

1	MDTV MEDICAL NEWS NOW - LASIK SURGERY	
2	steepen the central cornea to correct	00:12:42
3	farsightedness. And in astigmatism, we're	00:12:46
4	flattening one meridian so that the cornea which was	00:12:48
5	shaped more like a football can now be shaped more	00:12:52
6	like a basketball.	00:12:54
7	MS. MURPHY-STARK: Doctor, what are some	00:12:56
8	of the risks associated with the procedure and how	00:12:58
9	do you minimize them?	00:13:00
10	DR. NEVYAS-WALLACE: Well, the first	00:13:00
11	risk that we worry about anywhere in the body is the	00:13:02
12	risk of infection. But realize, Pat, that you stand	00:13:04
13	a greater chance of getting an infection from	00:13:08
14	wearing contact lenses than with LASIK. The other	00:13:10
15	risks that we worry about are glaring halo symptoms.	00:13:14
16	Now, I tell everyone to expect that in the first	00:13:18
17	week, but usually it goes away after the first week.	00:13:22
18	If it somehow doesn't, there are drops we can use	00:13:24
19	that will bring the pupils a little smaller and a	00:13:28
20	person can use those for night driving until that	00:13:28
21	symptom goes away. The other risk, if you could	00:13:32
22	call that, is the risk that either the nearsighted	00:13:36
23	or the astigmatism could be a little over-corrected	00:13:38
24	or little under-corrected. If that happens, what we	00:13:42
25	do is we lift the flap and do a little bit more	00:13:46

