

Cataract Surgery: Life-Changing Options Laser Cataract Surgery and Multifocal Lens Technology at Scott & Christie Eyecare Associates

William C. Christie, MD is an ophthalmologist for Scott & Christie Eyecare Associates. Doctor Christie has been performing the multifocal lens implant cataract surgery for over twelve years. As the Director for the Clinical Research Institute, he oversees one of the largest clinical research sites in the United States, performing clinical studies for new multifocal technology.



At age 64, Charles Wetzel wasn't surprised when he learned he had cataracts. He saw it coming. "My vision was changing every three or four months," the electronic security operator recalls. "I was having trouble seeing the keyboard and computer screen at work. My bifocals just weren't helping anymore."

But what did surprise Wetzel were the treatment options available at Scott & Christie Eyecare Associates. And that's because traditional cataract surgery uses monofocal lens implants, a procedure that improves distance vision but leaves most patients still

having to wear reading glasses for up-close and intermediate tasks.

As William Christie, M.D., Wetzel's long-time eye doctor explained, many patients are now able to enjoy the best of both worlds. That's because multifocal lens implants, combined with laser cataract surgery, can often eliminate or reduce the dependency for the need for any type (near, intermediate and distance) of corrective lenses.

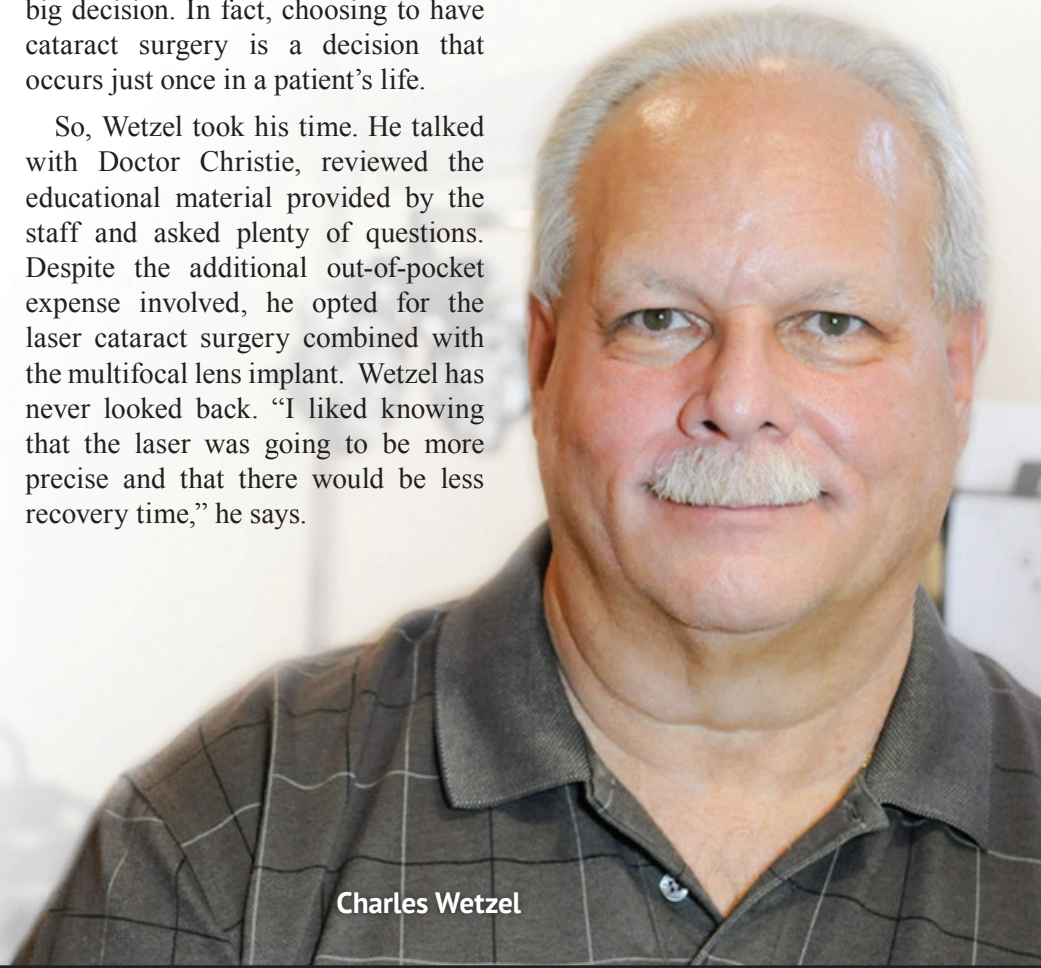
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That was especially good news for Wetzel, who had been wearing glasses since he was a child. Still, it was a big decision. In fact, choosing to have cataract surgery is a decision that occurs just once in a patient's life.

So, Wetzel took his time. He talked with Doctor Christie, reviewed the educational material provided by the staff and asked plenty of questions. Despite the additional out-of-pocket expense involved, he opted for the laser cataract surgery combined with the multifocal lens implant. Wetzel has never looked back. "I liked knowing that the laser was going to be more precise and that there would be less recovery time," he says.

Doctor Christie operated on Wetzel's first eye near the end of December 2016 and followed up with the second eye in early January 2017. "Right after each surgery, my vision was 20-20," Wetzel says. "The multifocal lived up to all its hype—and then some."

Nowadays, this Penn Hills resident, without corrective lenses, has no trouble seeing the computer screen, driving at night or spending hours concentrating on the up-close details of his leather working and basket weaving hobbies. And the lifetime of wearing bifocals? They're now gone, Wetzel says. Nearly a year after the initial surgery, he remains a bit overwhelmed by the life-changing results. "It still amazes me," Wetzel says.



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