

## BIO-TISSUE QUARTERLY

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## Patient Drives Home after 30 Second Procedure

Jacksonville, FL – A St. Augustine resident with nearly twenty years of suffering with repeated corneal breakdowns following an automobile accident with neurological damage was referred for removal of his eye. Dr. Gulani placed the PROKERA<sup>™</sup> on his affected eye and with this 30 second in-office procedure he was driving back to St. Augustine, a quality of life that has made him more independent and thankful. "I see the use of PROKERA<sup>™</sup> in surface Laser Vision surgery. Also, in emergency corneal situations where PROKERA<sup>™</sup> on wider acceptability could be used as a first line of care before tertiary help arrives." – Arun C. Gulani, M.D.

## Recovering Sight Without Surgery

Jacksonville, FL – "I have been treating a number of patients with comeal scars of various etiologies (infective ulcer, acid, trauma, Lasik complications, etc.) with the amniotic membrane. I do feel amniotic membrane is revolutionizing corneal surgery and have patients to prove the same, both as a preparatory procedure as well as a salvage surgery blending into the armamentarium of corneal procedures with elegant outcomes.

"The ability to use a combination of amniotic membrane, excimer laser and lamellar corneal skills are the stepping stones for the foundation of what I presently describe as Advanced 'Corneo-Plastic surgery'.

"The choice the patients make is simple: A topical staged procedure, a few days of recovering vision and potential for uncorrected 20/20 as opposed to a corneal transplant which is an hour of surgery with a year of rehabilitation with maybe uncorrected driving vision.

"It is gratifying to put people back on their feet and rejuvenating their lives and careers with staged topical procedures which I feel shall direct eye surgery to a new platform." – Arun C. Gulani, M.D. Dr. Gulani is the medical Director of Gulani Vision Institute in Jacksonville, Florida and can be reached by e-mail at: <a href="mailto:gualnivision@gulani.com">gulani.com</a>

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