Allergan Disinfection System

Allergan Optical, a Division of Allergan, Inc., has introduced a new hydrogen peroxide disinfection system that is designed to work efficiently, quickly, and safely. With the new preservative-free Lens Plus Oxysept Disinfection System, lenses are ready to wear in as little as 20 minutes, thereby making it easy for patients to use and to comply.

Patients are instructed to soak their lenses in Lens Plus Oxysept 1 Disinfecting Solution for a minimum of 10 minutes to overnight. Following disinfection, Lens Plus Oxysept 2 Rinse and Neutralizer works to neutralize any remaining Lens Plus Oxysept 1 (hydrogen peroxide) solution. Neutralization occurs in as little as 10 minutes, although patients may leave their lenses in the neutralizing solution overnight. Therefore, the entire disinfection and neutralization process occurs in as little as 20 minutes, although lenses may be left in either solution overnight.

The Lens Plus Oxysept Disinfection System can be used with daily wear and extended wear soft (hydrophilic) contact lenses. It is available in patient starter kits which can be ordered from Allergan Optical.

For further information contact Lynn Lasswell, OD, Allergan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 2525 Dupont Drive, Irvine, CA 92715; (714) 752-4500.

KMI Introduces Repair Services

KMI Inc. has announced that all manufacturing of diamond surgical knives and complete repair services for knives and other micro-surgical instruments will now be handled from their 20,000-square-foot corporate headquarters in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

KMI manufactures a full line of diamond surgical knives for radial keratotomy and other ophthalmic procedures. The company is known for a KMI-121 Diamond Knife with 45° blade, for incisions from the optical zone to limbus, and a KMI-117 Diamond Knife sharpened on the vertical edge, for incisions from the limbus to optical zone. In addition, KMI Freehand Diamond Knives for general ophthalmic surgery accept five diamond shapes.

The repair service applies to any surgical knife or other micro-surgical instrument from any manufacturer. It includes diamond, ruby, and sapphire knives, as well as all types of surgical forceps, scissors, corneal markers, hooks, trephines, calipers, speculums, cannulas, needle holders, and more.

KMI maintains a hotline service so interested surgeons can phone for additional information on equipment and repairs, and to answer any other technical questions.

For more information, call (800) USA-KMI. In Pennsylvania, call (215) 430-3700. Or write William R. Knepley, Jr, President, KMI Inc., 889 South Matlack Street, West Chester, PA 19382.

Zeiss Guide to Laser Systems

To assist ophthalmologists in their selection of a Nd:YAG laser system, Carl Zeiss, Inc. has just published a 21-page guide.

Entitled “31 Questions You Should Ask Before Investing in a Nd:YAG Laser System,” this booklet sets forth objective criteria for evaluating any system’s design, its safety features and capabilities, and other factors that should be considered in the selection process. It includes pointers for assessing such design features as cone angles, multi-pulse (burst) mode capability, placement of controls, mounting of the laser head in relation to the biomicroscope, swivelling and adjustment of the slit illuminator, co-observation and documentation, and optics of the delivery system.

For copies of the free selection guide, contact Jane-Marie Pederson, Laser Product Manager at Carl Zeiss, Inc., One Zeiss Drive, Thornton, NY 10594; (914) 681-7799.