

OUR DOCTORS

Dr Lewis Levitz

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Dr Lewis Levitz is an experienced ophthalmic surgeon with a special interest in laser cataract surgery. He offers his patients the latest in intraocular lens technology, such as extended depth of focus and multifocal lenses. Dr Levitz is the National Medical Director of Vision Eye Institute.

Dr Levitz has been involved in a range of research projects investigating cataract surgery outcomes and intraocular lens technology. He was part of an international team that showed that laser cataract surgery is safer than traditional cataract surgery for some patients. In addition, Dr Levitz produced a virtual textbook on laser cataract surgery – one of the first instruction manuals to describe the technique.

In addition to treating cataracts, Dr Levitz has a special interest in reconstructive eyelid surgery (oculoplastics), including eyelid correction, repair and reconstruction, and management of eyelid cancers. He also treats general ophthalmic conditions.

BACKGROUND

Dr Levitz received his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and Master of Medicine from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. He undertook his ophthalmology training at the Johannesburg Hospital teaching circuit, South Africa, before travelling to Wales to complete a fellowship in oculoplastic surgery at the University Hospital of Wales, UK. Dr Levitz was the first recipient of the Elie Dahan Ophthalmic Surgical Prize for Registrar of the Year (1999). He was awarded the Muthusamy medal for outstanding achievement in the Fellowship exam of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh for the years 1999 and 2000.

Dr Levitz is a committed medical researcher and also reviews articles for the *Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery*, *Journal of Clinical & Experimental Ophthalmology* and *Asia-Pacific Journal of Ophthalmology*. He has authored multiple papers and presented lectures on the incidence, management and cause of cystoid macular edema (CME). His letter to the *Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery* was the first to suggest that there is no difference between

the rate of CME following laser cataract surgery versus manual cataract surgery. In addition, Dr Levitz was part of the team that published the first papers on low diopter of astigmatism correction with an Alcon intraocular lens. He was later part of the team that published the first paper on the Panoptix trifocal lens.

In addition to his clinical and research roles, Dr Levitz is an active member of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO). In 2012, he joined the Victorian Branch Committee and in 2015 became the treasurer of the Victorian Branch. Further to this, Dr Levitz was the councillor representing Victorian ophthalmologists at Federal Council between 2016 and 2021.

LASER CATARACT SURGERY

- Produced a virtual textbook on laser cataract surgery – one of the first instruction manuals to describe the technique
- Part of an international team that showed that laser cataract surgery is safer than traditional cataract surgery
- Part of the original team showing the benefit of correcting low amounts of astigmatism during cataract surgery
- Published a paper validating the safety benchmark of laser-assisted cataract surgery and manual conventional cataract surgery

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Regular contributor to the Australian Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons annual meetings
- Published papers and presented lectures on toric and multifocal intraocular lenses



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- Reviewer for the *Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery*, *Journal of Clinical & Experimental Ophthalmology* and *Asia-Pacific Journal of Ophthalmology*
- Presented his audits of lid cancer management at RANZCO meetings to ensure optimal patient care

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS (RANZCO) LEADERSHIP

- Victorian Branch Committee member 2012–2022
- Treasurer of the Victorian Branch between 2015–2022
- Councillor representing the Victorian Ophthalmologist at RANZCO Federal Council 2016–2021

AWARDS

- Muthusamy medal for outstanding achievement, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (1999/2000)
- Design Excellence Award from the South African Bureau of Standards – awarded to the consortium who developed the South African orbital implant (2007)
- Helen Keller Poster Award, International Society of Ocular Trauma (ISOT), Rome Congress (2006)
- Elie Dahan Ophthalmic Surgical Prize for Registrar of the Year (1999)
- Stortz (Bausch and Lomb) Achievement Award (1999)
- Tetje Patterson Bequest for Ophthalmic Research (1998)

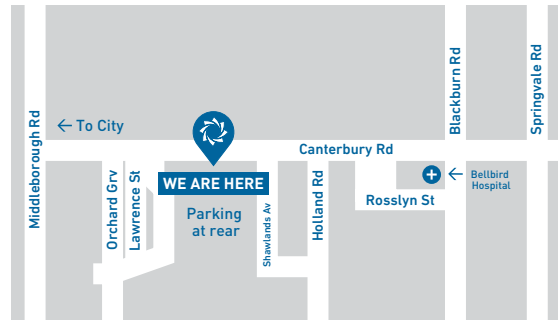
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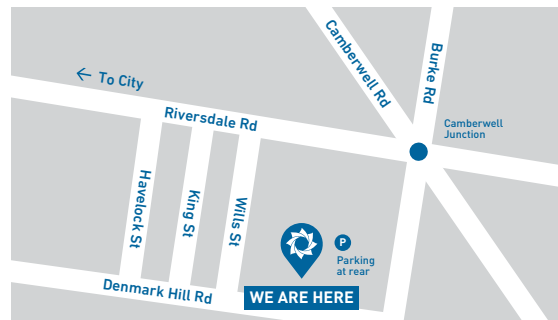


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