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**EyeCare Partners Completes Acquisition of Retina Associates of Kentucky**

***Nation's leading clinically integrated network of ophthalmologists and optometrists adds one of the largest independent vitreoretinal physician practices in Central U.S.***

**ST. LOUIS (Jan. 4, 2022)** – Today, EyeCare Partners (ECP), the nation's leading clinically integrated network of ophthalmology and optometry providers, announced it successfully completed its acquisition of Retina Associates of Kentucky (RAK), one of the largest independent vitreoretinal physician practices in the Central U.S. RAK adds 12 doctors and 107 clinical and support team members to the ECP network across 12 eye care locations and strong partnerships with eight surgical sites, four health systems and four ambulatory surgery centers.

"The addition of Retina Associates of Kentucky to the EyeCare Partners clinically integrated network not only expands our ability to provide excellent care to patients in Kentucky, but also enriches the knowledge base of our entire network through their nationally recognized research division," said ECP CEO David Clark. "We are better together. As we combine the resources and expertise of more than 1,000 doctors and 7,000 eye care professionals, we are advancing quality eye care across the nation and enhancing outcomes for patients throughout the EyeCare Partners network."

RAK is a nationally recognized, award-winning practice with specialization in retina detachments, macular degeneration, diabetes-related conditions, histoplasmosis and uveitis. As one of the premier clinical research groups in the nation, the RAK research division engages in research studies on national and international levels, and its physicians serve as principal investigators in national clinical trials as well as working in collaboration with other research centers such as the National Eye Institute.

"At Retina Associates of Kentucky, our overarching mission is to provide comprehensive state-of-the-art vision care to patients with diseases of the retina and vitreous in a prompt and compassionate manner," said Thomas Stone, M.D. of Retina Associates of Kentucky. "We also have a long history of contributing to the advancement of the eye care field through research and education. By joining the EyeCare Partners network of more than 300 ophthalmologists and over 700 optometrists across 18 states, we will further enhance our expertise and resources to create better outcomes and experiences for our patients with retinal disease and disorders."

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](http://www.eyecare-partners.com).

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