

OPEN YOUR EYES TO A WHOLE NEW WORLD

A tour of Saint James Hospital Eye Clinic and a quick chat with manager, **Andrei Camenzuli**, led to an entirely new perspective on corrective eye surgery. **Kristina Cassar Dowling** focuses on what makes the clinic a cut above the rest.



When talking to Andrei, Clinic Manager at Saint James Hospital Eye Clinic, it is clear that passion, perfection and precision are what drive this clinic to success. Having invested in high-end technology that by all means elevates reputation, standards and results, the Eye Clinic is by far the best equipped facility on the island to carry out more advanced sight corrective procedures.

Having moved to the B'Kara premises a year ago, the functionality and design of the ophthalmic centre evokes an environment of certainty, where in and out patients are tended to with great concern. The clever design of the operating theatres gives the surgeons working in the clinic a structure and system to adhere to ultimately creating consistency for staff and clients alike.

The pièce de résistance within the Eye Clinic is the Femto Laser, a device purchased last September that has transformed the lives of hundreds of patients already. What is most impressive about this local technological feat is the fact that lives are changed in a matter of seconds by the specialists performing the procedures. The incredible accuracy and pain-free process delivers outstanding results within seconds; “Before we start a procedure we ask our patients to read the time on the clock in the room, but they can’t do it. A few minutes later, after the lasers work their magic, we ask our patients to read the time and much to

their surprise they are able to read the precise time, seconds and all.” Andrei commented with a smile on his face as he explained the SMILE procedure.

SMILE is a new procedure for Malta and stands for Small Incision Lenticule Extraction. This affordable luxury drastically improves the lives of many in a non-intrusive way. It combines previous technology from PRK and Femtolasik treatment while further developing the process to provide patients with immediate results, quick recovery and a pain-free solution. Eye surgery doesn’t have to be painful, intrusive or painstakingly long, this revolutionary technology is pain free both during and after the surgery with a very quick recovery.

Andrei proudly stated; “We don’t want to offer second best,” and the results speak for themselves, Sue Brincat age 29 underwent the procedure and she had nothing but praise for the team of specialists at Saint James Hospital Eye Clinic.

“I feel so great after the operation. I hadn’t been able to see without glasses or lenses from the age of nine. This operation changed my life, I can go snorkelling - the results were outstanding, I could see perfectly even after the first day, plus the operation was totally pain-free. The care at Saint James Eye Clinic was amazing, I would definitely recommend this to anyone who is dependent on wearing glasses day-in-day-out.” ●