

Lens implant aids victims of cataracts

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NEW YORK — A thin plastic disc, one-fourth of an inch in diameter, was used to restore some vision among 150,000 of 450,000 persons who had catar-

act operations in the United States last year.

The patients had tiny intraocular lenses implanted where their own less-than-perfect lens once was.

The lens was either placed over the iris or stitched in place behind it to give the patient what appears to some to be the latest in convenience in cataract surgery.

An estimated 600,000 Americans have had the lens implant surgery.

In December, the Food and Drug Administration approved three styles of the lenses for general use.

Based on a report in "The Mount Sinai Journal of Medicine," New York, and an interview with Bill Rados, FDA public information officer, FDA approval does not mean the intraocular lens implant can be used to give trouble-free to all patients who have cataracts removed.

"With all cataract surgery there is a certain percentage of complications," Rados said.

"With the lens there can be an increase in the rate of complications but in the hands of a skilled doctor the risks should not outweigh the benefits."

The lens is the latest in what Dr. Norman S. Jaffe of the Uni-

versity of Miami (Fla.) School of Medicine describes in the journal report as "the whirl of technological advances that has had an intoxicating effect on American ophthalmology."

"Intraocular implant lens surgery most frequently meets the needs of the elderly patient," Jaffe said.

Another moral judgment faces the surgeon, according to Jaffe.

"Even if he can achieve a successful surgical result in a very high percentage of his cases, is he justified in performing this procedure in relatively young people?" he asked.

Jaffe said most responsible ophthalmologists do not perform lens implant surgery in young patients since there are as yet no well-documented clinical studies spanning more than 20 years of follow-up observation with the intraocular implant lenses.

"Therefore, if the patient is young (under 55 years of age), the serious question of the long-term tolerance of the lens implant remains."

There are 450,000 cataract operations in the United States annually. On a per capita basis, that is a rate exceeding that of any other country in the Western world.



Pledge takers

The KAMU-TV Auction needs plenty of volunteers like sophomore petroleum engineering major Ernest Angelo, left, from Dallas, and junior environmental design major David Bomba, from Houston. The auction will continue through the

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Canadian beer 'loose' in U.S.; imported beer market growing

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SAN ANTONIO — When the Moose was turned loose on U.S. beer drinkers, even its most optimistic backers never dreamed of

the thunderous reception the Canadian animal would receive. "The Moose is loose" was the advertising slogan of Moosehead Beer, a light Canadian la-

ger that is at least partly responsible for the fact that imported beers are capturing bigger chunks of the beer-drinking market every year — except in Texas, where an allegiance prevails for homegrown beers such as Lone Star, the national beer of Texas.

Less than four years after it was introduced in the United States, Moosehead is one of the nation's top five imported beers. It is riding the crest of a newfound interest in non-American beers.

"The imported beer market is only 3 percent of the total beer market in the nation; however it's growing at a rate of 20 percent over the last decade," said Robert Wilson, senior vice president of All Brand Importers of New York, which markets Moosehead and other foreign brands.

"Imports are an affordable luxury in today's economy. People have not deprived themselves from drinking what they think is better beer. When you go into a restaurant and pay \$50 for dinner for two, it doesn't seem quite right to order a Pearl or a Lone Star."

Wilson attributes much of the growth in the imported beer market to snob appeal and status associated with drinking a higher-priced and more exotic brand, such as Pilsner Urquell which has been brewed in Czechoslovakia since the year 1292.

"There is a sophistication, an individuality, about ordering an imported beer," Wilson said. "But the ultimate reason for drinking it is the taste. There's

also a romance, a mystique. Some wine groups have gone into beer tastings, and has furthered the snob appeal of imported beers."

There is no typical drinker of imported beer, according to Wilson, although college students account for a large percentage of the market. Those who prefer beer on special occasions, opposed to more regular drinking, also seem to prefer imported brands. The top five imported brands in terms of sales are Heilemann's, Moosehead, Foster's, Dos Equis.

An increase in ethanol consumption that serves as a stimulant to the economy also has added to the growth of imported beers, Wilson said. This has been true in Texas, California, where Mexican beer — and in turn, Mexican wine — has steadily increased in popularity.

Different areas of the country consume widely varying amounts of imported beer. For instance, imports account for only about 2 percent of the market in Texas, but 3 percent in Massachusetts.

"Although imports are increasing in Texas, there's a provincial, nationalistic sentiment for Texas beers," Wilson said. Homegrown beers in Texas can bite into the import market, which will be bolstered by a ger-budgeted advertising campaign such as the one helped Moosehead sell 2 million 400,000 of those in Texas.

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WED., 7 Apr. 7 AM. Spec Int
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Holy Thursday
8 Apr. 7:30 PM. Holubec Family
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
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9 April - 3:00 PM
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
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HOLY COMMUNION
Easter Vigil
SAT., 10 April. 8:00 PM. Holubec Family
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WEDNESDAY, 7 Apr. 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

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THURSDAY, 6:30 PM, A Passover Seder will be observed, including Holy Communion and a Service of Footwashing for those who wish to participate. (Reservations should be made since the Passover involves a meal, which will be provided at cost.)
FRIDAY, 9 PM, Tenebrae Service (A Service of Darkening Remembering the Death of our Lord)
EASTER, 4 AM, The Easter Vigil Service is the completion of the Tenebrae Service of Good Friday. It is an ancient service of anticipating and celebrating the return of light from darkness, the Resurrection of our Lord.
EASTER, 6:30 AM, An Easter Breakfast will follow the Easter Vigil.
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