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William A. Johnson, M.D.

William A. Johnson, M.D. Announces Retirement from Columbia Eye Clinic

After 39 years in practice, Ophthalmologist William A. Johnson is retiring from Columbia Eye Clinic. His work as a doctor has left the world a better place and the fourteen physicians and more than 100 staff of Columbia Eye Clinic congratulate him on his retirement.

Dr. Johnson is a proud graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) where he was accepted after just three years at Clemson University. While in medical school, he served as President of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He completed his internship and residency at the MUSC Storm Eye Institute.

Dr. Johnson has served actively on the MUSC Storm Eye Institute Board of Directors since 2000 and is now an emeritus member. Dr. Johnson was the first recipient of the MUSC Storm Eye Institute Distinguished Alumni Award and in 2015 endowed a Neuro-Ophthalmology Chair position there.

Dr. Johnson is proud that all three of his children also attended MUSC. His daughter, Garner J. Wild, M.D. and son William A. Johnson Jr., M.D. are Ophthalmologists practicing at Columbia Eye Clinic and Columbia Eye Surgery Center and his son Brandon F. Johnson, D.M.D. is a Dentist practicing at Spring Valley Dental Associates.



The Johnson Family

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Why Choose Laser Cataract Surgery?

If your doctor has advised you it is time for cataract surgery, you're not alone. Cataract surgery is one of the most commonly performed surgical procedures in the United States and has been shown to significantly improve vision and quality of life for patients who undergo the procedure.

A cataract is a vision impairment resulting from a cloudiness of the lens in the eye that prevents light from being focused clearly on the retina. Cataracts typically form naturally with age and surgery is the only way to remove cataracts and restore vision. Symptoms of cataracts include:

- Cloudy vision
- Difficulty seeing at night
- Halos around lights
- Frequent changes in glasses or contact prescriptions
- Double vision in one eye
- Poor night vision
- Light sensitivity
- Seeing faded colors

Although traditional cataract surgery is very effective and successful, when considering your surgical options, laser cataract surgery can offer a host of benefits over traditional procedures and can help you experience the best possible long term vision. Lasers have been used for decades to perform vision correction, and were approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2011 for cataract surgery. Laser surgery allows the surgeon to perform certain key steps within cataract surgery with a laser rather than a hand-held blade.



The benefits of laser surgery include:

- The laser provides an extremely detailed 3-D image of the eye. Since each eye is different with regards to its structures, the surgeon can use the measurements the laser provides to plan your surgery much more precisely.
- The exacting accuracy of the laser increases the likelihood that the incision will be self-sealing at the end of the procedure, reducing the need for sutures and reducing the risk of infection.
- The laser enables better centering of the intraocular lens which is a significant factor in determining final visual outcomes. —Continued on next page.

- The laser procedure causes less inflammation to the eye, so patients heal more quickly and experience improved visual acuity more quickly than with traditional cataract surgery.
- The laser enables the physician to simultaneously correct certain amounts of regular astigmatism to reduce your need for glasses.

If it is time for cataract surgery, we offer a host of the latest advancements in lens implants and surgical procedure options to create a custom experience for every cataract patient, including the unparalleled precision and accuracy of the LenSx femtosecond laser. Since 2013, we have performed close to 2,000 cataract procedures with the LenSx in our out-patient ambulatory surgery center, where our focus is solely on surgery of the eye and its surrounding structures.

Ask your doctor for additional informational materials about cataracts and your surgical options or visit www.ColumbiaEyeClinic.com.

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Dr. Johnson is a lifelong member of Shandon Methodist Church where he has served in various capacities on the church, administrative and financial Boards of Directors.

Dr. Johnson cites that his best reason for retiring is to spend more time with his seven grandchildren. He and his wife of 46 years, Sandra, will maintain their primary residence in Northeast Columbia and spend time traveling and at Debordieu, as their busy schedule with their grandchildren permits.

He was my eye doctor for over 40 years. I always knew I could trust him with taking care of my eyes. Best wishes for a happy retirement. —Barbara L.

...He truly cares for his patients and treats them with respect. No matter what problem you have he cares... Good luck Dr. Johnson. You deserve the best. —Domenico S.

... You and the entire CEC team have made an enormous impact on my life and I will forever be thankful. Best wishes! —Fredah H.

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