



Looking ahead

FOR THOSE OF US WITH 20/20 VISION, IT'S EASY TO TAKE NOTICING A FRIENDLY SMILE

from across the room or reading a handwritten note for granted. But for those who have lost the ability to see clearly, it's often the little moments in life that are missed most. "Losing vision or being totally dependent upon glasses can greatly diminish a person's quality of life," says Dr. Jeffrey D. Baumann, co-founder of Mid Florida Eye Center. "This is why we are always looking for new ways to help our patients regain sight and be independent of glasses."

Mid Florida Eye Center has helped Central Florida residents restore their vision and quality of life for over 25 years. Since the start of the practice in 1987, Dr. Baumann and co-founder Dr. Gregory J. Panzo have taken it upon themselves to seek out the latest in eye care for their patients. Both helped pioneer no-needle, no-stitch cataract surgery, and, with the addition of three ophthalmologists, five optometrists, four office locations, and two state-of-the-art surgery centers, they've grown their practice into one of the leading

eye care centers in the nation.

Although they could sit back and reflect on their accomplishments, which include opening the area's first accredited outpatient eye surgery center, the doctors at Mid Florida Eye Center continue to push ahead. Each ophthalmologist has their own area of specialty, and each is relentless in their pursuit of the latest technologies and treatments.

Dr. Jeffrey D. Baumann

Dr. Baumann has performed more than 35,000 successful cataract surgeries. He became

the first ophthalmologist in Central Florida to introduce accommodating and multi-focal implants that correct for distance and near vision. As a leading cataract surgeon, he regularly serves as a principal investigator for national clinical research studies.

Dr. Gregory J. Panzo

Dr. Panzo specializes in cataract surgery and the treatment of glaucoma. He was the first ophthalmologist in Lake County to perform mini and aqua flow shunts in glaucoma, and, most

recently, ECP (Endoscopic Cyclophotocoagulation). This minimally invasive procedure provides patients with quick vision recovery and can be performed at the same time as cataract surgery.

Dr. Ray D. Maizel

Upon joining Mid Florida Eye Center, Dr. Maizel became Lake County’s first retina specialist. As a leading retina surgeon, he’s participated in landmark studies that have revolutionized the way retina diseases are treated.

Dr. Stacia H. Goldey

Dr. Goldey specializes in cosmetic, plastic and reconstructive surgery. She was the first oculoplastic surgeon in Lake County and is the area’s only physician qualified to train other Central Florida surgeons on BOTOX® techniques.

Seeing is believing

Geneva Williams, 71, is another patient who wishes she’d opted for cataract surgery years ago. Williams had worn glasses since age 42, but her deteriorating eyesight was starting to affect her life. She had put away her scrapbook, a favorite pastime of hers, and was even having trouble recognizing neighbors as they walked by her house.

As a regular patient of Dr. Baumann, she was aware of the option for surgery, but had never felt ready to give it a try—until now. “That’s what I appreciate about Dr. Baumann,” she says. “He’s very conservative and never pushy. But when I have a problem, he’s always right on top of it.”

Based on Williams’ lifestyle and needs, Dr. Baumann recommended a multifocal intraocular lens implant designed to improve vision at a range of distances. Williams recalls that on the day of surgery, she felt 100% ready. “My only apprehension was the anesthesia, because I don’t usually require very much. But I told the anesthesiologist that I only needed a small amount and they actually listened—it’s not often that they do. I was so impressed that my needs were heard!”

Following surgery, Williams was amazed that she was able to have such drastic improvements so quickly. “Every time I looked at something I couldn’t believe I was seeing it with my bare eyes. I just couldn’t get over the fact that I could see at all distances—from reading to working on the computer to driving—without my glasses!”

