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**THE CENTER FOR RETINA AND MACULAR DISEASE HOSTS  
SECOND ANNUAL FLORIDA RETINA SYMPOSIUM**

**WINTER HAVEN, FL (AUGUST 18, 2008)** – The Center for Retina and Macular Disease will host the 2008 Florida Retina Symposium Sept. 26-28 at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate.

Optometrists from around the country are invited to attend this professional development event designed to address the important role optometrists can play in identifying and managing retinal diseases.

“We realize the importance of educating optometrists in this area,” said Dr. David Misch, who founded The Center for Retina and Macular Disease. “Last year, we hosted the first Florida Retina Symposium and it was a resounding success, so we plan to present this opportunity annually.”

“The symposium features nationally renowned speakers who will present cutting-edge educational information on retinal disease diagnoses and treatments,” Misch said.

The site of the symposium is the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, which opened in October 2004. It hosts luxury amenities and modern conveniences, and is home to the world-renowned David Leadbetter Golf Academy. A clinic at the Leadbetter Golf Academy is just one highlight scheduled during this three-day meeting.

A limited number of sponsor opportunities are available for this event. For sponsor information, call: (863) 683-3905.

Online registration and additional symposium information is available at:  
[www.retinasymposium.com](http://www.retinasymposium.com).

**About the Center for Retina & Macular Disease**

Dr. David Misch started the Center for Retina and Macular Disease in Winter Haven in 1991. Today the practice includes some of the most respected retina specialists in the country who have committed themselves to remaining on the cutting edge of new technologies and treatments. The

Center has an active clinical research program in Florida, which involves multiple clinical research trials for macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and other eye diseases. It also has one of largest and most active low-vision rehabilitation programs in the country, with a staff that includes optometrists and occupational therapists. The Center for Retina and Macular Disease has eight offices throughout Central Florida: Lakeland, Zephyrhills, Winter Haven, Sebring, Haines City, Clermont, Plant City and Avon Park. For more information on The CRMD, visit their Web site: [www.crmd.net](http://www.crmd.net).

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