

MEDICAL NEWS

Area ophthalmologists present study findings

Dr. Alexander M. Eaton and Dr. Hussein Wafapoor of Retina Health Center recently presented results of a new research study at the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting in Atlanta. More than 22,000 health care professionals attended the meeting.

The doctors' presentation focused on characteristics that can predict an inflammatory reaction as opposed to an infection, after cataract surgery.

"Knowledge of these findings can help to streamline therapy and improve results, so it is vital for other ophthalmologists to be aware of them," said Dr. Wafapoor.

Retina Health Center and the Macular Degeneration Research Center were established in 2002 by Dr. Eaton, a long-



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Wafapoor

time Southwest Florida resident who has been practicing ophthalmology in Lee and Collier counties for more than 15 years. Dr. Eaton has been the principal investigator for numerous studies to treat macular degeneration. For more information on the latest studies, call 337-3337 in Fort Myers or 793-5200 in Naples. ■

Caregiver education classes this month

If you are the full-time caregiver for a loved one, you are invited to attend free caregiver training and education classes in Lee County during the month of February.

The CARE Program, Caregiver Assistance and Regional Education, is a collaborative outreach effort between The State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, Inc., Lee Memorial Health System, Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center and Hope Hospice and Community Services. Personal care, caregiver feelings, roles and responsibilities, end-of-

life issues and community resources are just a few of the topics to be discussed.

Classes are held twice a week for two consecutive weeks, with each class lasting 3 1/2 hours. Don't miss this opportunity to come together and learn with other caregivers how to better care for your loved one, as well as how to better care for yourself.

Call (866) 231-0921 to register for CARE Classes. Class dates are Feb. 17, 19, 24 and 26 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at Sterling House, 1251 Business Way, Lehigh Acres. ■



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