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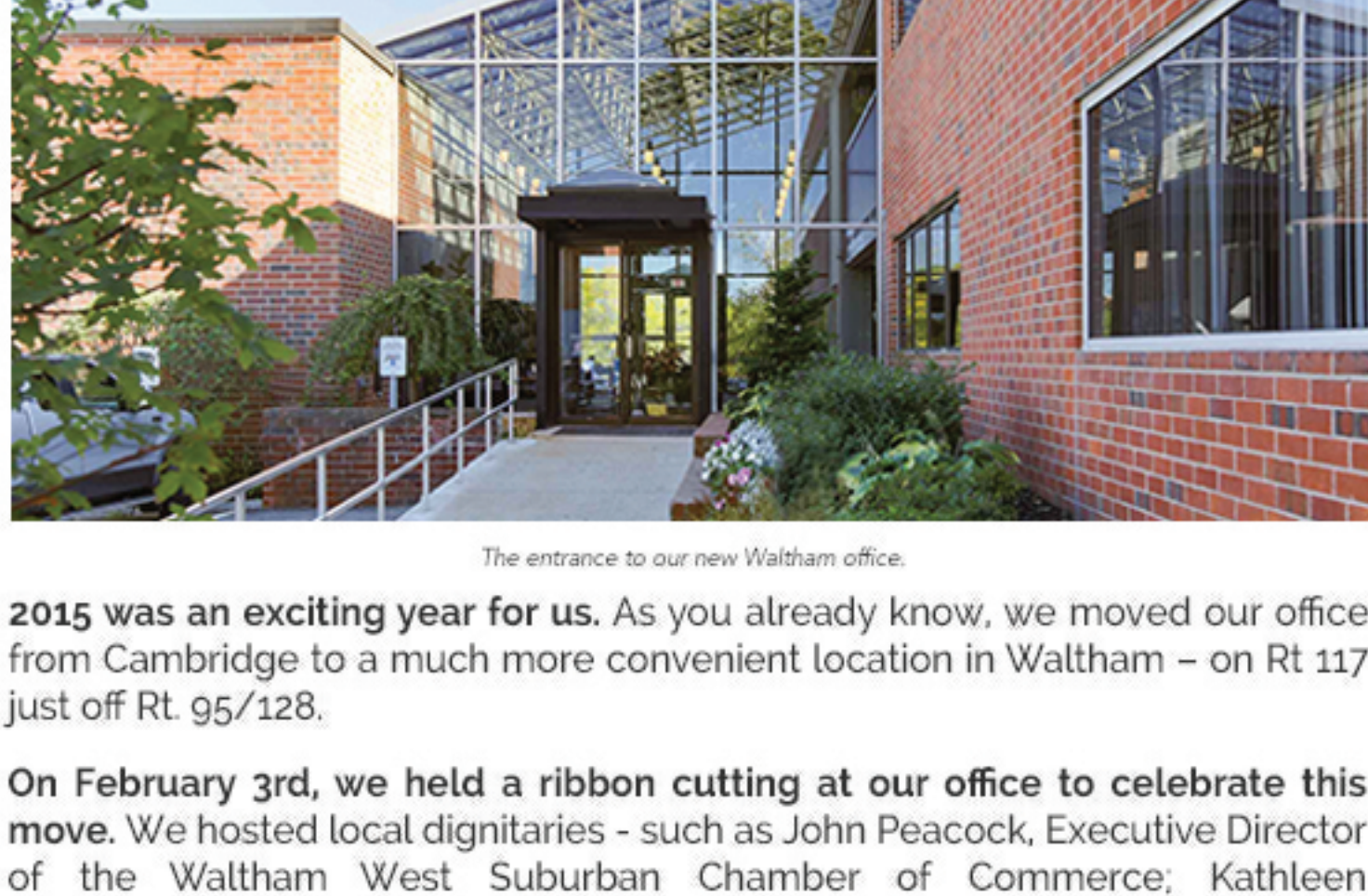


Quarterly News February 2016

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter!

Here you will learn about new and exciting updates from MERSI and important events to put on the calendar.

What's New



The entrance to our new Waltham office.

2015 was an exciting year for us. As you already know, we moved our office from Cambridge to a much more convenient location in Waltham – on Rt 117 just off Rt. 95/128.

On February 3rd, we held a ribbon cutting at our office to celebrate this move. We hosted local dignitaries - such as John Peacock, Executive Director of the Waltham West Suburban Chamber of Commerce; Kathleen McMenimen, Waltham City Councillor at Large; Diane LeBlanc, Waltham Councillor At Large; and Carlos A. Vidal, Waltham Councillor At Large - who welcomed us to Waltham. After giving the dignitaries a tour, we held the ceremony and expressed our excitement about joining this community of flourishing businesses.



From left to right : Frances Foster, NP and Vice President at MERSI ; Kathy McMenimen, Waltham City Councillor; John Peacock, Executive Director of the Waltham West Suburban Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Foster, Founder of MERSI (Massachusetts Eye Research & Surgery Institution); Dr. Anesi, associate partner at MERSI; Diane LeBlanc, Waltham Councillor At Large; Carlos A. Vidal, At-Large Waltham City Councillor.

Our new facility features more exam rooms, enhanced diagnostic testing capabilities, a blood and pathology lab, and more than double the number of infusion chairs in the expanded infusion suite. It even features free parking, an on-site café, free wifi and a Kids Korner.

With the addition of these new features and our innovative technology, our doctors are able to create a seamless patient visit from start to finish with enhanced patient flow. We are also happy to be able to continue to provide our patients with immediate access to appointments, a doctor available 24 hours a day for all emergencies and Saturday hours.

