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Subject: Letter - Eric Snyder

Dear Dr. Geller:

I wanted to express my appreciation to both you and your office staff for the efficiency, intelligence, and professional expertise I experienced during my recent visit to the South Florida Eye Clinic. As you know from our conversations, I began noticing an increasing accumulation of vitreous floaters in my right eye about 4 years ago. After consulting several ophthalmologists (who ruled out retinal detachment) I was left with essentially no further treatment options. Like many sufferers of this potentially debilitating condition, my brain did not adapt and filter out the offending visual input. My own research lead me to your clinic, and your technique for disintegrating vitreous floaters with the YAG laser.

During my subsequent visit to your clinic, I had the opportunity to both witness the treatment of other individuals, and have my own floaters treated with the laser technique. I was very impressed with the accuracy of the technique. Your ability to consistently maintain a safe focal length and control the amount of energy delivered to the vitreous eliminated concerns about retinal injury. Data collected from your practice also showed no retinal injuries, and a minimal incidence of glaucoma. I personally witnessed the successful and safe treatment of large, debilitating vitreous floaters on patients who were told to learn to live with the visual impairment. Without complication, both the number and size of my own floaters were significantly reduced using the laser technique.

As a physician, I would challenge the medical community to reevaluate their own assumptions and prejudices regarding vitreous floaters. This disorder is shared by millions, and while not life threatening, can have a profound effect upon sufferer's quality of life. I am puzzled by the ready acceptance of LASIK and other laser techniques for correction of refractory problems, and the simultaneous offhand rejection of this technique for the correction of vitreous floaters. In fact, the LASIK technique itself often causes floaters, which is all the more reason to investigate viable treatment alternatives to vitrectomy. I would encourage any physician, and especially ophthalmologists, to visit Dr. Geller's clinic and see the technique for themselves. I would also encourage sufferers of floaters to seriously consider this approach as a safe and effective alternative to either vitrectomy or "learning to live with it".

Sincerely,

Eric Snyder, MD