



## Dr. Allison Dublin, MD

*Glaucoma and Cataract Surgery*

Her name might conjure images of green isles and golden harps, but Dr. Allison Dublin isn't Irish – in fact, English isn't even her first language.

“My mom is half Mexican,” explains Dr. Dublin, who grew up speaking Spanish in Brownsville, Texas, a border town where 90 percent of the population is of Spanish descent. “I’m teaching my children Spanish. They’re learning it in school too.” Being bilingual has been a blessing for Dr. Dublin, who believes communication is key to providing quality care. The ability to connect with patients is why she chose to become a doctor – and, she laughingly admits, is also why her clinic sometimes “runs behind.”

“Building relationships with patients is one of the most essential things to being a doctor, and to do that you have to get to know them,” explains Dr. Dublin. “That’s one of the things that drew me to specializing in glaucoma – even though it’s something you can never cure – you see your patients every four months. You get to know them as people and what will work for them as individuals with individualized treatment.”

Though it seems a natural fit, Dr. Dublin did not know she wanted to pursue ophthalmology in medical school. Rather, it was a combination of childhood experience and the urging of her mother that led Dr. Dublin to the field.

“My great-grandmother lost her vision to glaucoma, while my mother had several corneal surgeries and my dad had retinal detachment,” Dr. Dublin says. “My mom actually suggested I look into ophthalmology when I was in medical school and was about to enter my clinical years. I chose to do several rotations, and I loved it.”

Dr. Dublin obtained her B.A. in Spanish and Biology from the University of Texas at Austin and her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, where she received the Women’s Faculty Leadership Award. She completed a preliminary medicine internship at The Reading Hospital and Medical Center in West Reading, Pennsylvania and completed her residency at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she was chief of ophthalmology. She completed her training with a glaucoma fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine.

While at George Washington, Dr. Dublin met fellow Marietta Eye Clinic Dr. Dhanu Meleth. The pair formed a close bond, and Dr. Dublin came to Marietta Eye on Dr. Meleth's recommendation. When she isn't seeing patients, Dr. Dublin can be found cheering on her beloved Texas Longhorns, watching '80s Brat Pack movies, reading historical fiction novels (her favorite is "Cold Mountain"), or walking the Atlanta Botanical Gardens with her husband and children. She loves Mexican food and the Spurs, and heaven help you if you lay a hand on her Manu Ginobili jersey!

Dr. Dublin's professional affiliations include membership in the American Glaucoma Society, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and the American Medical Association. She sees patients at the Main, Douglasville, Acworth, and Powder Springs offices.

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