DON: An Oculoplastic Surgeon is usually one of the main caregivers of patients with thyroid eye disease. We tend to see patients fairly early on in the disease. So, this may be fairly close to the beginning of their symptoms where the swelling, the redness occurs. I think we typically guide patients through this course of involvement of the eye. Sometimes it’s just a matter of observation and monitoring, where we check their vision and make sure they’re not progressing. And then in cases where patients either develop vision loss, or they develop problems with double vision or even if the pressure builds up so high where we start to develop this congestion process then we might even consider surgery. If I can make a difference to one patient, to me, that’s what medicine is all about.

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