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Jim Wachtman Joins CorneaGen as Chief Commercial Officer

SEATTLE (May 1, 2019) – CorneaGen, a mission-driven company committed to transforming how corneal surgeons treat and care for the cornea, today announced that James “Jim” C. Wachtman has joined the young company as chief commercial officer. Jim has been a leader in the cornea community for 20 years and serves as the chair of the Refractive Surgery Council, a group of industry manufacturers and ophthalmologists focused on growing the Lasik surgery industry. Jim will work closely with CorneaGen Chief Technology Officer Bob Stevens to innovate the next generation of cornea care and move CorneaGen forward in its mission to eliminate corneal blindness worldwide.

“Hiring Jim is a strategic step in our effort to diversify CorneaGen’s offering for surgeons and move beyond tissue,” said CorneaGen President and CEO Monty Montoya. “His deep experience in growing opportunities in ophthalmology will help us accomplish our mission.”

Jim’s most recent experience in eyecare was helping to expand the offering of Precision Lens through a mobile femtosecond and cataract service called Precision Eye Services. He previously served as president and CEO of TLC Vision (TLC), a \$300 million, publicly held provider of laser vision correction, cataract services and optometric services. Jim was named president and chief operating officer of TLC after its predecessor, Laser Vision Centers (LVCI), was acquired. Jim was also president and chief operating officer of LVCI before the sale.

Jim has served as a venture partner with SV Life Sciences and also worked with Bain Capital Ventures and FTL Capital to develop businesses across medical technologies and healthcare services. He started his 34-year healthcare career at American Hospital Supply (McGaw Division) as a sales representative, rising to the role of vice president of the infusion device division before becoming one of the founding executives of Central Admixture Pharmacy Services, a pharmacy compounding service partnering with large hospital systems and home infusion companies.

About CorneaGen

CorneaGen is a mission-driven company committed to transforming how corneal surgeons treat and care for the cornea. Based in Seattle, the company is innovating the next generation of cornea care, from new medical devices and cell therapy to treatments and interventions. CorneaGen supports corneal surgeons and their patients with a spectrum of services, including the latest in innovative products, delivery of the highest quality tissue, surgeon education and advocacy for patient access and reimbursement policies. <https://corneagen.com>

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