Porter Ophthalmology Announces Bhumi Kinariwala, MD Joining Surgical Team in 2026

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Porter Ophthalmology announced today that Dr. Bhumi Kinariwala will join its surgical team on January 12, 2026, expanding the practice?s capacity for advanced vision correction and refractive surgical care. The appointment represents a significant milestone in the continued growth of Porter Ophthalmology and reflects the practice?s long-term commitment to physician-led care, clinical depth, and thoughtful expansion in response to rising patient demand.

Dr. Kinariwala is a board-certified, fellowship-trained ophthalmologist with specialized expertise in modern refractive surgery. Her clinical background includes LASIK, PRK, EVO ICL, refractive lens exchange (lens replacement), and cataract surgery. She joins Porter Ophthalmology after serving as lead refractive surgeon at a vision correction practice in Pittsburgh, where she oversaw complex surgical planning and outcomes for patients seeking alternatives to glasses and contact lenses.

?Dr. Kinariwala brings a level of refractive training and leadership experience that strengthens our ability to care for patients seeking surgical vision correction,? said Isaac Porter, MD, founder of Porter Ophthalmology. ?Her background reflects the type of depth and discipline that aligns with how we approach surgery and

optimal patient outcomes.?

Dr. Kinariwala completed her undergraduate education at Pennsylvania State University before earning her medical degree from Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. During medical school, she was recognized for outstanding aptitude and excellence in ophthalmology and was inducted into the Hobart Amory Hare Honor Society. She completed her ophthalmology residency at the University at Buffalo, where she gained broad exposure to both medical and surgical ophthalmology prior to pursuing advanced subspecialty training.

She went on to complete a prestigious refractive surgery fellowship at Brinton Vision in St. Louis, training under nationally recognized leaders in laser vision correction and refractive lens-based procedures. Fellowship training of this type is designed to refine surgical judgment, enhance precision in preoperative planning, and prepare surgeons to manage a wide range of refractive conditions using evidence-based approaches. Dr. Kinariwala?s fellowship experience included advanced laser systems, implantable lens technology, and complex refractive case management.

?Fellowship training matters because it shapes how surgeons think through each case, not just how they perform a procedure,? Dr. Porter said. ?Dr. Kinariwala?s training reflects a high level of surgical rigor and attention to detail, which are essential when patients are making long-term decisions about their vision.?

Dr. Kinariwala is board certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and maintains active membership in the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery and the American Academy of Ophthalmology. In addition to her clinical practice, she has contributed to ophthalmic research through multiple publications and collaborative projects, reflecting an ongoing commitment to advancing the field through data-driven inquiry and peer-reviewed work.

Beyond her work in the clinic and operating room, Dr. Kinariwala has participated in multiple international medical mission trips focused on providing cataract surgery to underserved populations. These experiences, according to Dr. Porter, reflect a broader perspective on patient care and professional responsibility.

?Her involvement in global surgical outreach speaks to a deeper understanding of what vision restoration can mean in a patient?s life,? Dr. Porter said. ?That perspective often translates into a thoughtful, measured approach to care, which is something we value deeply within our practice.?

Dr. Kinariwala?s addition comes at a time when interest in vision correction procedures continues to grow, particularly among patients seeking alternatives to long-term dependence on corrective lenses. Porter Ophthalmology has continued to expand its surgical team and infrastructure to ensure that patients have access to experienced surgeons, comprehensive evaluations, and continuity of care before and after surgery.

?Growth for us is not about volume alone,? Dr. Porter said. ?It is about building a surgical team with the training, judgment, and professionalism necessary to support patients through every stage of their care. Dr. Kinariwala?s experience and approach fit squarely within that vision.?

Dr. Kinariwala will begin seeing patients at Porter Ophthalmology in January 2026. Additional information about the practice, its physicians, and available vision correction services can be found on the Porter Ophthalmology website.

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