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Refractec Introduces the “OptiPoint Corneal Template” To Make NearVision CK Procedures Simple and More Consistent

Irvine, CA - Saturday, April 28, 2007 – Refractec, the ophthalmic device manufacturer that is pioneering the NearVision CK (conductive keratoplasty) procedure, today announced the introduction of its new *OptiPoint Corneal Template* at the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) meeting in San Diego, California.

Prior to the OptiPoint Corneal Template, performing the NearVision CK procedure required the surgeon to manually control centration, pressure and the entry angle of the Keratoplast tip. The new template regulates all these variables to bring a new level of consistency and accuracy to the surgical technique for both surgeons and patients.

“The NearVision CK procedure already boasts one of the highest safety profiles in the refractive market,” said Tom Frinzi, CEO of Refractec. “Now, the OptiPoint Corneal Template adds consistency and ease of use to our procedure. Safety, consistency and ease of use are attributes that every surgeon can appreciate.”

On Sunday, April 29th, Dr. Rick Milne of Columbia, South Carolina will share early clinical results using the OptiPoint corneal template during a 10:30 AM presentation at the Refractec booth (#1341). “By using the new Optipoint Corneal Template, I’ve been able to achieve a new level of confidence and consistency to the procedure,” said, Dr. Milne.

How NEARVISION CK Works:

With one of the highest safety profiles in the refractive market, NearVision CK was the first procedure approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for treating both presbyopia (a.k.a. "aging eyes") and hyperopia (farsightedness). Using gentle radio waves instead of a laser or scalpel, NearVision CK brings near vision back into focus without cutting or removing tissue during a painless, three-minute procedure.

Using a tip thinner than a strand of human hair, NearVision CK applies radio waves in a circular pattern on the outer cornea to shrink small areas of collagen. This shrinkage pattern creates a constrictive band (like the tightening of a belt), increasing the overall curvature of the cornea to bring near-vision back into focus for Baby Boomers. Radiofrequency (RF) energy is one of today's most advanced surgical technologies. In addition to its use in NearVision CK, RF technology is being used in prostate cancer therapy, back surgery, even cardiovascular procedures.

About Refractec

Refractec, Inc. is a privately held ophthalmic technology company that develops and markets minimally invasive procedures for ophthalmologists and their baby boomer patients. Based in Irvine, Calif., Refractec provides "Corrective Solutions for Near Vision" with its proprietary NearVision CK (Conductive Keratoplasty) technology. Patients can visit (www.refractec.com) or call 1-800-752-9544 for more information on NearVision CK and to obtain a list of physicians.

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