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Omni Eye Specialists Adds Hearing

Hearing and vision are the two senses that are valued far above all other senses. Studies have shown a strong connection between vision and hearing. In many cases, people with eye conditions also have hearing problems. Hearing issues can go undiagnosed as many patients are in denial not realizing their hearing may be slowly declining over a period of many years. Since you already entrust us with your patients' vision, we hope you will appreciate our new expanded services to include hearing.

In order to promote sensory wellness to include hearing, we are now offering complimentary initial hearing screenings for patients. This is a brief series of tones that will assist us in determining if the patient may be experiencing any hearing loss. Upon completion of the patient's vision appointment, if warranted, the patient will be able to schedule a complimentary complete and full hearing evaluation with our licensed hearing specialist.

The free evaluation takes place in our hearing suite and lasts about an hour. We encourage the patient have a family member join them to the appointment. We will provide the patient with information on any significant hearing loss and possibly recommendations to their primary care physician if there are any medical concern. The audiologist will also provide the patient with options that might benefit the patient with modern hearing devices.

We are proud to represent Beltone hearing aids as they are technologically advanced with many options for the patients to benefit from. Beltone is recognized world wide and stand behind their products regardless of where the hearing aids were originally purchased.

If you, a staff member, loved one or friend is interested in scheduling a complimentary hearing evaluation, please call 1.877.215.6699.

"When you lose your eyesight, you lose contact with things.

When you lose your hearing, you lose contact with people"

- Helen Keller

Contact Us

Need to ask us a question? Want to alert us to a problem? You are able to “reach out and touch” us 24 hours a day through our e-mail and voice mail systems. While both email and voice mail systems are monitored, our doctors prefer email communication so they can research and respond to your inquiry.

Here is our e-mail directory:

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For our “after hours” call system, have patients call our regular number **(303-377-2020)** and they will be provided instructions on how to contact the on-call doctor.

We are always available for you and your patients.

OES FAX Numbers

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Bob's Blog

By Dr. Robert E. Prouty

As I write this, we are heading into the Christmas/Chanukah/New Year's holiday season. The end of 2011 is a bitter-sweet year for me since for the first time in my life; I will not be spending it with my full extended family. We have traditionally met during the season by one of us hosting and the others traveling to that home to celebrate. With the challenges in the current economy, 2011 was just too tough for all to be to afford the travel. It seems that the passing of my mother several years ago also has had an effect. She was the glue that kept us all committed to getting together and we all pooled resources to make sure all could get there. My children and the various nieces and nephews were all raised in a very family centered environment and this Christmas tradition was a strong influence in their childhood experiences. But life changes and things change causing adjustments no one can anticipate. As the “kids” grew up, married, had kids of their own and life started catching up with them, travel has become tougher. I am sure you have all gone through the same thing.

That is the bitter but the sweet part this year will be that my daughter & son-in-law will be coming with the grand-babies (yeah, I know I don't look or act old enough to have grandchildren but I started when I was 12 J)! We don't get nearly enough time with them so “Papa & Nana” will spoil them rotten.

This “yin-yang” is happening to Omni as well. You all know that George is no longer seeing patients or doing surgery. Fortunately, OES has been blessed to recruit the best surgeons to take that banner and we have only gotten bigger and better. George & OES changed the face of Optometry in Colorado with his legislative advocacy

and what some ODs take for granted today, as far as scope of practice, can only be attributed to him. Is he the glue or am I? I think OES is more than that and while both of us have had influence, the glue is YOU. Your demand for excellence, responsiveness and respect across the OD-OMD turf battle was what OES was founded on and it is what sustains us today. There are now MANY imitators in the area but the OES surgeons have continued what George and I started 25 years ago and OES will go forward with that same commitment from the past.

There will be more changes in the next few years and we do what we think is the right thing for referral/co-management to go forward and succeed. There will be new variations on the theme from 1986 and we truly invite you to let us know when we get it right as well as when we could do better. As long as I am here, you have a voice in OES and I am sure that the next generations of OES ODs that replace me will share that mission.

Am I waxing philosophically missing the “good ole days”? Sure! There was never a better time when Colorado ODs were so aligned, committed and focused on achieving what we knew would be the best delivery system for primary eye care and advanced medical/surgical care for Optometry's patients. That has come to pass. But it will take YOU to remain committed and vigilant as well as keep OES as your referral source as things change with the times.

So I/we hope you had a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Festive Festivus (or whatever you celebrated) and Happy New Year! We will embrace change together as we go forward in 2012 and beyond.

Robert E. Prouty, O.D.

Omni Eye Specialists
A Madison Street Company®
Presents the
16th Annual
2011 Spring Symposium
March 3, 2012

from 8am to 5pm

Embassy Suites Denver Southeast

7525 East Hampden Avenue

Denver, Colorado 80231

The courses offered include

Dilemmas in Glaucoma

Robert E. Prouty, O.D.

Addressing Astigmatism with Toric IOL Implantation:

Pre operative and Operative Considerations

Jason J. Wang, M.D.

