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Daniel S. Durrie, M.D. Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

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The International Society of Refractive Surgery (ISRS) has bestowed upon Daniel S. Durrie, MD of Durrie Vision in Overland Park, Kan., its coveted Lifetime Achievement Award. This award was established by the ISRS Board of Directors in 1996 to honor an ISRS member who has made significant and internationally recognized contributions to the advancement of refractive surgery over his or her career. It is among the most prestigious forms of recognition an ophthalmologist can receive.

Dr. Durrie was recognized at the ISRS Gala Dinner on October 14 during the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in Chicago.

With more than 20 years experience in laser and surgical vision correction (refractive surgery), Dr. Durrie is a pioneer in procedures to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism and higher order imperfections of the eye. He has performed more than 40,000 refractive surgery procedures. He and the Durrie Vision research team participate as medical monitor and clinical investigator on numerous clinical research studies of new devices, techniques or treatments each year. He is also very active in training eye surgeons around the world on new, or newly perfected, surgical techniques

Erin Durrie Stahl Recognized for "Best Paper" by International Ophthalmology Organization

October 27, 2005

Erin Durrie Stahl, MD, was honored during the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting in Chicago last week for preparing and presenting one of the ophthalmology profession's top 10 papers of 2005. She presented a summary of the paper to the symposium on October 18.

FAA Approves Vision Correction Procedure for Pilots

October 19, 2005

ophthalmic device manufacturer Refractec Inc. announced today that the Federal Aviation Administration has established the protocol for airplane pilots wanting to reduce their dependence on glasses by having the NearVision CK (conductive keratoplasty) treatment.

"Certification by the FAA as a vision correction procedure for pilots validates the safety and value of CK as a refractive treatment," said Mitchell B. Campbell, president of Refractec, Inc. "Only the safest and most effective procedures obtain an FAA protocol and we're thrilled that pilots can now enjoy the benefits of NearVision CK."

FAA Protocol for Conductive Keratoplasty U.S. pilots who are considering having conductive keratoplasty to improve their vision may now do so without losing their aeromedical certification for flying. First, before considering CK, the pilot should check with his or her employer (if employed by the airlines) and/or flight medical examiner to determine if CK is an appropriate treatment option and if post-CK vision meets their individual requirements for flying.

For details on certification requirements and the complete protocol for CK, please visit the Federal Aviation Administration website at www.faa.gov or click here: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/aam/ame_guide/media/protocols.pdf.

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In 2004, Refractec's NearVision CK became the leading nonlaser refractive procedure in the U.S. and is the fastest growing vision procedure since the introduction of LASIK. To date, more than 125,000 CK treatments have been performed worldwide and more than 800 physicians are certified to perform NearVision CK.

NearVision CK Shows Promise for Post-LASIK Baby Boomers with 'Aging Eyes'

Oct. 17, 2005

Ophthalmic device manufacturer Refractec Inc. today announced the preliminary clinical results presented at the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) meeting here affirming the safety and efficacy of its NearVision CK (conductive keratoplasty) treatment for presbyopic patients with a history of LASIK surgery.

Greek for "aging eye," presbyopia is a progressive condition that causes near vision to fade with age. Some 90 million Americans age 40 and over either have presbyopia or will develop it in the next decade, and many have had LASIK surgery to correct other vision problems earlier in their lives.

"Those baby boomers who were among the first to enjoy the benefits of LASIK to correct the vision problems of their youth now face the gradual reduction of near vision as they age," said Dr. Daniel S. Durrie, M.D., lead investigator of the study, who presented his findings at the AAO Annual Meeting in Chicago. "Fortunately for these post-LASIK patients, initial results from this study indicate NearVision CK may be a good treatment option."

NearVision CK is a quick (three-minute) treatment that uses radio waves, instead of a laser or a scalpel, to bring near vision back into focus without cutting or removing any tissue. Boasting one of the highest safety profiles in the refractive market, NearVision CK already has U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval for the treatment of presbyopia and hyperopia (farsightedness). Refractec is seeking expanded approval to improve near vision in post-LASIK patients.

The Phase Three multicenter post-LASIK clinical trial will involve 150 patients who, other than suffering from presbyopia, had normal vision. Preliminary results of the first 23 patients compiled one month after the treatment showed excellent safety (no flap complications or adverse events) and outstanding visual outcomes for the entire range of vision:

- 96 percent of patients could read J3 (phonebook-sized print) or better
- 96 percent of patients achieved binocular intermediate vision of 20/20 or better, compared to 65% pre-operatively
- All of the patients . 100 percent . achieved a binocular UCVA of 20/25 or better at distance
- More than 90 percent achieved binocular UCVA vision to read J2-sized print or smaller
- These results contributed to an enthusiastic response from patients, with 96 percent reporting being satisfied or very satisfied with their post-operative vision.

