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A MESSAGE FROM TOM BURKE, CEO

Some may have used the Summer break for relaxation, but not the doctors and staff of OCLI! We opened our new office in Port Jefferson and welcomed a new doctor to the practice. We introduced several new cutting edge technologies and diagnostic tests in our practice locations, and we continue to give back to the community, that has given us so much. All of us here wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season.

- Tom Burke

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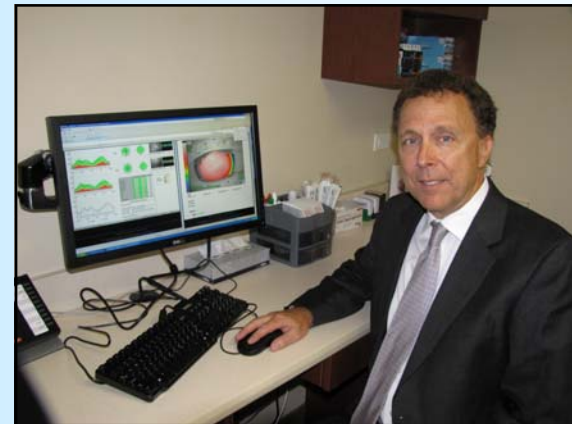
Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island Opens New Office in Port Jefferson

OCLI's new office is located in the North Shore Professional Center at 125 Oakland Avenue, in Port Jefferson. Our phone number in Port Jefferson is 631-828-7100.

"OCLI is excited to have opened its newest, state of the art facility in Port Jefferson," said Dr. John Wittpenn. "It will allow us to better serve our patients along the North Shore and deliver cutting edge care for our cataract and glaucoma patients."

Michael Vittorio, President and CEO of The First National Bank of Long Island, stated, "We are confident OCLI will be a meaningful addition to the Port Jefferson community, providing exceptional medical care. Their approach to serving patients and the community is a model to emulate and we are proud to have a business relationship with this well-regarded practice. "

State Senator Kenneth LaValle participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony and added, "Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island provides quality eye care for their patients. We're glad that they came to Port Jefferson, opened a state-of-the art facility, and made an investment of time, talent and resources here."



Dr. John Wittpenn, of OCLI's Stony Brook and Port Jefferson locations, using Digital Imaging Technology

Numerous technological differences are obvious when visiting one of our Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island (OCLI) office locations. We recently acquired one of the most advanced digital imaging technologies available, EyeRoute from Topcon. Coupled with the planned implementation of patient education software called 3D-Eye, our physicians are able to provide a superior level of care while involving the patient in the entire experience.

Call **1-866-733-6254** to arrange your eye examination and experience all the ways OCLI continues to set the standard in eye care.

Good news for OCLI Doctors and Medicare Patients



Stanley Berke, MD

OCLI's Medicare patients will no longer have the problem of being denied refilling their prescriptions too early at the pharmacy. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received numerous complaints regarding early refills to ophthalmic topical products and have made

changes to their "refill too soon" policy. CMS recognized that the early refill edits are an important utilization tool used to promote compliance and prevent waste. It will also reduce putting patients at risk due to interruptions in drug therapy that could potentially have serious consequences. "This is a very important breakthrough for our patients on chronic topical therapy, particularly glaucoma drops" said Dr. Stanley Berke, a partner of OCLI who practices in our Lynbrook office.

Patients can save \$25 instantly after their BOTOX® Cosmetic treatment



Peter Wong, MD



Daniel Garibaldi, MD

Doctors Peter Wong and Daniel Garibaldi are happy to announce through their participation in the Brilliant Distinctions® Program are passing the savings on to patients on Botox Cosmetic and Juvederm, dermal filler.

Call OCLI's cosmetic and oculoplastic department **516-766-3572** to learn more about this savings program today!

First of its kind, the implantable telescope for Age Related Macular Degeneration patients

Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island (OCLI), is one of 14 initial sites nationwide where doctors will implant the miniature telescope. While it does not cure AMD, a leading cause of blindness in the elderly, it will help those who are legally blind resume reading, recognize faces and hopefully, increase their level of independence.



ABOVE IS THE DEVICE ON THE TIP OF A FINGER



Glenn Stoller, MD

Dr. Glenn Stoller, a partner of OCLI, has begun screening patients to determine if they are potential candidates for the surgery. "We are very excited about the implantable telescope and have received many inquiries about it and when it will be ready," said Dr.

Stoller. "We are hoping to have the device by the end of this year or by early 2011."

