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COMPANY PROFILE

GULANI VISION

Arun Gulani is shaping the future of eye care in Jacksonville and around the world. He's a world-renowned eye surgeon and LASIK specialist who started the LASIK program at the University of Florida (UF) in Jacksonville in 2001. After serving as Chief of the UF Cornea and LASIK program and assistant professor at the UF School of Medicine, Jacksonville, he founded Gulani Vision Institute in 2004.

Today, he expresses his passion to help people see with highly advanced care in his Southpoint vision care center where he also trains fellow eye surgeons. Gulani also travels the world as an invited teacher and has himself learned from pioneers of the surgeries he performs. Gulani Vision Institute provides a full spectrum of surgical options that reduce dependence on glasses and contact lenses. His widespread contributions to the field of ophthalmology include inventions, research, awards, publications, protocols, advanced achievements and educational resources.

Gulani Vision Institute is among the city's blue-chip medical assets that draw patients from around the region, nation and world for health care. The city's new medical tourism initiative combines the renown of the Gulani Vision Institute with that of area hospitals St. Vincent's,

Mayo Clinic, Shands and Baptist (all ranked as the top in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*) and UF Proton Therapy Institute. Patients come to Jacksonville now marketed as "America's Health Center" and stay to enjoy the area's natural beauty, attractions and meeting facilities.

Years ahead of his peers with his international privileges, Gulani is the final destination for patients seeking LASIK second opinions and corrections. "I think that Jacksonville has tremendous potential. It's a great place in terms of geography and a great place to raise a family," said Gulani. He and his wife, Dr. Suparna, a family practice physician specializing in women's health, have two children: daughter Aisha, 11 and son, Yash, 6. Suparna's practice is located nearby the Gulani Vision Institute.

Patient Sonny Bhika recently underwent advanced LASIK surgery for nearsightedness and astigmatism at the Gulani Vision Institute. The medical procedure was performed by Gulani with LASIK instruments he invented. Now Bhika's vision is better than 20/20.

"I'd been frustrated with my glasses for a long time and wanted to undergo LASIK surgery for vision correction," said Bhika. "After doing some background research and talking to friends, I made an appointment with Gulani. He and his staff made me feel confident in his vision care for my eyes—the most important part of my body."

Bhika continued, "Gulani is very professional and has great integrity. He makes time for his patients and he knows each one by name. Vision care at Gulani Vision Institute feels like a visit to a family friend who incidentally is also the most sought-after eye surgeon in the world."

For more information about Gulani Vision Institute, call (904) 296-7393 or visit the Web site at www.gulanivision.com. The Institute is located at 8075 Gate Parkway, Suite 102. ■