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Public invited to eye health discussion with Dr. Craig Wilkerson

HELENA, Mont. – Join Dr. Craig Wilkerson for an informative presentation on the importance of eye health on Wednesday, July 20 at 2 p.m. Wilkerson's presentation will focus on age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy.

There is no charge for the presentation, which will be held at Touchmark on Saddle Drive, 915 Saddle Drive. To ensure seating, RSVPs are encouraged by calling 406-449-4900.

Wilkerson is a medical doctor who has received specialty training in surgery, diagnosis and management of disorders of the eye. Although ophthalmologists focus on the eye, Wilkerson understands the eyes work in coordination with other parts of the body. His medical training and years of experience allow him to recognize, detect and treat many health-related conditions. He specializes in treatment of cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, glaucoma, eye injuries and many other acute and chronic eye conditions.

Age-related macular degeneration is a deterioration or breakdown of the eye's macula. The macula is a small area in the retina — the light-sensitive tissue lining the back of the eye. The macula is the part of the retina that is responsible for central vision, allowing us to see fine details clearly.

Glaucoma is a disease that damages the eye's optic nerve. Composed of many nerve fibers, the optic nerve is connected to the retina and sends signals to the brain, which are interpreted as images.

Diabetic retinopathy, the most common diabetic eye disease, occurs when blood vessels in the retina change. Sometimes these vessels swell and leak fluid or even close off completely. In other cases, abnormal new blood vessels grow on the surface of the retina.

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