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News briefs

Medical specialists and the **Government of Quebec** have hammered out an agreement on fees paid to ophthalmologists treating macular degeneration with **Lucentis**. Specialists will receive a lump sum of \$175 for each medical procedure, with the government adding on \$115 more to purchase and use medical devices and equipment required for treatment. Starting on June 12, 2012, the injections will be performed in hospitals rather than in private ophthalmologist offices. 

Randolf Rodenstock, member of the supervisory board of **Rodenstock** Group, will be in Calgary on June 21 and in Ottawa on June 23. The German entrepreneur will speak about the development and the future of the Canadian optical industry. **Florian Zwink**, an optical engineer from Rodenstock, will speak about the current state and future of digital technology. To attend these events, contact Janet Babic, at babic@rodenstock.ca or at 780-660-6930 (for Calgary), or Martin Bell, at mbell@rodenstock.ca or at 647-238-1390 (for Ottawa). 

Three Canadians were among the winners of the 2011 **Students of Vision** scholarship from **Transitions**. **Yusufali Pirmohamed**, from **Georgian College**, was the winner in the Activity/Event category, and **Avin Kishore** and **Jermi Santos**, from **Douglas College**, were winners in the Multi-media category. Each student won a \$1,000 scholarship. This year's entries had to demonstrate a multicultural theme.



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News from France

Frames made in France will now carry the "**Origine France Garantie**" label. Presented on May 19 to the National Assembly, this new label applies to all sectors of the French industry, including eyewear. It certifies that France is where the product was made (manufactured, assembled, etc.), and that at least half of its value added is the result of production activities in France. 

In other news, French finance minister **Christine Lagarde** introduced the bill establishing a framework for the online sale of optical products. Customers who buy glasses on the Internet will be able to return them within seven days and obtain a refund or an exchange. As for contact lenses, suppliers will have to allow customers to obtain advice from a qualified optician and will have to obtain a prescription upon the initial delivery.

On an entirely different note, we have learned that **Jacques Morel**, the 3rd generation owner of the **Morel** Corporation and well known in the European industry, passed away May 21 at the age of 83. We send our condolences to the Morel family, particularly to his three children, **Amélie**, **Jérôme** and **Francis**, who are presently running the company. 

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Agreements and partnerships

Danica Patrick, the American pilot well known among IndyCar series racing fans, is the new face of **William Rast**, distributed by **Viva International**. This agreement coincides with the launch of the **William Rast Eyewear** line, which includes frames for women and men. Not only does the brand, founded by **Justin Timberlake** in 2005, have this lucrative endorsement, but the William Rast car, piloted by **Dan Wheldon**, also won the most recent edition of the prestigious Indy 500 race, which was celebrating its 100th anniversary.



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