

***Catherine N. Smoot-Haselnus, M.D. background***

She is the founder and president of Chesapeake Eye Center, P.A., with offices in both Salisbury and Berlin and is active in the community.

On the professional level, Dr. Smoot-Haselnus was the president of MedChi (the Maryland State Medical Society) in 2002-03 as well as president of the Maryland Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons in 2005, and president of the Lower Shore Medical Society in 1997-99.

She also serves as a board member for the Delmarva Foundation and is secretary-treasurer of Quality Health Strategies. From 1997 to 2000, Dr. Smooth-Haselnus was commissioner for the State of Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission and from 2000 to 2002, she was commissioner for the State of Maryland Health Care Commission.

A graduate in biology with a BA from Western Maryland College, Dr. Smoot-Haselnus has since earned a master's degree from the University of Maryland in Baltimore, a medical doctorate from the University of Maryland Medical School in 1985. Following that, she did an internship in internal medicine at the Medical Center of Delaware and had an ophthalmology residency at the Albany (NY) Medical Center, followed by being the chief resident in ophthalmology there. In 1989-90, she was a visiting fellow at Moorefield's Eye Hospital in London, England.