

Mass. Eye and Ear Joins the LMA



Massachusetts Eye and Ear's recent expansion to the Longwood Medical and Academic Area (LMA) has supported broadening collaborations with Joslin Diabetes Center and Brigham and Women's Hospital, and helped to develop new opportunities with neighborhood institutions and the community in general.

"Our new Longwood campus has helped us enhance and improve upon our existing collaborations with several Harvard Medical School ophthalmology affiliates who are located in the LMA," said Carolyn Kloek, Clinical Director for Mass. Eye and Ear, Longwood. "We have a longstanding partnership with Joslin Diabetes Center and their physicians will also be practicing at Mass. Eye and Ear Longwood," added Kloek.

Since 2009, Mass. Eye and Ear has partnered with Brigham and Women's Hospital to provide on-site, inpatient ophthalmic consultations and emergency eye trauma service to their patients. Now closer in proximity, Mass. Eye and Ear clinicians can communicate even more rapidly with BWH physicians and the referral community in general. Mass. Eye and Ear is a ready resource for nearby medical practices whose surgeons are operating in the facility's new surgical suite. For patients, these benefits translate into more streamlined care and faster access to services.

The December 2012 expansion to 800 Huntington Avenue has been quite fruitful. The Mass. Eye and Ear Longwood team includes nine clinicians - including Dr. Kloek. Three more clinicians will join the practice this fall to keep pace with a steady rise in growth.

"We realized there was a significant need for quality ophthalmic eye care services in the Longwood/Mission Hill area," said Kloek. "The Longwood facility makes it easy and convenient for MASCO members and residents in the area to access Mass. Eye and Ear's world class ophthalmic care and services. We feel privileged to be part of this community and hold ourselves to the highest standards of excellence while providing our patients with personalized care."

Mass. Eye and Ear Longwood services include a full spectrum of adult primary and secondary eye care, including routine eye care as well as comprehensive evaluation and treatment of complex ophthalmic diseases such as glaucoma, cataracts, diabetes, macular degeneration, eyelid and orbital problems, as well as retinal and corneal disorders. The practice also provides consultations for laser vision correction, and expert optometry and contact lens services.

"I'm very pleased that, by all measures, we've successfully met our initial goal of establishing an

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accessible and valuable community resource for residents, the Longwood Medical and Academic Area, and MASCO workers alike in the LMA/Mission Hill area. It's been a very rewarding and exciting experience for our team so far, with some great feedback from our patients and the referral community. We're looking forward to growing our presence in the area and continuing to provide the kind of top-quality eye care that aims to maintain or improve our patients' quality of life. We're very happy to be part of the MASCO mission, and encourage people to experience the Mass. Eye and Ear, Longwood difference," said Kloek.

Since expanding to Longwood, Mass. Eye and Ear has also enjoyed opportunities to partner with the

surrounding community including participating in the Mission Hill Health Fair in June of 2013, and

partnering with the Massachusetts College of Art and Design to create a stunning exhibit of artwork

entitled "Sense Life. Experience Life."

Massachusetts Eye and Ear is a venerable healthcare institution in Boston with a 180-year history in research and advanced patient treatment. Established by two young surgeons in 1824, the institution has grown to be a world renowned facility, leading clinical advances and research, discovering new drugs, perfecting new techniques, identifying disease-causing genes and much more.