

Dr. Frank Venzara Offers

Retina Surgery Now Being Provided At Health First Cape Canaveral Hospital

Thanks to Dr. Frank Venzara, retina surgery is now being provided for the first time at Health First's Cape Canaveral Hospital. Previously, patients with retinal detachments or open globes had to go to Melbourne or Orlando for the critical surgery.

"As we strive to improve the health and well-being of our community, we are proud to be able to offer these sight-saving surgeries through our new Vitreo-retinal surgeon Dr. Frank Venzara III," said Wes Ott, COO of Health First's Cape Canaveral Hospital.

"We have invested in the best equipment and technology on the market for retina surgery."

Since Dr. Venzara began surgery here, he has restored sight and significantly improved vision for dozens of patients. Patient Michael



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Wright, of Cocoa, is grateful to Dr. Venzara after being diagnosed with a total retinal detachment in his right eye that left him blind for two weeks.

"I was so worried I would never see out of that eye again. At the age of 51, I still need to see to work and support my family," says Michael.

"I was out of work for a few weeks, but as soon as Dr. Venzara re-attached my retina in surgery, I was able to see again and back at work. I am very grateful to Dr. Venzara for giving me my sight back."

STEADY HANDS, COMPASSIONATE

Dr. Frank Venzara III, a native of Merritt Island, returned home to open Florida Retina Specialists in August 2014. His father, Dr. Frank Venzara Jr., has been performing plastic and reconstructive surgery at Cape Canaveral Hospital since 1983.

"I am proud to see my son join the surgery

Sight-Saving Surgeries



DR. FRANK VENZARA III and his staff have a combined 25 years of experience in Retina care and they are very courteous and humble. Patients are seen in a very timely manner and have been very satisfied with the amount of time Dr. Venzara spends educating them and answering their questions.

staff at Health First's Cape Canaveral Hospital, he has steady hands, a compassion for his patients and a true gift when it comes to microscopic retina surgery," says his father.

Frank Venzara III earned his Biomedical Engineering degree and Medical degree at the University of Miami. While doing research at Miami's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, he received the Edward D. Norton Award for excellence in Clinical Ophthalmology.

He continued to a four-year Ophthalmology residency with Scott & White Eye Institute at Texas A&M School of Medicine and completed his Vitreo-retinal surgery Fellowship training at Retina Consultants of Alabama at U.A.B. During the two-year surgery fellowship, he performed more than 1,100 vitrectomy surgeries and treated dozens of pre-

diabetic retinopathy, who, if left untreated, would be blind for life.

"I am grateful to have the opportunity to team up with Health First's Cape Canaveral Hospital to provide retina surgery and emergent eye surgeries for our community," said Dr. Venzara.

"Cape Canaveral Hospital is the only hospital/surgery center between Melbourne and Daytona offering Retina surgery. It is conveniently close to our main office in Merritt Island. I also have patients who gladly travel from my Sebastian and Titusville clinics to have their surgery at Cape Canaveral Hospital.

RESTORING VISION

I am very passionate about retina surgery. I find it rewarding to be able to perform surgery to restore vision to my patients who suffer from macular holes,

diabetic retinopathy, retinal detachments, trauma, severe floaters and complications from cataract surgery."

If you or someone you know experiences a sudden change in vision, or vision loss, please seek immediate medical attention from your local ophthalmologist. In most cases, if caught quickly and treated properly, permanent vision loss can be avoided.

For more information about these eye conditions and treatments, visit FloridaRetinaSpecialists.com or you may call 321-735-8800 to schedule an appointment with Dr. Frank Venzara III.

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