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Located inside a historic building on Venice Island, Stephenson Eye Associates is a state-of-the-art boutique ophthalmology practice that reflects the comfort and understanding that Dr. Dee Stephenson offers her patients. She explains, "I make physician-patient centered care first and foremost in my practice, giving our patients the personal attention that they deserve and also providing them with the latest innovations in care available."

As part of her commitment to giving her patients world-class eye care, Dr. Stephenson offers the most cutting-edge procedures available, including laser-assisted cataract surgery using the LENSAR femtosecond laser customized for each patient's eye. She uses the latest in lens implant technologies, being the first person in the world to implant the enVista® MX60E, a new acrylic lens that both improves patients' vision and also eases the recovery period following surgery. In fact, she was invited to present her patient outcomes with this new lens at this year's American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery meeting in Washington, D.C. She also continues to be one of the experts in visual outcomes by her continued commitment to Intraoperative Aberrometry (ORA) with VerifEye+™ and the use of Cassini corneal topography.

Performing all of her surgeries at the Surgery Center at St. Andrews, a multi-specialty center of excellence in Venice, Dr.

Stephenson affirms, "As an elite surgical facility in Florida, it offers the most advanced technology available, which assists in improving the patient's visual outcome." The Center also has one of the newest phaco machines, allowing for the smallest incisions, and a state-of-the-art microscope used to perform the surgery. "The ORA technology continues to be such a remarkable advancement in helping achieve great post-op results in post-LASIK and post-RK patients, as well as patients with astigmatism," she says. "It is a real-time, on-the-table reading that allows me to make modifications right then and there, if needed, eliminating more surgery for the patient."

In today's world of computers and cell phones, dry eye, or blepharitis, has become a leading patient complaint. Dr. Stephenson treats not only the symptoms, but also the potential underlying causes of the discomfort. "The only way to give patients the relief they seek is to recognize and treat these issues.



DR. DEE AT A GLANCE

- Florida native and University of Florida graduate
- Medically trained at the Universities of South Florida (USF), Connecticut, and South Carolina
- Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology
- Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)
- Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at USF
- Past President of the American College of Eye Surgeons
- Consultant for Bausch + Lomb, LENSAR, Cassini, and Zeiss
- Key Opinion Leader (KOL) to Sun Ophthalmics and Shire
- 2018 Castle Connolly Top Doctors
- 2018 Sarasota Magazine Top Doctor
- 2016 *Ocular Surgery News* "Premier Surgeon 500"

More importantly, their eyes feel better, so they feel better," she says. Patients suffering from meibomian gland dysfunction (MGD) now have the option to have the iLux® dry eye treatment that unblocks those glands, allowing the natural protection of tears to cover the eye's surface. Another new advancement, the TrueTear™ device uses a state-of-the-art technology called neurostimulation to help your eyes temporarily make more of your own tears. Both new innovations are available at her office.

After 30 years in practice, Dr. Stephenson continues to find contact with her patients rewarding and professionally stimulating. "Human kindness makes for a successful practice; how you treat your patients is important," she says. "As a physician and surgeon, I have been very fortunate to be able to do what I love. I want to continue to make a difference in people's lives by improving their vision."

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