

DitM - 03 Continuity of Care _Erika Hedtcke

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00:00:02 So a lot of people think when they get an artificial eye, but that is the one they will have for the rest of their life, and it is not. They will come back to see us, we hope, every six months to a year to have it cleaned and polished and evaluate the fit. We get to watch that patient grow. If we start seeing them as a baby, we get to see them go through school. We get to see them graduate. We get to see them have families of their own. We get to watch them go through life every day, just like everyone else.

00:00:33 And I think that is very rewarding that we're in a field where we don't just fix you and never see you again. We get to stay in your life and we hope to stay in your life. And we receive Christmas cards from many patients and get to see who all is in their life supporting them. And we get handwritten notes a lot, that kind of tell us how it has changed their life in many ways.

00:00:53 And how they use that to give back to the community or to their family. I'm blessed that we get to continue working with patients and we don't have to tell them 'Bye' at the end of the day we get to stay in their life for as long as they'll let us.