

I just asked that you think about your own personal family members. Would you prefer that they undergo a surgical procedure from somebody who is not been trained in any ophthalmic surgery or would you prefer that they had a specialized person who knows how to deal with the complications and concerns with the procedure.

I'm a glaucoma specialist. I frequently get many patients referred to me from optometrists who have been managing their glaucoma for a long period of time. Frequently I have patients who are already close to blind and if I was lucky to have seen them earlier in their disease processed I might have been able to save more of their vision. The last thing we need is for optometrist to be completely managing glaucoma on their own. it is a difficult disease to treat and we still don't fully understand it. I specialize in glaucoma and I still have patients that stump me. This bill will only cause harm.