The implant is currently restricted to patients 75 years and older, in keeping with FDA guidelines. In general, to be considered a potential candidate for the telescope implant, your ophthalmologist must first confirm that you:

- Have irreversible, End-Stage AMD resulting from either dry or wet AMD
- Are no longer a candidate for drug treatment of your AMD
- Have not had cataract surgery in the eye in which the telescope will be implanted
- Are at least 75 years old
- Have distance vision no better than 20/160 but no worse than 20/800

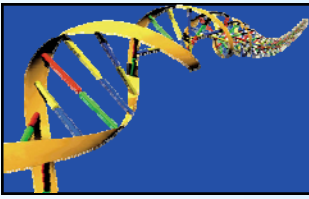
OCLI is currently scheduling appointments for those interested in the procedure. For more information about the implantable telescope and the procedure, please call 1-866-733-6254.

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Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island Announces Revolutionary Gene Testing For Macular Degeneration

Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island (OCLI) has introduced a new genetic test called MACULA RISK® that will help determine the risk of vision loss due to Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD). The test is recommended for people age 50 or older with evidence of early or intermediate AMD. It is also recommended for individuals who have a family history of advanced AMD. AMD is the leading cause of legal blindness in the United States. More than 20 million Americans have early or intermediate AMD. Macula Risk testing is intended to identify AMD patients who are at increased risk (approx. 1 in 5 patients) after vision loss. Highest risk patients are typically over 65 years old, have intermediate AMD, and test at high risk for AMD biology with Macula Risk.

Macula Risk testing for patients with AMD is now being reimbursed by Medicare and other private insurers. The test is performed from a cheek swab which can be taken directly in the doctor's office. Ask your OCLI physician more about this revolutionary test.

Dr. Henry Perry Receives Life Achievement Award from American Academy of Ophthalmology



Henry Perry, MD

Henry Perry, MD, a founding partner of OCLI who practices in our Rockville Centre office, received the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Life Achievement Honor Award. Dr. Perry was recognized in the Academy's 2010 Annual Meeting Final Program that took place in October in

Chicago, IL.

Dr. Perry, who is recognized as one of the leading refractive and corneal eye surgeons in the United States, was approved by the Academy's Awards Committee and Board of Trustees to receive this honor. Winners are chosen based on their contributions to the academy, contributions to scientific and educational programs, and contributions to the field of ophthalmology.

Congratulations Dr. Perry. Well deserved!

OCLI Exceeds its \$40,000 Goal For The American Cancer Society

Thanks to the generosity of Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island's physicians, staff and most importantly patients, we successfully raised **\$43,103.00!** OCLI was proud to be a Flagship Sponsor of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk for the second year in a row on Sunday, October 17th at Jones Beach. As a practice, OCLI committed \$15,000 to the cause, and raised another \$28,103 through yard sales, office bake sales, cook book sales and other fundraising activities.



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Renewed Vision: The New Vision Choices in Cataract Surgery

OCLI cataract surgeons continue to stay up to date with the latest advancements in cataract surgery. Your OCLI surgeon will jointly determine with you the need for cataract surgery. At that point, you can discuss some of the exciting changes and advancements with this surgery that have developed over the years.

In most cases, the surgery is accomplished with an incision less than 3mm in size. With incisions this small sutures are generally not necessary and visual recovery is very rapid. This "small-incision" and "suture-less" surgery enables patients to return back to their normal activities within 1 or 2 days. Vision improves rapidly in almost all patients and many are able to resume driving within the first week following surgery.

Most cataract surgery today is designed to restore or improve best-corrected vision (vision with glasses). After surgery you may need glasses for distance vision, intermediate vision, near vision, or a

combination of these. The surgery is covered in full by your insurance except for deductibles, copayments or co-insurance, as deemed by Medicare or your insurance carrier.

In the past, patients had little or no input as to the type of vision they would receive after cataract surgery. Now, there is a new class of intraocular lens implants (IOL's), called Premium or Lifestyle lenses. These lenses are designed to reduce or eliminate your need for glasses at all ranges of vision including distance, intermediate and near. Recent Medicare policy changes now allow patients covered by Medicare to select this alternative IOL technology.

This lens is not recommended for everyone but, your OCLI surgeon can discuss these options with you and together select the best lens. Although your insurance will cover this surgery, there are extra fees you must pay due to the cost of advanced lens technology and additional testing that is necessary to achieve the best outcome.

THESE ARE YOUR EYES, WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM, BUT YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF TO CONSIDER THE IOL OPTIONS THAT ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO YOU AT OCLI.

Glaucoma Research Study May Reduce Need for Eye Drops

Dr. Donnenfeld and the team at Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island are currently evaluating an investigational device for patients with mild to moderate open-angle glaucoma, who are in need of cataract surgery. This investigational micro-bypass stent is implanted in the eye during cataract surgery and may help reduce intraocular pressure in the eye, possibly eliminating the need for eye drops in some patients.



For more information about whether you are an eligible candidate for this research study, talk to your doctor or **call the Research Department at 516-705-7140 in Rockville Centre or in Lynbrook at 516-593-4026**