



## DSEK Corneal Transplant Surgery

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### NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS

- Because DSEK can be technically challenging, corneal specialists interested in performing this procedure should complete an appropriate training course, including observation of a surgeon experienced in DSEK.
- Proper patient selection and informed consent are also critical.
  - This consent form is provided as a sample form only. Carefully review it and change it as needed to reflect your practice.
  - OMIC thanks Dr. Steven I. Rosenfeld, M.D., FACS, for providing this consent form.
- OMIC COVERAGE INFORMATION. OMIC's surgical classification extends coverage not only for traditional corneal transplant surgery (a penetrating keratoplasty) but also other corneal grafting procedures such as DLEK (deep lamellar endothelial keratoplasty), DALK (deep anterior lamellar keratoplasty), and DSEK (Descemet's stripping endothelial keratoplasty).
- OMIC encourages its insureds to inform their patients of their limited experience performing new surgical techniques. For additional information regarding this informed consent issue, please refer to OMIC's Hotline article, "Informing Patients About Your Surgical Experience," featured in the Spring 2004 Digest, and available at [www.omic.com](http://www.omic.com).