

# VISION

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## SERIOUS EYE FUNGUS IS TIED TO CONTACT LENS SOLUTION

New information indicates that the popular contact lens solution ReNu with MoistureLoc is linked to a rare and painful fungal disease in the eye. Although this product was recently pulled from store shelves world-wide, "if you or someone you know is still using this product, it should be discarded immediately," said Dr. Robert Maloney.

"This infection, called fusarium keratitis, is extremely serious. It can cause cornea scarring or blindness," Dr. Maloney said. The following symptoms can indicate fusarium infection in a contact lens wearer:

- Sudden onset of blurred or fuzzy vision.
- Red, irritated eyes lasting hours after contacts are removed.
- Pain in and around the eyes.
- Increased light sensitivity.
- Excessive tearing or discharge.

Fusarium infection has only been associated with soft contact lens wear with the ReNu with MoistureLoc solution. LASIK patients are not at increased risk. Other ReNu products made by Bausch & Lomb have



*Eye infection link prompts lens solution recall.*

not been associated with fusarium and may be used safely.

Eye doctors may place their patients on antibiotics pending results of laboratory tests, Dr. Maloney said. Should fungal treatment be warranted, topical or oral anti-fungal agents may be used. In some cases surgical intervention is necessary.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the federal Food & Drug Administration issued a global recall of the product after the agencies investigated ReNu with MoistureLoc following multiple reports of fusarium keratitis across the country. The product once had a 41 percent share of the U.S. market. The American Optometric Association says there are more than 30 million contact lens wearers.

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## LEADING CATARACT SPECIALIST JOINS MALONEY VISION INSTITUTE

### 'EXTREME MAKEOVER' AIRING DAILY ON THE STYLE NETWORK

Episodes of the past three seasons of the groundbreaking reality series "Extreme Makeover," many of which feature Dr. Robert Maloney, now are appearing on The Style Network.

The Style Network, a division of the E! Channel, has picked up the popular show that continues to give everyday people extraordinary new looks, vision and confidence, courtesy of world-class plastic surgeons, dermatologists, nutritionists, cosmetic dentists, personal trainers and stylists.

For the past three seasons Dr. Maloney has remained the exclusive LASIK surgeon on the hit series. He will be returning to ABC this fall in new episodes as well.

"Extreme Makeover" airs weekdays at 7 p.m. on the Style Network and other times throughout the day. Check your local listings or visit [www.stylenetwork.com](http://www.stylenetwork.com) for complete daily schedules and episode guides. 



We are pleased to announce that Uday Devgan, M.D., FCAS, will be seeing cataract patients at Maloney Vision Institute. Dr. Devgan is a world renowned cataract and refractive lens specialist.

Dr. Devgan has operated a highly successful cataract and refractive lens practice for the past 10 years in Sun Valley, Calif. He is coming to our office to better serve his existing Westside patients as well as treat new patients in the area. His expertise in the areas of cataract removal, refractive lens exchange and multi-focal lenses will provide patients with more surgical options as well as successful alternatives for LASIK non-candidates.

Raised in Santa Monica, Dr. Devgan graduated from UCLA with a degree in microbiology and



Dr. Uday Devgan

molecular genetics. He earned his M.D. with Highest Distinction and graduated at the top of his class at the USC School of Medicine. He completed his ophthalmology residency at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA. Dr. Devgan now serves as Chief of Ophthalmology at Olive View – UCLA Medical

### ASTIGMATIC CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR FDA STUDY


The Maloney Vision Institute is seeking potential candidates who are both nearsighted and with high astigmatism to participate in a study that is under way for the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Potential candidates must have a high astigmatism of between 3 and 6 diopters.

Dr. Robert Maloney is one of eight investigators nationwide who have been selected by Visx Technology, manufacturer of the state-of-the-art laser Wavefront System, which is sponsoring the study.

A perfect eye is shaped like a softball, while an astigmatic eye is shaped more like a football, explains Angela Gomez, study coordinator for the Maloney Vision Institute.

"People with myopia and an astigmatism generally are well aware of their condition. But they may not know whether their astigmatism is severe enough for our study. We are conducting evaluations at no charge to interested prospective candidates to see if they qualify," she said.

Contact Angela at the Maloney Vision Institute at 310-208-3937 to schedule a consultation. 

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Center and as Assistant Clinical Professor, where he teaches techniques of ocular surgery to aspiring ophthalmologists. Each year, UCLA's best resident eye surgeon wins the Devgan Award for Excellence in Ophthalmic Surgery.

"We are thrilled that Dr. Devgan has joined our team. I have known him for 10 years and I can't think of a more qualified, dedicated and caring doctor," Dr. Maloney said.

Dr. Devgan has been a consultant to several major companies in the research and development of new intraocular products and procedures. He has developed his own line of specialized surgical instruments that are distributed worldwide. He also is a specialist in all procedures related to the lens of the eye, particularly cataract surgery with an accommodating or multi-focal lens implant – a new procedure that enables him to restore a patient's close-up and distance vision in minutes.

