

# Dr. Frederick Ho Celebrates 25 Years Serving Brevard County

On the 25th anniversary of his practice, Dr. Frederick Ho and his staff extend their appreciation to



**Frederick Ho, MD**

patients, friends and medical colleagues for the opportunity to provide personalized eye care. Since 1987, Dr. Ho has personally

examined and treated over thirty thousand patients as well as performed over ten thousand surgeries and laser procedures. Each patient is unique and special to his practice. Friendships have developed among Dr. Ho, his staff and their patients through the years.

Here are some memorable encounters:

New Year's Eve was interrupted by an urgent call from a hospital emergency room concerning an elderly woman with sudden onset of blindness. Asking questions, Dr. Ho learned the woman was complaining of fatigue. This prompted Dr. Ho to recall a rare cause of blindness called giant cell arteritis that could cause stroke or blindness due to inflammation of the arteries to the eyes and the brain. Blood analysis confirmed the diagnosis and the patient was given a high dose of steroid. Vision returned in one day. She was jubilant. Today, this woman's daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren all see Dr. Ho.

A physician colleague experienced episodes of blurry vision in one eye. The physician had an eye examination elsewhere and was given a diagnosis of

migraine. The doctor came to Dr. Ho for a second opinion who, after evaluating the symptom history, recognized a condition called amaurosis fugax - transient blurry vision in one eye due to carotid artery narrowing - the neck artery supplying blood to the brain. MRI scans showed the carotid artery to be extremely narrow on one side. The doctor had urgent surgery to open the narrowed artery preventing the probability of a catastrophic stroke.

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A woman suffering from rheumatoid arthritis complained about double vision for months. She was fitted with prism glasses that temporarily corrected her double vision. A few weeks later, a new pair of prism glasses had to be ordered. Distressed, she asked Dr. Ho for his opinion. Reviewing her case, Dr. Ho discovered she had been prescribed an arthritis medication, Penicillamine, shortly before the onset of her trouble. This medication has the rare side effect of causing double vision. Three months after she discontinued the medication, her vision returned to normal. Dr. Ho continues to treat her other arthritis related eye problems: severe dry eyes, cataracts and thinning of the outer coat of the eye.

A former funeral home director experienced double vision and had difficulty walking following surgery for a brain tumor. These disabilities forced his retirement. The patient and his wife came for an evaluation by Dr. Ho who determined the double vision to be the result of multiple cranial nerve palsies following his brain surgery. Dr. Ho performed surgery on the patient's eye muscles to eliminate his double vision. After his successful eye surgery, the patient is pursuing his new hobby of acrylic painting.

A semi-retired professor was in the hospital for treatment of swelling around his eye. He received intravenous antibiotics for presumed cellulitis around the eye. Asked to consult, Dr. Ho, after viewing a CAT scan, diagnosed vasculitis - a systemic, inflammatory disease with orbital inflammation. A high dose of steroid was prescribed to control the swelling. The patient now sees a rheumatologist for continuing care of his systemic vasculitis.

While cleaning a grill, a wire from the steel brush broke and flew into an army veteran's eye, penetrating his cornea. A V.A. ophthalmologist believed surgery was necessary and sent the patient to the E.R. Dr. Ho was consulted by the emergency physician. After a careful examination, Dr. Ho believed the veteran's eye could be saved without surgery. Dr. Ho expertly removed the broken wire in a treatment room. The patient's cornea sealed naturally without suturing. At the first follow-up examination, the veteran's sight had almost returned to normal.

"All of us at Atlantic Eye MD feel very privileged that Brevard County families trust us with their eye care,"

reflected Dr. Ho. "Thank you all for an exceptional 25 years and I look forward to serving our community for many years to come."

Dr. Frederick Ho is a board certified ophthalmologist specializing in cataract surgery, multifocal lens implants, laser surgery, diabetic eye disease, glaucoma and macular degeneration as well as the full spectrum of vision disorders. He is also recognized for his expertise in pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus surgery.

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Dr. Ho is the medical director of Atlantic Eye MD and Atlantic Surgery and Laser Center, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.



**Atlantic Eye MD in Melbourne**

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