

Paul J. Dougherty,

Medical Director, Dougherty Laser Vision

Paul J. Dougherty, M.D. is among the nation's most experienced laser and lens-based vision correction surgeons. Over the past 20 years, his scientific research, clinical innovations and philanthropic initiatives have helped expand treatment options for patients across the U.S. and around the world.

In addition to serving as medical director of Dougherty Laser Vision (with offices in Westlake Village, Camarillo and Beverly Hills, California) Dr. Dougherty is an assistant clinical instructor of ophthalmology at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA's Geffen School of Medicine. He has served as a principal investigator for multiple FDA-approved clinical trials on the latest vision correction techniques and technologies, including topography guided LASIK, Visian ICL, Raindrop Implant for presbyopia and the Tetraflex Accommodating IOL.

Dr. Dougherty graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude from the University of Pennsylvania - the nation's oldest university. He then graduated first in his class at UCLA Medical School and completed his residency at UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Institute, where he performed award-winning research on the then nascent field of laser vision correction. He next studied corneal and refractive surgery as a fellow at the Phillips Eye Institute in Minneapolis where he trained with Richard Lindstrom M.D., the surgeon credited with popularizing LASIK in North America.

Dr. Dougherty was one of the first surgeons in the United States to perform laser vision correction on an investigational basis prior to FDA approval in 1995. Since then, he has personally performed more than 30,000 vision correction procedures. In 1997, he also became one of the first eye surgeons in the nation to have LASIK performed on his own eyes.

An outspoken advocate and educator, Dr. Dougherty routinely lectures and teaches the latest advances to other refractive surgeons. He served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Refractive Surgery*, and authored the recently published consumer guide titled "See For

Yourself: The Eye-Opening Guide to Permanent Vision Correction." Dr. Dougherty's surgical innovations have been featured in national news media including "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "The Doctors," "CBS Early Show," *People Magazine*, "E! Entertainment News" and *USA Today*.

Dr. Dougherty has been honored for his many philanthropic efforts including the Andrew Dougherty Vision Foundation – a nonprofit organization he founded to provide pro-bono vision correction surgery. The organization targets homeless individuals in the U.S. and disadvantaged patients worldwide in regions devastated by war and natural disasters. It also trains local surgeons in those regions to carry on the Foundation's mission by teaching them the latest cataract and refractive surgery techniques. Its most recent mission was to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to provide vital cataract surgery to scores of needy patients. This ambitious effort was the subject of a story on ABC's "Nightline."