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LEADING EYE  
SURGERY SPECIALISTS

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# PROTECTING YOUR VISION

## from the “Silent Thief”

Ophthalmology LTD is your partner in preserving and protecting the good vision you need to live life on your own terms. Our eye surgeons believe that the more you know about protecting your vision, the better you will feel. How much do you know about glaucoma?

### Four things you may not know about GLAUCOMA:

#### 1. Glaucoma can be hereditary.

If you have a family member who has been diagnosed as having glaucoma, you are at greater risk of developing it and should have a comprehensive annual dilated eye exam. This is particularly important if you have other

risk factors, such as age (60+), diabetes, high blood pressure, your ethnic heritage, severe nearsightedness, or a history of eye injury. Our eye surgeons use advanced state-of-the-art computerized evaluation techniques to detect early signs of damage caused by glaucoma and the vision loss associated with it.

**2. Glaucoma is “silent.”** The most common type of glaucoma (“open-angle”) often goes unnoticed in its early stages because it usually does not cause pain or immediate changes in vision, which is why it has been dubbed “the silent thief.” If you have glaucoma, the first warning sign or symptom may be the gradual loss of some of your vision.

**3. Once glaucoma steals vision, it does NOT give it back.** Glaucoma causes permanent vision loss, but treatment can slow or stop it and reduce risk of blindness. The earlier glaucoma is detected, the better chance you will have of retaining as much of your vision as possible.

**4. You may not know if YOU have glaucoma.** More than three million Americans have it, but only half are actually aware that glaucoma is slowly stealing away their vision. Having a comprehensive dilated eye exam may be your only chance to find out before you experience permanent vision loss.

Visit [www.OphthalmologyLTD.com](http://www.OphthalmologyLTD.com) and click the “All About Glaucoma” link to watch educational videos about glaucoma.



# We have our own outpatient surgery center.

## *Here's why.*

**It's all about YOU.**

- **Your CONVENIENCE & COMFORT** starts with a relaxed, patient-focused environment. We exchange the “hospital” for hospitality by replacing bureaucracy and red tape with convenience and comfort. Our surgery center is located under the roof of our main office in Sioux Falls, with ample parking only a few steps from our door. It doesn't get more convenient than that!
- **We focus on delivering a higher level of QUALITY & LOWER COSTS** because that's what you deserve. We do only one thing—



eye surgery procedures—and we do that one thing very well. That focus on only one type of surgery and less red tape means lower costs for everyone involved, without sacrificing quality.

- **Your SATISFACTION.** Patients who have used our surgery center give us high marks.

## *What's a* **BLEPHAROPLASTY?**

It's the procedure that Dr. Bryan Hammer, a fellowship-trained oculoplastic surgeon, performs to correct drooping eyelids that make a person look tired and older and sometimes obstruct vision. Following blepharoplasty, patients have a more youthful, pleasant facial expression and something else to smile about—Dr. Hammer performs this procedure in our convenient, comfortable outpatient surgery center!



*Visit [www.OphthalmologyLtd.com](http://www.OphthalmologyLtd.com) to learn more about oculoplastic surgery and blepharoplasty.*



# Meet Our **BOARD-CERTIFIED OPHTHALMOLOGISTS**



**RICHARD T. TSCHETTER, MD**

Dr. Tschetter practices general ophthalmology and performs laser surgery.



**GREGORY D. OSMUNDSON, MD**

Dr. Osmundson specializes in glaucoma management and cataract and implant surgery.



**RYAN L. GERAETS, MD**

Dr. Geraets specializes in diseases and surgery of the retina and vitreous.



**DAVID R. WEST, MD**

Dr. West specializes in cataract and implant surgery, and pediatric ophthalmology.



**ERIC R. THOMAS, MD**

Dr. Thomas specializes in diseases and surgery of the retina and vitreous.



**MICHAEL K. EIDE, MD**

Dr. Eide specializes in corneal surgery, external eye diseases, cataract and implant surgery, and refractive surgery.



**BRYAN J. HAMMER, MD**

Dr. Hammer specializes in plastic and reconstructive surgery of the eyelids, orbit, and lacrimal systems, as well as cataract and implant surgery and laser skin resurfacing.

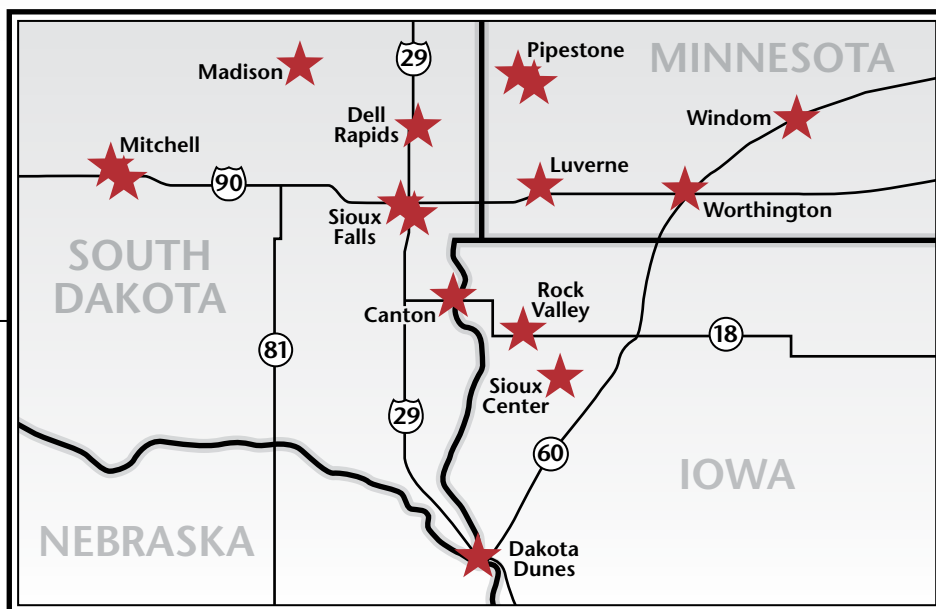


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Dr. Dierks practices general ophthalmology and performs cataract and implant surgery.

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