

# CENTRAL MINNESOTA RETINA SPECIALISTS

VITREORETINAL and MACULAR  
DISEASES and SURGERY

Dr. Gullapalli's story is one of overcoming long odds through hard work and excellence. He grew up and attended college in Bangalore, India. In competitive exams at the end of college he had to test in the top 1 percent to gain entrance into Bangalore Medical College. At the end of medical school he completed a year-long internship at Victoria and Bowring & Lady Curzon Hospitals, also in Bangalore.

Dr. Gullapalli spent the next ten years in the United States doing basic science research in retinal transplantation and experimental uveitis. His first position brought him in 1995 to work at the Doheny Eye Institute at the University of Southern California as a postdoctoral fellow. Later he moved to the University of Rochester in New York where he studied retinal transplantation. Dr. Gullapalli then completed his PhD in Neurosciences at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey/Rutgers, working with Dr. Marco Zarbin in the Department of Ophthalmology on topics related to retinal aging and transplantation for macular degeneration. His work has appeared in numerous peer-reviewed research publications in major journals. He also co-authored chapters in major ophthalmology textbooks.

Dr. Gullapalli completed a second internship in surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, and he completed his Ophthalmology Residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 2009. Dr. Gullapalli is board certified in ophthalmology and has completed subspecialty fellowship training in vitreoretinal diseases and surgery at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York.

Dr. Gullapalli worked for four years as a retina specialist in private practice before joining Dr. Reynolds at Central Minnesota Retina Specialists. After working for five years in MN, he returned to University of Rochester where he served as a Retina Fellowship Director and, in the final year, as Chief of Retina Service. He is excited to return to his favorite state to provide high quality local retina care to the Minnesotans again.

Dr. Gullapalli enjoys golf, guitar, saxophone, traveling, and is a car and aviation enthusiast.



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