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HEALTHCARE

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As an ophthalmologist, I think about vision – about providing excellent vision for our members and having a great vision for our department and KP Ophthalmology, Optometry and Optical Sales.

When I became chief, I wanted to get our Ophthalmology and Optometry departments working together, to co-manage patients and collaborate freely. And that's how we work today, to the benefit of all concerned.

I also find satisfaction in performing eye surgery and seeing the impact that improved vision has on peoples' lives.

I started Santa Rosa's Laser Vision Correction program in 1997, and in 2003 became one of the few surgeons in the country to perform Deep Lamellar Endothelial Keratoplasty, which evolved to Descemet's Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty, and revolutionized treatment of corneal disease.

I continue to work with clinicians nationwide to develop and improve advanced surgical techniques to enhance vision for people everywhere.

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When Patrick Paglen, MD, became Santa Rosa's Chief of Ophthalmology, he was determined to improve the relationship between Ophthalmology and Optometry.

One of the first things he did was create an environment where ophthalmologists and optometrists could co-manage patients and collaborate freely. This culture of cooperation pays dividends in increased morale and quality of care.

And Dr. Paglen demonstrates equally impressive leadership as a corneal surgeon.

A pioneer in Deep Lamellar Endothelial Keratoplasty, he helped revolutionize the treatment of corneal disease. In fact, his research and clinical work helped convince eye surgeons around the world that a procedure they'd long viewed as impossible...wasn't.

He continues to play a key role in developing advanced surgical techniques and supporting their adoption throughout the region.

