

May 23, 2022

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I'm writing to let you know that I know and trust my local optometrist, Dr. Eric Gengenbach. If I was in need of glaucoma care via SLT, I would want Dr. Gengenbach to perform my treatment.

I appreciate your time and your approval of this measure.

Sincerely,

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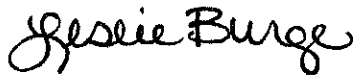
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Members of the 407 Technical Review Committee,

I'm writing to let you know that I know local optometrist, Dr. Eric Gengenbach first hand. The same statement holds true for Dr. Tori Gengenbach. I trust both doctors with my vision care. They are both credible and have high standards. If I was in need of glaucoma care via SLT, I would want Dr. Eric Gengenbach or Dr. Tori Gengenbach to perform my treatment.

I appreciate your time and your approval of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Burge".

Leslie Burge

Optometry Technical Review Committee Members:

Please consider and approve Doctors of Optometry licensed in Nebraska to perform Select Laser Trabeculoplasty (SLT) to better serve and support the healthy vision of Nebraskans. Multiple states already include SLT in the scope of care for Optometry practitioners and Nebraska is lagging behind.

As a patient with severe vision and eye pressure issues , SLT offers hope (and the ultimate option) in regaining better eye pressure to preserve sight. However, I would only undergo this procedure with my current Nebraska licensed optometrist, who although trained and has decades of experience, cannot help me (or other vision compromised patients) unless NHHS approves a change in the current scope of practice to permit my doctor to perform SLT. I'm not comfortable with the procedure being performed by another, unknown medical practitioner and I'm sure other optometry patients feel the same.

Considering the breadth of training at doctoral level involved in being a Nebraska licensed optometrist, it is baffling that our knowledgeable optometrists do not have the vital tool of SLT available to assist their patients.

Thank you for your thorough consideration regarding adding SLT to the scope of practice for Nebraska optometrists. Eagerly anticipating the day (and SOON, please) that my current, wonderful, TRUSTED doctor can perform SLT.

Lori Petersen Cress

5/17/2022

Attn: Members of the 407 Technical Review Committee

My name is Rebecca Girard and I am a glaucoma patient of Dr. Russell Crotty's in Auburn, NE. Dr. Crotty referred me to have an SLT procedure done by an ophthalmologist. It is my understanding that Dr. Crotty was trained to perform this procedure during Optometry school and would be able to provide me this care if we resided in one of several other states. It would save me both time and money if I didn't have to make several trips to Omaha in order to have this procedure done. I know and trust Dr. Crotty and would be happy to have him do this procedure locally if he were allowed to do so.

Thank you,

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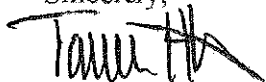
May 27, 2022

Members of the 407 Technical Review Committee,

Hello. I am a local attorney and also business owner in the towns of Ogallala and also Grant, Nebraska. I'm writing to let you know that I know and trust my local optometrists, Dr. Eric Gengenbach and Dr. Victoria Gengenbach. If I was in need of glaucoma care via SLT, I would want either Dr. Eric Gengenbach or Dr. Victoria Gengenbach to perform my treatment. They are both well respected amongst their peers and also in our community. It is such a burden on our small communities to travel hours for services that could be provided in our local communities. Having someone local who can perform this level of care to our growing elderly population is absolutely priceless. Rural communities need access to better healthcare. This would be a small step in the right direction to continue to improve access in rural Nebraska.

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Sincerely,



Tawna Holmstedt
Attorney at Law

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Sincerely,

Sarah Korpan
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I'm writing to let you know that I know and trust my local optometrists, Drs. Eric and Tori Gengenbach. If I was in need of glaucoma care via SLT, I would want either Dr. Eric or Dr Tori Gengenbach to perform my treatment. They have given me very professional and excellent eyecare over the past several years.

I appreciate your time and your approval of this measure.

