# Advances in Ocular Drug Delivery

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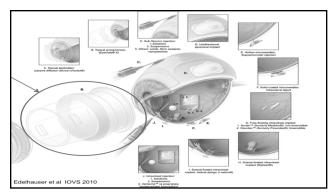
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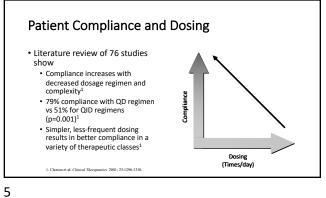
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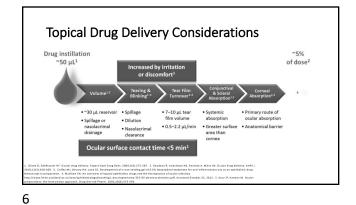
#### **Current Drug Delivery**

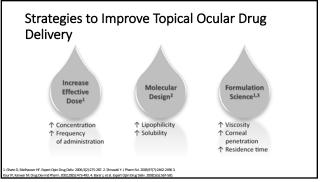
- Orals
- Eye Drops
- Transdermal
- Injections
- Others???



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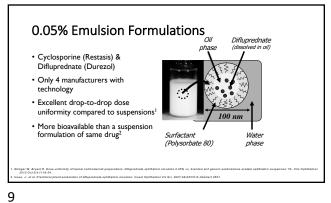


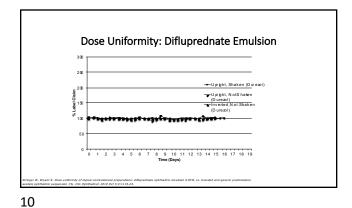


Key Approaches to Improve Ocular Bioavailability • Prodrug strategies Microneedling • Excipients · Colloidal systems Cyclodextrins LiposomesNiosomes • Penetration enhancers Cubosomes Dosage forms Microemulsions Polymeric gels Bioadhesive hydrogels Nanoparticles Temperature induced gelation pH induced gelation Osmotically induced gelation Combination of polymers

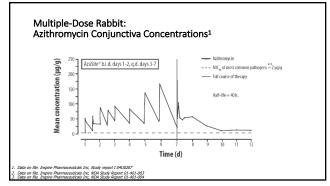
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#### Mucoadhesive Technology Polycarbophil<sup>1</sup> Polycarbophil Gel Matrix High molecular weight polymer Not absorbed into ocular tissues Mucoadhesive Binds to the mucin layer of biological membranes<sup>1,2</sup> Polycarbophil is one of the most adherent mucoadhesives<sup>3</sup> Engineered to adhere to the ocular surface4-6



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Mucoadhesive Adaptive Viscosity:
Polycarbophil Gel Matrix

LOTEMAX\*
GEL
LE GEL

Gel at Rest; Viscous Liquid in the Eye

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#### CMHA-S

#### Crosslinked Hyaluronic Acid

- HA occurs naturally in the human body with qualities ideal for the ocular surface
  - Promotion of wound healing and lubrication
- Native HA has a relatively short half-life
- $\bullet$  Crosslinking HA creates a 3D structure that stabilized the molecule
  - Adheres longer to the ocular surface (up to 90 min)
  - Higher viscosity that thins with blinking and is non blurring
  - Matrix protects the ocular surface



#### CMHA-s: Animal studies

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- > Commercially available as a veterinary device;
  - > Manufactured by SentrX Animal Care
  - Sold in the U.S. by Bayer Animal Health as Remend® Corneal Repair<sup>1</sup>
  - Sold world wide with 5 years experience in thousands of dogs, cats and horses, with an excellent safety profile
- Efficacy has been demonstrated in masked, randomized clinical studies of corneal defects in dogs and cats



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#### CMHA-s: Ocular bandage Gel

➤A clear hydrogel (or liquid-gel) eye drop with a 0.75% concentration of CMHA-S

- > Crosslinked to provide reduced degradation on the eye
- > Exhibits significant shear thinning properties

