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Eugene, Ore. – Eugene ophthalmologists **Drs. I. Howard Fine, Richard S. Hoffman and Mark Packer** are seeing “spectacular” results with a new intraocular lens implant that for the first time allows patients to focus automatically and seamlessly at all distances without glasses or contact lenses. In fact, after the procedure 90% of their patients could see to drive, work on a computer and read without glasses.

Their success rates in clinical trials of the intraocular lens have been so impressive that the developing company took the unusual step of asking the Eugene-based surgeons to conduct 25 percent of the FDA-monitored study of the new lens. Individual investigational sites typically perform only 5 percent of such studies.

Developed by eyeonics, a medical device company headquartered in Aliso Viejo, California, the Crystalens™ is an intraocular lens replacement that allows patients to focus at multiple distances by moving in response to the natural contraction and relaxation of the eye’s ciliary muscle. Monofocal or multifocal lenses can correct vision only at pre-set distances. The Crystalens™ is the first FDA approved “accommodating” intraocular lens that allows patients to seamlessly focus at near, intermediate and far distances.

Although the FDA approved the Crystalens™ for marketing in November of this year, Drs. Fine, Hoffman and Packer are the only ophthalmologists in the Pacific Northwest and among only a handful of surgeons in the United States who have experience implanting the new lens.

Cataract surgery is the most commonly performed surgery in the world, with 2.7 million procedures performed annually in the United States. Refractive Lens Exchange is essentially the same procedure performed to reduce or eliminate dependence on glasses or contact lenses for individuals having difficulty reading, working on a computer and/or driving without the aid of glasses.

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