTS: Capt Croskrey plans to present the slide presentation titled "Higher Order Aberrations After Femtosecond LASIK Flap Creation" at the American Academy of Ophthalmology Society of Military Ophthalmologist Annual Meeting.

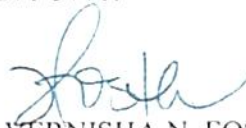
3. LAWS AND REGULATIONS: DoD 5500.07-R, Joint Ethics Regulation (JER), section 3-305 lays out rules governing "Teaching, Speaking and Writing." If the presentation will "deal in significant part with any ongoing or announced policy, program or operation" of the Air Force, the presenter is required to include a disclaimer that states the "views presented are those of the speaker or author and do not necessarily represent the views of DoD or its Components."

4. ANALYSIS: The presentation does not "deal in significant part with any ongoing or announced policy, program or operation" of the Air Force and it does not appear that the military grades, titles and/or positions will be included. However, the authors included the required disclaimer that the views presented are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of DoD or its Components on the slide presentation. The disclaimer also must be on the abstract. Although the disclaimer language included on the presentation is not verbatim from the JER, the language used is appropriate and clearly captures the intent of the language used in the JER. A Public Affairs review will be needed if it has not already been obtained. There are no apparent conflicts of interest that would prohibit the presentation.

5. CONCLUSIONS: The slide presentation for review included the disclaimer required by the JER. The disclaimer must be included on the abstract. There are no conflicts of interest.

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6. If you have any questions, please call me at 210-671-5771.



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I concur.



ARLENE R. CHRISTILLES
Chief, Civil Law

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