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Dear Dr. Passarelli,

I am sure with the volume of patients you see, it is not possible to remember us all. I wanted to send this letter to thank you for the results from the surgery you performed on my left eye a year ago.

When I was much younger, in my 20's I had flown airplanes. I had almost attained my private pilot's license in 1973. Due to starting a young family and deteriorating vision in my left eye, I never did finish my flight training at that time. As the years passed, the vision in my left eye became worse and I gave up on my dream of flying. I never lost my love of or interest in aviation. I kept my pilots log book in the bottom of a drawer and always maintained a passive interest in flying.

My wife had lasik surgery done through your office a few years ago. When I complained that I was having trouble reading, she recommended that I go to you for an evaluation. When I did go for that examination, we determined that vision in my left eye was 20/400, far below FAA medical standards for a pilot's license. It was my feeling, at that time, that I had become accustomed to the eye condition and that if it would not be possible to get my vision up to FAA standards, I would not proceed with surgery. I am now in my mid 50's and accept the natural changes we all go through with age.

After your examination you felt that we could indeed get my eye up to FAA standards. I compliment you and your staff on the professional manner used in the evaluation process. You sent me through a number of tests and also for a second opinion from a doctor outside of your practice.

When all was done, we did the surgery. The results brought the vision in my left eye to 20/25, above FAA standards. I did receive my FAA class 3 medical certificate. I then resumed my flight training, with a 33 year delay. My pilots log book ends at June 1973 and picks up in Jan. 2006. This brought a smile to a number of Certified Flight Instructors during the course of my training. The end result of all this is that I am now a licensed and certified Private Pilot. Obviously without the procedure you did for me on my eye, none of this would be possible. I want to compliment you and your staff and thank you for making a life long dream come true.

All the best to you, and thanks again

  
Dave Sieglinger