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Professor Jan Venter

MD
Ophthalmic Surgeon

Professor Venter is a world leading ophthalmic surgeon renowned for performing [laser eye surgery](#) and [intraocular treatments](#). He has performed more than 62,500 procedures, including LASIK, Epi-LASEK, PRK, Phakic intraocular lens treatment, as well as Cataract and Refractive Lens Exchange treatments and is registered with the General Medical Council (GMC). He is a fully trained ophthalmologist who has undergone additional specialist training in refractive surgery.

He is a full time ophthalmic surgeon for Optical Express and Clinic Director of the Optical Express international Medical Advisory Board (IMAB) and is a member of various affiliated bodies and societies, such as the British Society of Refractive Surgery and the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Twice every year, Professor Venter attends the IMAB Conferences where he sits on a panel along with some of the world's most eminent refractive surgeons including Mr. Steve Schallhorn, former Head of Ophthalmology for the US Navy.

Born and educated in South Africa, Professor Venter qualified from Pretoria University in 1973 and over the years progressed to become Professor and Head of the Ophthalmology Department at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa.

1993 saw him introduce excimer laser and ambulatory cataract surgery into South Africa, making procedures available to the wider public there for the first time, and from 1993 to 1996 he served as President of the Ophthalmological Society of South Africa. In 1998 he was awarded the highest honour the Ophthalmological Society can bestow when he received the DJ Wood Medal.

Professor Venter has published and presented over 100 academic papers and has made presentations about laser vision correction and intraocular lens treatments in seminars across the UK, in South Africa and throughout the world.

Presentations 2007

- South African Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, Sun City, ASCRS, San Francisco; the 2006 PAN ARAB meeting in Singapore Congress of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, London and the UK and Ireland Cataract and Refractive Society, Manchester, ESCRS Winter Meeting Monte Carlo, BSRS Oxford.

Professional Memberships

- Ophthalmological Society of South Africa - Member

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- Southern African Intra Ocular Lens and Refractive Surgery Society - Member
- International Refractive Surgery Club (IRSC) - Member
- American Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) - Member
- European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ESCRS) - Member
- UK and Ireland Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgery (UKISCRS) - Member
- British Society of Refractive Surgery (BSRS) - Member
- American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) - Member

Current and Previous Clinical Investigator / Advisor

- Nidek in the UK
- Ophtec, the manufacturer of the Artisan, Artiflex Phakic Intra Ocular Lenses
- STAAR ICL
- Sunrise Technologies
- Allergan
- Pharmacia