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## Eye doctor erases scars

*Southside ophthalmologist Arun Gulani has definite star quality.*

A fashion plate who designs his own tailor-made suits in his "spare" time, Gulani has invented most of the Bausch & Lomb surgical instruments used by LASIK surgeons worldwide, published dozens of books and articles in his field and is in demand as a keynote speaker at international ophthalmology conferences annually.

Now Gulani has developed a revolutionary new stitch-less eye surgery called Corneoplastique that removes corneal scar tissue.

"In the past, if you had a corneal scar, you would need a transplant," Gulani said. "Now, in 3? minutes, through this advanced laser technique, you can go from blindness to 20/20 vision and skip the transplant."



*From left, Southside Ophthalmologist Arun Gulani and Spencer Thornton M.D. at the annual Film Festival of the American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery in San Francisco in November. Gulani was presented the ASCRS Award for Best Film Production (the society's equivalent to the Oscar). Special*

This month, at the annual Film Festival of the American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery in San Francisco, Gulani added "show-biz" to his impressive repertoire when he was presented the ASCRS Award for Best Film Production (the society's equivalent to the Oscar).

"My video film, titled Pearls & Pitfalls, is about new techniques in advanced LASIK surgery," Gulani said. "It was one of the most challenging things I've ever done. I sat with my kids on my lap many nights trying to cut that four-hour movie down to four minutes that made sense."

The award-winning video will be included in all ASCRS training programs nationwide.