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Dear Patient:

Thank you for considering me as the surgeon to perform your refractive surgery.

This folder is comprised of an informative brochure, pre-operative instruction sheet, my personal bio, and information about financing.

Laser in situ keratomileusis (LASIK) is a procedure that reshapes the cornea to correct nearsightedness-cannot see in the distance (myopia), farsightedness-cannot see at close range (hyperopia), or astigmatism. The goal of the surgery is to reshape the front of the eye (cornea) to possibly reduce or eliminate the need for corrective lenses.

Our Ziemer FEMTO LDV laser represents the next level of excellence in flap creation with a femtosecond laser: Using its ultra-fast, tightly focused, low energy laser beam, microscopic bubbles are created precisely at the intended depth within the cornea. The laser pulses are delivered through a lens which the surgeon is holding against your eye. This causes the layers of the cornea to separate, thereby creating a LASIK flap of the desired thickness, size, orientation, and location unique to each patient's needs. Unlike other femtosecond lasers, the bubbles created by the FEMTO LDV disappear immediately after the flap is lifted, creating a smoother surface and allowing the next step of the procedure to begin without any waiting time. Once the corneal flap is lifted, the cool light from the advanced Excimer laser reshapes the inner tissue of the cornea to create a new curvature in a matter of seconds. The flap is repositioned and visual recovery begins.

This tremendous level of control and customization makes our Blade-Free Z-LASIK Experience safer, speeds visual recovery, makes our patients more comfortable, and contributes to better visual outcomes. Please review all of the information in this folder. If you have questions, please call our office and ask to speak with the LASIK Coordinator. The LASIK Coordinator can answer your questions, schedule your screening and LASIK Exam, and give you surgery dates and times so that you can choose a date and time that fits your busy schedule.

Again, thank you for choosing me as your LASIK surgeon.

Sincerely,

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