Chicago Surgeon Uses Google Glasses in Surgery

Dr. Anil Shah is one of first to utilize latest Google technology during procedure.

Chicago, Ill (PRWEB) January 17, 2014 -- On December 31, 2013, Dr. Anil Shah became one of the first surgeons to use Google Glass in the operating room. The University of Chicago surgeon performed a Rhinoplasty, more commonly referred to as a 'nose job,' on an area woman who broke her nose during a fall at an amusement park in October. He believes that this latest technology from Google could revolutionize the way surgery is performed.

“I think it helps the surgeon concentrate more on the case and more on what’s relevant, and just get rid of the distractions from the outside,” Dr. Shah states. When asked if the Google Glass was distracting from the procedure, Dr. Shah explains that it is not problematic, since the image is located in the right upper hand corner point of view, “In surgery, your focus is on what you see straight ahead in a fairly narrow window.”

There are multiple benefits of using Google Glass in the operating room, the doctor states. First, there is the ability to pull up photos and information without stepping away from the patient. Important images can be captured before and during the procedure, prior to casting. Finally, those interested in the procedure, such as medical students and other physicians, can watch it in its entirety via live streaming.

The 31-year-old patient was excited to have Google Glass part of her Rhinoplasty. The results were positive; she is pleased with that the look and function of her nose was restored. She told interviewers, “This is like science fiction.” Then patient went on to say, “I’m looking forward to being able to breath the right way and not have constant headaches and pressure and pain.”

Only about 8,000 people have been able to purchase Google Glass so far. The item will go on sale to the general public sometime this summer.

While this was Dr. Shah’s first time to use Google Glass in the operating room, he has previous experience with the technology. Dr. Shah says he has been using Google Glass in his personal life, primarily to capture photos of his three young children.

Dr. Anil Shah is a Board Certified cosmetic and reconstructive surgeon. Considered a leader in the industry, Dr. Shah is known for his meticulous attention to detail and artistic eye. Dr. Shah’s innovative techniare paired with state-of-the-art technology, to provide his patients with the most effective and efficient plastic surgery possible. Specializing in Rhinoplasty, Facelift, and Eyelift procedures, Dr. Shah offers a wide variety of both surgical and non-invasive treatments.

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