> Enables better residence time with no optical blur
> Forms a thin layer over the ocular surface, protecting the eye

- > May accelerate re-epithelialization of corneal epithelial defects
  - > PRK, superficial keratectomy, PKP
  - > Corneal abrasions and ulcers
  - ➤ Neurotrophic keratitis
  - ➤ Severe SPK

Iontophoresis Platform: A Non-Invasive Method of Propelling Charged Active Compounds Into Ocular Tissues

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#### Conclusions

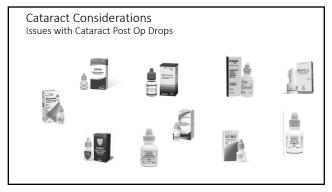
- EGP-437 is safe and effective in reducing inflammation and preventing pain as early as Day 1 with 2 different iontophoretic doses.
- Best responses observed with 4.5 mA-min and 14.0 mA-min doses
- Percentage of patients with ACC count of zero greater than Durezol historical data at Day 7 and Day 28
- Percentage of patients with zero pain better than Durezol historical data at Day 4, 7, and 14
- Phase 2b trial initiation targeted for 1H 2017 EGP-437 effectively controls post operative pain and inflammation without the need for drop therapy

Ophthalmic Delivery Systems

#### Versidoser

- Disposable/reloadable multidose ophthalmic delivery systems
- VersiDoser Liquid
- VRx2 Powers
- · Packaged in unit dose blisters

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TriMoxi or DexMoxi Intravitreal Injection

An injection of an antibiotic & steroid combination in

Preparation:

1. triamcinolone or dexamethasone

the eye at the time of surgery.

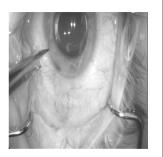
2. moxifloxacin One intravitreal injection

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Pars plana injection into the vitreous cavity.

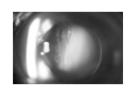
Medicine is injected after the IOL placement.

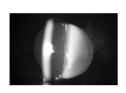
Patients are still under anesthesia so it is mostly painless



What Will the Doctor See???

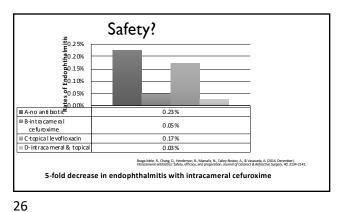
View of the injected medication 2 hours after injection

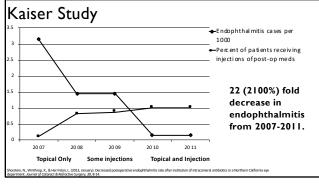




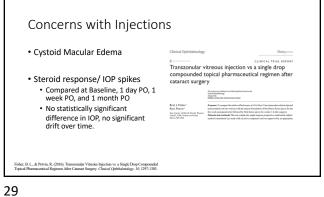
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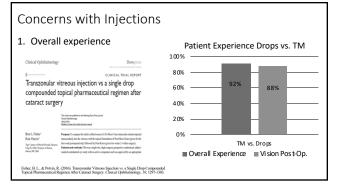


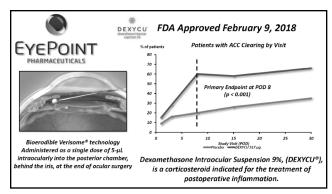
Concerns with Injections 1. Cystoid Macular Edema This study measured macular thickness in both arms at both 1 week and 1 Transzonular vitreous injection vs a single drop compounded topical pharmaceutical regimen after cataract surgery month post-op No statistically significant difference in macular thickness Fisher, B. L., & Potvin, R. (2016). Transzonular Vitrous Injection vs. a Single Drop Compounded Topical Pharmaceutical Regimen After Catamet Surgery. Clinical Ophthalmology, 10, 1297-1303.



