

Laser and Cosmetic Surgery Center Opens

The UAMS Laser and Cosmetic Surgery Center recently opened in the Centre at Chenal Plaza, 17200 Chenal Parkway, Suite 306, Little Rock. Under the direction of facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon Suzanne W. Yee, M.D., and head and neck laser surgeon Milton Waner, M.D., the center provides comprehensive services and employs a highly trained, multidisciplinary medical team.

“Since our new center is a component of Arkansas’ only academic medical center, we have access to the most technologically advanced lasers and other state-of-the-art cosmetic surgical equipment. We can offer our patients some of the latest developments in this area of medicine,” Yee said. “Our facility is also the only one in the state that can offer patients promising new treatments that are undergoing clinical trials.”

The Laser and Cosmetic Surgery Center has a diverse patient clientele — including those who choose to have surgery for cosmetic reasons and those who require surgery to treat existing medical conditions. Some of the medically necessary procedures that the center performs are those for septal perforations; nasal fractures, airway obstructions and valve collapses; snoring related to possible obstructive sleep apnea;

hemangiomas; facial and body lesions, such as those that are caused by cancer; disfiguring birthmarks, such as venous malformations and port wine stains; visual



(L to R) Dick Pierson, Yuen, Yee, Waner, and Chancellor Ward

field obstruction caused by drooping eyelids and eyebrows; chronic back pain that can be alleviated by breast reduction; and varicose veins. Most private insurance companies cover many of these medically necessary procedures. With pre-approval — and, in some cases, documentation of reason for the procedure — Medicare and Medicaid usually reimburse for these surgeries as well. The center offers the following procedures:

- Laser-assisted hair removal
- Laser skin

resurfacing

- Laser removal of birthmarks, skin growths, warts, freckles, sun spots and tattoos

- Face lifts (rhytidectomy)
- Forehead lifts
- Eyebrow lifts
- Eyelid surgery (blepharoplasty)
- Nose surgery (rhinoplasty)
- Ear surgery (otoplasty)
- Breast augmentation and reduction
- Chemical peels
- Botox® injections
- Liposuction
- SOMNOPLASTYSM

procedure (for snoring)

- Sclerotherapy, sclerolaser therapy and ambulatory phlebectomy (for varicose veins)

In addition to Yee and Waner, the Laser and Cosmetic Surgery Center benefits from the expertise of vascular surgeon John F. Eidt, M.D.; facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon J. Michael Key, M.D.; dermatologic laser surgeon Jay M. Kincannon, M.D.; eyelid and orbital plastic and reconstructive surgeon Christopher T. Westfall, M.D.; and plastic and reconstructive surgeon James C. Yuen, M.D.