

ne of the great rewards in practicing medicine for Dr. Bryan Vekovius is that he can not only help patients feel better, but also look better. It's an added bonus for patients with vision problems who receive treatment and then like what they see when they look in the mirror.

An oculoplastic surgeon with superior training, Dr. Vekovius is an expert in aesthetics and treatment of diseases and syndromes involving the eye and eyelid, tearing system and the optic nerve. He is also an expert in blepharoplasty, a surgery which reduces bagginess and droopiness in the eyelids. It is a surgery which can be both cosmetic and functional. Excess skin on the upper eyelid, for example, can cause peripheral vision loss. He performs dozens of these surgeries each week, helping all types of patients, even those who have lost muscle function in the evelid.

"I strive each day to be a physician who is committed to quality, compassionate care, superior patient satisfaction, and excellence in cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. We strive to treat our patients like our own family," he said.

Dr. Vekovius is one of the few cosmetic surgeons in the region who is a member of the American Board of Ophthalmology. He is recognized as a leader in Oculoplastic Surgery and Neuro-Ophthalmology and has pioneered modern eye surgery techniques for problems like tearing disorders, including dry eye syndrome. Dr. Vekovius is also an expert in skin cancer excision and reconstruction, as he continues to perform several surgeries each month removing cancers from the eyelids and face

Dr. Vekovius completed his ophthalmology training at LSU in Shreveport in 2001. He then underwent fellowship training

in oculoplastic surgery, specializing in techniques of plastic surgery as it relates to the eyes and their surrounding structures such as eyelid repairs, browlifts, tear duct surgery, and

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treatment of thyroid eye disease. Trained by Dr. Thomas C. Spoor, he also learned the art of laser skin resurfacing and treatment of facial veins and blemishes as well as use of Botox and Restylane. He then completed further training in Neuro-Ophthalmology, the subspecialty of Ophthalmology which encompasses the optic nerve, the nerves which control eye movement, and the brain.

Dr. Vekovius has become one of northwest Louisiana's premier physicians, drawing patients from the Shreveport-Bossier City area, as well as from other areas of Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi. The office is conveniently located in Southeast Shreveport in the Ashley Ridge Business Park. His contributions in the fields of Oculoplastic surgery and Neuro- Ophthalmology have changed the lives of many patients by enhancing their features, rejuvenating their appearance, boosting their self-esteem and improving their vision. Born in Baton Rouge, Dr. Vekovius was raised in Shreveport. He and his wife, Stephanie, have three children: William, Samuel and Sophia.