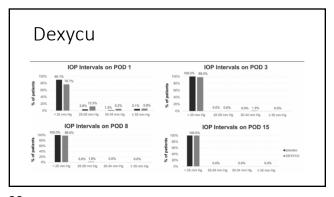
Concerns with Injections 1. Cystoid Macular Edema 2. Steroid response/ IOP spikes 3. HORV

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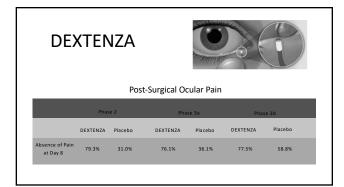


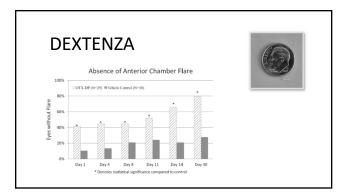
Dextenza – Dexamethasone 0.4mg Insert FDA Approved 12/18 or post-surgical ocular inflammation and pain
 Intracanalicular Plug
 Drug released over 30 days

- DEXTENZA successfully met the trial's two primary efficacy endpoints, absence of ocular pain on day 8 and absence of ocular inflammation on day 14 when compared to placebo
- Other future considerations??

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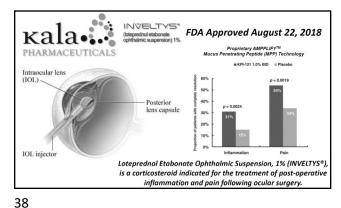
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## LotemaxSM (loteprednol etabonate 0.38% gel)

- Submicron particles have more surface area exposed to tears, driving **rapid drug dissolution**.
- ~2x greater penetration to the aqueous humor than LOTEMAX® GEL (loteprednol etabonate ophthalmic gel)  $0.5\%^2$
- \*Pooled analysis of Phase 3 clinical studies.
  - Study 1: 29%LOTEMAX® SM (N=171) vs 9% vehicle (N=172).
  - Study 2: 31%LOTEMAX® SM (N=200) vs 20% vehicle (N=199); P<0.05 for all.



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INVELTYS<sup>TM</sup> (KPI-121 1%)
Kala Pharmaceuticals

• A topical twice-a-day product candidate for the treatment of inflammation and pain in patients who have undergone ocular surgery.

• Utilizes Mucus Penetrating Particles (MMP) which binds to mucin in the eye and slowly release loteprednol etabonate

Sterols Target Crystallin to Restore Lens
Transparency in Murine Cataract Models

Vehicle

VP1-001

VP1-001

VP1-001 binds and stabilizes the dimer
of cryAB to reverse aggregation

Silt tamp biomicroscopic photographs from R120G
cryAB mice dosed topically with VP1-001 eye drops

Activity confirmed in canine cataract model

www.viewpointtherapeutics.com

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#### Gemini Refractive Capsule Omega Ophthalmics

- Drug delivery
- Biometric sensors
- Lens technology



HARMONI Modular IOL System
 Base implanted in capsular bag
 OCT is done to establish exact position of the HARMONI base

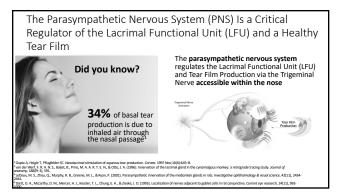
In the same setting, optic power is optimized based on concrete data from OCT imaging

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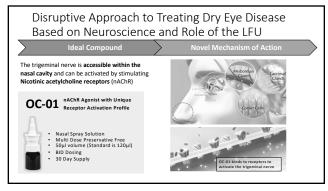
#### TRUETEAR™: PRODUCT INNOVATION

- First-ever neurostimulation device in eye care
- An easy-to-use and drug-free option to temporarily increase tear production during neurostimulation in adult patients
- Provides small electrical pulses to stimulate production of your own natural tears
- First "smart" device in eye care with Bluetooth\* enabled and connected application





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#### OTX-101 - Sun Pharmaceuticals

- A nanomicellar formulation of cyclosporine 0.09%
- In this 12 week, multicenter, randomized, double-masked, vehicle controlled Phase 3 confirmatory study, 744 dry eye patients were treated either with OTX-101 or its vehicle.
  - Met primary endpoint of Schrimer's Score (p<0.0001)
  - The demonstration of efficacy at 12 weeks is earlier than other drugs approved for dry eye in the same class.

