

News Release
Mid-Florida Eye Center

Minimally-Invasive Procedure at Mid Florida Eye May Eliminate Medications and Improve Vision In Patients With Glaucoma

A procedure called ECP (Endoscopic Cyclo Photocoagulation), which can be performed at the same time as cataract surgery, allows patients with glaucoma to improve their vision while reducing or eliminating their dependence on medications. The procedure is being performed for the first time in Lake and Sumter counties by Board-Certified Cataract/Implant and Glaucoma Specialist Gregory J. Panzo, MD.

“The development of a visually significant cataract in a patient with glaucoma is a common and often expected event,” said Panzo. “However, the timing and type of surgery we offer patients who have cataracts and glaucoma is complex, and must address intraocular pressure (IOP) control.

ECP is a minimally-invasive procedure which is performed through the same tiny opening used for cataract surgery, and reduces the production of glaucoma fluid in the eye. This decreases the intraocular pressure , reducing or eliminating glaucoma medication use.

Glaucoma affects an estimated four million Americans, but it is thought that only half of those who have it know they have it. Glaucoma is characterized by high pressures inside of the eye and damage to the optic nerve, and can cause a gradual loss of peripheral vision. It can lead to complete blindness if left untreated.

“While there are other surgical options to treat glaucoma, we’re offering ECP because it has an excellent safety record, predictable outcomes, and faster vision recovery,” said Panzo.

“Patients have fewer complications and post-operative check-ups than they do for other cataract/glaucoma combined procedures.

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