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Contact: James J. Wachter, O.D.  
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636.227.2600 x2030**EyeCare Partners Acquires Three New Optometry Practices in Ohio**

ST. LOUIS, MO – October 23, 2018 – EyeCare Partners, LLC (ECP) is pleased to announce the addition of three new optometry practices to its Ohio footprint:

- Advanced Eyecare Associates, the Columbus, Ohio, practice of Dr. David Zehnder O.D.
- Riverview Eye Associates, the Columbus, Ohio, practice of Dr. Steve Curtis O.D.
- Sugarcreek Eye Health Center, the Bellbrook, Ohio, practice of Dr. George Reed O.D.

All three practices have been trusted providers of personalized optometric services and quality vision products in the State of Ohio for over 20 years. “Dr. Curtis, Dr. Reed and Dr. Zehnder have built solid reputations for advanced ocular disease diagnosis and treatment in their respective communities” says Dr. James Wachter, Chief Professional Officer of ECP. Wachter added, “Complementary vision therapy, dry eye and ortho-k reshaping services attracts patients with a wide range of clinical needs.”

Dr. Curtis explained his reason for joining the ECP family: “I am thrilled to partner with a company with proven business systems that can provide a platform to support our tremendous growth. This is exactly what our practice needed to allow our four doctors, four therapists, and large support staff to continue patient-centered care while optimizing an economically healthy business model. ECP exhibited all the attributes I looked for in a partner. Our team is looking forward to focusing our time and energy on what makes us the happiest...taking care of our patients.”

Dr. Zehnder added, “I have been in practice for 32 years and wanted to get away from all the management issues of running an independent practice. ECP seemed like the right choice. They paid me a fair price for my practice and are allowing me to continue doing what I love most – taking care of my patients. ECP’s scale allows it to provide marketing for new patients, and I liked ECP’s focus on medical optometry. I also liked that ECP’s retail strategy can compete with online optical retailers.”

Dr. Reed provided a summary of why he chose ECP as a partner: “In my research of these opportunities I was pleased to find an outstanding company with which to partner, ECP, one of the largest eye care providers in the country. They have the resources and the expertise to manage the day-to-day operation of my practice more efficiently and effectively than I can, which allows me to give my patients the care they deserve. I look forward to working with ECP in order to provide my patients quality, affordable care.”

Kelly McCrann, Chief Executive Officer of ECP noted, “ECP is laser-focused on attracting like-minded O.D. partners committed to practicing full scope optometry and sharing our vision of comprehensive eye care under one banner. Each of these practices was driven to ECP in part to leave behind the administrative burden of everyday practice management, but also because ECP was the right partner to take their practice to the next level without changing their patient care model. We are thrilled to expand our Ohio footprint with three unique practices that all have a proven track record of excellent patient care and service to their communities.”

**About EyeCare Partners, LLC**

Based in St. Louis, Missouri, EyeCare Partners currently offers comprehensive medical eye care services throughout Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and North Carolina. The doctors of EyeCare Partners serve the vision care needs of over one million patients. For more information about joining the ECP team, please contact [acquisitions@eyecare-partners.com](mailto:acquisitions@eyecare-partners.com).

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