



# FUN FAX

Interesting information to benefit you and your staff from...

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*Hello Friends in  
Eyeball Land,*

*This is the first-ever  
quarterly facsimile eye  
update on what is new at  
Independent  
Surgery Center. It is  
called "FunFax."  
(While, the name is  
rather tongue-in-cheek,  
we hope it will help you  
know what we do.)*

*Enjoy!*

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### **Femtosecond laser assisted cataract surgery**

We have been enjoying "femto" for several months. The technology is truly amazing from imaging the anterior segment, to capsulotomy creation, and to nuclear fragmentation. It especially shines in patients with 2+ and greater nuclear sclerosis. Phaco seems to go more quickly after laser.

#### **Who is a candidate?**

Post-LASIK patients with cataracts gravitate to the laser, but they are not the only ones. Any cataract patient with good pupil dilation and mild corneal astigmatism can be considered.

#### **What does it cost?**

The added expense is around \$1500/eye. While patients can use flexed dollars, this is never covered by insurance.

#### **Who does it?**

Currently, Drs. Buntrock, Hofer, and I are certified on the Lensar platform.

#### **What is expected?**

Patients will look identical to a conventional phaco patient, excepting a mild increase in the likelihood of subconjunctival heme. Those that receive astigmatism relaxing incisions may have slightly more foreign body sensation initially.

#### **What are the results?**

Great, so far. We are in the infancy of cataract laser technology!

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Convenient  
Locations**



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