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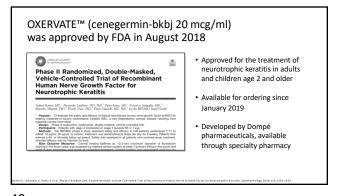
#### NovaTears / EvoTears

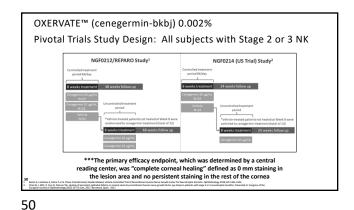
- Innovative mode of action due to the patented EyeSol®-Technology Made in Germany
- $\bullet$  Forms a protective layer over the tear film
- Long-lasting effect for greater patient satisfaction – clinically proven<sup>1</sup>
- Extremely well tolerated as free from preservatives, phosphates and emulsifiers

#### Neuropathic Dry Eye Pain

- Role of cannabis
- EyeSol, Novaliq a novel semifluorinated alkane drug delivery technology
  - Low surface tension
  - No water
  - Metabolically inert
  - Refractive index similar to H20

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Up to 72% of patients achieved complete corneal healing; 80% of healed patients were recurrence free after 1 year\*

After 8 weeks of treatment, 6 times daily

Solution at trial sites in Europe and the U.S.

Study NGF0212 (REPARO) (NGS2 per group) (REPARO) (NGS2 per group) (REPARO) (NGS2 per group) (NGS2 per gro

Glaucoma Considerations

• When COMPLIANCE with drops is low

• When MEDICAL THERAPY FAILS

• When the PROGRESSION continues to WORSEN

• Treatment options

• More medications

• Laser therapy

• Surgical intervention

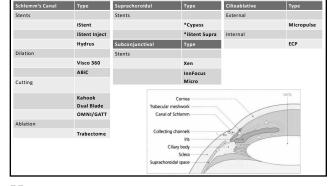
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#### Recent and Future Additions to our Glaucoma **Drop Armamentarium**

- Latanoprostene bunod (Bausch + Lomb) Nitric oxide donating prostaglandin analog
  - Increases both uveoscleral and trabecular outflow
- Rhopressa (Aerie) Inhibition of Rho kinase and of norepinephrine transporter
  - Increases trabecular outflow
  - Reduces aqueous production
  - Decreases episcleral venous pressure
- Roclatan (Aerie) Combined mechanisms of Rhopressa and

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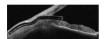
MIGS ADVANTAGES No Bleb Avoids serious complications Safer Less OR time Gentler Faster recovery Less glaucoma meds Reduction of IOP Decreased IOP fluctuations Combined with cataract sx Spares the conjunctiva Good for contact lens wearers Fewer follow-up appointments

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#### The XEN<sup>®</sup> Gel Stent

- A glaucoma implant designed to reduce intraocular pressure in eyes suffering from refractory glaucoma<sup>1</sup>
- 6-mm length, 45-micron inner diameter—about the length of an eyelash<sup>1,2</sup>
- Composed of gelatin, cross-linked with glutaraldehyde<sup>1</sup>





XEN® Directions for Use; 2. Vogt et al. In: Blume-Peytavi et al, eds. Hair Growth and Dizorderz. 2008.

