



Dr. Nalini Madiwale first to perform new eye surgery procedure in Capital District

On Thursday, October 30, 2008, Dr. Nalini Madiwale of Albany-Troy Cataract & Laser Associates will be the first physician in the Capital District to perform a new, cutting-edge ocular surgical procedure called canaloplasty at Albany Regional Eye Surgery Center in Latham. The same patient will undergo cataract surgery immediately preceding the canaloplasty by Dr. Allen Zieker. Dr. Madiwale will be available to answer questions from the media at Albany-Troy Cataract & Laser Associates, 2222 6th Avenue, Troy on Friday, October 31 at 7:30AM.

Canaloplasty is an advanced, minimally invasive procedure used to treat glaucoma. Glaucoma is one of the world's leading causes of blindness. Symptoms of glaucoma are not usually present until the disease is very advanced. This procedure is suitable for patients with moderate open angle glaucoma. Canaloplasty is a less traumatic surgical alternative to more conventional glaucoma surgery, trabeculectomy. This procedure does not involve making a hole in the eye; therefore the recovery is easier on patients. Dr. Madiwale completed her ophthalmology residency in New York City and Harvard Medical School affiliate in Boston.

Dr. Madiwale has also spent part of her career as an Assistant Professor at the University of Rochester and as a Clinical Assistant at Harvard University. Dr. Madiwale is a board-certified ophthalmologist and a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Madiwale manages the majority of the practice's glaucoma patients and performs surgery on a weekly basis. Dr. Zieker is a board-certified ophthalmologist and a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He has served as the Chief of Ophthalmology for Seton Health Systems and is presently the Medical Director of the Albany Regional Eye Surgery Center in Latham, New York.