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News Release
Mid-Florida Eye Center

Mid Florida Eye Center Introduces First Electronic Focusing Eyewear to Lake & Sumter

Interactive lenses that allow bifocal and progressive lens wearers to control their reading and near distance magnification with just a touch, are now available for the first time in Lake and Sumter counties at Mid Florida Eye Center.

emPower![®] electronic frames and lenses have tiny batteries and embedded microchips that control a liquid-crystal reading segment within the lens. When activated, this area bends light to enhance up-close, near vision, much like a bifocal or progressive lens. Wearers swipe the side of the frame to activate and swipe again to make the reading segment disappear, allowing wearers to enjoy uninterrupted distance vision.

“These lenses combine traditional ‘static’ lens elements with ‘electro-active’ elements that changes the index of refraction (and therefore, the degree of magnification) at a speed faster than the blink of a human eye,” said Ophthalmologist Jeffrey D. Baumann of Mid Florida Eye Center. “Using technology similar to touch-screen phones, changing focus is done electronically with no moving parts and no sound.

“emPower! increases the field of vision at all distances, and also solves a problem some progressive lens wearers experience, called “peripheral swim,” said Ophthalmologist Gregory Panzo, MD. emPower![™] lenses are available in numerous colors and styles, including wire (metal), zyl (plastic), rimless and rimmed.

All of the physicians of Mid Florida Eye Center are board-certified and fellowship-trained. If you are interested in learning more about emPower!, or would like more information about any of the services of Mid-Florida Eye Center, call 352-735-2020 or toll free 1-888-820-7878. The practice has offices in Mount Dora, Leesburg, The Villages/Stonecrest and Apopka.