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Month

Eye Health in AMARILLO

Excellence in Eye Care

A Panhandle Tradition With over 100 Years of Combined Experience

Superspecialization will never take the place of comprehensive, personal eye care at Panhandle Eye Group, L.L.P. But some of the area's most noted subspecialists make their home at this respected nine-person practice.

Panhandle Eye Group is a single resource of specialty and subspecialty eye care for the panhandle areas of Texas and Oklahoma, eastern New Mexico and southern Kansas. In addition to routine eye care, it offers a wide range of services for the treatment and management of retinal disorders, glaucoma and pediatric eye conditions. "It's unusual to find a group with this breadth of services in a city the size of Amarillo," says cataract and oculoplastic surgeon W. John W. Murrell, M.D.

The group's impressive staff of ophthalmologists includes fellowship-trained specialists, graduates of some of the nation's most prestigious training institutions with the most recent training in advanced procedures. The physicians' expertise includes cataract removal and lens implantation, oculoplastic and reconstructive eye surgery, treatment for macular degeneration, diabetic eye conditions, and other retinal diseases, medical management and laser surgery for glaucoma, laser vision correction, and pediatric ophthalmology.

Investment in Technology Makes Latest Advances Available in the Panhandle

Innovations in refractive surgery are allowing more people than ever to reduce or eliminate their need for glasses. Robert E. Gerald, M.D., J. Avery Rush, M.D. and Bruce L. Weinberger, M.D., utilize Wavefront technology that captures unique imperfections in each individual's vision. It then translates this information into a set of instructions that guides the new Ladar 6000 excimer laser during surgery.



Front Row:

Tracy C. Crnic, M.D.
Pediatric Ophthalmology
& Adult Strabismus

J. Avery Rush, M.D.
Cataract & Refractive Surgery

Amber Dobler-Dixon, M.D.
Glaucoma Laser & Surgery

C. Alan McCarty, M.D.
Comprehensive Ophthalmology
& Cataract Surgery

Back Row:

Bruce L. Weinberger, M.D.
Comprehensive Ophthalmology
Cataract & Refractive Surgery

W. John W. Murrell, M.D.
Cataract, Oculoplastic
& Reconstructive Eyelid Surgery

Robert E. Gerald, M.D.
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J. Edward "Dr. Eddie" Ysasaga, M.D.
Antonio V. Aragon, II, M.D.
Diseases & Surgery of the Retina

"Refractive surgery techniques such as LASIK, Advanced Surface Ablation and CK Vision Correction Surgery are very predictable and produce excellent long-term results," says Dr. Weinberger. "However, they are not appropriate for every patient. When an individual would be better served by another approach, we will make that option available."

Retinal specialists J. Edward Ysasaga, M.D., "Dr. Eddie," and Antonio V. Aragon II, M.D. are pioneering novel approaches to retinal diseases. The use of injectable medications for the treatment of macular degeneration, for example, has successfully stopped the growth of abnormal blood vessels in many patients.

Advances are also being introduced in the treatment of glaucoma. "Glaucoma has no early warning signs and simply measuring pressure in the eye will miss many cases of glaucoma that a comprehensive exam will reveal," reports Amber Dobler-Dixon, M.D., who performs

laser and incision surgery for glaucoma and uses newly approved eye drops that are more effective and have fewer side effects than older medications.

Cataract surgery is performed on an outpatient basis at Amarillo Cataract and Eye Surgery Center, the city's only surgery center dedicated exclusively to the care and treatment of the eye. Approximately 90 percent of ophthalmic surgery performed in Amarillo is completed in this fully accredited, Medicare-approved facility. "Some cataract patients are candidates for modern lens implants that can eliminate the need for glasses," says ophthalmologist and cataract surgeon C. Alan McCarty, M.D.

Panhandle Eye Group also includes the area's first and only fellowship trained pediatric eye surgeon and the only pediatric eye service

to offer outpatient surgery center care. Tracy C. Crnic, M.D. provides all comprehensive and specialty eye care for the youngest, including the most up-to-date care standards in strabismus surgery, amblyopia therapy and preventative vision care such as pediatric cataract surgery and retinopathy of prematurity evaluations.

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