

Pete Dieppe  
Patient Testimonial  
Magill Laser Center

For the past 12 years, Pete Dieppe would immediately reach for his glasses when his alarm clock went off each morning. The 55-year-old owner of Charleston Telecommunications Consulting was dependent on them all day, every day. But glasses were inconvenient on the job. When he wasn't dropping or scratching them he would leave them in forgettable places. Contact lenses weren't an option because they irritated his eyes. "By the end of the day my eyes were so tired my seven-year-old grandson would have to read me the menus at restaurants."

Pete first considered LASIK vision correction surgery 10 years ago when he accompanied his wife for her LASIK evaluation. When he contacted a surgeon a few years later he was advised to wait until he developed cataracts to have the surgery because of his age. But Pete was tired of waiting. He realized that it could be years before he developed cataracts and he wanted an improved quality of life now. After reading a newspaper advertisement for LASIK surgery at Magill Laser Center, he picked up the phone and made the call that would change his life.

"I'd checked out several other places before finding Magill Laser Center," Pete says. "Most of them gave me the impression of a fast food restaurant – you'd get a number and they would herd you through when your number was called. The Magill Laser Center was much different. I knew they were part of Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina and they would be professional. After meeting with my surgeon I had complete confidence in his skill and expertise. I was pleasantly surprised in how compassionate and caring he was as well. "

Pete was impressed with the quality care and the atmosphere at Magill Laser Center. And the morning after his surgery, Pete didn't need to reach for his glasses. "I have the same vision now that I did with glasses and contact lenses, but with none of the inconvenience or irritation," he says.

With the help of Magill Laser Center, Pete Dieppe no longer has to rely on his seven-year-old grandson to read him menus in restaurants. "He used to ask me why I needed him to read me the menu," Pete says. "Tonight, I'll be reading the menu to him."