Sincerely,

Rhea M. Larson

North Platte, NE

May 5, 2022

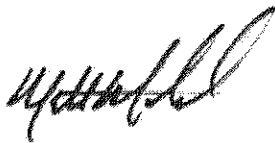
To: Optometry Technical Review Committee Members

RE: Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty

Dear Committee Members,

I have discussed selective laser trabeculoplasty with Dr. Christopher Wolfe. If I were to need this treatment in the future, I'd prefer to get it from him because it is convenient, and I trust him to perform the SLT procedure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt McConville". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Matt McConville

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Sincerely,

Deb Mosel

Grant, NE

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Members of the 407 Technical Review Committee,

My name is Ashleigh Noyes and I am from Grant, Nebraska.

I'm writing to let you know that I know and trust my local optometrists, Dr. Eric Gengenbach and Dr. Tori Gengenbach. If I was in need of glaucoma care via SLT, I would want either Dr. Eric or Dr. Tori Gengenbach to perform my treatment.

The option to travel for specialty care these days is not always an option for some, especially when it comes to the older generations. To have a treatment such as this, available in our local community, would be a true blessing to so many. It is my true opinion that Dr. Eric and Dr. Tori, and First Insight Eyecare are the best local doctors to take on glaucoma care via SLT in rural western Nebraska.

I have known Dr. Eric Gengenbach for nearly 30 years. Additionally, I met his wife, Dr. Tori Gengenbach when they relocated back to Grant in 2009.

They are both outstanding doctors, who continue to go above and beyond to treat their patients. I trust either of them completely in treating any of my family members or myself, from my grandparents to my children.

As a local business owner myself, Gengenbachs have come in for many special emergencies for our employees, always treated them fully and completely and done all follow up care even on nights or weekends.

They continue to always give back to local communities, improve services and technology for a better patient experience and welcome any and all patients into their office as if they are family. They are truly working for the best interest of the patient at all times.

The patient care experience, level of expertise and professionalism, as well as the welcoming atmosphere of their clinic experience is something special. Allowing them to add to their services would be for the betterment of western Nebraska and all local communities.

I appreciate your time and your approval of this measure.

Sincerely,

Ashleigh Noyes

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Sincerely,

Megan Potts
Resident of Grant, Nebraska

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I'm writing to let you know that I know and trust my local optometrist, Dr. Eric Gengenbach. If I needed glaucoma care via SLT, I would want Dr. Gengenbach and/or Dr. Victoria Gengenbach to perform my treatment.

Sadly, at this time the closest care would be over an hour away. Those in Eastern Nebraska may be shocked that some have to travel over an hour to receive the necessary care that they would need to be treated, but this is a reality that we deal with daily.

Having quality care close to home is vital to a rural community. Bringing this service to our area would be servicing a much larger area than most realize. People travel from over 60 miles away to receive care in our rural community. Either utilizing Perkins County Health Services, First Insight Eyecare (Dr. Eric & Dr. Tori Gengenbach), or Dr. Swan (dental care); you will be helping to provide a much-needed service and making that service much more affordable.

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Sincerely,

Adair Reese

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Sincerely,

Jessica Seger

Grant, NE

May 24, 2022

Attn: Optometry Technical Review Committee Members

RE: SLT Procedures

My name is Maggie Tangeman, I am an Optician who works at a private optometry practice in Omaha with Kristin Reed, OD. I am writing to you to support those who suggest that licensed optometrists in Nebraska be able to perform Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty (SLT). From my experience and understanding Optometrists are well-equipped and trained to manage a large proportion of glaucoma patients safely and effectively. SLT would be another way for them to help our patients maintain their vision. The procedure is straightforward and optometry schools are providing this training to students now. If this procedure was able to be performed by licensed optometrists in Nebraska we could care for these patients in our office instead of having to refer them to other offices. It can be difficult, frustrating and an inconvenience to those who need this type of testing when they have to reach out to other offices for a test that can simply and effectively be handled here in our office.

As a resident of Nebraska, I'd like the opportunity for my personal Optometrist to take care of my SLT if and when it should become necessary. I trust Dr. Reed to perform this test on me and I'd be happy to have it done here in the office rather than having to go elsewhere.

I appreciate your time and consideration on this important matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maggie Tangeman, Optician

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