

International Patients Choose Korea's SNU Eye Clinic for Advanced SMILE Pro Surgery

As global demand for SMILE Pro grows, SNU Eye Clinic emphasizes clinical expertise, advanced ZEISS technology, and personalized care.

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA, August 7, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As summer vacation and international travel season continues, South Korea is seeing a growing number of overseas patients visiting the country for vision correction surgery. Recognized globally for its advanced medical technology and extensive clinical expertise, Korea has become a leading destination for medical tourism, particularly in the field of SMILE vision correction surgery.

Unlike conventional LASIK, which requires creating a corneal flap, SMILE (Small Incision Lenticule Extraction) is a minimally invasive laser vision correction procedure that removes a small lenticule from within the cornea through an incision of approximately 2 mm. By preserving more of the corneal structure, the procedure minimizes tissue disruption and allows for a faster recovery, with most patients able to resume normal daily activities as early as the following day. These advantages have made SMILE an increasingly popular choice among international patients seeking both safety and convenience.

The introduction of [SMILE Pro](#), performed using the latest ZEISS VisuMax 800 laser platform, has further improved the patient experience. The laser treatment itself is completed in approximately seven seconds, reducing treatment time and enhancing patient comfort. Advanced technologies such as Centralign and OcuLign also improve surgical precision by



The ZEISS VisuMax 800 laser platform used for SMILE Pro surgery enables treatment in approximately seven seconds, supporting greater precision, comfort, and efficiency for vision correction patients.

providing more accurate centration and astigmatism alignment during the procedure.

However, because both SMILE and SMILE Pro require the surgeon to precisely separate and remove the corneal lenticule through a very small incision, surgical expertise remains one of the most important factors influencing outcomes. Experts recommend that patients evaluate not only the cost of surgery but also the surgeon's clinical experience, qualifications, and international recognition.

One important consideration is whether the surgeon has received official ZEISS SMILE certification, which is awarded by Germany-based CARL ZEISS under strict qualification standards. Experience with the latest surgical technologies and equipment can also play a significant role in achieving optimal visual outcomes.



Dr. Chung Eui Sang, Chief Director of SNU Eye Clinic, with the ZEISS VisuMax 800 laser platform used to perform SMILE Pro vision correction surgery.

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Dr. Chung Eui Sang

[Dr. Chung Eui Sang](#), Chief Director of [SNU Eye Clinic](#), is among the pioneering surgeons who introduced SMILE surgery to South Korea and has contributed to its clinical development since its early adoption. He was also invited by CARL ZEISS to participate in the clinical evaluation of SMILE Pro and contributed to the introduction of the latest generation of SMILE technology in Korea.

"Successful vision correction surgery depends not only on advanced technology but also on the surgeon's experience and careful surgical planning," said Dr. Chung. "Patients

traveling to Korea should consider a clinic's technological capabilities together with the surgeon's clinical expertise and international professional experience when choosing where to undergo treatment."

Dr. Chung also advised that refractive surgery is generally recommended after eye growth has

stabilized. "Candidates should ideally have maintained a stable prescription for at least six months and undergo a comprehensive eye examination to determine whether they are suitable for surgery," he said.

SNU Eye Clinic is home to one of Korea's pioneering SMILE surgeons and has played an important role in introducing and advancing SMILE vision correction surgery in the country. The clinic also participated in the clinical research and technology validation process for ZEISS SMILE Pro, contributing to the adoption of the latest vision correction technologies in Korea.

To better serve international patients, SNU Eye Clinic provides multilingual interpretation services in English, Chinese, Mongolian, and other languages. International patients receive comprehensive support throughout their medical journey, from consultation and diagnostic examinations to surgery and postoperative care, ensuring a seamless and comfortable treatment experience.

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The ZEISS VisuMax 800 surgical interface features advanced centration and alignment technologies that support precise SMILE Pro vision correction procedures.

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