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Systems of Sight Buyer Beware

The doctors at the Viewfinder Low Vision Resource Centers take the trust that our patients place in us seriously and will always provide the latest treatment options available to help with visual impairment. Another responsibility that we take seriously is education of our patients regarding services and options that are available to them. As such, we feel a need to discuss a pair of glasses that has been advertised on Arizona television.

Recently there has been local media coverage about a “new” product to assist patients with macular degeneration. The product is called the “Dual Lens System” from Systems of Sight. The makers of these lenses claim that the glasses “enhance light transmission” and “enable wearers to see more clearly at both distance and near”. The system consists of two ordinary lenses, one with the patient’s prescription and a second lens with prism designed to move light away from blind spots onto healthy retina, essentially using an eccentric more healthy area of retina to see.

In reality, Systems of Sight is not a new product. It was evaluated by ViewFinder's Dr. Lynne Noon in the 1980's who concluded that it offered no benefit to any one with visual impairment. Additionally a study reported in a 1996 issue of the Journal of Vision Rehabilitation disproved all claims made by Systems of Sight. The researchers even used a spectrophotometer to measure the light transmittance of the lenses and found that they transmit 14% less light than a conventional lens with anti-reflective coating.

After nearly 25 years in business, Systems of Sight has only 4 sites in the United States that will carry this product. One of these places is in Arizona and sadly, some of our patients have spent approximately \$3000.00 for these glasses. No one reported any improvement in vision.

While we choose not to provide Systems of Sight eyeglasses for our clients, we are able to evaluate a wide selection of products from all over the world and will continue to provide the best solutions for our clients. If you would like a copy of the Journal of Vision Rehabilitation study evaluation the Systems of Sight product, please email us at info@ViewFinderLowVision.com.

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