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Mount Carmel Surgeon Implanting New Lens Designed for Cataract Patients With Astigmatism

Columbus – A new procedure at Mount Carmel Health System is providing more options for patients who have cataracts and astigmatism.

Mount Carmel ophthalmologist Richard Erdey, MD, is the first surgeon in central Ohio using the TRULIGN Toric lens, which replaces the eye's natural lens. As opposed to other options, the TRULIGN provides a broader range of vision improvement for the patient after the surgery.

"This new lens will provide a wider range of opportunities for patients who've been diagnosed with cataracts," said Dr. Erdey. "After this surgery many people no longer need glasses."

The TRULIGN Toric lens was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in May of 2013. Dr. Erdey performed the first implant in Ohio on June 18, 2013 and he is among the first physicians in Ohio to offer this product.

"People who have this surgery will notice they have better vision in low-light and nighttime," said Dr. Erdey. "This surgery not only replaces clouded lens, but significantly enhances overall vision."

According to lens creator, Bausch & Lomb, he is one of 75 surgeons chosen across the country to start performing procedures with this new product.