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A MESSAGE FROM TOM BURKE, CEO

After such an intense winter, the OCLI team is looking forward to warmer and brighter days ahead. Exciting developments for OCLI include welcoming two new doctors to the practice. Also, we are the first practice to perform a revolutionary new treatment in cataract surgery (see below article). We continue to give back to the communities that have given us so much. You'll find more information about our efforts within this newsletter. We could not accomplish this without our wonderful doctors, staff and you, our patients.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy spring and summer,

TOM



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OCLI Performs Long Island's first LASER enhanced and customized Cataract Surgery

On April 19, Long Island's first laser enhanced and customized cataract surgery was performed by Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island's Dr. Eric Donnenfeld at Island Eye Surgicenter in Carle Place using the Alcon LenSx® Femtosecond Laser. Long Islanders now have access to laser cataract surgery with many OCLI surgeons, ask your surgeon if you are candidate. Cataract surgery is the most performed operation in the US with over 3 million cases performed annually. Today, vision following cataract surgery may be significantly enhanced with the implantation of a lens designed to correct refractive error. The addition of this revolutionary laser technology adds a new level of precision and predictability to the procedure that was not possible with conventional manual surgery.

Each eye is different in terms of size, depth, curvature of the cornea and other key features. Before cataract surgery, every eye is carefully measured and mapped. The LenSx laser uses a combination of advanced technologies to capture incredibly precise, high-resolution digital images of the eye. These images, measurements and data they provide are used to plan and perform a surgery to exacting specifications that were previously unachievable with traditional (manual) cataract surgery.

"Laser refractive cataract surgery is without a doubt the most technologically advanced option for qualified cataract patients," said Dr. Donnenfeld. "Before this technology was available, many of the most challenging steps during cataract surgery were performed manually with a blade. With the LenSx laser, we can offer our patients a truly premium experience with the precision and reliability of a laser for refractive cataract surgery.



Dr. Eric Donnenfeld performs
Laser Enhanced Customized Cataract Surgery

To learn more about customized laser cataract surgery, schedule an appointment with an OCLI cataract surgeon in any of OCLI's 8 locations throughout Long Island, please call **1-866-SEE-OCLI (1-866-733-6254)**.

Eric Donnenfeld, M.D. Travels to Armenia To Perform New Sight-Saving Procedure

Dr. Eric D. Donnenfeld, founding partner of OCLI recently traveled to Yerevan, Armenia to perform a new, safe, and effective glaucoma surgery on patients that otherwise may have gone blind. He is a principal investigator for a study of an investigational ophthalmic device, the Glaukos® Trabecular Bypass Micro Stent Model GTS400. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the safety and efficacy of the iStent® Trabecular Micro-Bypass stent in reducing intraocular pressure (IOP) in patients with mild to moderate glaucoma and cataracts.

“Traditionally, glaucoma is controlled with medication but the iStent device offers a possible alternative solution to reduce a patient’s dependency on glaucoma medication,” said Dr. Donnenfeld. “The device may also help to achieve intraocular pressure control after surgery.” Dr. Donnenfeld is the only principal investigator in New York running this trial. The clinical trial of the GTS400 is one of the first studies of its kind in the U.S. and was approved to start in early 2010. Dr. Donnenfeld is also involved with studies of the iStent outside of the U.S.

The iStent Trabecular Micro-Bypass is a device that is implanted in the eye during cataract surgery. The stent is designed to reduce IOP in glaucoma patients following cataract surgery and may reduce or eliminate the need for eye drops in some patients. At less than .3mm long, the iStent is the smallest stent known to be implanted in the human body. The iStent is designed to reduce the challenges and risks of traditional glaucoma management. Dr. Donnenfeld practices in OCLI’s Rockville Centre and Lynbrook offices.



Dr. Donnenfeld examining a patient in Armenia with mild Glaucoma

Families Walk for Hope

OCLI’s Stony Brook and Port Jefferson’s Staff and their family members participated in the Families Walk for Hope in Port Jefferson on May 7. The walk raised money for the Fortunato Breast Health Center at Mather Hospital. OCLI also serves as a corporate sponsor for the American Cancer Society’s annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Jones Beach.



New Inwood Office

OCLI is now offering office hours in Inwood at 271 Doughty Boulevard. Doctors Raymond Mariani, Paul Galstian and Eric Verruto will be offering hours Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. These optometrists specialize in primary eye care, LASIK consultations, and post operative eye care. To schedule an appointment please call the office phone number, 516-341-0700 or 1-866-SEE-OCLI (1-866-733-6254). Hablamos Español.