With her new 20/20 vision, Williams plans to dust off her scrapbook and plan a few road trips. She enjoys the convenience of not having to look for glasses and she continues to be amazed that she can see so well at night. “Without a doubt... I would recommend this surgery to anyone.”

outpatient surgery center in Lake and Sumter Counties offering this advanced retinal surgery system on-site. “Offering retina surgery at our surgery center makes the procedure much more convenient for our patients,” says Dr. Maizel. “Patients no longer have to visit the hospital, which, for some, also makes the procedure more affordable.”

For Mid Florida Eye Center, keeping eye care convenient — and comfortable — for patients remains a top priority. Along with continuously analyzing and testing new equipment, the practice is renovating its lobbies and waiting areas to provide patients with a serene, relaxing environment from the moment they walk in. Clinics are located in Mount Dora, Leesburg, The Villages, and Apopka. The practice’s outpatient surgery centers are conveniently located at the Mount Dora and The Villages locations.

“We’re so grateful to have been



An opportunity for a brighter future

For some patients, the opportunity to participate in a clinical research study can be life changing. For Steven Setzer, 56, participating in a research study was like winning the lottery. Setzer had astigmatism, an eye condition that causes blurry vision, and was dependant on glasses for everyday life. Even with glasses, he was finding it difficult to enjoy his two favorite hobbies: reading and container gardening. With his vision progressively getting worse, he was forced to change the prescription of his glasses every six months. “It was getting to be quite an ordeal,” he recalls.

When, during a routine visit, Dr. Panzo presented him with the opportunity to participate in a research study for the toric multifocal lens, a type of intraocular (inside your eye) lens implant, Setzer jumped at the chance. “Here I was expecting to have my prescription changed, and instead I was given the opportunity to change my life!”

Setzer went in for cataract surgery at Mid Florida Eye Center’s Mount Dora location and was immediately relaxed by the helpful, friendly atmosphere. “Although I was a little nervous about having eye surgery, the staff and doctors at Mid Florida Eye Center really put me at ease. And surgery? It wasn’t an ordeal at all — it took all of 15 or 20 minutes. It was a breeze.”

After surgery, Setzer’s eyesight improved dramatically. “I was blown away. What really surprised me was how well I could see the road signs — even from a long distance away.” Today, he’s able to spend his free time gardening and reading, and he’s much more confident about driving. “I only wish I’d known how good the results would be,” he says. “I would have done whatever I could to have the surgery much sooner.”

“We’re passionate about making sure our access to the best eye care possible. After all, many of our patients for more than 25

— Dr. Gregory J. Panzo

Dr. Keith C. Charles

Dr. Charles is a cataract and cornea specialist and is also a certified international LASIK instructor. He is the only ophthalmologist performing DSEK (Descemet’s Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty) in Lake and Sumter Counties. DSEK is a revolutionary procedure that can be a less invasive alternative to a traditional corneal transplant.

With the caliber of its staff and status as a world-class facility, Mid

Florida Eye Center is consistently chosen to participate in clinical research studies. “The best thing about being able to participate in these studies is that we’re able to offer new and highly advanced treatments to our patients,” explains Dr. Baumann. “Often these are available at a reduced cost — or at no cost — to the patient.”

Mid Florida Eye Center also brings the latest treatments to patients by investing in innovative surgical equipment. Dr. Maizel is particularly excited about one of

the practice’s latest investments: a new retinal surgery system. The new system allows Dr. Maizel to perform procedures to treat eye diseases involving the retina, such as macular degeneration, retinal detachment, and diabetic retinopathy, at Mid Florida Eye Center’s Surgery Center of The Villages. The equipment is designed to give the surgeon more versatility and precision. For patients, it allows for faster visual recovery, healing, and improved patient comfort.

Mid Florida Eye Center is the only

patients have we’ve known years.”

in the community for over 25 years,” says Dr. Baumann. “We look forward to bringing new advancements in eye care — along with the precious gift of sight — to our patients in Central Florida.”

No matter what your eye care needs may be, you can be confident in the care you’ll receive at Mid Florida Eye Center. Schedule your consultation by calling 1.888.820.7878 (toll-free) or 352.735.2020. Visit MidFloridaEye.com to learn more.



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