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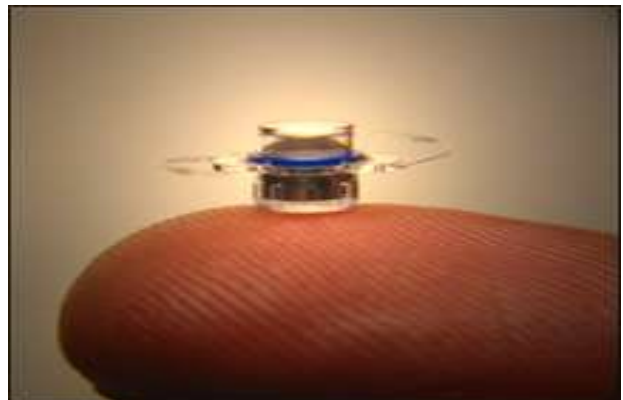
for visual rehabilitation



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Spring is just around the corner folks and all of us Coloradoans know what that means... SNOW, SNOW, SNOW!!! But snow is old news, and with so much going on at Enight I would like to focus on the amazing medical advancement that Enight has the great honor of being a part of: [Implantable Miniature Telescope for the Treatment of Advanced Age-Related Macular Degeneration](#). A new FDA-approved miniature telescope implant is now available to treat the most advanced form of age-related macular degeneration (AMD), or end-stage age-related macular degeneration, in which both eyes have central vision loss. End-stage age-related macular degeneration can develop from either the dry or the wet form of age-related macular degeneration and is not curable with drugs.

The miniature telescope implant helps by using healthy areas of the retina to see instead of the area affected by the macular degeneration. The miniature telescope implant is used in a comprehensive patient treatment program called CentraSight™. The CentraSight treatment program includes several steps, including proper diagnosis, candidate screening/evaluation, and visual rehabilitation. Enight will be providing the visual rehabilitation for individuals who have undergone this procedure. To arrange an appointment with one of the retinal specialists to see if you or a loved one is a candidate, call 1-888-999-4134.



Latest and Greatest in Assistive Technology



Enight is proud to have been part of the development of [Magnaflyer](#). With the hard work of Softology Ideaworks as well as endless hours of contribution from Enight's Director of Rehab, Cori Layton, OTR, Magnaflyer is ready for release to the public to aid in the visual rehabilitation process. Thanks to their hard work now there's an assistive reading technology for low vision that's portable, unobtrusive, inexpensive and as close as your computer.

MagnaFlyer delivers a new level of efficiency to reading technology. It combines the functions of a screen magnifier with a new kind of display that enables you to read fluidly without concern for manipulating the reading material. Both these capabilities come in one easy to use software that you can use anywhere you'd use a computer.

It's unique patented display technology allows for each word to take up the entire screen. The words are displayed in the same location one at a time with an experience much like watching a movie. This eliminates the need for saccadic scanning and eye movement.



For everyday use MagnaFlyer is an onramp to the internet for those with low vision. It helps to level the playing field. With one click it will convert web pages, electronic text, PDF files and email into a proprietary format for easy reading. There's no special equipment to buy or formatting to do in order to get the benefits.

MagnaFlyer is completely portable. Use it at home, in the classroom or at work. All you need is a computer to enhance your

reading ability. The initial training for Magnaflyer is done by our staff or a low vision rehab specialist so that you can use it to its fullest capacity and receive maximum benefits in your rehabilitation. For more information contact Melody 970-310-9665 and she can answer any questions or direct you from there.

Upcoming Support Groups Information

The Fort Collins E-Squared education and support group will meet on March 22nd. The topic will be Magnification (Optical & Electronic). The E-Squared group meets from 10-11:30am on the fourth Thursday of each month at Ensign in Fort Collins.

The Loveland group will meet again April 5th from 10:30-11:30 at Sugar Valley Estates 4320 Georgetown Drive in Loveland. Our topic will be, "Resources for Information". This group is open to the community and not just for Sugar Valley residents. Please call Melody @ 970.310.9665 for more information.

The Denver E-Squared group will meet next on Wednesday March 21 from 10-11:30. The topic will be Magnification (Optical & Electronic). The group will meet the 3rd Wed of every month at our Denver office located at 6000 E. Evans Ave. Building 3 Suite 012 in Denver. For more info on the Denver group call 303-757-4500.

Greeley Group is still on a small hiatus but will continue meeting soon. This group meets at Curtis Strong in Greeley, located at 918 13th Street, Suite 4.

- If you would like to receive an e-mail or telephone reminder about the next support group meeting just let us know and we'll put you on the reminder list.
- For more information about our new look "E-Squared" support group meetings give us a call at 970-407-9999.

Acknowledgement

Ensignt would like to thank the following contributors: The Gill Lions Clubs, [Brush Lions Club](#), the [Lions Club of Douglas County](#) and the [Fort Collins Lions Foundation](#). We appreciate your support and would love to come visit with your club or organization. If you are interested in a speaker send an email to Melody@ensightskills.org or call 970-310-9665 for Melody.

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Ensignt's Consignment Program

Ensignt is looking for any used assistive technology components that are in need of a home. If you are in possession of a CCTV or low vision aides and would like to get rid of them we have a great program. Bring the equipment into Ensignt and we will put it on consignment. Once we sell it you will get a percentage back. This is a great way for us to find affordable equipment that we can pass along to our clients. If you have questions about dropping off, picking up, or the consignment process call Ensignt:970-407-9999. Also, you can donate any equipment that is no longer useful to you.

Ensignt's E-Newsletter

Did you know that we can send our Ensignt newsletter right to your email? If interested in switching to our e-newsletter please send a request to Melody@ensightskills.org and we will switch you right away.