

Carisa Petris

Patients with eye damage look to Dr. Carisa Petris for results.

Petris, who graduated from the University of Missouri School of Medicine, treats patients at MU Health Care's Mason Eye Institute. She conducts surgical procedures involving eye repair, called oculoplastics. As an ophthalmologist working in this area, Petris draws on her expertise to repair abnormalities of the eyelids and area around the eye, including tear ducts and parts of the face. She specializes in plastic, reconstructive and orbital (eye socket) surgery.

In addition to surgery, Petris conducts research related to thyroid eye disease. This disease occurs when the immune system attacks the area behind the eye, causing inflammation that pushes the eye forward. Rehabilitative decompression surgery may be performed to create more space behind the eye, improving a person's appearance. Petris has presented on the topic at the International Thyroid Eye Disease Society Symposium.

Petris has also received numerous awards and accolades, including grant funding and ranking in *Inside Columbia* Magazine's favorite doctors list.

Dr. Carisa Petris is an assistant professor of oculoplastics, orbital and lacrimal surgery, and clinical ophthalmology at the MU School of Medicine.

