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Your Eyes Are in Good Hands at Ultravision *by Kimberly Suta*

Ophthalmologist, Dr. Tomy Starck, has accomplished something unique with Ultravision. Located across from the Dominion, Ultravision has assembled a vision clinic that is essentially a one-stop shop that has gracefully integrated innovative vision technology with a cozy spa-like environment. Not only do they offer an array of high-end to affordable glasses and contacts, but they are the preeminent center for Lasik surgery, anterior segment surgeries, cornea transplants and even more advanced conditions.

"We deal with a level of complexity here at Ultravision that the general ophthalmologist does not have the expertise to treat," explains Dr. Starck. Dr. Starck was born and raised in Colombia but then attended Harvard Medical School in Boston, where he performed his fellowship training on the cornea, a transparent dome-shaped window that covers the iris, pupil and anterior chamber.

After Harvard, Dr. Starck worked at the UT Science Center and realized immediately that he felt much more at home in San Antonio's warm community and sunny climate. After graduating, he became a full-time faculty and director of the University of Texas Health Science Centers' Lasik Center and continues as an Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Starck opened up the first Ultravision practice in 2002, but they grew so rapidly that they had to relocate, so they decided to build the much bigger clinic at Heuermann Road, which has been open since 2009. Ultravision also has two satellite clinics – one of which is in Eagle Pass. Being that Dr. Starck is fluent in Spanish and offers such comprehensive yet specific services, Ultravision receives a lot of international clients from Mexico and all around the world.

One of the primary focuses at Ultravision is the Lasik surgery, which is one of the more popular procedures for correcting distance vision. However, it's important to note that not everybody is a candidate for Lasik. The good news is that there are other options available to you. At Ultravision, the physicians examine each person to determine the best procedure, whether it is Lasik or perhaps an implant. A 50-year-old individual might come in expecting Lasik, not realizing they have a cataract, which is the source of the vision problem. Dr. Starck or one of his seasoned staff doctors can correct cataracts so that the individual doesn't need Lasik, but the result is the same – perfect vision.

"We have procedures for everybody," says Dr. Starck. "Our main focus is correcting your vision so that you don't have to use glasses or contacts, but beyond that we also treat for many diseases that other clinics don't." In fact, many of the clinics in town refer their clients to Ultravision when faced with a complex issue or disease that they're not equipped to handle.

When asked about the risks and common concerns of Lasik, Dr. Starck says, "I've been personally performing this surgery for more than 15 years, and I've found that the side effects are actually very minimal." Dr. Starck goes on to explain that fear of losing one's eyesight is greater than losing any other sense, so it's understandable that people are cautious about having eye surgery, but many people don't realize that the procedure only takes about five minutes.

"If I had realized Lasik was this straight-forward, I would have done it sooner," is something the staff at Ultravision hear patients say quite often. Within 24 hours of the surgery, patients are fully recovered and enjoying 20/20 vision.

One of the misconceptions that people have about Lasik is that it causes you to need reading glasses as you get older. The truth is that no matter if you have Lasik or not, by the time you reach 40-years-old, you're going to need reading glasses regardless. The distance correction that Lasik addresses is a permanent fix that will last a lifetime.

"One of the reasons people choose us, that make us unique, is that we deal with everything from A to Z," says Dr. Starck. No matter what the reason, if you have a vision concern, problem or question, it's clear that Ultravision has the answers!

As a center of excellence, Ultravision, offers surgical services for Pterygium, Keratoconus and droopy eyelids (Ptosis), treatment of dry eye, comprehensive testing and management of glaucoma as well as routine eye care. You will find that the associates of Dr. Tomy Starck practice with the same integrity and professionalism – Mark Trevino, M.D., Than Tran, O.D. and Jennifer Barondes, O.D. each bring their own specialty and care to the office of Ultravision.

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