

Phyllis Chinnis
Patient Testimonial
Storm Eye Institute

After failing her driving test for poor vision in 2003, Phyllis Chinnis had had enough. Wearing eyeglasses since the age of 21 and bifocals since the age of 30, Phyllis's diagnosis of cataracts seemed like a natural progression to her lifetime of vision problems.

Phyllis was diagnosed in 2002 with cataracts during a routine eye exam with her ophthalmologist Kerry Solomon, MD, at the Albert Florens Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina. "We knew I had cataracts but they weren't yet bad enough to have removed so we waited. After failing the driving test, I knew it was time." During her surgical consultation Phyllis was updated on the various options available to address her vision needs and informed about a new lens offered to qualified Storm Eye Institute clinical trial participants.

Approved earlier this spring by the FDA, the ReSTOR lens is the latest advancement in the treatment of presbyopia, or the need for reading glasses. For a cataract patient like Phyllis Chinnis who required glasses for both up close and far vision, the ReSTOR option was an easy decision.

"After receiving the first implant in June 2003 I noticed an immediate improvement. I read everything on the way home from the hospital – street signs, license plates – I couldn't believe it." Phyllis became comfortable with her first implant then knew it was time for the other. "I had the second implant in August 2003 and finally had the vision I had missed for over 30 years."

With the ability to see both close up and far restored, Phyllis can now return to life's daily activities that she holds so dear, like driving. "I can't say enough about my experience. Dr. Solomon was wonderful. The ReSTOR lens is wonderful. I can't thank Storm Eye Institute enough for giving me back the gift of sight."