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EYE SPECIALIST TO START PERFORMING CATARACT SURGERIES AT CRMC

Cherokee Regional Medical Center (CRMC) is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Stephen P. Fox, an eye specialist with Wolfe Eye Clinic. He will begin performing cataract surgeries at CRMC starting on June 12, 2017.

“We are excited to partner with Dr. Fox and Wolfe Eye Clinic to bring cataract services to Cherokee Regional Medical Center,” said Matt Johnson, CEO/ President of CRMC. “We continuously strive to increase access to a variety of health care services for our patrons. It has been a pleasure to work with such a quality organization in Wolfe Eye Clinic, and Dr. Fox has an excellent reputation with very good patient outcomes.”

In addition, Johnson would like to encourage area patients in need of cataract services to reach out to their personal optometrist and/or physician to discuss having their cataract eye surgeries performed locally. “For a number of years Dr. Fox has performed surgeries at various locations and is well known throughout northwest Iowa. His surgical clinics at CRMC will be of tremendous benefit to area residents desiring to receive high quality cataract services with the convenience of staying close to home,” added Johnson.

Stephen Fox, M.D. of Wolfe Eye Clinic states, “While the surgeons of Wolfe Eye Clinic have provided high quality medical and surgical eye care to the state of Iowa for nearly 100 years, it often required travel to regional centers by the patient to obtain care. In recent years, Wolfe Eye Clinic has expanded by providing medical services directly in communities like Cherokee, ensuring high quality care is available without significant travel by the patient.”

A cataract develops after the clear lens of the eye starts to become cloudy and interferes with light passing through the eye. Some cataracts cloud the natural lens faster than others, but the process is generally gradual, and people may not realize what is happening until they have an eye exam. Changes in prescription glasses can compensate for early cataract, but surgery is generally recommended when vision becomes reduced enough to hinder quality of life. During cataract surgery, the affected natural lens is removed and replaced with a new artificial lens known as an intraocular lens (IOL). Approximately 1.5 million people have cataract surgery in the United States each year.

If you have cataract-related questions or wish to schedule an appointment, please call Wolfe Eye Clinic at 712-262-2379.

About Stephen P. Fox, MD

Stephen P. Fox, M.D., earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He then earned his Doctorate of Medicine from the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana. Next, Dr. Fox completed an internship at St. Vincent Hospital Health Care Associates in Indianapolis, Indiana, followed by an ophthalmology residency at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dr. Fox is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. Practicing in general ophthalmology, Dr. Fox specializes in the treatment of cataracts, glaucoma, medical retina, and other ocular disorders. In addition to the CRMC Specialty Clinic, Dr. Fox also works full-time out of Wolfe Eye Clinic's Spencer location.

In his free time, Dr. Fox enjoys spending time with family, especially his grandchildren. He also enjoys playing drums and guitar, jogging and helping his wife train their two dogs. He and his wife Pam have three adult children.

About Wolfe Eye Clinic:

In practice since 1919, Wolfe Eye Clinic is a recognized regional diagnostic and surgical center offering a broad range of professional care services in the specialty of ophthalmology. With 41 locations throughout Iowa, including Spencer, Fort Dodge, Ames, Des Moines, Ottumwa, Marshalltown, Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, Wolfe Eye Clinic provides expert eye care and convenience to all Iowans.



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