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Recent technological advances in intraocular lenses now allow eye surgeons to perform a cataract surgery that allows the patient to see distance and near with a single multifocal lens. This allows patients to be completely spectacle-free.

There are many factors that go into choosing the right implant lens. The lenses currently available are the monofocal, multifocal, and foldable lenses. A monofocal lens is designed to improve near vision but could not perform both functions. The multifocal lens is designed to improve both near and distance vision. The foldable lens is designed to improve near vision but could not perform both functions.

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The named Phillips Thysen, MD was one of two, but Dr. Phillips Thysen, MD is being recognized by the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Since that time, we have graduated two hundred and two residents from the third year program, many of whom remained in Colorado and served the population of the state. Currently we have two residents, with four graduating each year.

For a recent photograph of our past Chairs of Department beginning with the first Chair, Dr. Lester M. Van Wagenen, from 1951-1966, we have included our color photograph of our physician, June Thysen, with all our bursars on brass plague. These line the Graduate Hallway located in the history corridor on the third floor of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute.

To celebrate our educational history, a reception was held on September 23rd, 2005 to which all past Residents, Fellows, Alumni and Faculty were invited. The reception was hosted by our current Chair, Dr. Edward Jackson, and other members of our Faculty and Staff.

Michael Erlinger, MD, Assistant Professor in Cornea, Contact Lens and External Disease from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He completed his Ophthalmology Residency at Nassau Medical Center and then completed his fellowship in External Disease at the University of Iowa Eye Clinic.

Kara Hansen, MD, Clinical Instructor in Low Vision Rehabilitation from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Dr. Hansen completed her residency at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She is currently working with patients at the Denver Health System.

Camille Moore, CO, CPT, MD, Associate Instructor, Pediatric Ophthalmology from the Children's Hospital in Denver. Dr. Moore completed her residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and was sent to the University of Indiana to have this procedure. Both procedures are now available for kids at a few centers in the country, only available for kids at a few centers in the country. Dr. Moore is currently working with patients at the Children's Hospital in Denver.

To the right: From left to right, (1963), Dr. John Elliff (1960), Dr. William Jackson (1962), (1999). To the left: Dr. Richard Davidson, Course Director, and Dr. John Elliff (1960), Dr. William Jackson (1962), (1999).
**FOCUS ON EDUCATION**

**9TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM**

**SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2005**

**The Children’s Hospital**

For over 35 years, Dr. Philip Ellis, former Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Minnesota Medical School, has been associated with The Children’s Hospital. He received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota and completed his residency in Ophthalmology at The Children’s Hospital. He completed his fellowship in Retinal Diseases and Retinal Detachment at the University of Florida. Dr. Ellis is currently a Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota.

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**FOCUS ON ALUMNI**

**THE 7TH ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2005**

**The Children’s Hospital**

The 7th annual Phillips Lecture, honored in honor of Dr. Edward Jackson, MD, was held on September 23, 2005. The lecture was given by Dr. Richard Davidson, MD, at The Children’s Hospital. Dr. Davidson, a distinguished ophthalmologist, delivered a keynote address on the topic of the latest research in pediatric ophthalmology.

**FUTURE FEATURE**

**PEdiATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY SERVICE**

**At The Children’s Hospital (TCH) of Denver, CO, our physicians and staff are dedicated to providing the very best care for children with eye problems.**

Dr. Theodore Curtis, Dr. Arlene Drack and Dr. Helen Ivan are board-certified pediatric ophthalmologists. They have devoted their careers to treating children and helping them see. Their expertise in pediatric ophthalmology includes:

- Amblyopia
- Strabismus
- Retinopathy of prematurity

They are skilled in the latest diagnostic and therapeutic techniques, and they work closely with other specialists to provide comprehensive care for children with eye problems.

**Pediatric Endolaser Procedure**

Glaucoma is one of the leading causes of blindness in the world. It affects millions of people worldwide, and it is especially prevalent in children. In the United States, over 400,000 children have glaucoma, and it is the leading cause of childhood blindness. Glaucoma is caused by an increase in the fluid pressure inside the eye, which can lead to damage of the optic nerve and blindness.

The endolaser procedure is a minimally invasive treatment for pediatric glaucoma. It involves the use of a laser to create a small hole in the eye, allowing the fluid to drain and reducing the pressure inside the eye. This procedure has been shown to be effective in reducing the risk of blindness in children with glaucoma.

The endolaser procedure is performed by experienced pediatric ophthalmologists using the latest technology. The procedure is performed on an outpatient basis, and children can usually return to normal activities within a few days. The endolaser procedure is a safe and effective treatment for pediatric glaucoma, and it offers hope for children who might otherwise become blind.

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Over three million people age 60 and older are visually impaired or are blind. In Colorado, there are over 4000 people in this age group. Many of these people are visually impaired and some are legally blind. A visual impairment, or low vision, is considered to be a best-corrected acuity of 20/70 or worse in the better eye. Visual impairment can be caused by a congenital condition or acquired in later life; therefore, people of all ages may suffer from it.

While vision loss can be devastating, low vision rehabilitation and training can help individuals maintain their independence and quality of life through the use of assistive technology and other methods. LVR’s goal is to help patients use their remaining vision to the fullest extent possible.

A Low Vision Rehabilitation Service is being initiated at The Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute (RMLEI), a new program located at 2210 S. Campus Center Drive, School of Medicine. The service begins with a LVR comprehensive evaluation which results in the creation of an individualized program that fits your needs. The program includes the use of optical devices and/or visual adaptive devices, followed by follow-up visits. The service focuses on maximizing the use of remaining vision to enhance independence and quality of life through the use of assistive technology and other methods. LVR is committed to providing quality services to individuals with visual impairments, regardless of age, and to determining which best meets those goals. Some examples of technology include: low vision stand magnifiers, microscopes, prisms, glare control, and specialized fonts.

LVR is helping BMLI provide full scope of care to people with vision impairments that reside in their home environments.

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We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions about this exciting new technology.

FACULTY LISTING

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