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Dr. Heath Bullard, left, of Clebune Eye Clinic assists a patient who just had surgery, with Dr. Brian Ranelle of Texas Eye and Laser Center.

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BY JAMI SHELTON

If you're having trouble seeing at night or having trouble reading, have poor depth perception or feel like you're looking through a fog, you may have cataracts.

Some people think a cataract is a growth on the outside of the eye, but Dr. Heath Bullard of Clebune Eye Clinic said it's actually the clouding occurring with the lens inside the eye, just behind the pupil, and if we live long enough, we'll probably all get one.

"A cataract is the clouding of the eye's natural crystalline lens," Bullard said. "The lens helps with focusing light onto the retina, which translates the image to the brain. But, when the lens begins to cloud, it becomes impossible to return the lens to its clear state without cataract surgery.

"We have patients come in all the time, complaining of decreased vision, and it turns out to be a cataract," he said. "The good news is, there's a revolutionary new procedure that takes less than a minute and only requires that the patient put in eye drops for a couple weeks after the procedure. In fact, most patients are usually driving the day after the surgery."

Cataracts are the leading cause of vision loss among people over 55, and cataract surgery is one of the most common operations performed in the country, with over 3 million operations performed annually.

Clebune Eye Clinic physicians make it easy for you to get the most experienced eye surgeon for your cataract surgery by partnering with Texas Eye & Laser Center in Hurst, where Bullard and Dr. Cory Brown both had vision correction surgery done.

"We do everything here but the surgery," he said. "We use ophthalmologists Dr. Jerry Hu and Dr. Brian Ranelle, who have performed almost 600 blade-free cataract surgery since September."

The blade-free laser cataract surgery is performed with the same laser that has improved safety and visual outcome of blade-free LASIK surgeries for the past 10 years and has now been adapted to perform cataract surgery.

"This new technology differs from traditional cataract surgery, because traditional cataract surgery is performed with blades, so it's less precise. Another advantage of blade-free cataract surgery is that every treatment is customized for each patient's eye, based on real-time measurements, which results in better vision for the patient."

But, Bullard said the therapeutic optometrists of Clebune Eye Clinic don't send you off on your own.

"We make sure our patients are comfortable and taken care of and then we manage their care back here in Clebune after the surgery."

To know if you're a good candidate, Bullard said, call Clebune Eye Clinic to schedule an appointment for a comprehensive eye exam.

Clebune Eye Clinic has been diagnosing and managing eye diseases for their patients for over 60 years. They are on almost every vision plan and most medical plans and can usually get patients an appointment within a week with Saturday hours and late hours available. They even have a 24-hour answering service on call should an emergency arise.


For more information or an appointment, call Clebune Eye Clinic at 817-645-2411. Their office is located at 110 W. Henderson St., just west of the courthouse, or visit www.cleburneyeclinic.com.

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