

DR. BRYAN VEKOVIUS M.D.

r. Bryan Vekovius, M.D. Oculoplastic Surgeon and Neuro-Ophthalmologist is one local businessman dedicated to helping his patients receive the finest in eye care.

"I have a passion and unique fervor for taking on and solving difficult problems for my patients," said Vekovius. "I often have patients coming to see me who have very little if any hope left for their situation." He enjoys the challenge, and the chance to help make a huge difference in someone's life. "I enjoy treating patients tearing problems, eyelid malpositions, and I have a great deal of experience making

uneven eyelids more symmetrical," said Vekovius.

Vekovius is committed to quality, compassionate care, superior patient satisfaction, and excellence in cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. He's known as an expert in aesthetics and treatment of diseases and syndromes involving the eye, eyelid, tearing system and the optic nerve. He's performed over twelve-thousand procedures on the eyelid alone, and is one of the few cosmetic surgeons who is a member of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

"I've always been a very technical person," said Vekovius. "With my

engineering background, I feel confident in my problem solving ability and am very fortunate to have a good eye for aesthetics, which is important in making an eyelid look good and of course, function correctly."

Vekovius completed his Ophthalmology training at Louisiana State University in 2001. "I was always intrigued by this field," said Vekovius. "I love helping improve the quality of life for patients. It's very rewarding." He then went on to complete his fellowship training in Oculoplastic

surgery, specializing in techniques of plastic surgery as it relates to the eye and the related surrounding structures, such as eyelid repairs, brow-lifts, tear duct surgery and treatment of thyroid eye disease.

The health of the patient is always Vekovius' number one concern—and he hopes his patients will keep that as their number one priority as well. "I direct all patient care toward not only the cosmetic appearance of the eye and eyelid, but also on the health of the eye," said Vekovius.

Trained by Thomas C. Spoor, M.D., Vekovius also was taught the art of laser skin resurfacing and treatment of facial veins and blemishes, as well as the use of Botox and fillers. He then sought further training in Neuro-Ophthalmology, which is the subspecialty of Ophthalmology and encompasses the optic nerve, the nerves which control eye movement, and the connections with the brain. In addition, Vekovius is an expert in skin cancer excision and reconstruction. Today, he continues to perform multiple surgeries each month to remove cancer from the eyelids and face and rebuild the defect to produce an aesthetically pleasing result.

Some think of cosmetic surgery as something for movie stars and the very wealthy. That's not the case. "This isn't a glamorous profession—it's for everyone" said Vekovius. "What I do in my practice is really service-oriented. I'm truly dedicated to my patients' vision and overall health."

Despite the lack of glamour, for Vekovius, his chosen career is akin to a dream job—he gets to help others and make a difference. "I'm really here to help people in need," said Vekovius. "My staff and I are wholly committed to providing quality, compassionate care, while using the most current and up-todate techniques."

You want to see better and look more rested and attractive, while still maintaining a natural look. No one wants to appear to have had cosmetic surgery."

Vekovius adds, "Look Better, See Better!"

Not all issues are cosmetic. There are many common eye diseases that can cause pain or vision problems, as well. Dr. Vekovius is a specialist of treatment of tearing, watering eyes, dry eye syndrome and ophthalmic manifestations of neurologic disease such as Multiple

Sclerosis and Parkinson's disease. Other conditions which Vekovius treats on a daily basis are eyelids which turn out (ectropion), eyelids that turn in (entropion) and misdirected eyelashes (trichiasis).

Dr. Vekovius' Shreveport office is located in Ashley Ridge Business Park at 450 Ashley Ridge Boulevard. To learn more, call 318-675-3733 or visit www. drveko.com.

BUSINESS