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News Release
Mid-Florida Eye Center

Mid-Florida Eye Center Improving Life Through Extensive Research

An aggressive pursuit of better ways to help patients now – not years from now – has resulted in Mid-Florida Eye Center being selected to perform multiple national clinical trials, with new studies on the horizon. In an effort to bring the latest in research and medical breakthroughs to this region, the physicians of Mid-Florida Eye have formalized their involvement in these studies with the development of a dedicated research team.

“Clinical trials are research studies involving patients who volunteer to participate in these studies and who meet stringent eligibility criteria,” said Gregory J. Panzo, MD, who has performed several studies for the diagnosis and treatment of glaucoma.

“These clinical trials are a crucial component in developing new, more-effective sight-saving and sight-prolonging diagnostic techniques and treatments. Many of today’s gold-standard therapies are based on the results of previous trials, such as those conducted at Mid-Florida Eye for the treatment of macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataracts and other conditions.”

Ray D. Maizel, MD, participated in the clinical trial for several macular degeneration treatments including the revolutionary Lucentis[®] and has another one upcoming. “A clinical trial may be the best way for individuals to get the most-advanced, leading-edge treatment,” said Maizel.

“Participants may have access to new drugs and treatments before they are widely available, and because controlling and recording all factors is critical to the trial’s success, participants get excellent attention and are closely monitored and cared for,” he added.

“Staying ahead of the curve in research places us among the leaders in eye care,” said Panzo.

In addition to Panzo and Maizel, the board-certified, fellowship-trained physicians of Mid-Florida Eye include Jeffrey Baumann, MD, Stacia Goldey, MD, FACS and Keith Charles, MD.

If you are interested in taking part in a clinical trial or would like more information about any of the services of Mid-Florida Eye Center, call 352-735-2020 or toll free 1-888-820-7878. The practice has offices in Mount Dora, Leesburg, The Villages/Stonecrest and Apopka.