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EYE TO EYE

SEEING EYE TO EYE WITH YOUR DOCTOR



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Wine of the Season

Chris Miller, a technician with Georgia Eye Partners, is also the practice's wine sommelier. Here he gives his top wine pick for the upcoming spring season.

*My first selection for spring is an oldie but a goodie. **Santa Margarita's: Pinot Grigio form Alto Adige.** Long ago, Santa Margarita was the first Italian producer to bring Pinot Grigio to the U.S. and it has produced consistently good bottles ever since. If you are new to wines, this is a good start. Pinot Grigio is great for picnics on a sunny afternoon and it goes well with salads, fruits, and cheeses. The crispness and acidity of the wine have a pallet cleansing effect...Enjoy!*



✧ A Georgia Eye Partners Newsletter ✧

INAUGURAL EDITION

Georgia Eye Partners is proud to introduce Eye to Eye, a newsletter dedicated to helping us stay in better touch with you, our patients. Georgia Eye Partners is currently in an exciting phase of growth. In the clinical arena,

Dr. Khator, a glaucoma specialist, has joined our practice, bringing with her a



new level of specialty care. We are also thrilled to expand our quality surgical care with the opening of our

own surgery center.



Georgia Eye Partners A Mission of Vision in Nicaragua

On March 7, 2010, a group of eight travelers from Georgia Eye Partners left the wintry frost of Atlanta to land in the arid heat of Managua, Nicaragua. It was Spring Break week, and while our fellow American tourists prepared for the beaches of this beautiful country, we knew we had come for an entirely different reason. While they pulled surf boards off the airport conveyor belt, we reached for trunks containing hundreds of eye drops and nearly a thousand eye glasses, given to us through the generosity of drug and eye glass companies, medical providers, and patients.



Ahh Claro!

Over the ensuing days, we would see nearly 600 patients in makeshift eye clinics throughout Leon, a town about 2 hours drive from the capital. We worked in eclectic locations, from a mayor's office to a community theatre to a rural church. Although the scenery changed, the mission remained the same: helping people see better. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to do just that. We treated eye infections, dry eye syndrome, and gave away hundreds of sunglasses,

so important in this land of brilliant sunshine. We dispensed prescription glasses and were thrilled to see the joy on face after face as grateful people saw the world clearly for the first time in a long time.

Our Future Endeavors

We will return to Nicaragua next year to continue the wonderful work we have started. We also plan, with the help of local ophthalmologists, to start a surgical initiative to treat the hundreds of patients we met with visually significant cataracts. In this era of "going green" we can't imagine a better way to recycle than with old glasses that bring new sight to someone in need, and thank you again.





Georgia Eye Partners Welcomes Dr. Khator

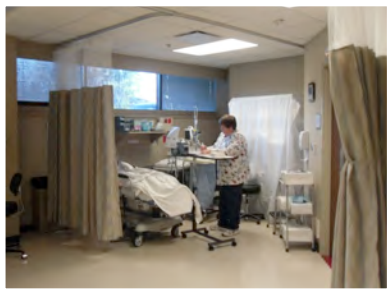
Georgia Eye Partners is thrilled to introduce its newest doctor, Parul Khator, MD. Dr. Khator is an ophthalmologist fully trained in all aspects of general ophthalmic eye care and surgery. She further specializes in the diagnosis, management, and treatment of glaucoma. She completed her fellowship training in glaucoma at the prestigious Will Eye Institute, one of the nation's top glaucoma programs. She manages the full spectrum of glaucoma, from early to advanced disease, performing both laser and incisional therapy. In addition, she performs cataract surgery and laser therapy for diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Khator completed her undergraduate and medical school training in a combined six year program at the University of Miami and University of Miami School of Medicine. After medical school, she moved to Atlanta, where she completed a one year transitional program in medicine at Emory University. She stayed at Emory University to complete her residency in Ophthalmology. After residency, she finished her fellowship training in Philadelphia at Wills Eye Institute.



Parul Khator, MD

- *Board certified ophthalmologist*
- *Fellowship trained glaucoma specialist*
- *Cataract and glaucoma surgeon*
- *MD University of Miami School of Medicine*
- *Ophthalmology Residency Emory University*
- *Glaucoma fellowship Wills Eye Institute*

The Eye Surgery Center of Georgia



After months of inspections and anticipation, The Eye Surgery Center of Georgia will proudly open its doors this spring. Georgia Eye Partners' doctors are thrilled to have their own ambulatory surgical facility. "This is a big day for Georgia Eye Partners. Being able to control all aspects of the surgical process will allow us to continue delivering the highest quality care" said Dr. Eugene Gabianelli, managing partner of Georgia Eye Partners. The new center is located just a few feet away from Georgia Eye Partners' north side location on the first floor of the Center Pointe Building 1, adjacent to St Joseph's Hospital.



|| *"This is a big day for
Georgia Eye Partners"* ||

Gino Gabianelli, MD

The Eye Surgery Center of Georgia, which features two new operating rooms, will be a huge convenience for both patients and doctors alike. "Having the center next door will be great when the need arises to perform surgery on short notice" said Dr. Andrew Feinberg, Medical Director of the new surgical facility. The doctors and top notch staff at The Eye Surgery Center of Georgia are looking forward to serving our patient base and referring doctors in the future.



