

## Press Release

### **Three Million treatments worldwide**

#### **A success story: AMARIS technology sets the pulse of the market**

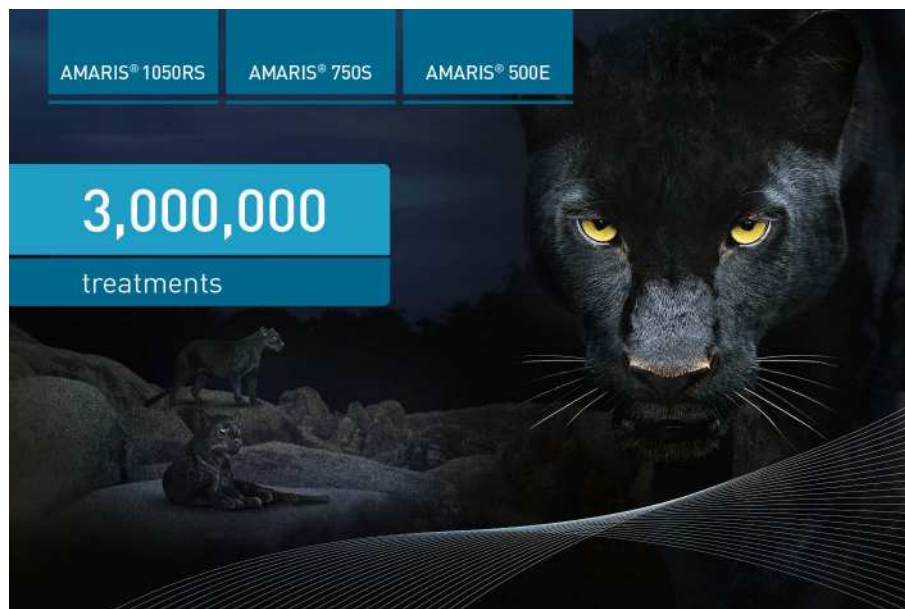
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Since its launch in 2007, the "Total-Tech" Excimer laser generation SCHWIND AMARIS has been impressing customers by consistently stimulating the pulse of the market, and is now firmly established as the leading eye laser technology in the premium segment. The product family is continually being expanded and - in close cooperation with the users - updated to reflect the state of the art. The SCHWIND AMARIS product family is available in three versions – with a 1,050 Hz pulse rate and 7D eye tracking, a 750 Hz pulse rate and 6D eye tracking, and a 500 Hz pulse rate and 5D eye tracking. Around 800 AMARIS lasers have been installed in 125 countries across the world so far. Whether in Africa, Asia, Australia & Oceania, Europe, North America or South America: three million treatments in total have now been performed by SCHWIND users employing the AMARIS technology as of July 2016.

The most commonly chosen technique was LASIK with 2.13 million treatments (71%), of which 1.49 million treatments were performed as FemtoLASIK. Second place was taken by TransPRK with 510,000 treatments (17%), followed by PRK (alcohol-assisted or mechanical epithelium removal) with 300,000 treatments (10%). The still very new SmartSurfACE procedure, which combines the no-touch TransPRK surface treatment with our innovative SmartPulse technology, was also employed in 60,000 treatments (2%) - with a steep growth curve apparent since its market launch. Around 200 scientific articles and papers in peer-reviewed

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publications such as the Journal of Refractive Surgery and the Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery underline the AMARIS success story



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