

# Local doctor makes "Best in America" list



Dr. Jonathan Frantz

Local Ophthalmologist Dr. Jonathan M. Frantz has been selected by his peers to be included in the "Best Doctors in America 2007-2008" database. He had previously been included in the 2005-2006 database. The "Best Doctors" database is a resource

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and refractive specialist, Dr. Frantz concentrates his practice on :

- LASIK - with on-site CustomVue VISX S4 WaveScan Systems in both Fort Myers and Naples
- No Injection, no patch cataract removal, and
- Lens implants, including ReSTOR, and ReZoom.

His medical team includes a medical ophthalmologist and six board-certified optometric physicians who provide pre and post-operative care, as well as management of eye diseases and routine eye exams. Frantz has been a pioneer of laser technology since 1987. As the area's leading LASIK surgeon, he performed the first Excimer laser procedure in Florida for nearsightedness and astigmatism and was the first surgeon in Southwest Florida to offer CustomVue LASIK in 2003. He also performed the first ReSTOR Lens Implant in 2005. ■

that contains the names and professional profiles of approximately 40,000 of the best doctors in the United States. Best Doctors represents only 5% of all doctors in the U.S. who earn this honor, which is based on a nationwide physician survey of more than one million voters. Best Doctors serves over 10 million people in 30 countries and has worldwide acclaim for successfully connecting patients to the best medical care.

Frantz established Florida Eye Health in Fort Myers in 1994. His practice now has locations in Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Punta Gorda and Naples. A fifth location is scheduled to open later this fall in Lehigh Acres.

As a two-year fellowship-trained cornea

# Lee Memorial shares clinical skills with students

## Thirty-five employees teach at college level

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They encourage moms-to-be through labor, teach stroke patients to walk, x-ray broken bones and tend to patients coming through the emergency room doors. By day they are the medical professionals at Lee Memorial Health System. At night, or on their days off, they are professors, instructors and guest lecturers at colleges and universities in Southwest Florida.

Thirty-five nurses, therapists, technicians and analysts share their healthcare expertise with students at Florida Gulf Coast University, Edison College, Nova Southeastern University and Hodges University. Working in a hospital setting offers these teachers a unique perspective, one that they share with the health students. Referencing actual clinical situations allows students to better understand concepts, standard practices and unique situations.

Jackie Speas, is Gulf Coast Hospital's Rehabilitation Center Supervisor. For the past three years she has lectured at FGCU, teaching physical therapy graduate students about lymphedema, a condition common in post radiation and cancer surgery patients that causes a painful swelling of the extremities. "There are precautions the therapist needs to be aware of when



exercising a lymphedema patient. They can't do repetitive heavy lifting or anything that will increase the edema," Speas said.

Jackie said she loves working with the students. "They are very intelligent. When they come into the clinic, they remember what we did in the classroom. They remember the problems and the solution to the problems," she said.

As passionate advocates for their professions, these employees bring the challenges and rewards of their hospital life with them, which in turn helps prepare the students to enter the healthcare workforce upon graduation. ■

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