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SightLife Begins Preparing Tissue for DMEK and DMAEK Procedures

March 4, 2013, Seattle, WA - Descemet's Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK) and Descemet's Membrane Automated Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMAEK) are the latest surgical techniques in corneal transplantation that may provide patients with quicker recovery times along with better visual acuity. The techniques continue to gain popularity and to ensure surgeons have access to pre-prepared tissue for these advanced procedures, SightLife's laboratory in Seattle has begun preparing tissue for DMEK and DMAEK procedures.

SightLife's tissue processing technologists are among the most experienced in the eye bank profession, preparing well over 150 corneas per month on either the microkeratome or femtosecond laser, ensuring the highest quality tissue for surgeons. "SightLife tissue processing technologists have undergone extensive and advanced training to prepare tissue for DMEK and DMAEK and we can now offer this service to surgeons seven days a week," stated Bernie Iliakis, Chief Operating Officer for SightLife.

To obtain more about SightLife's tissue services, to schedule a tour of our facilities, or to begin ordering DMEK or DMAEK tissue, contact Christina Psalms at 909-248-5847 or via email at Christina.psalms@sightlife.org.

Founded in 1969, SightLife is the only non-profit global health organization solely focused on eliminating corneal blindness in the U.S. and around the world. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, the organization leverages innovative technologies and best business practices to transform lives and unlock life's possibilities for the corneal blind. SightLife works in partnership with surgeons and

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health organizations in more than 29 countries. SightLife and its global eye bank partners combined provided nearly 14,000 corneas for transplant in 2012.

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