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Cataract Surgery Via Medical Tourism



By Jan Ross, Staff Writer

> Vacations + medical procedures.

The two would not seem to go together at all but "medical tourism", a term applied to patients traveling to other destinations to undergo medical procedures, is becoming more popular. Medical tourism used to be mostly associated with international travel but it is becoming a growing trend with domestic travel as well. People sometimes travel for medical care because it is substantially cheaper in the destination they are visiting, but it can also be to visit a lovely U.S. destination to undergo their procedure in a state-of-the-arts facility with a world-class doctor. If you have to get a medical procedure, why not enjoy a fabulous getaway for recovery at the same time?

A perfect example of this synchronicity is the extended stay package offered by the Wild Dunes Resort on Isle of Palms near Charleston, South Carolina in the fall and winter. Stay for two weeks or longer and you can enjoy this beautiful island in one of their charming condos or rental homes, and receive discounts on everything from housekeeping services to restaurant meals.

Extended stay visitors at the Wild Dunes Resort just might be spending time in nearby Charleston with the internationally recognized eye surgeon, Dr. Kerry Solomon. Solomon was listed as a "Top Doctor" by U.S. News & World Report, which is the highest ranking an ophthalmologist can attain. In the past year, over half of his patients traveled from outside the Charleston area from such diverse locations as New York and Arizona. Many of the eye procedures Dr. Solomon performs, such as LASIK and cataract removal surgery, require little recovery time so an extended stay at the resort is the perfect choice.

Dr. Solomon graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and interned at Yale, before completing a residency training in Ophthalmology at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, and a fellowship at Johns Hopkins University. In 1996, Dr. Solomon performed the first LASIK procedure in South Carolina and, as the technology advanced, he performed the first PRK and iLASIK procedures in the state. Dr. Solomon began performing cataract correction surgery in 1990 and later became the first in South Carolina to implant multifocal and toric lifestyle lenses; the first to perform toric astigmatism surgery and laser refractive cataract surgery; and the first to use the advanced OZil® ultrasound, an innovative new way to remove cataracts.

Since 2002, Dr. Solomon has annually been named one of the "Top 50 Opinion Leaders in the Fields of Cataract and Refractive Surgery" and one of the "Best Doctors in America". He has been cited in a number of national publications and has appeared on NBC's "Today" and the PBS series "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind" which aired in more than 140 countries. He is presently a partner at Caroline Eyecare Physicians, an adjunct clinical professor of ophthalmology at the Medical University of South Carolina, and the member of many professional boards and organizations as well as the winner of numerous awards and honors. In addition, he will serve as president of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons in 2016-2017.

To learn more about Dr. Kerry Solomon, visit http://www.carolinaeyecare.com/.

Further information about Wild Dunes Resort is at http://www.wild-dunes.com/.

