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First-of-Its-Kind "SMILE" Vision Surgery Debuts Statewide in Nashville April 21st -- Minimally Invasive New 3D Laser Vision Procedure Being Performed by Nashville's Renowned Dr. Ming Wang

-New Surgery for Myopia (Nearsightedness) is First Major Advance in LASIK Technology in 20 Years, Reducing Dependence on Glasses and Contacts-

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NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 19, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- The first major advance in LASIK technology in 20 years, the SMILE procedure, will be performed in Nashville this Friday, April 21, 2017 at Wang Vision 3D Cataract & LASIK Center by its director, renowned ophthalmologist [Dr. Ming Wang](#), MD, PhD.

"We are extremely excited to be able to once again introduce the next generation laser correction procedure to Tennessee, helping the multitudes affected by myopia with a minimally invasive process," said Dr. Wang.

Myopia is a common eye condition where close objects can be seen clearly but distant objects are blurry without correction. LASIK and PRK have been the mainstay treatments for myopia for over two decades. But SMILE, which stands for **S**mall **I**ncision **L**enticule **E**xtraction, has unique advantages over LASIK.

The SMILE surgery is minimally invasive as the surgeon needs only to create a small, precise opening to correct vision. No flap is needed. The laser incision is smaller than 6 millimeters for SMILE, compared to approximately 20 millimeters for LASIK. This helps the cornea to retain more of its natural strength and reduces the risk of rare complications and dry eye.

Nashville patients receiving the SMILE procedure on April 21 include Jeremy Westby, 39, senior vice president of Webster Public Relations. His company's clients include many country music stars such as Dolly Parton and Charlie Daniels, both of whom are patients of Dr. Wang. Another patient is Margaret Coleman, 34, a manager of the world-famous Bluebird Café, in Nashville, which was prominently featured in the ABC TV drama "Nashville", among others.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved in late 2016 the VisuMax Femtosecond Laser for SMILE procedure for -1 to -8 D myopia with up to 0.5D astigmatism. SMILE has a proven track record of success. Used internationally since 2011, more than 750,000 procedures have been performed worldwide.

Dr. Ming Wang, a Harvard & MIT graduate (MD, *magna cum laude*), is the CEO of Aier-USA, Director of Wang Vision 3D Cataract & LASIK Center and one of the few laser eye surgeons in the world today who holds a doctorate degree in laser physics. He has performed over 55,000 procedures, including on over 4,000 doctors. Dr. Wang has published 8 textbooks and a paper in the world-renowned journal Nature, holds several US patents and performed the world's first laser-assisted artificial cornea implantation.

Dr. Wang also established a 501c(3) non-profit charity, Wang Foundation for Sight Restoration, which to date has helped patients from more than 40 states in the U.S. and 55 countries, with all sight restoration surgeries performed free-of-charge. Dr. Wang can be reached at 615-321-8881, drwang@wangvisioninstitute.com

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