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<u>Tips on "How-To" Choose the Right Refractive Surgeon from</u> Dr. Niki Silverstein, SILVERSTEIN Eye, Chester, NJ

- 1. **Go to a specialist** a board-certified ophthalmologist who is highly trained in refractive surgery. The most highly trained refractive surgeons are corneal specialists who have an additional training in refractive surgeries.
- 2. **Look for a quality support staff.** A surgeon who offers a highly trained team of experts assisting you at every step in the process.
- 3. Ask to see the surgeon's credentials regarding refractive surgery. Your doctor should be experienced in all available procedures. Ask your doctor how many refractive surgeries they've performed.
- 4. Look for personalized care not assembly line medicine. A good doctor is one you can trust to tell you "no", as well as "yes".
- 5. **Be sure your surgeon allows plenty of time for your questions.** Establishing a good rapport with your surgeon will allow you the additional confidence and freedom to make the right eye care choice for you.
- 6. **Do your research to make sure that your surgeon is board-certified.** Certification by the American Board of Ophthalmology is the "gold standard" of ophthalmologists.
- 7. Choose an eye surgeon who stays at the forefront of the latest technologies. You'll want to know that your surgeon utilizes state-of-the-art diagnostic and surgical equipment.
- 8. **Ask your surgeons about payment plans**. Most refractive surgeries are not covered by insurance. Some surgeons offer 0% financing for their patients.

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