

# NEWS RELEASE

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## For Immediate Release

### **Harbin Clinic Doctors Perform Georgia's First Implant of New Cataract Lens**

ROME, GA (May 25, 2010)-- The first Softec HD™ Intraocular Lens Implant in the state of Georgia was recently implanted by Bob Harbin, M.D., and Paul Harton M.D., of the Harbin Clinic Eye Center. The intraocular lens, manufactured by Lenstec, is the latest in lens implants.

The implant enables doctors to more precisely fit cataract patients' needs, improving their visual outcome. Current intraocular lenses used are manufactured in 0.5 power increments, while the Softec HD™ is available in 0.25 power increments. The implant is also up to three times more precise than cataract replacement lenses manufactured under ISO standards.

Dr. Harbin and Dr. Harton are among the first 10 implanters in the U.S. Lenstec chose the doctors due to their long-standing clinical expertise in the development of new implant technologies.

Dr. Harbin was one of the first ophthalmic surgeons in the country to implant foldable lenses, which now account for 99 percent of all lens implant surgeries. Dr. Harton was one of the first implanters of the Implantable Contact Lens for Myopia upon its approval in 2005.

“We are thrilled to have been chosen to perform the procedure first and look forward to adding this new technology,” Dr. Harbin said.

“We are excited to see the improvements the new breakthrough will bring to the lives of our patients,” Dr. Harton said.

Harbin Clinic is Georgia’s largest physician-owned multi-specialty clinic. With approximately 160 doctors and extenders in 20 locations, Harbin Clinic provides care to thousands of people in North Georgia and parts of Alabama, and Tennessee.

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