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Eye injuries accounted for about 15 percent of battlefield traumas during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Military personnel endure numerous assaults that potentially impair visual function, whether from a direct blast injury, traumatic brain injury or environmental exposure. What is being done to prevent eye injuries in the field? What new treatments are being developed to restore or repair visual dysfunction? Hear about those questions and more from U.S. Navy CAPT Penny Walter from the Department of Defense's Vision Center of Excellence.

Image above: U.S. Air Force Maj. Michael Parsons, an ophthalmologist assigned to the 88th Surgical Operations Squadron and deployed with the 455th Expeditionary Medical Group, compares the likeness of a prosthetic left eye to the actual right eye of an Afghan National Army soldier before placing the prosthetic into his empty eye socket at the Craig Joint Theater Hospital at Bagram Airfield, Parwan province, Afghanistan, Aug. 7, 2014. The soldier suffered an eye trauma from shrapnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Cohen A. Young/Released)

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