

Kritzinger Memorial Award



Dr. Stephen Brint

The Kritzinger Memorial Award recognizes an individual who embodies the clinical, educational and investigative qualities of Dr. Kritzinger by working to advance the international practice of refractive surgery.

Stephen Brint, MD, FACS has practiced ophthalmology since 1977, when he completed his ophthalmology residency at Tulane-affiliated hospitals in New Orleans, Louisiana. He continues to be in private practice in New Orleans, as well as serving as associate clinical professor of ophthalmology at Tulane University School of Medicine.

In the early days of refractive surgery, Dr. Brint performed radial keratotomy and freeze keratomileusis. In 1991, after visiting Lucio Buratto, MD in Milan and seeing the initial ablation of the corneal cap technique of what was to become LASIK, he was the first surgeon in the United States to perform this technique as part of the original Summit Technology Excimer MKM/LASIK study.

Subsequently, he was an investigator in all of the FDA clinical studies of Summit Technology, Autonomous, Ladar and WaveLight for FDA approval of myopic, hyperopic, astigmatic and wavefront-guided PRK and LASIK. As an active cataract/refractive surgeon, he also was involved in the FDA investigations for the ReSTOR IOL, as well as the Artisan Phakic IOL.

Along with Lucio Burrato, Dr. Brint has coauthored three textbooks on LASIK, and he has written numerous papers on LASIK and given presentations and courses at all of the major U.S. and international meetings over the past 20 years.