



In Ocean Springs, Eye Associates opens third location (Outlook 2011)

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Dr. Rainna Bahadur examines a patient at the Eye Associates of the South clinic on Washington Avenue in Ocean Springs.

The collective vision of Jackson County has improved with the opening of the new Eye Associates of the South clinic on Washington Avenue in Ocean Springs.

The clinic, which joins a full-service office in Biloxi and a second clinic in Gulfport, is operated by Dr. Rainna Bahadur and Dr. Joel Knight. Both are board certified and fellowship trained, as are their two colleagues who operate out of the other clinics: Dr. Mark Brown and Dr. Sprague Eustis.

"This is the only practice on the Gulf Coast, probably from Mobile to New Orleans, that has all board-certified, fellowship-trained (physicians)," Bahadur said during an interview at her office.

Bahadur, who was raised in Greenwood, Miss., said the specialization of the ophthalmologists at Eye Associates is "the main key to our difference." She concentrates on front-of-the-eye surgeries and treatments, such as corneal transplants and LASIK corrective surgery, while Knight focuses on the back of the eye, specializing in cataract surgery.

"I feel like our office could fully compete with any other practice in the country," Bahadur said. "I feel like we give very good care."

In addition to having the latest technology and a fully trained staff, Bahadur said, the Ocean Springs clinic offers plentiful parking, which patients have expressed they greatly appreciate.

The clinic isn't done expanding, she said, and could eventually add technology and machines to further evaluate

glaucoma patients and corneal-topography machines that will better prepare patients for LASIK surgery, refractive surgery or corneal transplants.

No matter what the Ocean Springs office of Eye Associates of the South offers in new technology, it will continue to separate itself from its competitors due to the relationships its doctors foster with their patients, Bahadur said.

"You basically will start to grow up with families," she said. "You see their grandkids and their kids.

"It really starts to be a family affair."

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