Spotlight On...

Get to know more about our new partner, Stephen Anesi, MD!



After holding the position of staff physician since 2011, we are pleased to announce Dr. Anesi has now become a partner in MERSI! This enables him to be a part of the corporate decision making while continuing to establish MERSI as the leader in ground-breaking ophthalmology research and patient-focused treatment.

In addition, Dr. Anesi was recently recognized with the Vitals' Patient Choice Award. This award honors doctors who are given tremendous reviews from patients.

How long have you worked at MERSI?

Stephen Anesi, MD: Almost 5 ½ years. During my first year, I was a fellow and then was hired as staff physician. Recently, I became partner! I am excited to be a part of the decision making team and in this honorable role.

What first interested you to pursue a career in eye care/health?

SA: I was always interested in science and medicine, although I actually became interested in the way the eye worked in a 4th grade science project and have never lost interest. I pursued further education in this through high school and eventually through undergraduate and graduate studies. I also participated in bench research in retinal physiology after graduate school. Then, medical school allowed externships in ophthalmology where I finally confirmed my desire to move ahead to an ophthalmology residency.

What is your favorite thing about working for MERSI?

SA: I enjoy many things about being a part of MERSI, from the staff to the patients to the unique educational opportunities it provides for others as well as myself. The one thing that stands out is that it is never, ever boring. At the risk of sounding like an advertisement, there is always something going on that is new and exciting. We have some of the newest technology available to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of our very complex patients, and can provide all these services in one place, unlike almost any eye clinic anywhere. There are always new and challenging patients that come from all over the country, or the world, to MERSI to be evaluated and managed. There is research going on here daily that will help shape our entire field worldwide.

What is your favorite part of your day-to-day job?

SA: Day-to-day, I really enjoy the people here. From patients to fellows to staff, interacting with all of them is what makes coming to work fun.

What hobbies or non-work activities do you have?

SA: I spend most of my time off with my wife and children, doing whatever it is we decide we want to do at the time. Typically these activities are centered around the kids. I love traveling and good food. I enjoy the outdoors and am looking forward to more camping and hiking as my children grow older. I have always had a deep love of music, of all kinds, and go to many concerts each year. I play the trumpet – and have for years throughout and after my education - and at one time, I had aspirations to be a professional musician, or even a song writer. I am tremendously loyal to my favorite sports teams from Los Angeles, but have started to adopt the local teams as well.

Technology Highlights

Technology is increasingly changing the healthcare industry and MERSI strives to always have the most revolutionizing products in the industry. Along with this, one of MERSI's cornerstones is our focus on the patient experience. To improve further on patient experience, MERSI utilizes an innovative technology designed to make doctor's visits more efficient without sacrificing quality.

MERSI was one of the first facilities to implement the Visual Clinic software that facilitates a seamless patient visit from start to finish. This technology reduces patient wait times and increases visit efficiency.

Stay tuned for more ways MERSI continues to revolutionize the doctor visit.

Awards

We are thrilled to share the news of two recent award wins recognizing our ophthalmologists' excellence in patient care and treatment.

Dr. Foster has been recognized as one of America's Top Doctors in Ophthalmology for 2016. Dr. Foster has been awarded this title for sixteen consecutive years! Every year Castle Connolly, the organization that identifies Top Doctors, compiles a list of the best doctors in the nation based on peer nomination and then conducts research and a screening process of more than 100,000 doctors.

Dr. Anesi has been recognized with a Vitals' Patient Choice Award. This award is given to a doctor who has tremendous reviews from patients regarding their level of care. This includes the accuracy of the diagnosis, the amount of time spent with the doctor, the doctor's bedside manner and follow-up care. Out of the nation's 870,000 active physicians and dentists, only five percent have received top scores from patients that qualify them for this honor.

We are proud of winning these prestigious and well-respected awards. Our team works extremely hard and we feel honored to have the recognition from these associations that are crucial to the integrity of our industry.

MERSI in the Neighborhood

Swing by the Waltham baseball field this spring. We are sponsoring a youth baseball team and hope you can help us cheer them on!

We are also sponsoring a Waltham Council on Aging lunch for seniors on April 7th at 1 pm. During the lunch, we will be presenting valuable information on the advances in cataract surgery including its diagnosis and management. We will also discuss the new technology that is improving patient outcomes by changing how surgery is done.

If your company or event is interested in a presentation on eye health by the experts at MERSI, contact Cathy Barrett at (781) 891-6377.

Events

October 16-17

MERSI Fellows attended the 29th Biennial Cornea Conference at Mass Eye and Ear in Boston. Here, they presented their research on eye health and inflammatory diseases.



November 7

MERSI physicians participated in the Pediatric Uveitis Symposium in New York City produced by our Ocular Immunology and Uveitis Foundation and New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mt. Sinai. At the conference, Dr. Foster, the Founder of MERSI, spoke to attendees regarding educating families about diagnosing, managing and treating childhood uveitis.

November 7

MERSI attended the Best Years Expo at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA. The expo was focused on educating individuals age 50 and over about age-related health problems. At our booth, staff provided attendees with information about common eye problems that affects this population and how MERSI can help them through diagnosis, treatment and management of these diseases.

Upcoming Events

Make sure to stop by our booth at the Health and Wellness Expo on Sunday, April 10 at the Westin Waltham Hotel.

In The News

Watch a clip from our ribbon cutting on Waltham Community Access Corporation (minute 18:30)

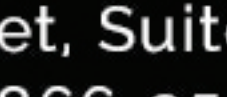
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