

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEWS

FCI OPHTHALMICS

P.O. BOX 465
Marshfield Hills, MA 02051
Tel: 800-932-4202 or 781-826-9060
Fax: 781-826-9062
info@fci-ophthalmics.com
www.fci-ophthalmics.com
Contact: Anne Bohsack
October, 2003

New Transnasal Lacrimal Stent Improves DCR Success Rate

Marshfield Hills, MA - A *new* Transnasal Lacrimal Stent has been introduced by FCI Ophthalmics, Inc. Designed by Bruce B. Becker, M.D., the Transnasal Lacrimal Stent addressed the limitations previously encountered with balloon catheter DCR and other forms of endoscopic DCR. Brought in to position through the nose, it has a relatively large diameter. Because there is no need to pass the very large diameter end of the stent through the canaliculus, the stent can have a much larger diameter than a tube placed in the traditional fashion.

Dr. Becker states that "the larger stent results in an ostium of larger diameter thus boosting the success rate of balloon catheter or endoscopic DCR. The success rate of balloon catheter DCR is over 90% when the transnasal lacrimal stent is used and that is equivalent to an external DCR."

Unlike in an external DCR, The Transnasal Lacrimal Stent requires no external incision; it leaves no cutaneous scars and results in a quicker recovery time.

Recently approved by the FDA for marketing, the Transnasal Lacrimal Stent is immediately available from FCI Ophthalmics, Inc.

For more information, contact:

FCI Ophthalmics
Anne Bohsack
P.O. Box 465
Marshfield Hills, MA 02051
USA
Tel: 800-932-4202
Tel: 781-826-9060
Fax: 781-826-9062

info@fci-ophthalmics.com
www.fci-ophthalmics.com