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**EyeCare Partners Network Grows Florida Presence with Addition of Lakeland Eye Clinic and Central Florida SurgiCenter**

***State-of-the-art Central Florida ophthalmology practice joins the nation's leading clinically integrated network of ophthalmologists and optometrists.***

**ST. LOUIS (Feb. 16, 2022)** –EyeCare Partners (ECP), the nation's leading clinically integrated network of ophthalmology and optometry providers, announced today that it entered into an agreement to partner with Lakeland Eye Clinic (LEC) and Central Florida SurgiCenter. LEC's six ophthalmologists and two optometrists will join the ECP network of more than 300 ophthalmologists and over 700 optometrists across 18 states in providing the highest quality eye care spanning the full continuum of ophthalmology and optometry services.

"We are excited to have the doctors and team members of Lakeland Eye Clinic and Central Florida SurgiCenter join EyeCare Partners to further enhance vision, advance eye care and improve lives throughout Central Florida," said ECP CEO David Clark. "The EyeCare Partners integrated network harnesses the shared knowledge and expanded resources of more than 1,000 doctors and 7,100 clinical and support team members to provide the highest quality patient-centered care throughout the full continuum of eye care."

LEC has eight industry-leading providers across most major medical and surgical subspecialties in ophthalmology and optometry in four clinical centers and an ambulatory surgical center. LEC's state-of-the-art ophthalmologic center is one of the region's few providers of Femtosecond® laser cataract surgery using premium interocular lenses (IOLs) and offers patients advanced treatments for glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, corneal transplants and diseases, retinal disease, posterior capsular haze, and macular degeneration.

"For nearly 70 years, Lakeland Eye Clinic has been dedicated to providing Central Florida patients with the highest quality vision care paired with advanced ophthalmologic procedures," said Kevin A. Dorsett, M.D. of LEC. "Our partnership with EyeCare Partners reaffirms our continued commitment to excellence in eye care. By joining the EyeCare Partners network, we are expanding our expertise, resources and knowledge, while still delivering the outstanding personalized care we are known for."

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 660 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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