#### Xen 45 Gel Stent: US Pivotal Clinical Trial

	Baseline	12 month
Medicated IOP	25.1 (3.7)	15.9 (5.2)
Glaucoma Meds	3.5 (1.0)	1.7 (1.5)

 $76.3\% \ \ \text{of patients reported a mean diurnal IOP reduction of} \\ \geq 20\% \ \ \text{from medicated baseline at 12 months}$ 

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#### CyPass Withdrawal

- Early September 2018, CyPass withdrawn
- COMPASS-XT 5 year extension of original trial
  - Significant ECL (>30%) statistically higher in CyPass (27.2%) vs. Phaco alone (10%)
  - $\bullet$  Positioning of stent correlated to ECL rate
    - Retention rings visible
    - Angulation



#### iStent *inject* Surgical Procedure

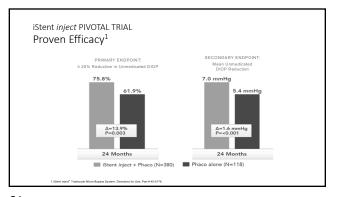
- Placed in the eye during cataract surgery – after phaco
- The procedure is straightforward, astigmatically-neutral, and minimally traumatic to the eye
- iStent inject has an overall safety profile similar to cataract surgery
   Early complications same as iStent -- IOP spike, hyphema, PAS at stent lumen
- Reduces the risk of hypotony by utilizing the natural episcleral venous pressure

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**HORIZON Trial** Stent + Cataract (n=369) Cataract Only (n=187) Baseline IOP (mm Hg) 25.5 (+/- 3.0) 25.4 (+/-2.9) after washout 24 months IOP (mm Hg) 17.4 (+/-3.7) 19.2 (+/-3.8) after washout Unmedicated at 24 months 54% 52.6% 1 preoperative med 46% 47.4% 2 to 4 preoperative med Hydrus Microstent

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#### $\mathsf{ABiC}\;\mathsf{Efficacy}^1$

- Combined cohort (n = 228)
- • Average IOP reduction 30%, average reduction in medication use 50% at 12 months
  - ABIC + phaco (n = 130) 23% IOP reduction, 50% fewer medications
  - Standalone (n = 98) 37% IOP reduction, 67% fewer medications
- Results similar to previous canaloplasty studies

 Ellex Science. Ab-Interno Canalopiasty – The Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery That Keeps Its Promits. White Paper. 2016. https://www.ellex.com/uploads/Resources/Files/Ellex-ABIC-Whitepaper 12-Months.pdf OMNI Surgical System (Sight Sciences)

Transmital Viscolatic Delivery

No Viscolation
VISCORD VISC

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**Drug Eluding Punctal Plugs** 

#### Ocular Therapeutix

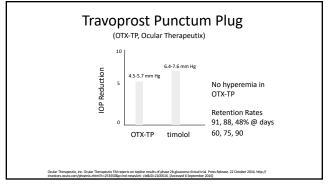
- Sustained-release travoprost in an intracanalicular depot composed of polyethylene glycol hydrogel and drug-containing microparticles
  - Drug elutes over 90 day period
  - In Phase 3 Clinical Trials

#### Mati Therapeutics

- Two formulations have been taken into clinical trials
  - Latanoprost for glaucoma
  - Olopatadine for allergy relief



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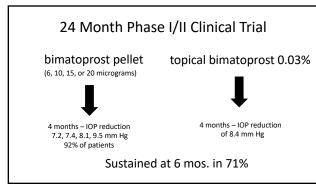
Bimatoprost Sustained Release Implant

• 7/17/19 FDA Accepts Allergan's New Drug Application for Bimatoprost Sustained-Release in Patients with Open-Angle Glaucoma or Ocular Hypertension

• Based on two Phase III clinical trials

• 1,122 Subjects

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Envisia - Travoprost SR Implant

- ENV515 is engineered as a proprietary, fully biodegradable PRINT® (Particle Replication In Non-Wetting Templates) travoprost formulation that could offer sustained reduction in IOP for more than six months after a single dose
- Met Phase 2a primary efficacy endpoint
  - Change in diurnal IOP at Day 25
  - 28-Day dose Decrease 28%

