Drs. Price and Whitson Participate in US Clinical Trials of New Surgical Technique That Could Change the Course of Glaucoma Treatment

For millions of Americans suffering from glaucoma, a disease of the eye leading to decreased vision and blindness, a tiny device could offer hope where standard treatments have failed.

In November 1997 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave approval for a clinical trial of a new treatment of glaucoma that could prove more reliable and more cost effective than what is currently available. The technique in the study uses a “wick” to promote fluid drainage. Wick-implant operations have been successfully performed in Brazil, France, Italy, Switzerland and South Africa for nearly four years. Study results have demonstrated sustained reductions in intraocular pressure in over 90 percent of implant cases.

André Mermoud, M.D., a prominent ophthalmic surgeon and glaucoma authority with the Jules Gonin Eye Hospital in Lausanne, Switzerland, will oversee the US clinical trials. Dr. Mermoud has performed more than 400 wick-implant procedures. He came to Indianapolis in February to give a seminar for the American clinical investigators about his experience with the operation and the long-term results obtained by his patients. Dr. Francis W. Price, Jr., and Dr. William E. Whitson are two of II surgeons participating in the American clinical trials. Dr. Price is serving as medical monitor.

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