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New Gulf Coast clinic eyes economic upturn



Eye Associates of the South, which has long-time clinics in Biloxi and Gulfport, just opened a third clinic in Ocean Springs. This is the medical group's second expansion since its main clinic was destroyed in Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. Rainna Bahadur, a partner in the group of four ophthalmologists and two optometrists, said the doctors have confidence in the coast.

The group's other partner, Dr. Joel Knight, founded the practice in 1986.

Both Bahadur and Knight earned their medical degrees (MDs) at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in Jackson. Bahadur specializes in cornea/external disease and refractive surgery, including LASIK and cataract surgery.

The other two ophthalmologists in their group, Dr. Mark Brown and Dr. Sprague Eustis, specialize in eye plastics and pediatric ophthalmology, respectively. Dr. Kimberly Benigno and Dr. Joe Mitchell, both doctors of optometry (ODs), specialize in comprehensive eye exams for eyeglasses and contact lens, including hard-to-fit cases.

The new clinic is at 6616 Washington Ave., Suite A, in Ocean Springs.