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**Drs. Fine, Hoffman and Packer, LLC to Offer VISIAN Implantable Collamer Lens (ICL) For Correction of Myopia**

Eugene, Ore. – Eugene ophthalmologists **Drs. I. Howard Fine, Richard S. Hoffman and Mark Packer** are now offering the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) newly approved VISIAN Implantable Collamer Lens (ICL) for use in correction of myopia in adults.

The VISIAN ICL is a lens implant intended for placement in the eye behind the iris to correct the need for distance vision correction by spectacles or contact lenses. The approved implants are indicated for the correction of moderate to high myopia in adults, with or without astigmatism, in patients 21 to 45 years of age and a stable refractive history for one year prior to implantation.

With highly biocompatible Collamer material the Implantable Collamer Lens (ICL) is the only minimally invasive foldable lens of its kind approved for the U.S. commercial market. As a result of the unique foldable design, the ICL procedure allows an incision up to 50% smaller than competing technology, and its placement in the eye behind the iris provides a more aesthetically pleasing outcome. In addition to the U.S., the ICL is also approved for sale in 41 countries, including the European Union and has successfully been implanted in more than 40,000 eyes worldwide.

Although the FDA approved the VISIAN ICL for marketing in December 2005, 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 seven years experience implanting the newly approved lens.

Drs. I. Howard Fine, Richard Hoffman and Mark Packer are one of a select group of practices that are continually involved in the research and clinical investigation of phakic lens designs. Due to their relationship with the ophthalmic industry, they are able to offer some of the most advanced and advantageous lens designs to their patients often years before they become available to the general public. Drs. Fine, Hoffman and Packer in Eugene, Oregon were among the first physicians in the Northwest to treat patients with the VISIAN ICL.

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