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Utah Eye Centers Now Offers the Latest Advance In Laser Eye Surgery

***The New VICTUS® Femtosecond Laser Platform, from Bausch + Lomb is Designed to Support
Positive Patient Experience and Outstanding Visual Results in Cataract and LASIK Procedures***

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Ogden, Utah— Utah Eye Centers, the leading comprehensive ophthalmology practice in northern Utah, announced today the Mount Ogden facility now offers eye surgery for cataracts and LASIK with an advanced laser system, the VICTUS® femtosecond laser platform. They are the only practice north of Salt Lake City with a fixed site femtosecond laser for cataracts and LASIK. The versatile VICTUS platform is designed to provide greater precision compared to manual cataract and LASIK surgery techniques. According to Scott Sykes, M.D., the Victus laser is the only laser approved to perform treatments for both cataract and LASIK surgeries.

"With the VICTUS platform, we are able to automate some of the steps that we have commonly performed manually," said Mark Ballif, M.D. "While we have performed thousands of successful cataract and LASIK surgeries, the VICTUS platform helps us to improve the procedures to give our patients the best outcomes possible."

The VICTUS platform features a sophisticated, curved patient interface with computer-monitored pressure sensors designed to provide comfort during the procedure. The VICTUS platform also offers real-time, three-dimensional imaging of the eye to aid Utah Eye Centers in planning and monitoring the operation. The laser itself has a rapid pulse rate that allows the portion of the Cataract and LASIK procedure performed on the VICTUS to be completed in just a few seconds.

"Everything about the VICTUS platform was designed to give us a greater degree of control and more real-time information during the procedure," said Michael B. Wilcox, M.D. "The VICTUS laser enhances our ability to offer the latest, most advanced surgery to our cataract and LASIK patients and give them the results this community has come to expect from us."

About Cataract Surgery

Aging is the leading cause of eye diseases, such as cataracts, and many patients start to develop cataracts in their fifties or sixties, although many do not progress to the point of needing surgery for years. A cataract is a clouding of the normally clear lens in the eye. It also happens to be the leading cause of blindness in the world. According to the U.S. National Eye Institute, cataract surgery is one of the safest, most common and effective surgical procedures. Worldwide, over 20 million cataract surgeries are performed annually. Cataract surgery is a highly refined procedure during which the natural lens in the patient's eye is microsurgically replaced with an intraocular lens (IOL).

About Femtosecond Lasers

Femtosecond lasers emit optical pulses of extremely short duration in the domain of femtoseconds, as short as one-quadrillionth of a second. These ultra-short pulses do not transfer heat or shock to the material being cut and can make surgical incisions with extreme precision. The technology was developed in the early 1990s at the University of Michigan Engineering Center. The first commercial platform was introduced in 2002 and the original approval was for flap creation during LASIK surgery.

Recent platform approvals have been expanded to include additional corneal/therapeutic procedures and cataract applications.

About Bausch + Lomb

Bausch + Lomb, a Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. company, is a leading global eye health organization that is solely focused on protecting, enhancing, and restoring people's eyesight. Our core businesses include ophthalmic pharmaceuticals, contact lenses, lens care products, ophthalmic surgical devices and instruments. We develop, manufacture and market one of the most comprehensive product portfolios in our industry with products available in more than 100 countries.

About the Utah Eye Centers

The Utah Eye Centers is a leading provider of vision care along the Wasatch Front. Our goal is to provide patients with affordable superior eye care and unparalleled customer service. The Utah Eye Center's, nationally ranked surgeons have been performing refractive surgery for over 20 years using the latest technology. In addition to comprehensive vision examinations, LASIK & cataract surgery, the Utah Eye Centers specializes in the treatment and surgery of diseases of the retina, vitreous and macula. For more information or to make an appointment visit us at utaheyecenters.com or call 801-476-0494.

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Brief Summary VICTUS® Femtosecond Laser

Caution: United States Federal Law restricts this device to sale and use by or on the order of a licensed physician.

Indications: The VICTUS Platform is indicated for use in the creation of a corneal flap in patients undergoing LASIK surgery or other treatment requiring initial lamellar resection of the cornea, for anterior capsulotomy during cataract surgery, the creation of cuts / incisions in the cornea in patients undergoing cataract surgery or other ophthalmic treatment requiring cuts / incisions in the cornea, and for laser-assisted lens fragmentation during cataract surgery for nuclear cataracts, not for fragmentation of posterior subcapsular (PSC) and cortical cataracts.

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Summary of Contraindications: Corneal disease or pathology that precludes transmission of laser wavelength or distortion of laser light. Patients who do not give informed consent, who are pregnant or nursing, have existing corneal implants, who have had any previous cornea surgery or pediatric patients. Conditions that interfere with intent to treat such as glaucoma, retinal disorders, rheumatic diseases, epilepsy, herpes zoster or herpes simplex keratitis, and heavy vascularization of ocular tissues. Conditions that interfere with proper docking such as chemosis, nystagmus, significant loss of stability of the conjunctiva, keratoconus, and corneal diseases requiring treatment. Conditions that may interfere with capsulotomy such as poorly dilating pupils, and anterior chamber depths (ACD) < 1.5 mm or ACD > 4.8 mm. Conditions that may interfere with creation of flap such as dry eye diseases, cataract, diabetes mellitus, severe acne rosacea, severe wound healing disorders, and immune deficiency diseases. Contraindicated for laser-assisted lens fragmentation of posterior subcapsular (PSC) and cortical cataracts.

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