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Arun Gulani, principal and owner of the Gulani Vision Institute of Jacksonville, is a world-renowned ophthalmologist and lecturer, author of numerous medical books and publications, a sought-after eye surgeon with patients from all over the country and one of the city's best-kept secrets.

For Gulani, who has dedicated his life to advancing and perfecting the field of refractive surgery — getting people to see without glasses — the greatest reward is simply “making people see.”

Gulani published his first book when he was a resident in ophthalmology in Bombay, India, and by the age of 26 had received a prestigious Becton-Dickinson Career Achievement Award for innovations and contributions to ophthalmology.

He has invented a line of Lasik instruments that are used worldwide, specializes in non-stitch refractive surgery and is one of few doctors in the world who perform artificial corneal transplants.

Gulani came to Jacksonville four years ago as director of cornea and refractive surgery at the University of Florida Department of Ophthalmology in Jacksonville. He opened the Gulani Vision Institute a year ago.

Gulani is his own highest critic and fulfills his calling by working every day to perfect his chosen field.

“I might as well not do these advanced surgeries if I can't share them with my colleagues,” said Gulani of his research, presentation and teaching. “It holds me accountable because feedback from others in the field is the real acid test of what I am doing.”

Gulani is highly respected all over the world by those in the field of vision correction, and his patients are equally impressed with the individual attention and care that he dedicates to each.

“I was blown away by Dr. Gulani's experience and professionalism and also how he interacts with his patients,” said Mary McElroy, who had Lasik surgery performed by Gulani.

“He is completely different from any other doctor in this field,” McElroy said. “It is exciting to have a doctor spend so much time asking what you want and educating you.”

Gulani creates an individual plan for each patient. He said he wants his patients to know as much as he does by the time they leave.

“My only concern is to help my patients see, and I have them to thank for everything that I've accomplished,” he said.

As for the future, Gulani hopes to continue to change the lives of many more patients and to make Jacksonville a sought-after place for eye surgery and training.

“If I have the motivation to take this field ahead, why not do it here in Jacksonville?” he said.

—Laura Jane Pittman

Super Physician Finalist



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