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### Abbott Expands Cataract Surgery Product Portfolio through U.S. Distribution Agreement with Carl Zeiss Meditec

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- *Abbott to Distribute Zeiss Cataract Suite Markerless in the United States*
- *Commercial Collaboration between Abbott and Zeiss Leverages the Breadth and Strength of Both Companies' Technologies*

CHICAGO, Oct. 16, 2014 — Abbott and Carl Zeiss Meditec announced today that they have entered into a nonexclusive commercial collaboration in the United States. Under this agreement, Abbott will offer each company's suite of cataract surgery products when developing clinical and contracting solutions with customers in the United States. This comprehensive offering, including synergistic diagnostics, visualization systems, lens extraction systems, and intraocular lenses, provides surgeons with access to a complete cataract surgery portfolio to assist them in maximizing visual outcomes and streamlining patient flow.

"Together with surgeons, Abbott is committed to delivering unsurpassed visual outcomes to patients," said Murthy Simhambhatla, Ph.D., senior vice president, Medical Optics, Abbott. "Our collaboration with Zeiss further demonstrates our commitment by expanding our portfolio and providing our customers a unique and comprehensive cataract solution."

"Surgeons should have the choice of the best and most innovative products to maximize clinical outcomes, manage their data, and optimize their workflow," said Dr. Ludwin Monz, President and CEO of Carl Zeiss Meditec AG. "That is why we agreed to expand our customer reach in the United States by making our products available additionally through Abbott."

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The Abbott cataract portfolio includes the Catalys<sup>®</sup> laser cataract technology, Tecnis family of monofocal, toric, and multifocal intraocular lenses (IOLs), Whitestar Signature<sup>®</sup> phacoemulsification lens removal system, Healon viscoelastics, and various related adjuncts and accessories used in ocular surgery.

The Zeiss Cataract Suite Markerless products in this collaboration include the IOLMaster<sup>®</sup> optical biometer, FORUM<sup>®</sup> data management system, CALLISTO eye<sup>®</sup> computer-assisted cataract surgery system and the OPMI Lumera<sup>®</sup> family of surgical microscopes. These products are designed to work together, allowing the surgeon to skip the manual steps of marking the cornea prior to cataract surgery and data transfer among products.

### **About Abbott Medical Optics (AMO)**

Abbott Medical Optics is focused on delivering life-improving vision technologies to people of all ages. The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of cataract, refractive and eye care products. Products in the cataract line include laser cataract technology, monofocal and multifocal intraocular lenses (IOLs), phacoemulsification systems, viscoelastics, and related products used in ocular surgery. Products in the refractive line include wavefront diagnostic devices, femtosecond lasers and associated patient interface devices; excimer laser vision correction systems and treatment cards. Products in the eye care line include disinfecting solutions, enzymatic cleaners, lens rewetting drops and artificial tears. For more information, please visit <http://www.abbottmedicaloptics.com>.

### **About Abbott**

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