

## **About your surgeon...**

**Larry E. Patterson, M.D.** obtained his B.S. in Biology from Freed-Hardeman University and received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee at Memphis. Dr. Patterson did his internship at Methodist Hospital and his residency at UT Memphis. He began practicing in Crossville, TN in 1988. He is certified by the National Board of Medical Examiners and is a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology. He is a member of the Cumberland County Medical Society, Tennessee Medical Association, Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology, American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Patterson is the past president of Outpatient Ophthalmic Surgery Society and is also the chief medical editor of Ophthalmology Management. He is also the director and owner of Cataract and Laser Center, LLC.

Eye Centers of Tennessee offers complete eye care including routine and medical exams for all ages, glasses, contact lenses, laser surgery, and treatment of eye disease. Dr. Patterson was the first surgeon in east Tennessee to perform laser cataract surgery.

### **Published articles**

Dr. Patterson has published numerous articles in leading medical and trade journals such as the American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, Ophthalmology Management, Review of Ophthalmology, Ophthalmology Times and Administrative Eye Care. He writes a monthly Viewpoint editorial for Ophthalmology Management and was a contributing author to the book *The ABC's of ASC's* about ambulatory surgery centers.

### **Teaching faculty**

Dr. Patterson has been on the teaching faculty for many organizations all over the country. He taught "Advanced Surgical Concepts - A Guide to Successful Refractive and Cataract Surgery" in Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, New York, Palm Beach, New York, and Seattle. He has also instructed courses and wet labs on advanced cataract surgery techniques for ophthalmologists who want to learn how to perform better cataract surgery. He taught for four years at the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine instructing medical students in ophthalmology.

### **Presentations**

Dr. Patterson frequently lectures on advanced cataract surgery techniques at meetings all over the world. Locations include St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Dallas, San Diego, Rome, Italy, Anaheim, Orlando, New Orleans, Atlanta, Seattle, San Francisco, Washington DC, New York and Chicago.

### **Medical mission trips**

Dr. Patterson began assisting in medical mission trips in 1987 in Ometopec, Mexico and returned there again in 1991. He then began working with a non-profit organization called Health Talents International (HTI) located in Birmingham, Alabama ([www.healthtalents.org](http://www.healthtalents.org)). He and members of his staff attended several medical mission trips in 1994, 1997, 1998 and 1999 in the mountains of Chocoma, Guatemala. HTI was later able to build their own medical facility in Montellano, Guatemala called Clinica Ezell. Dr. Patterson and members of his staff attended medical mission trips to this location in 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2012 and 2014. He also offered his surgical skills on a medical mission trip to the Island Kingdom of Tonga in 2000.