"The accommodative and multi-focal lens products are something new. They weren't available even a few years ago. The results can be astonishing. For people who are legally blind we can give them back the vision they had when they were far younger in a procedure that literally takes 5 minutes," Dr. Devgan said. "It's really gratifying for the patient and the surgeon as well." For more information on Dr. Devgan and to read his book online, go to [www.maloneyvision.com](http://www.maloneyvision.com). [M](#)

Until now the corneal disease, which is caused by a fungal organism, rarely has been reported in the contact lens wearing population. It typically occurs after trauma associated with plant matter or in immuno-compromised individuals. The higher incidence of fungal keratitis among normal contact lens wearers is a new finding.

"Our interest in the MoistureLoc product has been based on the disproportionate number of cases of fusarium keratitis associated with ReNu with MoistureLoc compared to the overall product market share," an FDA spokesman said.

Bausch & Lomb officials discovered that "unique characteristics of the formulation...in certain unusual circumstances can increase the risk of fusarium infection" and have ceased production of the product. In its product recall announcement the FDA also said that "data available do not indicate a problem" with Bausch & Lomb's ReNu MultiPlus or ReNu Multi-Purpose contact lens cleaning solutions.

The CDC continues to study the cause of the increased incidence of the disease and the FDA said it will continue to review cultures and epidemiological data. [M](#)



Photos by The Associated Press.

## SWITCH SOLUTIONS AND APPLY RULES FOR SAFE CONTACT WEAR

If you have been a ReNu with Moisture-Loc user you should immediately consult with your eye doctor for a recommendation on an alternative brand of contact lens solution.

Also, to prevent eye infections remember and practice the rules for safe contact lens wear:

### Do:

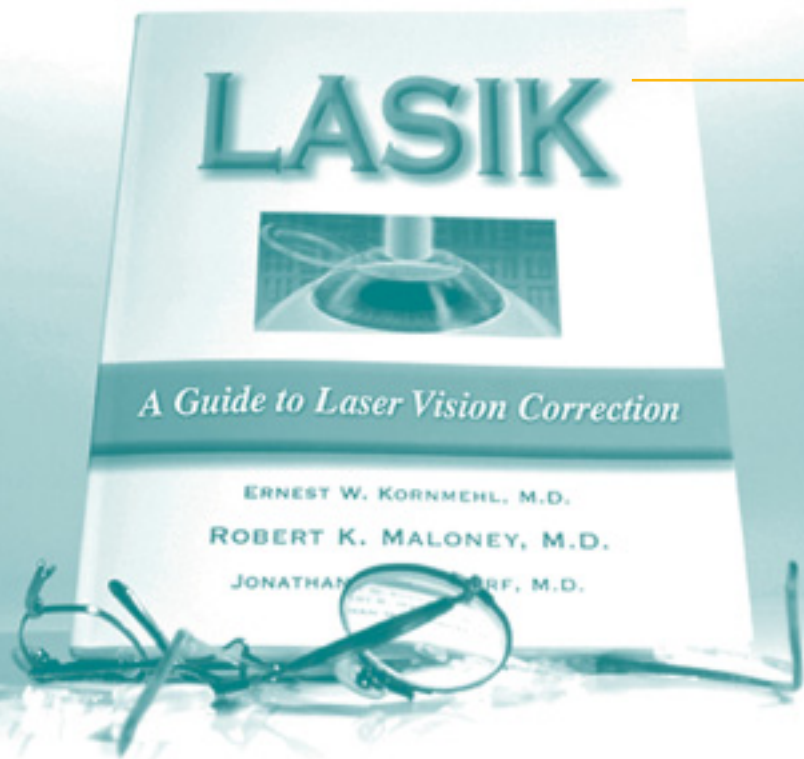
- Always wash your hands before handling contact lenses.
- Clean contact lenses daily.
- Store lenses in clean and proper case. Replace the case every three months.
- After you insert your lenses into your eyes empty the solution from your case then leave the case open and allow it to dry.
- Never re-use old solution.
- Replace contact lenses as prescribed by your doctor.

### Don't:

- Never put contact lenses in the mouth or moisten them with saliva, which is full of bacteria and a potential source of infection.
- Don't use tap water or homemade saline solutions. Improper solutions can lead to amoeba infection of the eyes.
- Never use contacts that have not been prescribed by an eye doctor. Contact lens wear is not an option for everyone; consult with an eye doctor to see if contact lenses are an appropriate choice for vision correction. [M](#)

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## GET THE FACTS ON LASIK



If you or someone you know is considering LASIK, you should send for the second edition of this valuable book, "LASIK: A Guide to Laser Vision Correction," written by three of the medical profession's most respected eye surgeons.

Best of all, you can obtain it at no charge by calling 877-EYESIGHT or through [www.maloneyvision.com](http://www.maloneyvision.com).

The book contains 117 pages of easy-to-understand text, color photos, charts, graphs and a glossary of vision correction terms.

Published by Addicus Books, the edition covers the human eye and how it works, a comprehensive explanation on laser vision correction and what you should know before, during and after the procedure. **M**

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