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### **Boston's Eyelid Specialist Says Public Needs More Education on Cosmetic Surgery**

Four cosmetic medicine and aesthetic surgery societies recently formed the Physicians Aesthetic Coalition in part to help educate the public about cosmetic surgery and promote patient safety. **Dr. Ioannis P. Glavas, The Eyelid Specialist**, today announced that he applauds the new coalition's timely efforts.

"The coalition wants to help patients make informed decisions," states Dr. Glavas. "There is a lot of misinformation out there about certain cosmetic procedures. For example, we talk about Botox Cosmetic™ and other injectable treatments as being safe – and they are, when administered by a qualified cosmetic surgeon."

Dr. Glavas said that some of the dangers of receiving treatments in a non-medical setting or by non-qualified health professionals include higher risks of complications, improper handling of the injectables, and contaminated needles. These risks are highest at so-called "Botox parties."

"One of the biggest misconceptions is that injectable treatments are safe enough to be provided at a salon or other convenient location. That's simply not true," he said. "Educating the consumer on what to ask, what to expect and where you should go for these and other cosmetic procedures is critical."

The Physicians Aesthetic Coalition is comprised of four nationally known medical societies: The American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS), the American Academy of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery (AAFPRS), the American Society Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ASOPRS) and the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS). Dr. Glavas is affiliated with both the AARPRS and ASOPRS.

**Dr. Ioannis P. Glavas** is a Board Certified (ABO) oculoplastic and facial cosmetic surgeon specializing in eyelid procedures with offices in Boston (Newbury Street) and Manhattan. The author of numerous scientific papers, Dr. Glavas serves as an Assistant Clinical Professor at NYU school of Medicine.

Dr. Glavas is regularly quoted in newspapers and on TV and radio, and is available to comment on all issues related to cosmetic surgery and most particularly eyelid procedures.

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