VANCE THOMPSON VISION

Insight Inside:



- See which clinic is moving and where we're headed next
- Meet the doctors
- Glean insights on WaveLight® Plus & YAG Capsulotomy

(Left) Russell Swan, MD, and the team in Bozeman celebrate bringing WaveLight® Plus to Montana.

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Fall 2026

The Three-Legged Stool

PATIENT EXPERIENCE

"Dr. Provencher and her team provided the highest level of care throughout my recent cataract surgery. The outcome of my surgery and follow-up care was better than I expected and nothing short of outstanding. Her compassion and attention to detail led to a highly successful result, and I am very grateful."

– Mary P., Omaha Patient



ALWAYS DO THE RIGHT THING

The Joan Berdahl Project

Through the Joan Berdahl Project, Vance Thompson Vision is helping ensure that uninsured patients in our region who cannot afford care can still receive the eye surgery they need at no cost.

The project honors Joan Berdahl, who quietly devoted her life to serving others. She read Scripture to people who were blind, cared for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease, and consistently helped those in need without seeking recognition.

Although Joan passed away in January 2025, her spirit of service continues through this program helping restore sight for patients who might otherwise go without the care they need.

INVEST IN THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

WaveLight® Plus

Our commitment to innovation means continually evaluating and investing in technology that can enhance the quality and personalization of patient care. WaveLight® Plus is now available at select Vance Thompson Vision locations, bringing an advanced approach to LASIK treatment planning through highly individualized, ray-tracing-guided technology. The platform allows our teams to account for the unique optical characteristics of each patient's eye and create a treatment plan designed specifically for them.

Save the Date

Join us for upcoming educational events designed to keep you connected to the latest developments in eye care, clinical education, and collaborative patient care.

Cedar Rapids Evening of Education
Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026

Omaha Symposium
Friday, Oct. 23, 2026

Fall Into Focus: Thanksgiving CE
Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026

Tech Training
Wednesdays, Jan. 13 – Mar. 31, 2027

Sioux Falls Symposium
Friday, Feb. 26, 2027

Alexandria Evening of Education
Wednesday, April 14, 2027

Find any and all upcoming events on the Doctor Portal:
tinyurl.com/3npe3y3d



Noteworthy



Vance Thompson Vision Expands to the Kansas City Area

Vance Thompson Vision is expanding to the Kansas City area with a new clinic in Overland Park.

The new location will bring Vance Thompson Vision's collaborative approach, advanced technology, and specialty eye care to patients throughout the region while building stronger partnerships with local optometrists.

We look forward to serving the Kansas City community and providing greater access to advanced surgical and vision correction care.



A New Home for Vance Thompson Vision – Bozeman

Vance Thompson Vision Bozeman is moving to a new permanent home at 64 Willow Peak Drive in February 2027.

The new space will offer a convenient setting for both clinic visits and surgery while continuing the collaborative care, advanced technology, and patient experience our community has come to expect.

Our address may be changing, but our commitment to patients and Montana optometrists remains the same.



12 Years in the Making: FSYX™ Launches at AAO

After 12 years of setbacks, a fresh start, a unanimous 13–0 FDA advisory panel vote, FDA clearance, and Medicare approval, FSYX™ is launching at AAO.

Dr. John Berdahl of Vance Thompson Vision in Sioux Falls is proud to announce the launch of Balance Ophthalmics' FSYX™ Ocular Pressure Adjusting Pump® (OPAP), a new, non-invasive approach to glaucoma care designed to address nighttime eye pressure.

With Medicare payment taking effect October 1, 2026, the launch marks a major milestone after more than a decade of persistence and innovation.

Changes to your providers or aftercare fees? Don't forget to alert your CoFi representative to ensure a smooth payment process for our shared patients.

Clinic Corner

Personalized LASIK with WaveLight® Plus

WaveLight® Plus takes personalized LASIK to the next level, using advanced eye tracking and biometric measurements to create a customized 3D model of each patient's eye. This allows treatment to be tailored to each patient's unique anatomy. Vance Thompson Vision is expanding access to this advanced technology across our region.

WaveLight® Plus is available in:

SIOUX FALLS
FARGO
OMAHA
CEDAR RAPIDS
BILLINGS
BOZEMAN

When to Pull the Trigger: YAG Capsulotomy



By: Mathew Walker, OD - Alexandria, MN

Determining when to perform a YAG capsulotomy can be especially important for patients with advanced IOLs, where visual complaints may have several possible causes. Mathew Walker, OD, discusses how to evaluate factors such as refractive error, ocular surface disease, PCO, and IOL performance before deciding when intervention is appropriate.

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Doctor Spotlight



Natalia Morales, MD
West Fargo, ND

Dr. Natalia Morales is an ophthalmologist focused on cataract, glaucoma, cornea, refractive surgery, and vision research. Following her ophthalmology residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Washington University, she completed an anterior segment fellowship at Vance Thompson Vision and brings a compassionate approach centered on helping patients feel comfortable, informed, and confident in their care.



Lindsey McDaniel, MD
Kansas City

Dr. Lindsey McDaniel is a fellowship-trained, board-certified ophthalmologist specializing in cataract surgery, refractive lens exchange, and glaucoma surgery. She combines advanced surgical technology with personalized care and has a special interest in the continued evolution of interventional glaucoma and refractive cataract surgery.



Douglas Pethe, OD
Northern Colorado

With more than 20 years of experience, Dr. Douglas Pethe specializes in collaborative care for patients undergoing cataract, glaucoma, cornea, and refractive surgery. He believes exceptional care begins with listening and brings extensive experience in cataract and refractive surgery co-management, including Light Adjustable Lens treatments.



Jamie Nelson, OD
Cedar Rapids, IA

Dr. Jamie Nelson provides collaborative care focused on cataract, glaucoma, cornea, and refractive surgery. After completing an ocular disease residency at Vance Thompson Vision in West Fargo, she developed a special interest in emerging glaucoma treatments and brings a thoughtful approach centered on helping patients understand their options and feel confident in their care.

Practice Management Corner

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



Here is a quick refresher on the co-management timeline, billing practices, and resources available to support your team.

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)

Scan to Watch the Green & Yellow Form Explanation
tinyurl.com/3knnyn5t


Light Adjustable Lens (LAL) Post-Op Appointments
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