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Reichert Technologies® Announces New CPT Code at Hawaiian Eye Conference

Maui, Hawaii – January 20, 2015 – A new CPT code, 92145, has been published specifically for the Corneal Hysteresis measurement provided by the Reichert® Ocular Response Analyzer®. In the 2015 CPT handbook, a new, permanent, Category I CPT code, 92145 (*Corneal hysteresis determination, by air impulse stimulation, unilateral or bilateral, with interpretation and report*), replaces the prior temporary, Category III CPT code, 0181T. The new code took effect January 1, 2015.

According to "An Insider's View" published by the American Medical Association, this test achieved Category I status because the clinical utility has been established and usage has grown since 2007 when the Category III code was implemented. The code descriptor was changed slightly; it now describes a test performed on a single eye or both eyes (e.g., unilateral or bilateral).

"This change relieves a significant administrative burden for ophthalmologists and optometrists who perform corneal hysteresis and seek reimbursement for this diagnostic test. For most payers, including Medicare, Category III CPT codes are not covered while Category I codes are usually covered and reimbursed," said Kevin J. Corcoran, COE, CPC, CPMA, FNAO, president of Corcoran Consulting Group, during his presentation at the 2015 Hawaiian Eye meeting.

Corneal hysteresis is an indication of corneal biomechanical properties. Low corneal hysteresis is a glaucoma progression risk factor.

The passage of this code is a culmination of many years of effort by Reichert and researchers around the world who have helped to better understand how corneal hysteresis is clinically relevant. "Obviously we are very pleased with this news," said David Taylor, Reichert Senior Product Manager of Tonometry and Diagnostic Devices. "Corneal hysteresis provides important new information that we are confident will help improve the diagnosis of glaucoma, and



ultimately help preserve patients' vision. This CPT code will facilitate the use of this exciting technology."

Corneal hysteresis is provided only by the Ocular Response Analyzer, available from Reichert Technologies.

For more information on the Ocular Response Analyzer, contact Reichert Technologies at (716) 686-4500, toll-free in the U.S.A and Canada at 1-888-849-8955, or visit www.reichert.com/ora.

About Reichert Technologies

Reichert Technologies, Buffalo, New York, is a global leader in the design and manufacture of high-quality diagnostic instruments and equipment for ophthalmologists, optometrists, opticians and retail eye centers, for over 150 years. Reichert's products are used for a wide range of applications, from common vision testing to diagnosing sight-threatening diseases such as glaucoma and macular degeneration. Inventors of the Lensometer[®], Phoropter[®], and Non-Contact Tonometer, Reichert carries on its proud tradition by providing ground breaking products, including the highly acclaimed Tono-Pen[®], Ocular Response Analyzer[®], and Reichert[®] 7CR. Reichert is a unit of AMETEK, Inc., a leading global manufacturer of electronic instruments and electromechanical devices with 2014 sales of \$4.2 billion. AMETEK has over 15,000 colleagues at more than 120 manufacturing locations around the world. Supporting those operations are more than 100 sales and service locations across the United States and in 30 other countries around the world.

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