

Michiana Eye Center has Eyes on Expansion of Procedures, Facilities

Mishawaka/April 1st, 2019—Michiana Eye Center, a five-location ophthalmology and optometry practice, is expanding their flagship location in Mishawaka to feature an additional office space for state-of-the-art surgical consultations.



Michiana Eye Center, located in Mishawaka, Indiana. Photo by R. Grashorn, 2019

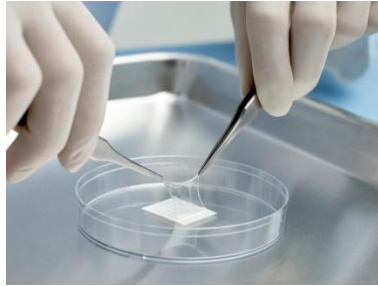
This expansion isn't just a matter of adding space. It coincides with the introduction of a new surgical procedure to address a condition which contributes to severe ocular surface disease symptoms. A leader in advanced ocular surface disease treatments, Michiana Eye Center will become the first in the area to conduct conjunctivochalasis surgery, with consultations beginning at the new office as early as April 1st.

Conjunctivochalasis is a condition of the inner eyelids of the eye, where loose, abnormal conjunctiva protrudes over the lid margin, resulting in disrupted tear function and dry eye symptoms such as excessive tearing, irritation, and blurred vision. Previously, cautery of the conjunctiva was the only method to reduce the appearance of loose tissue, which produced little to no effect on treating the symptoms. But a new state-of-the-art procedure is providing life-changing results. Richard Weiss, M.D. and Kevin Baxter, D.O. of



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Michiana Eye Center recently received advanced training at The Eye Institute of West Florida, a nationally recognized leader in developing new conjunctivochalasis surgical techniques. Excited to bring



this procedure to Michiana, Dr. Baxter explains the procedure as, “the reconstruction of the inner eyelid by utilizing Biotissue™’s Amniograft® cryopreserved amniotic membrane tissue. This actively restores the function of the inner tear reservoir by replacing deficient ocular surface tissue, alleviating dry eye symptoms caused by the condition. It’s pretty amazing.”

Recognizing the relationship between the ocular surface and the conditions of the surrounding eyelid margins has enabled doctors at Michiana Eye Center to continue their mission toward providing full-service eye care with the most advanced treatment options available. “Expanding our office is providing more to us than just a few new walls. It’s opening doorways for us to increase our dedicated focus to the preservation and restoration of vision, and ultimately, the prevention of blindness.” ■



Before and After conjunctivochalasis surgery with the use Amniograft® amniotic membrane tissue.
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Michiana Eye Center, LLC is a five-location eye care practice located in Mishawaka, South Bend, Plymouth, Elkhart, and Goshen. Committed to serving the Michiana community since 1980, three ophthalmologists, eight optometrists, and over 70 employees comprise a family of experienced professionals with a mission to preserve and restore vision, and prevent blindness, where uncompromising care meets trusted technology to ensure a lifetime of ocular health. For more information, visit www.MichianaEye.com.