

The Eye Clinic of Texas Offers Free Glaucoma Screening

The Eye Clinic of Texas wants to remind greater Galveston and Houston eye care patients that Prevent Blindness America has designated January as National Glaucoma Awareness Month.

January 20, 2012 (FPRC) -- "We are particularly sensitive to the need to build awareness for timely glaucoma screening and evaluation in our community as glaucoma is a leading cause of preventable blindness with a predilection for our African-American and Hispanic populations," stated Bernard Milstein, M.D., Ophthalmologist and Founder of The Eye Clinic of Texas.

More than 3 million Americans, and nearly 70 million people worldwide, have glaucoma. It is estimated that half of them don't even know they have it as a result of limited access to eye care. "In combination with the rapid growth of the aging population in Houston and throughout Texas, the threat of preventable blindness looms large if we don't raise awareness about the importance of regular eye examinations to preserve vision," commented Texas Ophthalmologist Allan Fradkin, M.D., Co-Founder of The Eye Clinic of Texas. "This is an important time to spread the word about this sight-stealing disease. Our understanding of this disease along with the ways in which we can diagnose and treat it have improved considerably", commented Dr. Fradkin. The most common type of glaucoma—primary open angle glaucoma—is hereditary. The Nottingham Glaucoma Study published in the British Journal of Ophthalmology evaluated the risk that siblings of Glaucoma patients would themselves develop glaucoma within their lifetime and found that siblings of glaucoma patients were 5 times more likely to develop glaucoma by age 70. "This is why we strongly recommend that siblings of glaucoma patients and even glaucoma suspects be monitored for glaucoma, each and every year, said Dr. Fradkin.

As a service to patients and their families, The Eye Clinic of Texas is offering a Free Glaucoma Screening at our Galveston office located at 2302 Avenue P, Galveston, TX 7750 between January 23, 2012 and February 29, 2012 from 8:15 AM-5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Anyone interested in a Free Glaucoma Screening can simply phone 1-800-423-3937 to reserve a spot for the screening.

The Eye Clinic of Texas is a leading eye care practice serving the greater Houston, Galveston, League City and Texas City area that provides all aspects of general, medical, surgical, laser and optical eye care services. Our Board Certified Ophthalmologists perform Laser Eye Surgery such as LASIK, Cataract Surgery & Lens Implants using advanced technology IOLs to correct complex problems such as astigmatism and near vision focusing problems including presbyopia, diagnosis and management of glaucoma, diagnosis and management of diabetic retinopathy, diagnosis and management of Age Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) and Pediatric Ophthalmology. Texas EyeWear at The Eye Clinic of Texas provides personalized consultation and fitting of eyeglasses and eyeglass lenses for greater Houston, Galveston, League City and Texas City area patients.

To learn more about The Eye Clinic of Texas you may visit <http://www.ecot.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/ecot.lasik>

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