

Colleen Thomas  
Patient Testimonial  
Storm Eye Institute

Aging gracefully was something Colleen Thomas was determined to do. At forty years young, Colleen began noticing the natural signs of aging and decided it was time to do something for herself. As an MUSC employee, she knew there were various options available, but chose the cosmetic services of the Albert Florens Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina.

“I wanted to do something to freshen my appearance but didn’t want anything too drastic. A friend of mine recommended the cosmetic services of Malissa LaRoche Sandhu, PA-C, with Storm Eye Institute.” Like many women, Colleen considered her range of options, from plastic surgery to chemical peels. “I was hesitant to have a chemical peel at first because I thought it would be really irritating to my skin. Malissa and I talked about my choices and decided on a milder treatment plan that would effectively bring results without harsh redness and peeling.” With two of the recommended six treatments already completed, Colleen has noticed a considerable difference. “It looks like the years are melting away. I had skin sloughing for a couple of days, but now my lines are softer and the sun discoloration is fading.”

Choosing the right provider to do the chemical peels was important to Colleen. Knowing that many spas, dermatologists and salons now offer cosmetic procedures, Colleen did her homework first. “I am a long-time patient of Storm Eye Institute so I was already familiar with their expertise and quality of care. I also work at MUSC so I knew Malissa had a great reputation around the hospital. After meeting her and seeing for myself how skilled she was, how comfortable she made me feel and how professionally she runs her practice, I knew she was the right choice.”

Like many women and men, Colleen realized the cost benefit of having the series of peels vs. investing in expensive over the counter products. “I have friends that spend a ton of money on fancy products but never see the results I’ve already gotten. It’s such a small investment to look and feel better about myself. I can’t say enough about Malissa and the wonderful experience I’ve had with Storm Eye Institute. I’m excited about doing something for myself and finally looking as young as I feel.”