



EYE SURGICAL ASSOCIATES

Practice Profile

Located in the heart of America, **Eye Surgical Associates** is a multi-sub-specialty eye clinic that serves the people of Lincoln, Nebraska, as well as the surrounding area with its **15 rural satellite locations**. Eye Surgical Associates is a partnership of nine physicians in various sub-specialties including retina, cataract refractive, pediatric ophthalmology, and glaucoma.

After an unsatisfying experience with the practice's initial EHR, Dr. Thomas Graul led an 18-month search for the practice's next EHR software before choosing Nextech.

PROBLEMS WITH INITIAL EHR:

- Not designed for practice's various sub-specialties
- Inefficient workflows led to spending extra time on charts and dictation
- Lack of mobility due to a non-cloud-based EHR

NEXTECH EHR'S SOLUTION:

- Ophthalmology-specific EHR
- Ability to customize EHR to fit workflows of different sub-specialties
- Cloud-based solution

*"As a glaucoma specialist, Nextech EHR makes keeping track of medicine changes simple and **allows me to customize the way in which my exam and test findings are recorded.**"*

Dr. Thomas Graul | Eye Surgical Associates



THE NEXTECH DIFFERENCE

Since implementing Nextech, the providers and staff of Eye Surgical Associates have seen nearly immediate results.

Customizable Workflows

Dr. Graul headed up the search for another EHR, which took approximately one and a half years to complete. However, the decision at the end was an easy one—to choose Nextech EHR. “Nextech EHR was a very comprehensive product with a lot of features. It was able to do everything we wanted to do and more,” Dr. Graul said. “With nine doctors and multiple sub-specialties, we have a lot of different opinions on how things should be done. **Nextech EHR was by far the most customizable product we came across.** Retina doctors could do things their way, the cataract refractive doctors could do things their way, and I could do things my own way as a glaucoma doctor.”

Comprehensive Knowledge Base Tailored to Physician Preferences

This isn't always attainable when it comes to EHR software, but with Nextech EHR it's very much possible. It's also one of the many aspects that Eye Surgical Associates loves about

the ophthalmology-specific software. “The Knowledge Base has been great,” Dr. Graul said. **“It's nice because the Knowledge Base is there and very comprehensive, so you can use the software right out of the box. We have some physicians at the practice that have never made any changes to it, using Nextech EHR immediately.”**

Practice Efficiency. Personal Freedom.

Taking advantage of Nextech EHR's cloud capabilities as well as the software's accurate documentation, Dr. Graul is now saving about 60-90 minutes per day.

“We are faster and more efficient with Nextech EHR than we ever were on paper,” Dr. Graul explained. “It's nice that I can walk out of the room and if I want to finish my charts later in the day, I can. **The greatest thing is that I don't spend any time dictating anymore.** It was very routine for me to have 60-90 minutes of dictation after clinic.”

“On Nextech EHR, I'm seeing more patients and able to spend more time with my family. Because it's cloud-based, sometimes after I see my last patient, I can finish my charts at home which is a nice option.”

BOTTOM LINE: A Strong Recommendation

*“I am somebody that wants things exactly the way that I want them. I have extensively added to the Knowledge Base so that my menus and templates are worded exactly how I like. **The process was simple and it's been great.**”*

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