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The Cataract Institute Expands Access to Cataract Surgery with New Moncton Clinic

MONTREAL (QC), May 6, 2025 – The Cataract Institute is pleased to announce the opening of The Cataract Institute Moncton, a new state-of-the-art facility dedicated to expanding access to cataract surgery for patients across Southeastern New Brunswick. Located on Englehart Street in Dieppe, the 8,000-square-foot centre features advanced technology designed to support efficient, streamlined patient care.

Through a partnership with Vitalité Health Network and Horizon Health Network, The Cataract Institute Moncton will serve patients referred from hospitals. This shift to a dedicated outpatient setting will ease pressure on the public system and help reduce wait times while improving access to care across the region.

Led by Dr. Julien Saad, co-founder of The Cataract Institute Moncton, along with Dr. Gilles Cormier, Dr. Isabelle Savoie, and Dr. Houfar Sekhavat, the ophthalmology team at The Cataract Institute Moncton will perform more than 3,000 cataract surgeries annually, with capacity to exceed 5,000 procedures as needed. "We have brought together the best technologies and a highly qualified team of professionals to ensure optimal outcomes for our patients," says Dr. Saad, ophthalmologist and co-founder of The Cataract Institute Moncton. Patients will continue to receive fully covered care under the provincial health insurance plan, ensuring affordable and timely access to surgery.

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About The Cataract Institute

The Cataract Institute is an organization with a mission to support the healthcare network in Canada. By partnering with provincial health authorities, we strive to provide safe, effective, and timely eye surgeries that improve the lives of Canadians. We believe that all citizens—regardless of financial means, background, or geographic location—deserve equitable access to high-quality, timely surgical care.

Beyond surgical care, we are committed to educating and empowering patients with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their health. Our goal is to support and strengthen the healthcare system in Canada through collaboration, research, education, innovation, and community engagement. Equity, inclusivity, and access for all are at the heart of our mission.

For more information, please visit thecataractinstitute.org.

About Vision Group

Vision Group is Canada's largest privately owned healthcare network and one of the leading vision correction providers in North America, with more than 150 surgeons, 70 clinical facilities, 95 operating rooms, and 1,400 employees across Canada and the United States.

Founded by Dr. Mark Cohen and Dr. Avi Wallerstein, Vision Group began with the launch of LASIK MD, which grew into Canada's leading laser vision correction provider. In 2017, a merger with TLC Laser Eye Centres expanded the network across North America under the Vision Group banner. Vision Group's mission is simple: to improve and preserve eyesight, one patient at a time. Today, the organization offers a full spectrum of eyecare through its extensive footprint of laser refractive and intraocular surgical facilities, public cataract contracts, and comprehensive and subspecialty ophthalmology clinics.

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