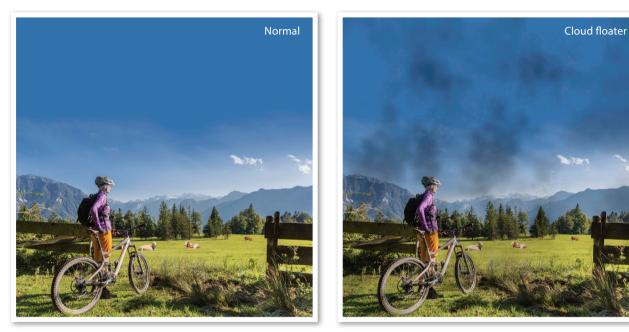
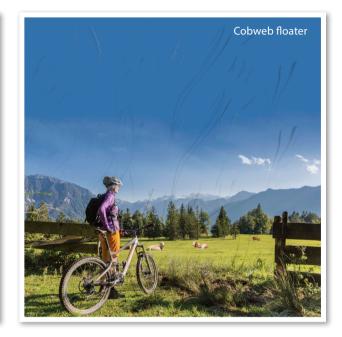
Clay Eye first to offer advanced technology for visual floaters





Laser procedure treats 'floaters' for increased clarity

Have you ever wondered about the little specks or "cobwebs" that float in your line of vision? If you have, did you assume

it would be something that you just had to live with? With the latest in advanced technology, that is no longer the case.

M.D., Retina

Specialist

Clay Eye Physicians & Surgeons is the first practice in North Florida to offer

laser vitreolysis, designed specifically to treat eye floaters, a common and generally harmless condition. While floaters are part of the normal aging process, under the right circumstances, they can now be effectively treated. Laser vitreolysis is the latest tool available to help patients with floaters live their lives with less Russell Pecoraro, visual disruption. The laser offers a high degree of patient satisfaction and a low rate of complications.

> Russell Pecoraro, M.D., Retina Specialist with Clay Eye Physicians and Surgeons, describes the source of floaters as "the breakdown of the clear gel of the eye, known as the vitreous. Most eye floaters are

normal and caused by age-related changes that occur as the gel turns to liquid. Microscopic fibers within the vitreous tend to clump and can cast tiny shadows on your retina, called a "floater."

He continued, "Seventy percent of people will have floaters in their lifetime. While floaters are certainly an annoyance, they can also negatively impact the quality of people's lives and interfere with everyday tasks such as watching television, driving and/or reading."

"If you experience floaters and are interested in finding out if you are a candidate for the laser vitreolysis, we welcome you to call our office. We're very excited to offer this new laser option to patients, as it will greatly reduce floaters and allow patients to regain their clarity," he said.

In addition to laser vitreolysis, Clay Eye Physicians and Surgeons offers comprehensive eye care in the following specialties: Glaucoma Surgery, Diabetic Eye Disease and Macular Degeneration, Laser Cataract Surgery, Laser floater lysis, Cornea Surgery, Medical Retina, LASIK Surgery, Cosmetic Eye Procedures, Pediatric Ophthalmology, and Pediatric Eye Exams. They also offer routine eye exams, contact lenses, and boutique eyewear for the entire family.

Clay Eye Physicians & Surgeons was established in 1977 and is now a 12-provider practice with offices in Riverside, Orange Park, Fleming Island, and Mandarin. For more information about Clay Eye, call (904) 272-2020, or visit www.clayeye.com