Femtosecond laser impact on surgical technique for cataract surgery

The Femtosecond laser creates an opportunity for a surgeon to take advantage of the technology once in the operating room. Typically, most surgeons will use the laser to augment existing surgical techniques. However, the use of laser cuts in the eye allows significant modification of surgical approach in the operating room. Some examples include creating new settings in the phacoemulsification machine with lower ultrasound and higher vacuum for laser treated eyes, bowling the lens rather than grooving, using deep laser cuts as a guide for sculpting, minimal to no tension on the capsular bag and all lens removal to occur within the capsular bag. The evolution of formulating this current technique will be discussed along with adjunct video to demonstrate.

Biography

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