



J. Christopher Freeman, O.D., F.A.A.O.

Dr. Chris Freeman, Clinical Director of TLC Oklahoma City, specializes in the evaluation & management of vision correction surgery patients. He is responsible for overseeing all aspects of patient care, including the proper selection of laser vision correction candidates, planning surgical treatments with the surgeon and patient education. He also coordinates the optometric co-management and education programs for the center, including the optometric residency program. Dr. Freeman is considered an expert by his peers in the field of refractive surgery and has more than a decade of extensive vision correction surgery experience.

Education/Training

A native of the Midwest, Dr. Freeman received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Missouri State University. He then attended The New England College of Optometry in Boston, Massachusetts, where he received his Doctor of Optometry degree with clinical honors. While in New England, Dr. Freeman trained at the New England Eye Institute, the Veterans Administration Medical Center in White River Junction, Vermont, South Boston Community Health Center, and the Naval Ambulatory Care Center at the Naval Education Training Center in Newport, Rhode Island.

Following completion of his optometric degree, Dr. Freeman was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship in Cornea and Refractive Surgery at Hunkeler Eye Centers in Kansas City, Missouri. While at Hunkeler Eye Centers, Dr. Freeman was an investigator and sub-investigator for several independent and FDA clinical research trials at the Hunkeler Vision Research Center. Dr. Freeman's clinical research ranges from new vision correction lasers and non-laser technology like conductive keratoplasty & intrastromal corneal rings, to dry eye, contact lenses, and pharmaceuticals.

Dr. Freeman's eye care experience is far-reaching. Before being invited to join TLC Laser Eye Centers, he held the faculty position of Instructor of Ophthalmology at the prestigious Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Prior to that he was Director of Optometry and Clinical Research at the foremost laser vision correction center in Austin, Texas, and earlier, Chief of Optometry and Director of Refractive Surgery at a renowned ophthalmology practice in Dallas, Texas.

Memberships/Affiliations

Dr. Freeman is a member of the American Academy of Optometry (AAO), the American Optometric Association (AOA), Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians (OAOP), Texas Optometric Association (TOA), and is an initial member of the Optometric Council on Refractive Technology (OCRT), for which he serves as co-chairman of membership. He is also past Secretary and past President of the Central Texas Optometric Society (CTOS).

Honors/Accomplishments

Dr. Freeman, who is a vision correction surgery lecturer and author, has been named one of America's Top Optometrists by the Consumers' Research Council of America. He has been invited to speak at national meetings and symposia about vision correction surgery, ocular disease, and new technology, including the inaugural meeting of the Optometric Council on Refractive Technology (OCRT) in 2004. Dr. Freeman has earned the honor and distinction of Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (AAO).