Glaucoma Surgery Decision Tree: Which Procedure is Right for This Patient?

Gary Belen, M.D.

Modern Vitrectomy in Action,

Miriah Teeter, M.D.

Considerations in the Management of the Cataract Patient

Howard Amiel, M.D.

The Corneal Approach to the Correction of Presbyopia

Lawrence D. Spivack, M.D.

Refractive Surgery Grand Rounds,

Vandi W. Rimer, O.D.

When is a Macular Hole Not a Macular Hole?

Salil Shukla, M.D.

Pimple Popper, M.D. (Skin Cancer?)

Sumit A. Sitole, M.D.

The Benefits of iFS IntraLase: What We've Learned and Does It Live Up to the Hype?

Elizabeth Failla, O.D.

This one-day program is designed for practicing optometrists.
The course is approved by the Colorado State Board of Optometry
for up to 8 hours of continuing education (CE).

Please RSVP

to

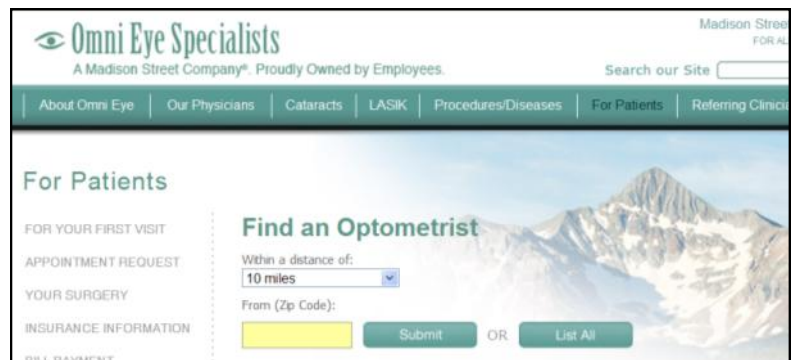
303-398-7337 or RSVP@OmniEye.com

We hope to see you there!



Find an Optometrist on www.OmniEye.com

Omni Eye Specialists is excited to introduce a new feature for patients on our website, www.Omnieye.com, "Find an Optometrist". This feature on our site allows the patient to find an optometrist by selecting a zip code and the radius of the search as illustrated below.



The practice name is listed alphabetically for that zip code. The site will list the doctor(s) or practices address and a link to your website.

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Omni Eye Specialists’ Insurance Plans

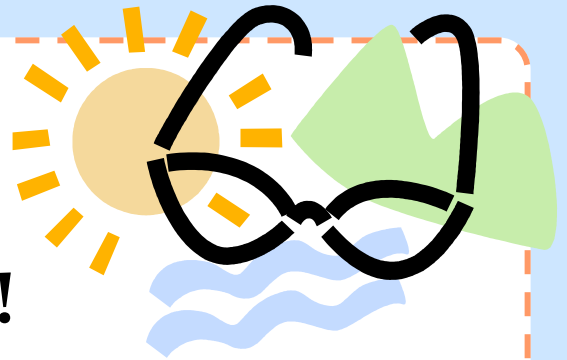
OES participates in the following insurance plans:

AARP, Aetna, Anthem/BCBS, Cigna, Cofinity, Coventry Health Care, Cover Colorado, Evercare, Eye Specialists, First Health PPO, GEHA, Great West, Humana, Medicaid, Medicare, Multi-Plan, PacifiCare, PacifiCare-PPO, PHCS, Pinnacol, Railroad Medicare, Rocky Mountain Health Plan, Secure Horizons, Tri-care, Tricare Prime, and United Health Care.

When Not a Participating Provider

We participate with the majority of the metro area insurance carriers yet there may still be programs with which we are not panel providers. If you have such a patient that you would like to refer to us and the carrier has “out of network” rates, please continue to consider us. We will bill the patient’s insurance program for the out of network rates and collect them. We will write off what is not paid as an out of network provider. There will be no added expense to the patient as if we were on the panel. The caveat is that the carrier must allow the patient to go out of network. Rare insurance carriers do not have such out of network flexibility.

**Remember
UV
Protection!!**



UV exposure after refractive surgery can lead to corneal haze/scar. Remind your patients to use sunglasses for all outdoor activities and tanning beds for 2 months after LASIK or PRK surgery.



Spivack Vision Center®
now carries Latisse®.
Patients can see a difference
within 12 to 16 weeks as
their eyelashes grow longer,
fuller and darker with this
FDA approved solution.

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please call 303.SEE.2020.**

Post-op Meds Change

Most of you are aware of the changes in industry sampling, patient support and PhRMA guidelines that the entire pharm industry has gone through. Earlier this year when Allergan changed their policies, we were forced to explore other creative options for post-op cat patients due the frustration of automatic pharmacy changes to generic prednisolone acetate 1%. We had numerous reports from our referring docs that the patients were just not getting the level of anti-inflammatory control with the generic prednisolone that we had seen with the brand name PredForte®. Our experiment of using generic prednisolone acetate 1% just did not live up to our standards.

