

Patient Testimonial
Barbara Carter
Storm Eye Institute

For 55-year-old Barbara Carter, a diagnosis of cataracts seemed unreal. Wearing eyeglasses since the age of 19 and bifocals since the age of 28, Barbara knew she had poor vision but never imagined she could have cataracts at such a young age. When her eye doctor told her earlier this year that her vision could no longer be corrected with the use of eyeglasses or contacts, she knew it was time to see an ophthalmologist for a full evaluation.

After a careful examination by ophthalmologist David Vroman, MD, at the Albert Florens Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina, the reason for Barbara's diminished vision was finally identified and a treatment plan presented. "Although nobody wants to hear that they have cataracts, I knew they could be removed and that I finally had a good treatment option to restore my vision loss."

Barbara's first cataract was removed in early May 2005 during a straightforward outpatient procedure. "Dr. Vroman was wonderful. He carefully explained my treatment options, what the surgery would be like and the results I could expect. The entire experience was better than I could have imagined." With 20/30 vision in the treated eye, Barbara is finally able to once again enjoy the little things in life, like reading. "I see colors again. I can read my books. My eyes aren't so tired at the end of the day. I can't believe I finally have back the life I enjoyed before my vision became so poor."

With her second surgery scheduled later this September, Barbara looks forward to enjoying her new vision and her new life. "My mother always called me her little dreamer because I would dream about the things I wanted to do in life. Now, with my restored vision and my new outlook on life I'm no longer dreaming. I'm making my dreams a reality, all thanks to Dr. Vroman and Storm Eye Institute."