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Press Release

Glenn Medical Center expands its Ophthalmology Services

Willows, CA, March 10, 2011: Beginning March 2011, an ophthalmologist will be available to see patients every Monday from 9am to 5pm at the Glenn Medical Center Specialty Clinic. Glenn Medical Center has been providing Ophthalmology Services at the main location at 1133 W. Sycamore Street since June of 2007.

Ophthalmologists, Dr. Val Shaw and Dr. J. Isaac Barthelow diagnose and treat:

- Cataracts
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Detached Retina
- Floaters & Flashes
- Macular Degeneration
- Glaucoma
- Dry Eye
- Low Vision

“We are pleased to provide this outreach service. Our goal is to assist Glenn Medical Center and the health care professionals develop a high level of comprehensive care in this area,” reports Dr. Shaw. It is important for people with hypertension, diabetes or a family history of glaucoma and for all people over the age of 55 to get regular eye exams. Most insurance plans will cover these exams.

Dr Shaw has long been one of the premier ophthalmologists in the North Valley. He served as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Trauma at LA County Hospital through a combined program at UCLA and USC. Dr. Shaw also practiced as a consulting ophthalmologist for the Army at the 143rd Evacuation Hospital. He was the assistant chief of ophthalmology at the University of California, Irvine as well as chief of the division of Ocular Pathology. He returned home to Chico in 1978 and has cared for tens of thousands of patients both clinically and surgically. Dr. Shaw has performed all aspects of eye surgery including laser surgery, retinal detachments, glaucoma procedures, cosmetic and reconstructive oculoplastic surgery and pediatric care.

Dr. Barthelow excelled in his residency at the University of Utah’s prestigious Moran Eye Center. Dr. Barthelow was also active in research and received numerous awards including speaker of the year for his research on cataracts. His particular interests include the latest techniques for cataract

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Glenn Medical Center expands Ophthalmology management (no-stitch no-needle surgery under topical anesthesia), laser surgery, glaucoma, retinal diseases such as macular degeneration and diabetes, and oculoplastic surgery and trauma. He has recently finished advanced training in the diagnosis and management of dry eye syndrome.

Glenn Medical Center is a local not-for-profit hospital in operation since 1949. The Medical Center has grown significantly the past few years and now offers many new and needed health care services including: Cardiology, Dermatology, Neurology, General Surgery, Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Podiatry and Sleep Medicine. These specialties along with a Children's Health Center, Family Care Clinic and Glenn Family Medical Group, result in greater convenience and outstanding health care service for Glenn County and surrounding area residents.

Medical, Medicare and most private insurances are accepted. No referrals needed. For more information you may contact the Specialty Clinic at 530-934-1816.