

Mayo Clinic Minute: Advances in the treatment of cataract surgery

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INTRO/LEDE	<p>Cataracts are one of the most common eye conditions in the world. Chances are most of us are going to develop cataracts at some point in our lives.</p> <p>The good news..thanks to advances in cataract surgery, Mayo Clinic Ophthalmologist Dr. Dave Patel says many patients are able to say goodbye to their cataracts and reduce or eliminate their need for glasses.</p>
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Dr. Dave Patel, Ophthalmologist Mayo Clinic	<p>(SOT) 3:43 – 4:07</p> <p>And that really tells you how remarkable and revolutionary the technology has become where patients who were troubled with glasses or needing contacts to see, multiple glasses to function, and with a simple step process with the right technology, that they are independent of any kind of visual needs, and they can function with good vision.</p>
	<p>(TRACK)</p> <p>Dr. Patel says customized lens surgery takes about 15 minutes, is safe, painless and patients often see better in minutes.</p>
Dr. Dave Patel	<p>(SOT) 5:57 – 6:04</p> <p>It's actually exciting that patients are now seeking the lens surgery in lieu of other procedures like LASIK which is still popular because now you can get a permanent lifetime benefit with the cataract surgery.</p>
	<p>A comprehensive eye exam can help determine if the customized lens surgery is right for you. For the Mayo News Network, I'm Marty Velasco Hames.</p>

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