

## Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Ranked Nation's #1 in Ophthalmology for the 12th Consecutive Year

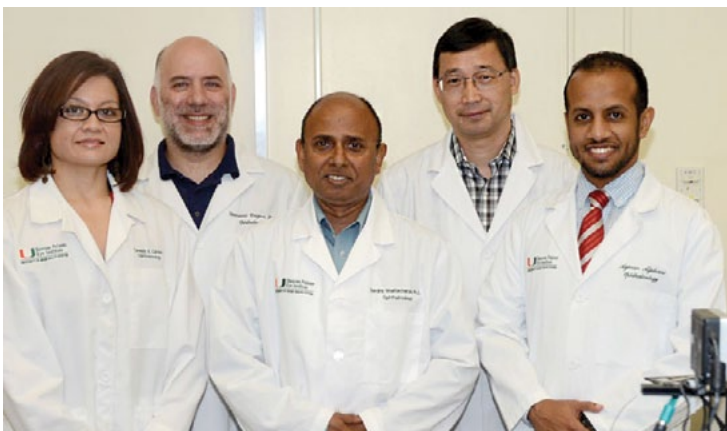
Proudly we share that once again Bascom Palmer Eye Institute has been ranked **#1 in the nation** by *U.S. News & World Report* in ophthalmology. The publisher's Best Hospitals 2015-2016 edition announced the 12th consecutive appearance for Bascom Palmer in the lead position —14 times overall. Ever since the rankings began 25 years ago, Bascom Palmer has earned either first or second place honors. Intrinsic to such recognition is Bascom Palmer's goal of world-class performance and its unwavering commitment to patient care, research and education in the field of ophthalmology.



### BREAKTHROUGH RESEARCH

#### Bascom Palmer Researchers Discover Protein that Leads to Glaucoma

An interdisciplinary team of researchers at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute has discovered a connection between a rise in levels of a protein product, cochlin, and the elevation of intraocular pressure associated with glaucoma. Early detection of cochlin levels that precede the disease offers potential diagnostic and prognostic value for the treatment of glaucoma.



From left, Teresia Carreon, Giovanni Gregori, Ph.D., Sanjoy Bhattacharya, Ph.D., M.Tech., Jianhua (Jay) Wang, M.D., Ph.D., M.S., and Ayan Aljohani, M.D.

#### Bascom Palmer Experts Implant First Bionic Eye in Florida

After 16 years of blindness, much of Carmen Torres' vision has been restored, after a "bionic eye" was implanted by a team of Bascom Palmer surgeons. The prosthetic system delivers electrical stimulation to the retina to restore visual perception in patients with severe retinitis pigmentosa. Describing what it felt like to see light after so many years in the dark, Torres said, "It was very emotional. You have to retrain your eye to interpret the signals, and that takes long hours and many days. For me, getting this implant has been a great improvement in my life and I'm very grateful to Bascom Palmer for making it happen."



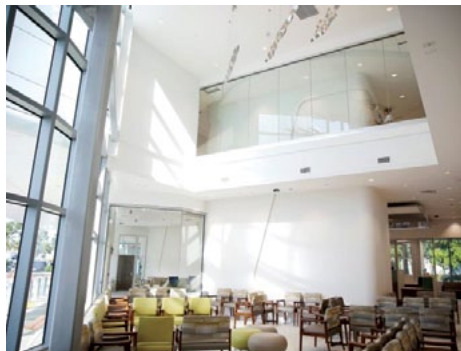
Ninel Z. Gregori, M.D., left, with Carmen Torres

# Bascom Palmer Opens in Naples

On June 29, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute opened new doors to a watching world. Our new facility in Naples, Florida, provides more than six times the clinical space than the previous clinic in Naples.

"The new campus will allow our doctors to treat virtually all eye diseases, from the most common to the most rare," said the center's medical director, Stephen G. Schwartz, M.D. "Not only are we expanding the space and our faculty and staff, but also the number of clinical research trials."

A building campaign is underway to raise funds for the building's \$25 Million construction loan. We are grateful to the generous friends who have already named areas within the building, and are happy to discuss naming opportunities still available in our clinic and Ambulatory Surgical Center. For further information please contact the Development Office at 305-326-6190.



## Save these Dates!



### Bascom Palmer Medical Forums & Luncheons

Forums will feature the latest developments in vision research and eye care.

#### Fort Lauderdale

**Wednesday, November 11, 2015**

Leiser Center, 221 Southwest 3rd Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312  
11:30 a.m., \$75 per person

#### Palm Beach

**Thursday, January 14, 2016**

The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 South Ocean Blvd.  
Palm Beach, Florida 33480  
11:30 a.m., \$150 per person



### Inaugural Evening of Vision Under the Stars Gala in Naples

**Friday, January 22, 2016**

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at Naples  
3880 Tamiami Trail North  
Naples, FL 34103  
6:00 p.m., \$250 per person



### 35th Annual Evening of Vision Gala in Palm Beach

**Saturday, March 5, 2016**

The Mar-a-Lago Club  
1100 South Ocean Boulevard  
Palm Beach, FL 33480  
6:30 p.m., \$600 per person

**For information on all events or to purchase tickets, please contact Bascom Palmer's development office at 305-326-6190, or email [bpeidevelopment@med.miami.edu](mailto:bpeidevelopment@med.miami.edu).**

## How you can help today

Please consider a generous gift to support breakthrough research and excellent patient care by mailing your check payable to **UM Bascom Palmer Eye Institute** in the envelope provided, or you may give online by visiting us at [bascompalmer.org/giving](http://bascompalmer.org/giving).

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The mission of Bascom Palmer Eye Institute is to enhance the quality of life by improving sight, preventing blindness and advancing knowledge through compassionate patient care and innovative research.

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