The clinical trial, now underway, involves more patients at additional centers, and includes longer term follow-up data. Researchers hope to complete enrollment of the study in mid-2006.

"NearVision CK already plays an important role in the refractive practice, offering patients and surgeons a minimally invasive option for the treatment of presbyopia," said Mitchell B. Campbell, Refractec's president and chief executive officer. "We are confident that the results of this Post- LASIK study will demonstrate our technology's ability to address the needs of presbyopic patients with a history of vision procedures."

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Clinical Trial of NearVision CK with LightTouch Begins

Also at the AAO meeting, Refractec announced the launch of an Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) study, recently approved by the FDA, of NearVision CK with LightTouch. The announcement marks an important phase in the company's efforts to obtain supplemental pre-market approval for LightTouch, a neutral-compression technique that delivers even more consistent, repeatable results.

As the LightTouch technique enhances the absorption of the radiofrequency energy, it appears that we can generate results with fewer spots," said Durrie, who also is lead investigator of the LightTouch IDE study. "My initial work with LightTouch indicates that it may reduce the frequency of CK-induced astigmatism and achieve more immediate vision correction. similar to the 'wow factor' that many patients report post-LASIK."

Durrie Vision to Perform Breakthrough Corrective Eye Surgery

August 1, 2005

Durrie Vision will perform a new breakthrough corrective eye surgery implantation known as Visian ICL™, developed by California-based STAAR Surgical Company. The new procedure, which will involve surgically implanting a corrective lens into the eye of a person with nearsightedness (myopia), was recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

about.com Names Durrie Top LASIK Surgeon in the Midwest

July 26, 2005

About.com, classified by _ielsen _etRatings as one of the top 15 Web properties in the world used by one out of every five people on the Internet, has recently named Dr. Daniel S. Durrie, M.D., of Durrie Vision, Overland Park, Kan., as a top LASIK and vision correction surgeon in the Midwest.

Durrie was honored along with four other doctors throughout the U.S. for innovative research, development and procedural implementation in the field of vision correction and refractive surgery. Additional honorees included I. Howard Fine, M.D., Eugene, Ore., Robert K. Maloney, M.D., Los Angeles, Stephen Slade, M.D., Houston, and Terrence P. O'Brien, M.D., Baltimore. Durrie was the only doctor to be recognized in the Midwest.

About.com author, Marilyn Haddrill, had this to say of Dr. Durrie and his accomplishments in the field of vision correction and refractive surgery, "Durrie is a true pioneer, often participating in the clinical trials for new refractive surgery procedures."

The award continues a trend of recent recognition for Dr. Durrie and Durrie Vision, as the organization continues to strengthen its reputation as an integrated leader in the further advancement of vision correction and refractive surgery.

About.com was founded in 1997 with the premise that people are the best guides to the Internet. Today, About.com is used by more than 20 million people throughout the world who look to the popular Web site for tips and advice on 50,000+ varying topics.

Dr. Daniel Durrie, M.D., has performed more than 30,000 vision correction surgical procedures and has trained other surgeons from throughout the world in the newest refractive surgery techniques. Durrie Vision, located in Overland Park, Kan., is regarded as one of the leading eye care centers in the

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U.S. Durrie Vision offers a sophisticated research center, a state-of-the-art clinical diagnosis treatment facility, and a leading laser and surgical vision correction component.

Durrie named to worldwide list of Top 50 Opinion Leaders in Ophthalmology

May 11, 2005

Cataract & Refractive Surgery Today, an international publication for the ophthalmology industry, recently announced its "Top 50 Opinion Leaders of 2005." Daniel S. Durrie, MD, of Durrie Vision in Overland Park, was named to the list that included ophthalmologists from around the world.

The magazine honored the individuals for outstanding contribution and leadership in the fields of cataract and refractive surgery. The honorees were selected based upon votes submitted by the worldwide readers of the publication.

The honor comes as Durrie vision continues to strengthen its reputation as a leader in the advancement and quality of refractive surgery. Under Dr. Durrie's leadership, Durrie Vision has been involved in the research and development of nearly every refractive procedure and technology in use today.

Durrie Comments on Latest Findings on New Science of LASIK

April 21, 2005

A previously overlooked aspect of the LASIK procedure, the creation of the corneal flap, may significantly affect the visual outcome of the procedure, according to Daniel S. Durrie, MD. New science reveals that the IntraLase® FS laser, originally designed to create a safer flap, actually provides for better vision.