



CooperVision Enhances North American Academic Programs to Support Education and Training of Future Eye Care Professionals

SAN RAMON, Calif., March 20, 2024—Building upon the success of its array of academic programs, [CooperVision](#) has introduced several enhancements to provide additional educational opportunities to U.S. and Canadian optometry students and residents. These include the integration of specialty contact lens initiatives, the rebranding of its student-focused philanthropic program, and a new in-person educational summit for members of the CooperVision Student Leadership Societies.

CooperVision's [Give Brightly](#)[™] program—formerly known as Adopt-a-Patient[®]—offers optometry students with additional “hands-on” fitting experience while enabling them to gift a one-year supply of contact lenses to patients in need. While the company previously offered a separate and similar initiative for its specialty lenses, Give Brightly[™] now includes CooperVision's diverse portfolio of soft and specialty contact lenses, including MiSight[®] 1 day* for age-appropriate children. Through the program, each student may select one patient per academic year to fit with complimentary CooperVision 1 day, scleral, hybrid, or CRT contact lenses, then provide the appropriate follow-up care.

Members of CooperVision's Student Leadership Societies will also have access to a new benefit this year. These students, who represent schools and colleges of optometry across the U.S. and Canada, will attend an educational meeting with networking opportunities at CooperVision's facilities in Rochester, N.Y. The three-day summit includes tours of two of the company's global, Rochester-based manufacturing and distribution sites, as well as a variety of educational sessions. Student Leadership Society members are second- or third-year optometry students selected by faculty at their schools to serve a one-year term. Selected students receive several other opportunities throughout the year, including a grant to attend the American Academy of Optometry annual meeting. A list of the 2023-2024 members can be viewed [here](#).

“At CooperVision, we believe that advancing the profession includes investing in the future of optometry,” said Michele Andrews, OD, Vice President, Professional & Government Affairs, Americas, CooperVision. “From access to industry conferences to valuable networking connections and everything in between, we are deeply committed to strengthening the academic experience of today's optometry students with ample learning opportunities that will best support the next generation of eye care professionals.”

In addition to Give Brightly[™] and the Student Leadership Societies, CooperVision's academic programs include the [Best Practices](#)SM Student Program, [complimentary contact lenses for students](#), and [Myopia Management Certifications](#) with MiSight[®] 1 day and Paragon CRT[®]. To learn more about CooperVision's student programs, visit www.coopervision.com/practitioner/student-programs.

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*Indications for use: MiSight[®] 1 day (omafilcon A) soft (hydrophilic) contact lenses for daily wear are indicated for the correction of myopic ametropia and for slowing the progression of myopia in children with non-diseased eyes, who at

the initiation of treatment are 8-12 years of age and have a refraction of -0.75 to -4.00 diopters (spherical equivalent) with ≤ 0.75 diopters of astigmatism. The lens is to be discarded after each removal.

About CooperVision

CooperVision, a division of CooperCompanies (Nasdaq: COO), is one of the world's leading manufacturers of contact lenses. The company produces a full array of daily disposable, two-week and monthly soft contact lenses that feature advanced materials and optics, and premium rigid gas permeable lenses for orthokeratology and scleral designs. CooperVision has a strong heritage of addressing the toughest vision challenges such as astigmatism, presbyopia, childhood myopia, and irregular corneas; and offers the most complete portfolio of spherical, toric and multifocal products available. Through a combination of innovative products and focused practitioner support, the company brings a refreshing perspective to the marketplace, creating real advantages for customers and wearers. For more information, visit www.coopervision.com.

About CooperCompanies

CooperCompanies (Nasdaq: COO) is a leading global medical device company focused on improving lives one person at a time. The Company operates through two business units, CooperVision and CooperSurgical. CooperVision is a trusted leader in the contact lens industry, improving the vision of millions of people every day. CooperSurgical is a leading fertility and women's health company dedicated to assisting women, babies and families at the healthcare moments that matter most. Headquartered in San Ramon, Calif., CooperCompanies has a workforce of more than 15,000 with products sold in over 130 countries. For more information, visit www.coopercos.com.

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