

CLINIC NEWSLETTER

Tear Film Optimization Index

We've developed an interactive Dry Eye Algorithm tool on our doctor portal to help simplify clinical decision-making. This resource matches key clinical indicators with corresponding treatment pathways, making it easy to align findings with next-step management options. It's designed to be a quick-reference guide you can use in real time or when reviewing complex cases.

Read Dr. Mathew Walker, OD's article in *Clinic Corner*: "Pre-Operative Ocular Surface Disease Management."



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The Three-Legged Stool

Invest in the World's Most Advanced Technology

Because we actively participate in clinical research, we understand the technology at its core — not just how to use it, but when and why it truly matters for your patients.

Patient Experience

"I had many questions about cataract surgery. Dr. Ryburn took all the time I needed to address my concerns and gave me the information I needed to decide which lens would best suit my needs. I truly appreciated his patience and expertise."

- Rhonda W., Northern Colorado patient

Always Do the Right Thing

Rather than directing patients to contact their insurance provider themselves, our team offers to make the call on their behalf and provide a clear breakdown of their coverage.

This helps patients better understand their benefits and how their claims will be processed, minimizing the likelihood of unexpected costs.

Tell Us How We're Doing

Your partnership means everything to us. We invite you to take a few minutes to share your feedback in our latest survey, helping us understand how we're doing and where we can continue to improve for you and the patients we're honored to care for together.



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Save the Date

Join us for any or all of our upcoming educational events, bringing you the latest insights and innovations in eye care. Mark your calendars and take part in these enriching professional development opportunities.

Alexandria Evening of Education

Wednesday, Apr. 22, 2026



Find more upcoming events and links to register on the doctor portal.

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Noteworthy



Resource Guide Now Available

We've created a Doctor Resource Guide to make partnering with us simple, seamless, and transparent. This guide walks you through everything you need to confidently navigate our doctor portal, understand our services, and explore our 1 & Done program.

Inside, you'll find:

- Step-by-step instructions for making referrals
- An introduction to our doctor teams, including direct contact information and cell numbers
- Co-management protocols and post-op care expectations
- Easy access to educational resources for you and your team

To get your copy, simply reach out to your local liaison or email doctorsupport@vancethompsonvision.com. They can bring a copy on their next visit or connect with you at an upcoming educational event.



Clinic Corner

Pre-Operative Ocular Surface Disease Management

Mathew Walker, OD - Alexandria, MN

Optimizing the ocular surface before surgery is no longer a luxury — it is a clinical necessity. Whether a patient is preparing for cataract extraction or a refractive procedure, the accuracy of pre-operative measurements like biometry and topography relies entirely on a stable tear film.

An unstable ocular surface can lead to unreliable data, resulting in incorrect intraocular lens (IOL) power selection and reduced patient

satisfaction post-operatively. Treating ocular surface disease (OSD) proactively ensures that the surgical roadmap is built on a foundation of precision rather than distorted corneal mapping.



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Article Review



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Cataract Surgery After Prior Radial Keratotomy

Samantha M. Arsenault, MD and Rahul Tonk, MD, MBA

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Review by Ceara Steiner, OD - Billings, MT

This retrospective study emphasizes the benefits of Light Adjustable Lenses (LAL) for post-radial keratotomy (RK) patients undergoing cataract surgery. Achieving predictable refractive outcomes is notoriously challenging in the post-RK population. While the LAL does not eliminate corneal aberrations caused by prior RK, it significantly reduces the unpredictability of the final refractive result.

A key finding of this study is the extended interval required between surgery and the initiation of light treatments, as post-RK eyes often require additional time to reach refractive stability.

Doctor Spotlight



John Berdahl, MD

Sioux Falls, SD

Dr. John Berdahl was recently named the 2026 recipient of the American Glaucoma Society Innovator Award, a national honor recognizing exceptional creativity and advancement in glaucoma diagnosis, treatment, and surgical care. Presented at the AGS Annual Meeting, the award highlights leaders whose work continues to shape the future of glaucoma management. Dr. Berdahl remains deeply committed to advancing clinical outcomes through research, technology development, and forward-thinking surgical innovation.



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Practice Management Corner

Making Co-Management Clear: A Guide to Post-Op Care & Billing

Cataract & Refractive Cataract Surgery Post-Op Care:

Days 1–90:

This period is designated for medical post-op care and is billed to the patient's medical insurance.

Days 91–180:

If the patient has elected an advanced lens, this period covers refractive post-op care, which is paid out-of-pocket by the patient.

Light Adjustable Lens: Due to the refractive work associated with the lens adjustments and lock-in process, the refractive aftercare period runs from days 1–180.

We walk each patient through a clear explanation of this using our **Green & Yellow** form:

Green = medical aftercare (billable to medical insurance)

Yellow = refractive aftercare (not billable to medical insurance)



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