As such, we elected to explore a modification of our cataract post-op regimen. We changed to **Besivance™** as the post-op antibiotic of choice and **Durezol™** as the post-op anti-inflammatory. Both were used t.i.d. with the standard regimen of use shown below. Our choice of the topical NSAID in high-risk inflammatory patients (past uveitis, diabetics, past CME, etc.) was **Nevanac®**. Some of this use has been off-label but it has been giving the best post-op outcomes that our patients and referring docs have come to expect from us.

The change we are announcing today is a slight alteration of the **Durezol™** use. We have found a more stable outcome with inflammation when it is **used t.i.d. for 2 weeks and then tapered as b.i.d. for 1 week, q.day for 1 week and then discontinued for a total of 4 weeks of use** (modification of this regimen and discontinuation is at the discretion of the monitoring/co-managing doc).

Cataract Post-op Regimen

- Besivance™ tid X 1 week then you may stop it abruptly.
- **Durezol™ t.i.d. X 2 weeks, b.i.d. X 1 week, q.day X 1 week** as a taper if clear.
- Lotemax® q.i.d. X 3 weeks then taper as needed may substituted in known steroid responders.
- Nevanac™ t.i.d. X 3 weeks used with Durezol™ in high risk inflammatory patients.
- Shield at night for the 1st week post-op.
- Adjusting the regimen is based on the clinical presentation of the patient and the professional judgment of the co-managing/assessing doctor.

Please let me know if you have any question or problems with the above post-op regimen. We learn from **you** as to the success of our outcomes and decide changes in management based on working in concert with our referring docs. Call me if questions,

Robert E. Prouty, O.D.

Omni Eye Specialists Doctor Locations

As of 01/01/2012
Subject to change

Omni Eye Central

55 Madison St., Suite 355 Denver, CO 80206

Omni Eye South

6881 South Yosemite St. Centennial, CO 80112

Spivack Vision Center

Omni Eye Platte Valley Med. Ctr.

1606 Prairie Center Pkwy, Suite 250, Brighton, CO 80601

Madison Street Surgery Center (MSSC)

55 Madison St., Suite 200, Denver, CO 80206

Doctor is usually not seeing patients during this time.

Doctor		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HOWARD AMIEL, M.D. Cataract, Cornea, Refractive Surgeon	AM	Omni Central on 2nd & 4th Mon of the mo	Omni Platte Valley	MSSC	Omni Central	Omni South on 2nd & 4th Fri of the mo
	PM	Omni Central	Omni Platte Valley	MSSC	Omni Central	SVC on 2nd and 4th Fri of the mo
GARY A. BELEN, M.D. Glaucoma, Cataract, and Anterior Segment Surgery	AM	Omni South	MSSC	Omni Central on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wed of the mo		Omni Central
	PM	Omni South	MSSC	Omni Central on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wed of the mo		Omni Central on 1st & 3rd Fri of the mo
ELIZABETH FAILLA, O.D. Anterior Segment, Refractive Surgery Consultation	AM	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South
	PM	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South
ROBERT E. PROUTY, O.D. Glaucoma, Cornea, Cataract & External Disease Consultation	AM	Omni Central	Omni Central	Omni Central	Omni South	
	PM	Omni Central	Omni Central	Omni Central	Omni South	
VANDI W. RIMER, O.D. Anterior Segment, Refractive Surgery Consultation	AM	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South
	PM	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South	Omni South
SUMIT A. SITOLE, M.D. Ophthalmic Plastic and	AM	Omni South	Omni Central	Omni South	MSSC	Omni Central
	PM	Omni South	Omni Central	Omni South	MSSC	Omni Central
SALIL SHUKLA, M.D. Vitreo-Retinal Surgeon	AM	Omni Central		Omni South	Omni Central	Omni South
	PM	MSSC	Omni Central	Omni South		Omni South
LAWRENCE SPIVACK, M.D. Refractive Surgeon	AM				SVC	SVC
	PM				SVC	
MIRIAH TEETER, M.D. Vitreo-Retinal Surgeon	AM		Omni Central	Omni Central	MSSC	Omni Central
	PM			Omni Central	OES	Omni Central
JASON J. WANG, M.D. Cataract, Cornea, Refractive Surgeon	AM	Omni Central on 1st & 3rd Mon of the mo	Omni Central on 2nd and 4th Tues of the mo	Omni South on 1st, 2nd & 4th Wed of the mo,	Omni Central 1st, 2nd & 4th Thurs of the mo	MSSC
	PM	Omni Central	Omni Central on 2nd and 4th Tues of the mo	SVC on 1st, 2nd & 4th Wed of the mo,	Omni Central 1st, 2nd & 3rd Thurs of the mo	MSSC



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Saturday, March 3, 2012

for our

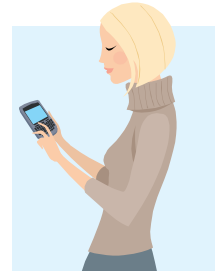
16th Annual

SPRING SYMPOSIUM

At the Embassy Suites Denver Southeast
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(See page 3 for more details.)

RSVP to RSVP@OmniEye.com or 303.398.7337



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