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RETINA GROUP OF WASHINGTON OPENS NEW OFFICE IN SILVER SPRING

GREENBELT, MD—The Retina Group of Washington (RGW), **the largest practice in the country devoted to retinal and macular care**, has opened in Silver Spring (8630 Fenton Street), making it the 11th RGW office in the Washington metropolitan area.

The Silver Spring office will be manned by two experienced and highly respected ophthalmologists, both of whom are certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and licensed to practice in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia:

Dr. Reshma Katira*, currently the **only female retina surgeon practicing full-time in the D.C. area, has fashioned a formidable career since completing both an internship in general surgery and a residency in ophthalmology at Rush University Hospital in Chicago, where she served as Chief Resident. Dr. Katira completed a two-year Fellowship in Vitreoretinal Diseases & Surgery with Georgetown University Hospital, the Washington Hospital Center and RGW. She joined the practice five years ago, and was recently named President of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Ophthalmologic Society.

Dr. Aziz A. Khanifar*, who recently joined RGW, completed a Fellowship in Medical Retina & Research at the Duke Eye Center and a Fellowship in Vitreoretinal Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College. He has developed an expertise in treating patients with age-related macular degeneration, diabetes and retinal vascular diseases. Dr. Khanifar, **the only full-time Hispanic retinal specialist in the D.C. area, is a frequent presenter at national meetings, has authored numerous articles and serves as a reviewer for *Retina* and *Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus*.

The Retina Group of Washington, founded in 1982, is dedicated to providing the highest quality patient care, advancing the field of retinal care and training world class retinal physicians. The practice treats the full range of retinal diseases—age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and retinal detachments among many others—in its 11 offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.