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Dr. William Trattler said:

You are providing flat out lies: The person named Eye said: "The current maximum possible size for a full treatment zone for lasers approved in the US is 6.5 mm."

Dr. William Trattler said:

Ladarvision can be programmed to an 8.0mm optical zone - and this has been present since 1999 or so. As well - VISX Customvue can be programmed to an optical zone of 8.0mm if needed/desired.

Eye replied...

I stand by my statement until I see an approval order for an optical zone larger than 6.5 mm. I said APPROVED in the US. Not capable of being programmed, but APPROVED for use in LASIK in the US. Please name one LASER that is APPROVED for an optical zone larger than 6.5 mm in the United States.

There is a reason these lasers are not approved for an optical zone larger than 6.5 mm for LASIK. The reason is to prevent ectasia.

The use of a laser in the US for an optical zone larger than 6.5 mm would be an off label use of this laser.

You must know this, and you called ME a liar! There is a big difference between a laser that is programmable for a certain size treatment zone and what size treatment zone is actually approved by the FDA. This seems like an example of a refractive surgeon using semantics to deceive patients. I can't believe you did this.

Once again, "Can be programmed" and "is approved" are two different things.

Why would you accuse me of lying and deceiving people, and say something so deceptive yourself? Nobody wants patients to be helped

more than previously damaged patients, and you're not helping if you're preventing patients from being fully informed.

So, for the record... 6.5 mm is the maximum size optical zone APPROVED in the US. I'm not talking about blend or transition zones which may extend further, as you know.

If you have news of a recent approval for an optical zone larger than this, tell us all - I was simply unaware of this recent development... NOT LYING. Please let patients know immediately of any such approval.

"Can be programmed".... hhhrrrupmh! Shame on you!

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