

New F.D.A.-Approved Cataract Surgery Offered Locally

Theda Clark Medical Center and Valley Eye Associates have once again partnered to provide patients with the latest in vision enhancement solutions. On Monday, February 2, Theda Clark became the first hospital in Wisconsin to use utilize the CrystaLens intraocular implant lens to correct a patient's vision after cataract surgery. The surgery was performed by Michael P. Vrabec, M.D., F.A.C.S., of Valley Eye Associates.

"I decided to offer this remarkable technology to my patients because of the unprecedented ability to improve their total vision and reduce or eliminate their dependency on glasses,"

Dr. Vrabec



Michael Vrabec, M.D., performs cataract surgery with the CrystaLens intraocular implant lens while Deanna DeKleyn assists.

While most patients today have traditional monofocal intraocular lens implants with cataract surgery, Dr. Vrabec estimates that the CrystaLens implant will gain in popularity as its' qualities become known.

Cataracts affect nearly every person, in some form or another, as they begin to age, and surgery involves removing the clouded lens and replacing it with an intraocular implant. Most implants currently available provide good vision in just one spot, either in the distance or up close, but the new

CrystaLens implant features two hinges that allow movement ever so slightly with the eye, changing the point of focus to meet the needs of the patient. This new implant acts in conjunction with the eye muscles, just as the clouded lens did, allowing patients to have seamless multifocal vision. Unlike second-generation multifocal implants that depended on diffraction, this lens moves within the eye reducing the risk of glare and halos.

Anyone interested in the CrystaLens implant should contact the Theda Care Eye Center at (920) 729-2030 or Valley Eye Associates at 1 (800) 344-4443. Free consultations are available to prospective patients.