

## **A Note from Mitchel Ashkanazy, M.D.**

Welcome to our Office. We are truly grateful that you have selected this office for your eye care. This Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Surgery practice has been serving the Kinnelon, Butler, West Milford, Oak Ridge, Newfoundland, Riverdale, Bloomingdale, Pompton Lakes, Pompton Planes, Wayne and surrounding areas of Northern New Jersey for almost 30 years.

We have provided and will continue to provide careful, caring, current and competent, comprehensive eye care for the entire family. We pride ourselves as being different from "assembly line" type ophthalmology offices as we really want to understand our patient's eye care needs. When a patient's problem is other than "routine", we will take the time to sort out the problems and find optimum solutions.

To start, a routine annual eye examination requires a Refraction for eye glasses. This part of the examination may be quick, and sometimes requires an extraordinary amount of time and effort, but we try to give the extra amount of effort to be sure that you have the best possible prescription for eyeglasses. For your convenience, we provide an on premises Optical, JULIA OPTICAL, with a professional certified optician, which we have carefully selected to provide a great selection of frames and accurate filling of lens prescriptions. Should you desire contact lenses, we offer a full line of single vision, tinted, multifocal, toric for astigmatism, daily, bi-weekly and month long wear contact lenses. Should you be considering surgical correction such as Lasik for refractive errors such as near-sightedness and astigmatism, we will refer you and work with a laser specialist to provide you pre and post-operative care.

With regards to medical conditions of the eye, this office is up-to-the-minute with regards to the latest treatments and technologies regarding the treatment of Cataracts and Glaucoma. Continuing Medical Education and attendance at major Ophthalmology Conferences given around the country is a priority in this office. I can offer or refer and work with, in this office, a qualified patient to a cataract specialist if premium intraocular lenses such as multifocal or toric for astigmatism are required. Glaucoma is diagnosed and followed with the latest in technology. We have, on premises, a laser device that scans the optic nerve, nerve fiber layer to determine damage from Glaucoma. We use the state of the art Humphrey computerized Visual Field machine to determine and follow vision loss in Glaucoma. If medical treatment does not suffice in lowering intraocular pressure for the treatment of glaucoma, we can treat the high pressures with laser technologies at either Chilton Hospital or at our outpatient surgical facility, the River Drive Surgical Center in Elmwood Park. As a last resort, if surgery for Glaucoma is required, we work with some of the leaders in Glaucoma Surgery in the country.

We screen and follow retinal diseases such as Macular Degeneration and Diabetic Retinopathy. We also work with and refer to world renowned Retinal Specialists, right here in northern New Jersey. We also work with and refer to wonderful orbital and oculoplastic specialists, as well as specialists in strabismus and pediatric ophthalmology.

We are local, provide caring and quality local eye care and at the same time, are able to refer you and work closely with some of the best specialist care in the country.

Again, thank you for choosing our office and we look forward to serving and continuing to serve you for all of your eye care.