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**TLC Eyecare & Laser Centers Dr. Kevin Lavery / Jackson & Battle Creek  
NOW OFFERS INTACS CORNEAL IMPLANTS**

**Restoring Quality of Life Through Better Vision.**

**Ann Arbor, Michigan (September 10, 2007) – TLC Eyecare & Laser Centers**

announces a new FDA approved option for keratoconus, filling the gap between contact lenses and a corneal transplant! Dr. Kevin Lavery is now performing this revolutionary technology at TLC Eyecare & Laser Centers of Jackson & Battle Creek, Michigan.

Keratoconus is a progressive eye disease, which causes a thinning of the cornea, the clear front surface of the eye. As keratoconus progresses, the quality of one's vision deteriorates and contact lenses or glasses no longer become a satisfactory solution for most people. For many, an invasive corneal transplant was the only option – until now! Intacs prescription inserts are an exciting new option between contacts and a corneal transplant that may be the best possible option to stabilize the cornea and improve vision. Intacs prescription inserts are indicated for use in the correction of

nearsightedness and astigmatism for patients with Keratoconus, where contact lenses and glasses are no longer suitable.

Of those who suffer from keratoconus, approximately 20% will undergo a corneal transplant. In the U.S. donor tissue is available in most instances and there are more than 4,000 transplants performed for keratoconus each year. The success rate is high although the grafts only last for about 10 years, therefore a young person may have to undergo several corneal transplants. A corneal transplant is an invasive surgical procedure, requiring the removal of a section of your cornea and having it replaced with donor tissue. Although successful, it is a delicate procedure with typically a long recovery period. The Intacs procedure does not require removal of corneal tissue, but rather works on the principle of reshaping your own cornea from within utilizing special designed corneal inserts that provide structure to a weakened cornea. The recovery period is typically short. With visual improvement noticed almost immediately.

TLC Eyecare & Laser Centers is North America's premier eye care services company, providing eye doctors with the tools and technologies needed to deliver high-quality patient care. Through its centers management, and technology access service models, extensive optometric relationships, aggressive consumer advertising and managed care contracting strength, TLC Eyecare & Laser Centers maintains leading positions in Refractive, Cataract and Eye Care markets. More information about TLC Eyecare & Laser Centers can be found on the website at [www.tlceyecare.com](http://www.tlceyecare.com).