

# Eye doctor wins recognition for patient care

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Patients rank Dr. Rainna Bahadur among the top physicians in the country, which earned the Mississippi Gulf Coast ophthalmologist a Most Compassionate Doctor Award for 2013.

This is the third consecutive Most Compassionate Doctor award given to Bahadur, who also received three Patient Choice Awards, also for 2011, 2012

and 2013.

A Greenwood native, Bahadur is a partner at Eye Associates of the South, which has clinics in Biloxi, Ocean Springs and Gulfport.

The national honor is based on patients' reviews of her work. It was given to the top 3 percent of 870,000 active U.S. physicians for 2013.

"I try to treat every one of my patients with the utmost care and concern and that is reward in itself," Bahadur said. "But this award means a lot as well. It feels like confirmation that the way I care for my patients makes a personal difference, besides a medical difference."

Bahadur is a board-certified and fellowship-trained eye doctor who specializes in refractive surgery and cornea and external disease. Her service specialties include cataract lens implants, dry eye syndrome, LASIK, comprehensive eye exams, diseases of the eye, cornea transplants and other areas.

This Compassionate Doctor Certification is issued by Patients' Choice, an organization that monitors patients' online reviews. This award also is affiliated with American Registry LLC, which recognizes excellence in top businesses and professionals. Each year, nearly 100 million patients across the U.S. access websites like Vitals and UCompareHealthCare to provide feedback about experiences with their physicians. Physicians must have near perfect overall and bedside manner scores to be selected for this recognition.

Bahadur received her fellowship training at the Dean McGee Eye Institute at the University of Oklahoma. She completed medical school and ophthalmology residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, where she was chief resident. She also is a graduate of Millsaps College.

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