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Nature Coast EyeCare Institute

WHAT SERVICES DO YOU PROVIDE?

As a specialist in cataract and refractive surgery, my job is to improve the vision of my patients. At Nature Coast, we implant high-performance intraocular lenses in order to improve vision at both near and distant ranges. We also offer the latest in LASIK technology, using the same laser approved for vision correction on NASA astronauts. We work to correct almost any type of refractive problem, from nearsightedness to farsightedness and astigmatism.

WHO ARE YOUR PATIENTS?

We treat both members of the retirement population who need cataract surgery and younger patients who are interested in LASIK surgery.

WHAT AWARDS, HONORS OR RECOGNITION HAVE YOU RECEIVED?

I have received many awards, but the one I want to mention is the top national honor for residents in cataract surgery, which I was given in 2008. This award is the only one of its kind

and was given through the American College of Eye Surgeons.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE OPHTHALMOLOGY?

I chose to become an ophthalmologist because I enjoy helping people see. I have treated patients who were blind and had to be led by the hand prior to surgery, but who, after surgery, were back to full visual function. I love the feeling of being able to impact someone's life in such a dramatic way.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TALLAHASSEE AS A PLACE TO WORK?

The opportunity to work at the best eye surgery institutes in the world does not come along every day. Working with the team of professionals at Nature Coast EyeCare Institute is a joy due to the state-of-the-art facilities, highly trained specialists and the top-notch equipment.

HAS YOUR BUSINESS OR PRACTICE EXPANDED RECENTLY?

Nature Coast EyeCare Institute is mounting a comeback after the tragic untimely death of the founder Joel K. Shugar, MD. It is with great pride and responsibility that we are once again forging ahead with same mission and goals that Dr. Shugar built the practice on. Once again, we have the right team in place to deliver the world-class care that the people of Tallahassee have come to expect from our practice.

WHAT IS THE 'SECRET' OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS?

Threefold: First, listening to patients. Second, developing a strategy to solve my patients' problems. Third, delivering excellent surgical results.

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