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TO: Nebraska Ophthalmologists

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RE: Reporting of *Fusarium* Keratitis Infection

Date: August 7, 2006

Dear Nebraska Ophthalmologist:

I am writing to request your assistance in our efforts to quantify the number of *Fusarium* keratitis infection cases that have been diagnosed throughout the State of Nebraska. As you may be aware, the CDC initiated a multistate investigation and has reported the association of this condition among contact lens wearers and the use of Bausch & Lomb’s ReNu with MoistureLoc®. These national concerns and the recent report of a similar condition in a Nebraska resident have prompted the need to determine the extent of this problem in our state. For additional information on this important health issue, please refer to the following articles:


Have you diagnosed one or more patients with *Fusarium* keratitis since June 1, 2005? If so, please contact Bryan Buss via e-mail or telephone to report the date of onset of these cases. We are particularly interested to determine if there have been new cases with onset after Bausch & Lomb announced the May 15, 2006 worldwide permanent recall of ReNU with MoistureLoc®. Initially, we are only requesting that you report numbers of cases and date of onset. If this reporting leads to concern with the number of cases, we will further our investigation and may follow-up to request individual patient information.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this request and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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