

## **LOW VISION THERAPY: EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE WITH SIGNIFICANT VISION LOSS**

A significant number of Americans have eye conditions such as macular degeneration, corneal and retinal scarring, retinitis pigmentosa, and other serious illnesses and injuries that substantially limit their ability to see.

An ever increasing portion of the population is in need of Low Vision Services.



**Eric R. Straut, O.D.**

At the Eye Institute for Medicine and Surgery, Dr. Eric R. Straut, serves as the Low Vision Specialist. “Helping patients with significantly decreased vision regain their independence brings me great joy,” explains Dr. Straut.

Dr. Straut was first drawn to low vision while working alongside Gary J. Ganiban, M.D., The Chief of Retina and Vitreous Services at The Eye Institute for Medicine & Surgery. Since that time, Dr. Straut has come to realize that in addition to medical therapies, a patient needs-based approach could enhance the quality of life for his patients, and that this type of process would allow many individuals to live a much more fulfilling life.

As an eye physician and low vision specialist, Dr. Straut sees a wide variety of patients, but certain conditions are more prevalent than others.

“In Brevard County a relatively high percentage of patients are affected by macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and advanced glaucoma,” explains Dr. Straut, adding “the key to successful treatment is early detection and advanced, thorough care.”

“Traditional eyeglasses do not provide adequate visual improvement to enable people with Low Vision to see adequately to perform daily activities of living in most cases,” explains Dr. Straut.

Low Vision treatment starts with a comprehensive eye examination and a thorough assessment of each patient’s needs. Next, Dr. Straut determines which devices and techniques are most likely to restore visual function for the patient. Techniques may include eccentric viewing and devices may be as basic as specialized high magnification reading glasses, up through sophisticated, computerized reading devices, adds Dr. Straut.

“We have a full range of techniques and technology to help the vast majority of patients referred to me, to achieve a better quality of life,” states Dr. Straut.

Dr. Straut is currently accepting new patients at his Rockledge, Melbourne and Palm Bay Offices. For more information or to schedule an evaluation with Dr. Straut, please call (321) 722-4443.



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