

A Closer Look at Eye Treatment Sydnee's Story

We want to thank Sydnee's mother, Teala, for sharing Sydnee's story with us.

Sydnee was diagnosed with High Bilateral Myopia and Secondary Isoametropic Amblyopia in November of 2010. Her prescription was OD -11.75 and OS -15.00 (Dilation) OD -13.50 and OS -15.50.

Her recommended treatment was Photorefractive Keratectomy (PRK) Surgery. The surgery went great. I noticed a difference in Sydnee's vision immediately: her vision increased to -1.00 myopia in both eyes (OU).

Her recovery was minimal and there were no complications. Sydnee used eye drops four times a day for six months, and also had to take 500mg of vitamin C each day during the six month recovery period.

Sydnee also had to have splints on her arms during the recovery period so she wouldn't reach for her eyes and disturb her recovery.

She went in for a follow up six months after surgery, one year after surgery and has gone annually for three years.

I would highly recommend any parent to consider the surgery. It was priceless for me to watch Sydnee notice raindrops on the window for the first time. Correcting Sydnee's vision has increased her development and her ability to learn.

Michael's Story

We want to thank Michael's mother, Carol, for sharing Michael's story with us.

Michael was diagnosed with severe myopia in his right eye. He was prescribed corrective lenses when he was about 10 years old (1981) by our ophthalmologist. In 1989 he suffered a detached retina in his right eye. He had surgery, which was unsuccessful. The retina had been detached for quite some time resulting in the optic nerve being shredded. He is totally blind in his right eye.

Michael (shown below) had a retinal tear in his left eye and underwent emergency surgery repairing the tear. The lens was removed and he required a tarsoraphy (permanent suturing) of the eyelid to alleviate dryness. Michael requires an annual check of his retina under general anesthesia.

Most recently, his retina has been fine, with no issues. He hasn't had any recent surgeries. He did however go to Philadelphia to see Dr. Alex Levin to have an exam to check the retina under general anesthesia. He did fine. Our advice to other parents or caregivers is that if they feel there could be a visual issue, get the retinas checked.

Ideally, they should be checked every 6-12 months for retinal changes.

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