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EyeCare Partners Completes Acquisition of Sabates Eye Centers

One of Kansas City's largest multi-specialty eye care practices joins the nation's leading clinically integrated network of ophthalmologists and optometrists.

ST. LOUIS (Jan. 6, 2022) – EyeCare Partners (ECP), the nation's leading clinically integrated network of ophthalmology and optometry providers, today announced it entered into an agreement to partner with Sabates Eye Centers (SEC), one of Kansas City's largest multi-specialty eye care practices, with five locations throughout Kansas and Missouri. SEC adds 25 providers and 90 eyecare professionals to ECP's network of more than 1,000 doctors and 7,000 clinical and support team members nationwide.

"We are thrilled to have the doctors and clinical and support team professionals of Sabates Eye Centers join our national medical network of optometry and ophthalmology practices," said ECP CEO David Clark. "Dr. Sabates and his team have a strong reputation of promoting the advancement of eye care through research and teaching. Together, our expertise, resources and shared knowledge will enable us to continue to deliver outstanding outcomes and experiences for all EyeCare Partners patients for years to come."

SEC is at the forefront of ophthalmology education and research. The practice has subspecialties in cataract and refractive surgery, cornea, glaucoma, retina, ocular immunology, ocular oncology neuro-ophthalmology and oculo-plastic surgery and treats patients at its five eye care locations.

SEC President and CEO Nelson Sabates, M.D., founded and chairs the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology and the Vision Research Center at UMKC, which provides the department with a direct avenue for basic science research, translational research and clinical trials. The doctors of SEC serve as faculty and lead the clinical research programs at UMKC.

"Sabates Eye Centers has always been dedicated to advancing the full spectrum of high-quality eye care, education and research advancements and we provide that to our patients in the Mid-American region. We are excited about our partnership with EyeCare Partners and the additional resources we will now have at our disposal as part of the leading national medical group focused on clinically integrated eye care," said Sabates. "Through our partnership with EyeCare Partners, we will continue to offer the personalized service our patients know us for, while having access to expanded resources to diagnose, treat and manage every ocular medical condition and disease as part of the clinically integrated network."

ECP emphasizes the importance of doctor leadership through medical executive boards that work in partnership with a diverse group of healthcare business leaders to achieve the best patient outcomes and business results. ECP supports its practices by leveraging practice management expertise with the resources and knowledge inherent in its national medical group to meet the growing demand for quality eye care, thus allowing doctors to focus on what they do best – deliver personalized patient care.

Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

About EyeCare Partners

EyeCare Partners is the nation's leading provider of clinically integrated eye care. Our national network of over 300 ophthalmologists and 700 optometrists provides a lifetime of care to our patients with a mission to enhance vision, advance eye care and improve lives. Based in St. Louis, Missouri, over 650 ECP-affiliated practice locations provide care in 18 states and 80 markets, providing services that span the eye care continuum. For more information, visit www.eyecare-partners.com.

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