Magdalena M. Bacon, RN, BSN

From sunny Florida, Magdalena M. Bacon, RN, BSN shares with us her enthusiasm for ophthalmology. She is a member of the Florida Chapter of ASORN and past Secretary/Treasurer of the chapter.

At the encouragement of her sister (a Registered Nurse), Magdalena enrolled and completed her RN training from a local community college. She then received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Miami.

Following her education, her interest in ophthalmology began as a result of her friends who worked in the field. Over twenty-seven years ago, Magdalena began her career in ophthalmic nursing by giving fluorescein injections in the Retina Service at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute (BPEI) in Miami, Florida. BPEI Retina Service pioneered fluorescein angiography under the direction of J. Donald Gass, MD, other BPEI ophthalmologists, and Johnny Justice, Jr., a medical photographer.

Magdalena continued her nursing career in the Outpatient Service and Inpatient Service at Bascom Palmer. Presently, she works in Emergency Services at BPEI. Emergency Services is 24-hour community based ophthalmic care that includes the indigent and low income patients of Miami-Dade County.

She came to the United States from Nicaragua in 1979. Although very busy with her family and career, in her spare time, Magdalena enjoys travelling, watching movies, shopping, and swimming (she was on her high school swim team).

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