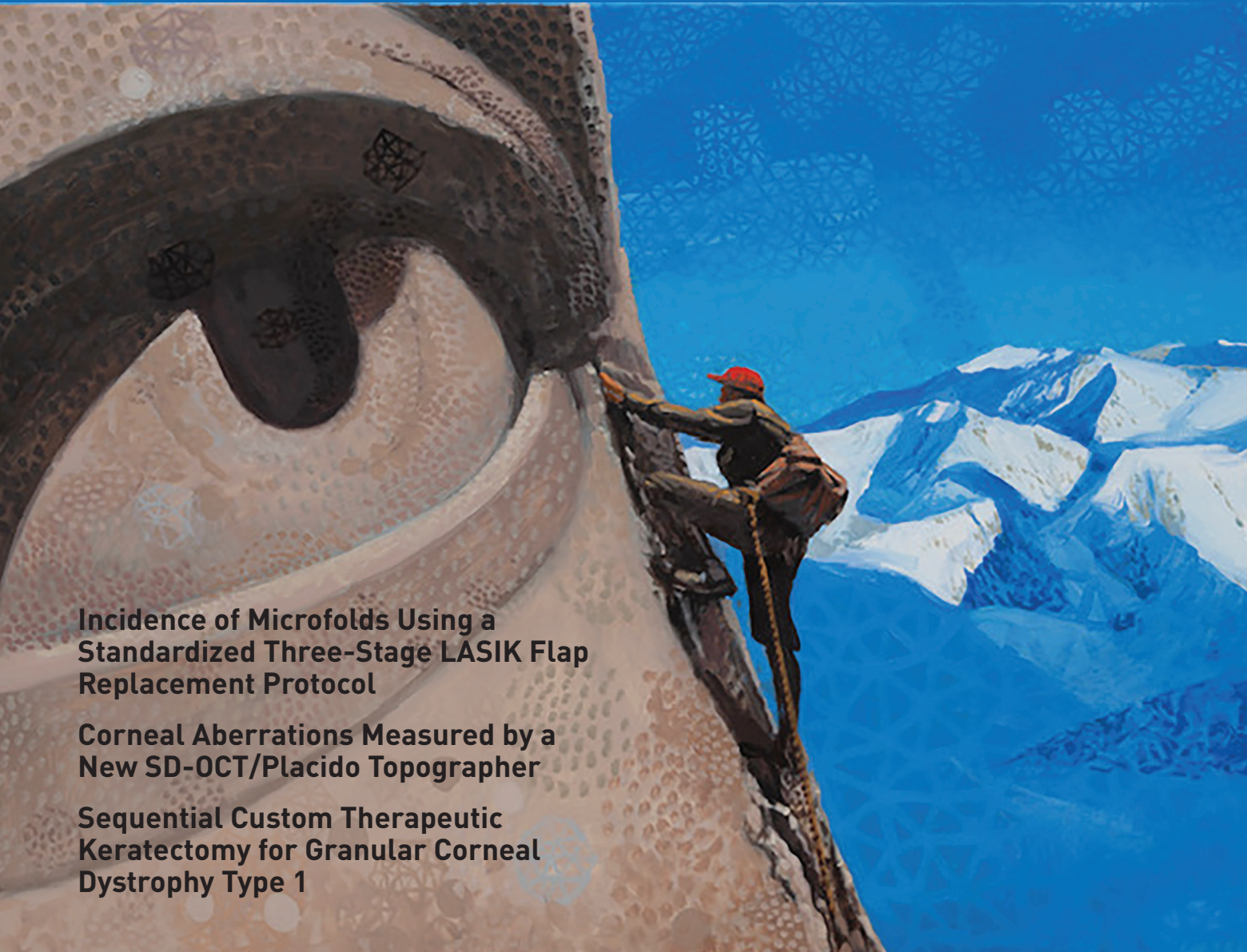


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The Dream of the Ophthalmologist

Ángel Mateo Charris | 75 x 100 cm, oil on canvas

This artwork received the Miradas Honorary Award 2023. The artist depicts a man climbing and reaching the eye of a sculpture that is carved on the mountainside. He is making a heroic and unusual effort that stimulates our imagination. The climber represents researchers seeking a better life for patients who are blind and visually handicapped. The summit is high and the higher the climber goes, the greater the effort required and the adrenalin released in the process. The title of the artwork implies passion, perseverance, danger, and beauty.

Ángel Mateo-Charris is an established artist who is extremely prolific and famous in the national and international modern art environment. His artwork has evolved over time and always reflects nature, symbolic figures, and human figures depicting something that has a meaning.

Description by Jorge L. Alió

The "Miradas" competition was created by Jorge Alió, Journal of Refractive Surgery Editorial Board Member, and his wife, Maria Lopez, in 1998 with the intention of using artistic sensibility to bring society's attention to the phenomenon of sight, vision, and blindness. "Miradas," which means glances, is a contest in which artwork is sent from Spain and many international countries from the four continents for the Miradas International Artwork Competition every two years. Each cover of the Journal of Refractive Surgery features paintings that were submitted to this competition. **"Miradas" is sponsored by Biotech, Ireland.** For more information, contact www.fundacionalio.com

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