

DitM - 05 Challenges_ Erika Hedtcke

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00:00:05 There are a lot of challenges in this field for making an artificial eye. Not every patient has a perfect surgery. Or maybe they had an accident that resulted in completely disfiguring their face, and there's not much of a socket left to work with. In that case, we will try our best to make an eye. It sometimes isn't even in the same place on their face, it may be a little higher or lower than the other eye, there are a lot of challenges in these cases to balance what is comfortable for the patient to wear every day, what is also a cosmetic improvement from what they came in with.

00:00:45 And we do our best to get as close as we can. Unfortunately, there are some patients that cannot wear an eye. Their body just rejects it. They don't want anything in the eye socket. It gets too dry, they get infections. Or their eye socket just is not big enough to even support an eye.

00:01:04 There are ways that you can try to use glasses to cover up that there's an eye socket without an eye there. You can tint lenses, but there are some cases where we cannot, and the patient can't wear an eye and we just have to give them comfort that we've tried everything that we can and support them through a new healing stage of their journey.