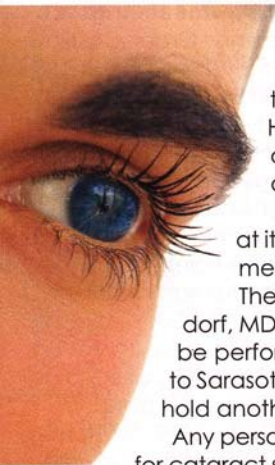


Eye Specialists Offers Free Cataract Surgery to Select Individuals with No Health Insurance



Eye Specialists is offering free cataract surgery for people of all ages who have no insurance and no means to pay. The program, offered in cooperation with the Cape Surgery Center, Sarasota Memorial Health Care System, Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, and Sarasota Anesthesiologists, PA, is part of Mission Cataract USA, a nationwide project involving hundreds of eye surgeons throughout the United States.

Eye Specialists will offer free cataract screenings by appointment at its Sarasota office at 1428 S. Tamiami Trail. To schedule an appointment, potential candidates should call Eye Specialists at 957-4987.

The surgeries will be performed by Eye Specialists' Michael Lamensdorf, MD, FACS, who is board certified in ophthalmology. The surgeries will be performed on May 22 at the Cape Surgery Center, located adjacent to Sarasota Memorial Hospital at 1941 Waldemere St. Eye Specialists will also hold another Mission Cataract Day to be scheduled in November.

Any person who has cataracts that impair his or her vision and whose needs for cataract surgery are not met by insurance or his or her own income may be eligible for the free surgery. The surgery will include lens implants and all follow-up care.