



Retina Exam Saves 53-Year-Old's Life

October 9, 2009 - Boca Raton, Fla. - Dr. Jed Beck of Pearle Vision at St. Andrews Plaza reported that a 53-year-old patient with 20/20 vision learned that there is no such thing as a "routine eye exam" when a retina exam revealed what later turned out to be a potentially fatal tumor.

Michael Lazzaro of Boca Raton recently underwent an Optomap® Retinal Exam at the Pearle Vision in Boca Raton and the results revealed a suspicious lesion. Lazzaro was referred to a retinal specialist and then to the world renowned Bascom Palmer Eye Institute where he was diagnosed with posterior uveal malignant melanoma. Had the tumor gone undetected, the results would have been fatal.

"I now appreciate and understand the necessity of regular eye exams," said Lazzaro. "Thanks to the early detection by the Optomap and Dr. Beck's skill and experience, my potentially fatal cancer was detected at an early curable stage."

Lazzaro's diagnosis and outcome strengthened Dr. Beck's belief in routine eye exams.

"I am extremely happy to know that our patients are benefiting from our investment in technology," said Dr. Jed Beck. "Most patients feel they should only be examined when they need a change in prescription. In reality, the most important part of the examination is determining the health of the retina. Early detection of any retinal abnormality may lead to earlier and safer treatments and prevent vision loss – and in this case, death."

The Optomap® Retinal Exam uses a scanning laser ophthalmoscope and non-invasively captures an instantaneous, ultra-widefield digital scan of the retina. Optomap scans give practitioners a tool to help discover retinal disease. This offers an assisted opportunity to diagnose eye conditions as well as other health conditions – early. Importantly, it enables the practitioner to effectively determine the next course of action.

Those interested in learning more about Pearle Vision and the Optomap Retinal Exam should call 561-347-7977 or go to www.bocapearle.com. Pearle Vision at Saint Andrews Plaza is part of the Pearle Vision franchise network. Pearle Vision is a division of the Luxottica Group, S.P.A., based in Milan, Italy. Luxottica Group is the world leader in design, manufacture, marketing, and distribution of prescription eyeglass frames and sunglasses, with a combined total of over 5,000 retail locations throughout North America.