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OCLI Doctor Travels to Ghana with Daughter to Perform Sight Restoring Surgery

Dr. Gerard D'Aversa along with his daughter Jaclyn, a junior at Barnard College of Columbia University, traveled to Accra, Ghana to work in the North Western Eye Clinic where they provided clinical care and conducted screenings for eye disease on children and adults and implemented education programs. Dr. D'Aversa performed sight-restoring surgery on a large number of adult patients. Dr. D'Aversa brought medical supplies and equipment and trained clinic Director Dr. Michael Gyasi how to perform modern cataract surgery using a Phacoemulsification (Phaco) machine.

"Prior to our trip, Dr. Gyasi was performing large incision surgery on his patients which usually requires longer healing times," said Dr. D'Aversa. "When performing surgery with a Phaco machine, the incisions are much smaller and no stitches are needed, which lead to a much faster visual recovery. By Dr. Gyasi acquiring the Phaco machine and training needed, he becomes only the second doctor in the entire country performing modern cataract surgery, essentially changing the way medicine and cataract surgery is being performed in Ghana."

Dr. D'Aversa and daughter Jaclyn spent 10 days in Ghana. Jaclyn performed the vision screenings for the patients, assisted the scrub nurses and was a circulator in the OR.

In fact, it was Jaclyn's idea to go to Ghana in the first place. "I've always been actively involved in volunteer work so I knew I wanted to pursue volunteer work in a developing country that could really gain from a pair of helping hands," said Jaclyn. "Growing up I worked in my dad's office every summer so I knew he had a specific skill set that is so incredibly valuable. Unite for Sight was a perfect program because my dad and I were able to make a difference in the lives of many people while also sharing an unforgettable experience that we will never forget."



Dr. Gerard D'Aversa and his daughter Jaclyn

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Do you suffer from Dry Eye Disease?

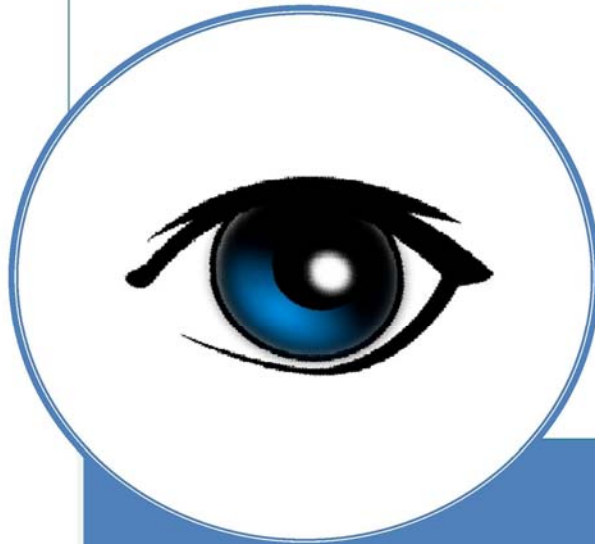
If you suffer from Dry Eye Disease in at least one eye, you may want to learn more about participating in a clinical research study of an investigational study medication.

Symptoms may include:

- Gritty Eyes
- Sore Eyes
- Blurred or Poor Vision
- Problems with:
 - Light
 - Reading
 - Watching TV
 - Air Conditioning or Heating
 - Dry or Windy Days

You will be compensated for your participation in this study.

*This study is being conducted by:
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OCLI Welcomes Doctors Daniel Kiernan and Eric Verruto



Daniel Kiernan, MD

Daniel Kiernan, MD, is an ophthalmologist specializing in medical and surgical diseases of the retina. Dr. Kiernan graduated from The University of Chicago with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. He received his doctorate in Medicine from Chicago Medical School/Rosalind Franklin University, and completed his residency in ophthalmology at The University of Chicago Hospital, Pritzker School of Medicine. During his vitreoretinal surgical fellowship at the University of Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, Dr. Kiernan was awarded several accolades for his research in imaging and treatment of retinal diseases, including awards from the American Retina Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the Retina Society. He continues his interests in investigating both non-invasive and surgical approaches for the diagnosis and treatment of sight debilitating retinal diseases including age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal blood vessel occlusions. Dr. Kiernan will be starting to see patients in July and will be practicing out of OCLI's Rockville Centre, Lynbrook, Stony Brook, Port Jefferson and Manhasset locations.



Eric Verruto, OD

Eric Verruto, OD, an Optometrist who specializes in laser refractive surgery consultations and post-operative care, joined OCLI earlier this year. Dr. Verruto also specializes in post-op refractions, contact lens fittings and primary eye care. Prior to joining OCLI, Dr. Verruto served as the clinical director of a large refractive surgery practice on Long Island. Dr. Verruto is fluent in Spanish and is available to see patients in Rockville Centre, Lynbrook, Valley Stream, Manhasset and Inwood.

To Schedule an Appointment with either Dr. Kiernan or Dr. Verruto, please call 1-866-SEE-OCLI (1-866-733-6254)