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[2] the elevations. And then we go ahead and we use an
[3] excimer laser which is computer controlled so that
[4] each pulse is in precisely the right place. And
[5] this is all due to advances in technical aspects
[6] which we couldn't have imagine many years ago.

[7] **MS. MURPHY-STARK:** Now, we've learned
[8] about several of the refractive procedures that came
[9] before the LASIK. But there are other procedures
[10] that are just as common as LASIK, they just don't
[11] get as much of the media hype. Could you address
[12] some of those and tell us their place?

[13] **DR. NEVYAS:** Sure. These include things
[14] like refractive lensectomy where we can take the
[15] lens of the eye out and put in a plastic lens which
[16] has been gauged to exactly the right power to give
[17] us the refractive correction we wish. We can also
[18] put little pieces of plastic into the cornea. These
[19] can give us small corrections. We can use RK, which
[20] is not dead, it's still used, and AK. These are
[21] incisional refractive procedures for myopia and
[22] astigmatism which are quite useful, particularly in
[23] patients who are older and give us more correction
[24] for a given amount of incision.

[25] **MS. MURPHY-STARK:** Now, I understand

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[2] that you have come from a family of
[3] ophthalmologists.

[4] **DR. NEVYAS:** Well, I guess we sort of
[5] created a family of ophthalmologists. In addition
[6] to myself, my wife is an ophthalmic surgeon. My
[7] daughter, showing not too much originality, has gone
[8] into ophthalmology and does ophthalmic surgery, and
[9] particularly refractive surgery as I do. And she
[10] met an ophthalmologist in residency and he does
[11] ophthalmic plastic surgery. We all work together in
[12] the same group with six other ophthalmologists.

[13] **MS. MURPHY-STARK:** You must be very
[14] proud of daughter.

[15] **DR. NEVYAS:** Oh, I certainly am. I've
[16] been very proud of many things she's done. I was
[17] proud of her when she first came out of high school
[18] and became an university scholar at the University
[19] of Pennsylvania, which means she was admitted to
[20] medical school and undergraduate school
[21] simultaneously. I was proud that she went into the
[22] same residency program where I had gone at the
[23] University of Pennsylvania. And I'm very proud of
[24] her often when I go to medical meetings. Anita has
[25] done many things. She has really been — it's hard

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[2] for me to realize she's been an ophthalmic surgeon
[3] for 15 years, but she's made many developments. And
[4] I have too. And yet it's often happened when I sit
[5] around a luncheon table at a meeting either in other
[6] parts of the country or abroad, someone will look at
[7] my badge and say, "Nevyas, are you related to Anita
[8] Nevyas-Wallace?" And that, needless to say, makes
[9] me very happy.

[10] **MS. MURPHY-STARK:** Oh, that's terrific.

[11] Well, thank you, Dr. Nevyas, for being here today.

[12] **DR. NEVYAS:** Thank you, Pat.

[13] **MS. MURPHY-STARK:** We spoke to Dr. Anita
[14] Nevyas-Wallace in her Bala Cynwyd office. Here's
[15] what she had to say about the increasing popularity
[16] of LASIK surgery.

[17] **DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE:** The reason LASIK is
[18] so popular now is because it can provide people with
[19] correction that they had never imagined possible.
[20] What people are excited about is that they see a
[21] change so quickly and that many cases it's something
[22] that they dreamt of for years and years and now
[23] suddenly they can see. It's remarkable. With
[24] LASIK, the correction is prompt and comfortable.
[25] Most patients are perfectly comfortable the night of

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[2] surgery or feel just a slight foreign body
[3] sensation, just a little scratchiness, but no big
[4] deal. With previous operations, again, there was
[5] never the accuracy that we're able to get with the
[6] laser and yet its atraumatic. And that has people
[7] excited that they can go in on Thursday and be back
[8] to work on Saturday no longer wearing glasses.
[9] Their friends are excited, their families are
[10] excited. It's an amazing thing.

[11] **MS. MURPHY-STARK:** When we come back,
[12] we'll speak with Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace in our
[13] studio. We'll learn how the excimer laser works and
[14] examine the safety of the LASIK procedure. We'll
[15] also hear from patients firsthand about how the
[16] procedure has given them a new perspective on life.
[17] We'll be right back.

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