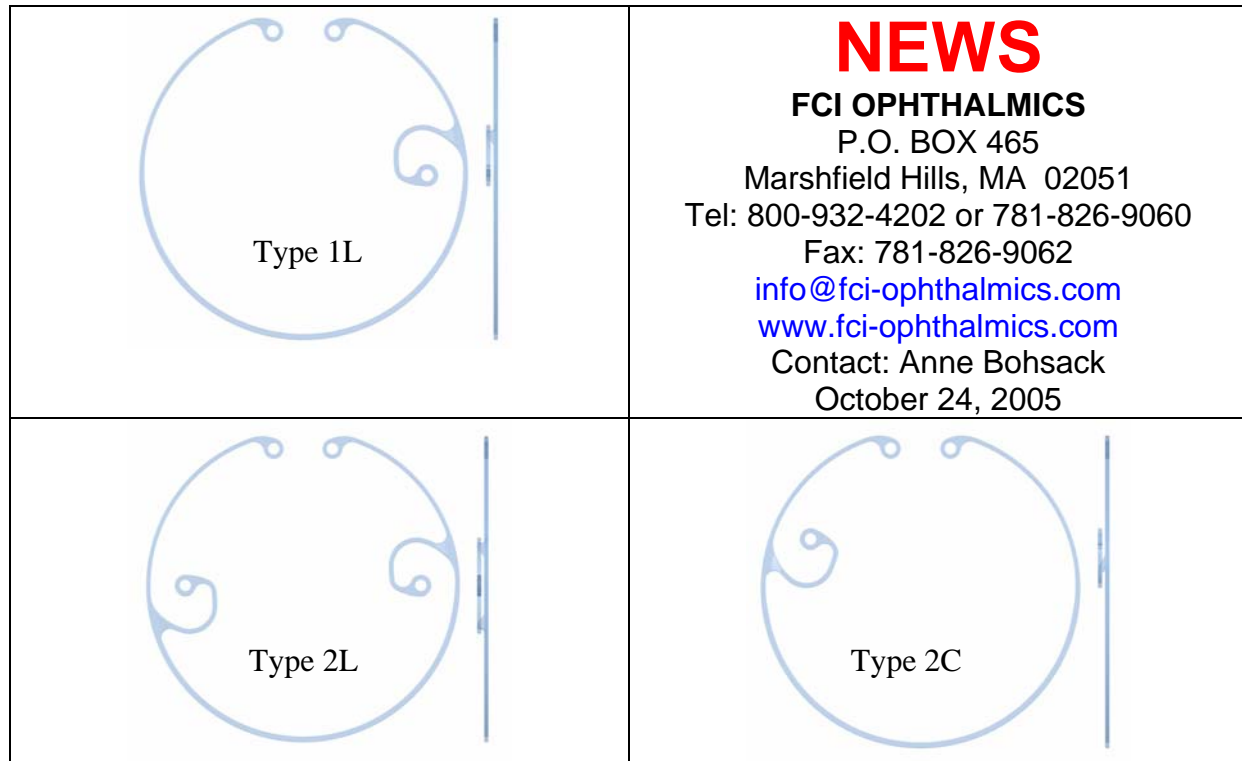


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Morcher[®] Cionni variation CTRs approved by FDA

Marshfield Hills, MA – October 24, 2005. On October 14, 2005, the FDA issued a letter of approval for the three capsular tension rings (CTRs) that have been called Cionni variations. The three rings are each capable of being sutured to the sclera and thus add to the stability of the capsule both during the surgical procedure and after implantation of the intraocular lens.

Developed as a modification to the basic Morcher Capsular Tension Rings (Types 14, 14A and 14C) approved just two years ago, the Cionni variations are named after their creator, Robert J. Cionni, M.D. of the Cincinnati Eye Institute. Dr. Cionni recognized from his early experience using the standard CTRs, that there was a need for greater stability when confronted with a zonular dehiscence greater than 135°.

The three rings bearing his name are the Types 1L (single suture eyelet), 2L (two suturable eyelets 180° opposite on the circumference of the ring) and the 2C (may be inserted using an injector). Due to the placement of the suturable arms on the Types 1L and 2L, they must be manually inserted. The Type 2C is a mirror image of the Type 1L but by positioning the suturable arm on the opposite side of the ring's circumference, it may be inserted using the Geuder injector which was designed specifically for the Morcher CTRs.

The three Cionni variation rings are now available to all ophthalmologists from FCI Ophthalmics, Inc. of Marshfield Hills, MA 02051. For more information on the products call 1-800-932-4202 or visit http://www.fci-ophthalmics.com/cionni_ctrs.htm.

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