



Ophthalmologist Mark Brown specializes in eyelid lifts



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MOBILE, Alabama -- When sagging eyelids impair vision, an increasingly popular eye plastic surgery may help you look and see better.

"Eyelid lifts are the most common surgery that I perform, upper or lower lids. Usually it is because they interfere with a patient's peripheral vision, while some are for cosmetic reasons," said Mark Brown, M.D., a Mobile ophthalmologist who specializes in oculoplastics, or plastic and reconstructive eye surgery.

Although eyelids tend to increasingly droop with age, they also can have genetic causes and need earlier treatment. Brown's lid lift patients have ranged from age 30 through 90, he said.

"The way to check that at home is to lift up your eyelids with your fingers and determine if you can see more to the top and sides," Brown said.

Brown practices at Vision Partners in Mobile and at Eye Associates of the South in Biloxi, Miss. He is among very few board certified and fellowship-trained oculoplastics specialists in the region.

Brown is well regarded throughout the Southeastern United States, noted Rainna Bahadur, M.D., of Eye Associates of the South. Brown has been named one of the Best Doctors in America by his peers, three times. He completed a residency in ophthalmology at New York University, medical training at Tufts University School of Medicine, and undergraduate education at Harvard College.

An outpatient procedure, eyelid lift surgery - or blepharoplasty - usually lasts less than an hour and is performed under anesthesia. Although it is minimally invasive, all surgery has risks. "There always is a risk for visible incision, but the risk for that is very low," Brown said.

If your eyelids interfere with your visual field and your ophthalmologist can document that, many health insurance policies as well as Medicare and Medicaid pay for this surgery.

Brown also is well qualified to perform cosmetic surgery involving eyebrows, cheeks and the lacrimal (tear) system. He also treats a wide range of eye-related complications to correct other surgeons' surgeries.

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