

Work with Crystalens wins recognition

Dr David Kent is the first recipient in the Asia Pacific region to be awarded the 'Bausch + Lomb Centre of Excellence' award for his work implanting the Crystalens accommodating intraocular lens.

In presenting the award to Dr Kent and his team at Fendalton Eye Clinic, Shaun Anderson, Commercial Manager, Surgical, Bausch + Lomb Australasia said the Award of Excellence was in recognition for his excellent work with Crystalens and for his part in the international study of the new Crystalens AO.

The Crystalens is an accommodating intraocular lens, mimicking the functionality of the natural crystalline lens of the eye.

"Crystalens has now become an integral part of a cataract and refractive practice," said Dr Kent. "After more than 10 years of using various types of multifocal IOLs I have now switched to using the Crystalens as my premium lens of choice when a patient wants maximum spectacle independence. The major advantages that I have seen with the Crystalens compared to diffractive multifocal IOLs have been the superior quality of vision and the improved intermediate distance vision. Although the ability to read very small print is not as good as a diffractive multifocal IOL, I have found that most of my patients are not unhappy to wear weak reading glasses



Dr David Kent with some of the Fendalton Eye Clinic staff. From left: Belinda Newsom (Optometrist), Ernest Smolej (Orthoptist – Clinical Co-ordinator), Karen Hooper (Patient Relations), Dr David Kent, Kathryn Martin (Office Manager), Gabrielle Eaton (RN, Clinical Assistant) and Carol Kennedy (Patient Relations)

to see small print when needed. The reduction in complaints about night time halos, ghost images and lack of sharpness of vision have been the most important advantages."

Ernest Smolej, Orthoptist and Clinical Co-ordinator at Fendalton Eye Clinic is amazed by the results that patients have been achieving with the Crystalens.

"As a premium intraocular lens the work is both very demanding and very satisfying. These patients have high expectations and require lengthy discussion and informed consent. It is imperative that the pre-operative workup and measurements are meticulous. With investment in the best equipment, attention to every detail - pre-operatively, in surgery and post-operatively - we are able to

achieve the most predictable outcomes. Satisfying and delivering on patient's expectations for maximal spectacle independence, is very gratifying," he said.

Dr Kent inserted the first Crystalens accommodating intraocular lens in New Zealand in March 2009. Over the past year all of the results Dr Kent has attained with the Crystalens have been entered into the Surgivision Data Link outcomes reporting website. This has allowed continuous ongoing auditing of results as well as comparison with global outcomes. Richard Maton from Bausch + Lomb Surgical New Zealand said the Excellence Award "recognises the dedication of Dr Kent and his team in application of this new technology and the quality of outcomes reporting back to Bausch + Lomb." 