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Here's a patient's topography superimposed to scale on the patients >8mm pupil. Anything outside the blue area is undertreated. Imagine what this patient's vision is like. For a doctor's explanation of how a refractive surgeon's poor judgment can ruin lives, visit:

The Lone Dog's pupil primer for casualty prevention:

<http://www.lasermeye.org/keratoscoop/columns/lonedog/lonedog31may200...>

Surgery was performed by Dr. Terry Kim of Duke University Medical Center. Patient (former high myope with relatively thin corneas) lacks sufficient tissue for retreatment and has regressed to needing glasses full time. Patient experiences blurry, distorted vision with glasses. Patient was not informed that the first treatment would leave less than 300 microns of tissue remaining under the flap, \*below\* the new safe corneal thickness limit to prevent ectasia. Patient's Artemis ultrasound scans demonstrate thin, irregular flaps and extensive undulation in the Bowman's layer centrally in both eyes.

The patient's prescription (sphere) remains unstable. Surgically induced astigmatism on new axis also remains unstable 2 years out from surgery. Patient also experiences burning and blurry vision from LASIK-induced dry eye.

Comments of 2nd opinion doctors on Dr. Terry Kim's surgery:

1. "Your eyes were like a Nikon camera [before surgery], now they are like a cheap dime store box camera."
2. "You have the worst striae I have seen in over 5 years, and that was with older technology". A long central vertical fold was noted in the patient's right eye. (Patient should have been informed very early of flap wrinkles and had the problem addressed by Dr. Terry Kim before they set in - even the patients on this newsgroup know this).
3. Diagnosis of Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, which was not present before surgery. This condition persists and is resistant to conventional

treatments.

4. "You have high spherical aberration". (High spherical aberration was not present pre-op, but is a result of the undersized ablation zone that Dr. Terry Kim unwisely planned on this large pupil patient).

5. "You're not going to sue Dr. Kim, are you?" This question was asked by a refractive surgeon after completion of a 2nd opinion exam, just sort of 'out of the blue'. Wonder what prompted the doctor to ask such a question? It may have been a combination of findings of the slit lamp examination and the results of the scans?

Surgical result: Patient has worse vision with glasses or contacts after LASIK than before LASIK with glasses or contacts. Both day and night vision are blurry and distorted with glasses or contacts. Patient has persistent burning dry eye pain. Patient has severe GASH and loss of contrast sensitivity. Patient's corneas are unstable and will require monitoring for ectasia.

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