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CorneaGen Launches Storage Media with Ampho B, Geuder Preloaded Glass Cannula for DMEK and Intacs® Corneal Implants

New company name and products convey expansion into broader cornea ecosystem

Seattle (April 12, 2018) – SightLife Surgical, a mission-driven company committed to transforming how corneal surgeons treat and care for the cornea, will launch several products and a new company name—[CorneaGen](#)—in booth #1508 at the ASCRS meeting kicking off in Washington, DC later this week. New CorneaGen offerings include tissue storage media with antifungal Ampho B, the Geuder Preloaded Glass Cannula for DMEK and Intacs® corneal implants for keratoconus. These products join the recently acquired AcuFocus KAMRA Inlay in CorneaGen’s growing line of innovative and affordable therapeutics for corneal surgeons.

“Over the past year and a half, we have been expanding into more products and services to transform how corneal surgeons treat the cornea. To reflect this expansion and to help audiences connect us to the broader cornea ecosystem, we have changed our name to CorneaGen,” said President and CEO Monty Montoya. “We believe this new name conveys our expansion and communicates that we will be innovating the next generation of medical devices, biologics, therapeutics and interventions that will transform cornea care.”

One of the first treatment transformations to be led by CorneaGen is the addition of amphotericin B (Ampho B) to corneal tissue storage media to combat rising rates of post-transplant fungal infections. Ampho B reduces the risk of these infections, which destroy nearly all hope of sight restoration. Surgeons across the U.S. have requested it for years, but CorneaGen is the first American company to offer storage media with Ampho B. CorneaGen has found Ampho B to be safe and efficacious in eliminating fungal species from storage media in its own labs and will continue to monitor outcomes with surgeons ordering the new option.

The Geuder Preloaded Glass Cannula for DMEK is another new offering from CorneaGen. The first to be specifically designed for pre-loaded cornea tissue, this DMEK insertion device utilizes a locking system that minimizes damage to the tissue during transport.

New Focus on Refractive Cornea Care

Intacs corneal implants have joined the recently acquired AcuFocus KAMRA Inlay in CorneaGen's new refractive cornea division. An ophthalmic medical device designed for the reduction or elimination of myopia and astigmatism in patients with keratoconus, Intacs corneal implants help restore functional vision and potentially defer the need for a corneal transplant. CorneaGen has signed an exclusive U.S. distribution agreement for Intacs with Addition Technology, Inc., a company of **AJL Ophthalmics, S.A.**

"Corneal implants are a natural fit with CorneaGen's growing family of innovative corneal products and services," said Patrick Jacques, CorneaGen's vice president of refractive cornea who came from AcuFocus to lead the new division. "The KAMRA Inlay acquisition makes sense because of CorneaGen's long-standing relationships with corneal surgeons and its reputation for providing unique solutions and excellent service to customers."

CorneaGen also recently announced a groundbreaking partnership with Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine that will better serve the local community by allowing the Lions Eye Bank to continue to perform eye and cornea donation functions—expertise the organization has mastered over the last six decades—and allow CorneaGen to provide local surgeons and their patients more choices for cornea treatments.

About CorneaGen

CorneaGen is a mission-driven company committed to transforming how corneal surgeons treat and care for the cornea. Based in Seattle, the company is innovating the next generation of cornea care, from new medical devices and biologics to therapeutics and interventions. CorneaGen supports corneal surgeons and their patients with a spectrum of services, including the latest in innovative products, delivery of the highest quality tissue, surgeon education, and advocacy for patient access and reimbursement policies. www.corneagen.com.

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