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FDA APPROVES BAUSCH & LOMB AKREOS™ ADVANCED OPTICS ASPHERIC LENS

Bausch & Lomb Surgical to Offer the *Akreos* AO Lens in the U.S. this Fall

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ALISO VIEJO, CALIF. — Bausch & Lomb announced today it has received U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval to market the *Akreos*™ Advanced Optics Aspheric Lens (model AO60) in the United States.

The *Akreos* AO Lens is a single-piece, foldable acrylic intraocular lens with a unique four-haptic design and aspheric optics designed to be aberration-free.* The lens is implanted with Bausch & Lomb's single-use AI-28 inserter, which enables single-handed insertion through an un-enlarged standard phaco incision.

The company expects to begin shipping the *Akreos* AO Lens to surgical facilities this month.

"I have been treating patients with the *Akreos* AO Lens for more than a year and a half in Canada and the single-piece four-haptic design allows for consistent post-op centration," said Rosa Braga-Mele, M.Ed, M.D., FRCSC. Dr. Braga-Mele serves as the director of the Cataract Unit and Surgical Teaching at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Toronto.

In the U.S., John Hunkeler, M.D., said, "The high quality aspheric optic, coupled with the *Akreos* biocompatible acrylic material will benefit my practice by providing excellent outcomes for my patients." Dr. Hunkeler is a clinical professor and former chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Kansas and is in private practice in Kansas City, Mo.

"The *Akreos* AO Lens efficiently delivers visual quality and heightened contrast sensitivity in order to achieve high patient satisfaction. With this result, surgeons can be confident that they are using a technology that improves vision quality and will enhance the lifestyle of their patients," said Brendan Sheil, senior vice president, Bausch & Lomb Surgical.

The distinctive properties of the *Akreos* lens will serve as a pathway to microincision cataract surgery, enabling new lens technologies that can be inserted through smaller incisions. Surgeons in the U.S. will now have the opportunity to expand their acrylic lens experience by having access to the *Akreos* AO.

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*Clinical studies have not been conducted with the Akreos Advanced Optics Aspheric lens to assess the effect of the added aspheric surface to the parent lens model Akreos on spherical aberration, visual acuity and contrast sensitivity.

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