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Travoprost Intraocular Implant
(iDose, Glaukos)

Resides in AC angle, anchored behind TM

Resides in AC angle, anchored behind TM

1.8 mm
0.5 mm

Non-ferrous

Average IOP reductions through Month 12 ranging from 7.9 to 8.5 mmHg in the implant arms

Represents 32-33% reduction in the implant arms

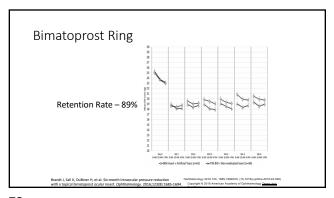
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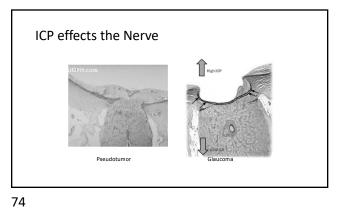
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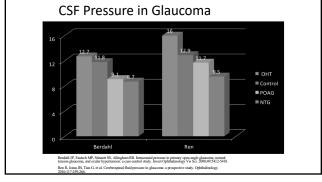
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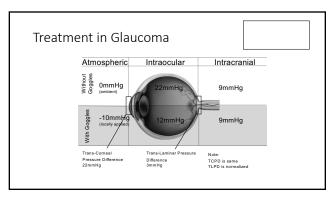


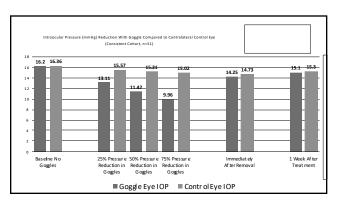


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#### Latanoprost-Eluting Contact Lens

Attractive option secondary to large residence time in the eye.

# Latanoprost-Eluting Contact Lens Comfort of Lens Patient Compliance Vision with Lens Dry Eye/Ocular Surface Disease Replacement Schedule

#### Preclinical Trial and Results

CL<sub>H</sub> (149g latanoprost) CL<sub>L</sub>O (97g latanoprost)

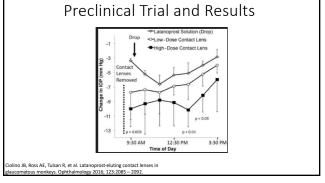
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Topical latanoprost

~ 1 week

Ciolino JB, Ross AE, Tulsan R, et al. Latanoprost-eluting contact lenses in glaucomatous monkeys. Ophthalmology 2016; 123:2085 – 2092.

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#### CL Drug Delivery - Advantages

- Over 50% of the drugs released from a CL can diffuse into the cornea, which is at least 35 times more efficient than eye drops
- Ability to deliver drugs over extended time periods

.i CC, Chauhan A (2006) Modeling ophthalmic drug delivery by soaked contact lenses. Ind Eng Chem Res 45: 3718-3734

CL Drug Delivery - Barriers

- Still no commercial products available since 1960s
- Silicon hydrogel CL addressed hypoxia-related complications
- Rapid release kinetics
  - May differ based on CL material / drug combos
  - Rate of drug release is not constant over time

J CC, Chauhan A (2006) Modeling ophthalmic drug delivery by soaked contact lenses. Ind Eng Chem Res 45: 3718-3734.

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# CL Drug Delivery – What does the future hold?

- Molecular imprinting Creates specific drug recognition sites within the polymer through the use of molecular templates
- Vitamin E coatings Form diffusion barriers within the lens, which forces the target drug to take long complex paths to diffuse from the lens
- Nanoparticles Encapsulated with the target drug can be loaded and released from the CL, and the extended release is controlled by the degradation of the nanoparticles
- Concerns Frequent lens application?? Non-CL wearers?? Cost??

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#### Conclusion

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- Opportunity to address compliance issues
- Opportunity to improve efficacy while maintaining safety profile
- Numerous drugs in the pipeline so be ready to practice at the highest level of our great profession!!

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