Treatment of epithelial ingrowth after LASIK enhancement with a

combined technique of mechanical debridement, flap suturing, and

fibrin glue application.

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Abstract:

PURPOSE: To report a case of clinically significant post-laser in situ keratomileusis (LASIK)

epithelial ingrowth successfully treated with a combined technique of mechanical debridement, flap

suturing, and fibrin glue application.

METHODS: A retrospective case report.

RESULTS: A 42-year-old female patient underwent LASIK and an enhancement procedure in 1998

and 2002, respectively. Two years after her enhancement, she developed severe, visually significant

epithelial ingrowth. Treatment was undertaken using a combination of mechanical debridement, flap

suturing, and fibrin glue application. No recurrence was found during a 15-month follow-up period.

No adverse effects were seen with this approach.

CONCLUSION: Severe progressive epithelial ingrowth may be treated successfully with a

combination of mechanical debridement, flap suturing, and fibrin glue application.