

1 MDTV MEDICAL NEWS NOW - LASIK SURGERY

2 that we saw in the LASIK procedure is really 00:11:42

3 incredible, and I'm sure it would have to be because 00:11:42

4 it's such a delicate procedure. But how safe really 00:11:42

5 is LASIK? 00:11:46

6 DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: LASIK is very safe. 00:11:46

7 In fact, statistics show that Nationwide 98 percent 00:11:50

8 of patients experience significant improvement of 00:11:54

9 their vision. Now, I aspire to a hundred percent, 00:11:58

10 but a lot of factors come into play in determining 00:12:00

11 safety. For one thing, the need to be sure that a 00:12:02

12 person is really an excellent candidate for this 00:12:04

13 surgery. For another, the technology itself, the 00:12:10

14 laser and the microkeratome are very important. And 00:12:12

15 the surgeon, the surgeon learned hands, level of 00:12:16

16 skill and experience, mindset are crucial. 00:12:18

17 MS. MURPHY-STARK: Now, Doctor, you 00:12:20

18 mentioned a good candidate for this procedure. Who 00:12:22

19 is a good candidate? 00:12:26

20 DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: Well, a person who 00:12:26

21 is nearsighted or farsighted or has astigmatism can 00:12:28

22 be treated. Now, if a person is nearsighted, we

23 fold the flap back and use the laser to flatten the 00:12:34

24 central cornea. In a person who's farsighted after 00:12:36

25 the flap is folded back, the laser is being use to 00:12:40

