Michael Greenwood, MD, Highlights LASIK Training, Research and Academic Roles at Vance Thompson Vision in West Fargo

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Patients evaluating LASIK surgeons in the Fargo area can verify four things before scheduling a consultation: board certification, fellowship training in refractive surgery, teaching and editorial appointments conferred by national ophthalmic societies, and a documented record in clinical research. Michael Greenwood, MD, who leads Vance Thompson Vision in West Fargo, is documented on each point. These credentials describe a surgeon?s training and professional background and do not by themselves establish LASIK safety, effectiveness or individual patient outcomes.

Greenwood is a board-certified ophthalmologist and a fellowship-trained cornea, refractive, cataract and glaucoma surgeon. He established the West Fargo practice after completing his fellowship at Vance Thompson Vision in Sioux Falls, and he treats patients from Fargo, West Fargo, Moorhead, Wahpeton and Grand Forks. He is a councilor to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, sits on the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Membership Committee and its Council of 100, and serves as EyeWiki section editor for cataract. Practice location and hours are listed on the Google Business Profile for Vance Thompson Vision ? West Fargo.

The credentials worth checking in any eye surgeon fall into a short list. Board certification by the American Board of Ophthalmology confirms a national standard beyond state licensure; Greenwood holds active licenses in North Dakota, number 14114, and South Dakota, number 9479. Academic appointments indicate that peers have asked the surgeon to teach, and he is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, an adjunct clinical assistant professor at the Indiana University School of Optometry, and assistant medical director of Dakota Lions Sight and Health. Published research signals that a surgeon?s results have been reviewed by other clinicians. His peer-reviewed work includes ?The Use of Intraoperative Aberrometry in Normal Eyes,? Journal of Refractive Surgery, 2022, and ?Goniotomy with a single-use dual blade: Short-term results,? Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, September 2017. Ophthalmology Management named him to its 40 Under 40 list in 2022.

Fellowship training is the year of subspecialty work that follows residency, and it determines the range of options a surgeon can offer. Greenwood completed his ophthalmology residency at Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals in Cleveland, where he was administrative chief resident, then completed a fellowship in cornea, refractive, cataract and glaucoma surgery in Sioux Falls in 2016. A Jamestown, North Dakota, native, he earned his undergraduate degree summa cum laude and his medical degree at the University of North Dakota, where he served as class president.

?Fellowship training is where a surgeon learns to match the procedure to the eye rather than the other way around,? said Michael Greenwood, MD, board-certified ophthalmologist, Vance Thompson Vision ? West Fargo. ?My fellowship covered cornea, refractive, cataract and glaucoma surgery, so when a patient asks about laser vision correction, I can look at corneal thickness, prescription and any coexisting conditions, then recommend the approach that fits what I actually find.?

Surgeon experience shapes treatment planning, because candidacy screening happens before any laser is involved. Greenwood has taught MIGS Devices and Techniques as course faculty at both the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery since 2017. He presented on laser refractive surgery in high-risk glaucoma suspects at the American Glaucoma Society in 2024, on the surgical management of cataract and glaucoma at Hawaiian Eye in 2024, and on centration and alignment in keratorefractive and intraocular surgery at the American Academy of Ophthalmology in 2017. He has also lectured at the Delhi Ophthalmological Society annual conference in 2018 and the International Society of Eye Research meeting in Tokyo in 2016. Teaching and research participation reflect professional recognition rather than a measure of clinical results.

Greenwood has served as principal investigator on FDA-monitored clinical trials, among them a clinical investigation of the WaveLight EX500 excimer laser for hyperopic LASIK, sponsored by Alcon, and a

comparison of Contoura with Phorcides against wavefront-optimized LASIK. Across all of its locations and surgeons, Vance Thompson Vision reports more than 80,000 procedures performed and nearly 100 years of combined experience; these are organization-wide figures and do not represent Greenwood?s individual surgical volume.

Laser vision correction is intended to reduce or eliminate dependence on glasses and contacts, and candidacy depends on corneal anatomy, prescription stability and overall eye health. As with any surgical procedure, LASIK carries risks, which can include dry eye, glare, halos and other visual disturbances, undercorrection or overcorrection, and the possible need for an enhancement procedure. Individual results vary, and a clinical evaluation is the only way to determine which option, if any, is appropriate.

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