*Andrew Feinberg, MD
Medical Director*



Meet the Eye Surgery Center of Georgia Staff

GEORGIA EYE PARTNERS IS THRILLED TO INTRODUCE TO YOU OUR NEW SURGERY CENTER STAFF

They are dedicated, knowledgeable, and committed to making your surgery day as efficient and comfortable as possible

Kay Elliott



Kay Elliott, RN, is the supervising nurse who will be overseeing all aspects of your surgical day, from start to finish. She was raised in Marietta, Georgia. She has 44 years of experience and we are lucky to have her.

Teresa Maddox, RN, will be taking care of you in the preoperative and postoperative area. She was raised in Geraldine, Alabama and moved to Atlanta in 1996.

Teresa Maddox



She has 28 years of experience in outpatient surgery. She has a passion for baking and owns her own catering company. Teresa will be the smiling face to look for when you wake up!

Kathy Smith, RN, will be the circulating nurse in the operating room, assisting your surgeon with whatever he or she needs. She hails from Chicago and moved to Atlanta at the age of 5. She has 44 years of experience at various surgical facilities and states The Eye Surgery Center of Georgia is by far the finest.

Kathy Smith



She is married to a hospice chaplain and has two grown children.

Lisa Appleberry, RN, will be your surgeon's assistant in the operating room, ensuring the case goes as smoothly as possible. Born in New Orleans, she came to Atlanta in 2005.

Lisa Appleberry



She has 19 years of experience.

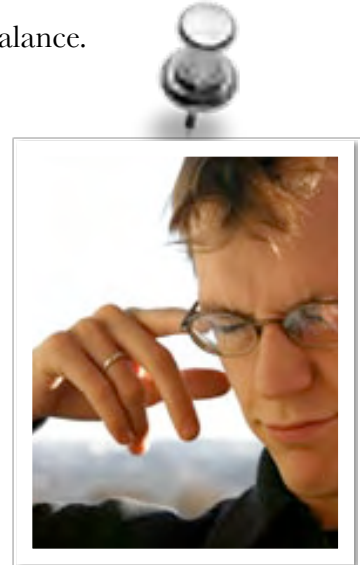
Your Ocular Health: Dry Eye

Dry eye occurs when the eyes aren't sufficiently moisturized, leading to itching, redness and pain from dry spots on the surface of the eye. The eyes may become dry and irritated because the tear ducts don't produce enough tears, or because the tears themselves have a chemical imbalance.

People usually begin experiencing dry eye symptoms as they age, but the condition can also result from certain medications, conditions or injuries.

Dry eye is not only painful, it can also damage the eye's tissues and impair vision. Fortunately, many treatment options are available.

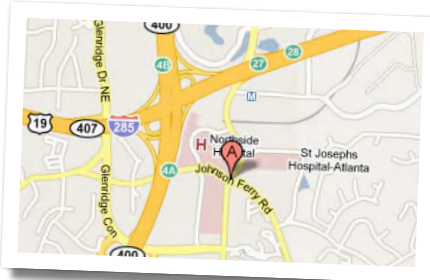
Non-surgical treatments for dry eye include blinking exercises, increasing humidity at home or work, and use of artificial tears or moisturizing ointment. If these methods fail, small punctal plugs may be inserted in the corners of the eyes to limit tear drainage, or the drainage tubes in the eyes may be surgically closed. Eyelid surgery is also a solution if an eyelid condition is causing your dry eyes.



OUR OFFICE LOCATIONS

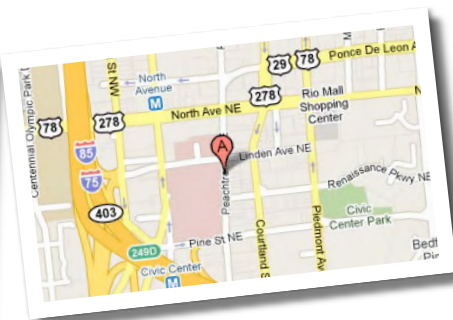
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