

Brown: Pain comes from faulty eye muscle

From 10A

icine, she had his liver tested. Though educators were doing all they knew to do, there was a lack of understanding, Hearon says.

"The principal and the teachers couldn't have been expected to understand it because most of the time when someone has an eye problem, we can take care of it," Routh says.

Brown syndrome can affect the left eye, right eye or in rare cases, both eyes. Adam has acquired right Brown syndrome, meaning when he looks to his left and upward, his left eye goes up normally but his right eye does not. The disparity causes double vision, and the pain emits from the eye muscle's inability to function normally in the right eye.

Adam sees fine looking straight ahead. Wearing the occluded glasses forces him to turn his head and see without pain.

"This child is my world ... and watching him in pain every day, you know, you suffer as a mother," says Hearon, who watched Adam come home from school, head to his room and cry. "I'm so grateful that Dr. Routh was here in Kosciusko. I had just gotten to my wits end seeing him suffer."

She decided to have Adam



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Adam Hearon glances to the left while Dr. Larry Routh places a ruler over his glasses to block his vision.

homeschooled to relieve him of the stress. He's now in the ninth grade and no longer taking special education classes. He also has his driving permit now — something he likely would not have if Routh had not intervened.

Though thrilled to help his patient, Routh hadn't considered submitting his findings to the optometry journal until he spoke with Milam.

"I encouraged Dr. Routh to write this up in a paper. I think it would benefit the community of eye professionals," Milam says.

Routh didn't notify the Mississippi Optometric Association about his paper until the pre-publication, according to Linda Ross Aldy, executive

director. Aldy isn't aware of another Mississippi optometrist who has had an article published in the journal in the five years she has been in charge.

"We are very proud of Dr. Routh, not only his work but him being in Mississippi. He's absolutely a credit to optometry. We consider it a big deal," she says.

"I'm very, very thankful that I was used to do something that Adam and his mom recognize is a wonderful help to them, but optometrists all over the United States do similar things on a daily basis — saving and preserving eyesight and enhancing people's lives by early detection of disease processes," he says.

"They're kind of the unsung heroes, kind of in the background. They work so diligently, especially in little towns where they're fewer doctors."

Routh has practiced in Kosciusko — population about 7,300 — for 32 years. He points out sector occlusion of a lens has been used to treat other disorders. However, this is the first time precise occlusion has been used to end double vision of Brown syndrome.

"The thing about the procedure, it provides a repeatable measurement. It's scientific, so you don't just put the shading anywhere. Any doctor could repeat it," Routh says. "Doctors may find they can adapt this procedure to similar problems that may not be Brown syndrome, so it may be more helpful than we can imagine."

As for Adam's prognosis, the future looks bright. If his vision changes or he chooses another frame of a different size or shape, he and Routh will go through the process again of determining where the occlusion would need to be on new glasses.

"I hope these same glasses last me 40 or 50 years," Adam says.

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HEALTH BRIEFS

Hospital plans heartburn event

A heartburn seminar is set for 6 p.m. June 9 at Riverview Oaks Hospital in Flowood. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Ken Cleveland will discuss an incisionless procedure that treats the cause of heartburn. Reservations are not required for this free event. Reserve a space by calling 1-877-907-7642.

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Adopt a child

The Clarion-Ledger each Tuesday publishes a profile of a child hoping to be adopted. The profiles are provided by Wendy's Wonderful Kids, a program of Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth and Mississippi Families for Kids. These two nonprofits collaborate with the Mississippi Department of Human Services to help place children who are in need of individualized attention.

Keiera, 16, is in the 11th grade. She is a very kind, intelligent and sweet-natured young lady who is

doing well in school. She plans to attend college. Her favorite subject in school is English, and she loves to read.

Keiera loves to socialize, listen to all types of music and play musical instruments. Keiera is in the band at school and one day she would like to start her own band.

Keiera has two younger brothers (Tyrell and Tyreek), and they would like to be adopted together.



Keiera

Keiera and her siblings need and deserve a family that will love them and emotionally support them. They would thrive in a two-parent home, where they would receive a lot of attention.

If you are interested in becoming a permanent family for Keiera, Tyrell and Tyreek, contact the Wendy's Wonderful Kids recruiters: Lynda J. Robinson at (601) 354-0983 or 1-800-748-3005, Amy Gaines at (601) 957-7670 or 1-800-241-5437, or Edna McLendon at (601) 359-4500 or 1-800-345-6247.

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