



### Sector Update: The New Era of Ophthalmology

- **AI-First Diagnostics:** Artificial intelligence has transitioned from a novelty to the frontline of care. Algorithms now handle the bulk of early disease screening, allowing ophthalmologists to focus strictly on complex interventions. This shift is improving early-detection rates for glaucoma and macular degeneration.
- **The Office-Based Surgery Revolution:** The migration from hospital-based settings to in-office surgical suites is accelerating. Surgeons are reclaiming clinical autonomy and delivering a boutique, "one-stop-shop" experience for cataract patients.
- **The Integrated Care Paradigm:** A widening gap between patient volume and surgeon availability has forced a workforce evolution. Ophthalmologists have moved to the top of their licenses, managing chronic pathologies and pre-operative care so surgeons can focus exclusively on high-complexity cases.
- **The Era of "Oculomics":** 2026 marks the rise of the eye as a window to systemic health. Advanced retinal imaging is now being used as a non-invasive biomarker for cardiovascular and neurological conditions, repositioning the ophthalmologist as a central player in the broader preventative medicine ecosystem.

### Selected Recent EdgePoint Transactions



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## Recent Transaction Profiles

### Ascend Vision Partners Acquires Wise Eye



Target



Buyer



Sponsor

- **January 2026** – Ascend Vision Partners has acquired Wise Eye Associates. This acquisition strengthens Ascend Vision Partners' footprint in the ophthalmology and eye care services market.
- Wise Eye Associates is a leading eye care practice providing comprehensive ophthalmology services, enhancing Ascend Vision Partners' clinical scale and regional presence.

### Ascend Vision Partners Acquires Sylvester Eye



Target



Buyer



Sponsor

- **January 2026** – Ascend Vision Partners has acquired Sylvester Eye Care & Associates. This acquisition expands Ascend Vision Partners' presence and capabilities in comprehensive eye care services.
- Sylvester Eye Care & Associates is a well-established ophthalmology practice delivering a broad range of vision and surgical services, further strengthening Ascend Vision Partners' clinical network.

### InFocus Acquires Lincoln County Vision Center



Target



Buyer



Sponsor

- **September 2025** – InFocus Eye Care has acquired Lincoln County Vision Center, expanding its private equity-backed optometry platform in the Midwest.
- Lincoln County Vision Center provides comprehensive optometric care and optical services to its community, contributing experienced providers and a loyal patient base to InFocus's expanding network.

### Shopko Optical Acquires 1Vision



Target



Buyer

- **July 2025** – Shopko Optical has acquired 1Vision, expanding its optometry and optical retail footprint. This acquisition strengthens Shopko Optical's ability to provide comprehensive vision care across its network.
- 1Vision is a reputable vision care provider offering a full range of eye care and optical services, enhancing Shopko Optical's platform and patient access.

### Vision Innovation Partners Acquires Eye Care of Delaware



Target



Buyer



Sponsor

- **June 2025** – Vision Innovation Partners has acquired Eye Care of Delaware. This acquisition enhances Vision Innovation Partners' ability to provide comprehensive ophthalmology and optometry services.
- Eye Care of Delaware is a trusted local practice delivering a full range of vision care services.

### EyeSouth Partners Acquires Total Eye Care Centers



Target



Buyer



Sponsor

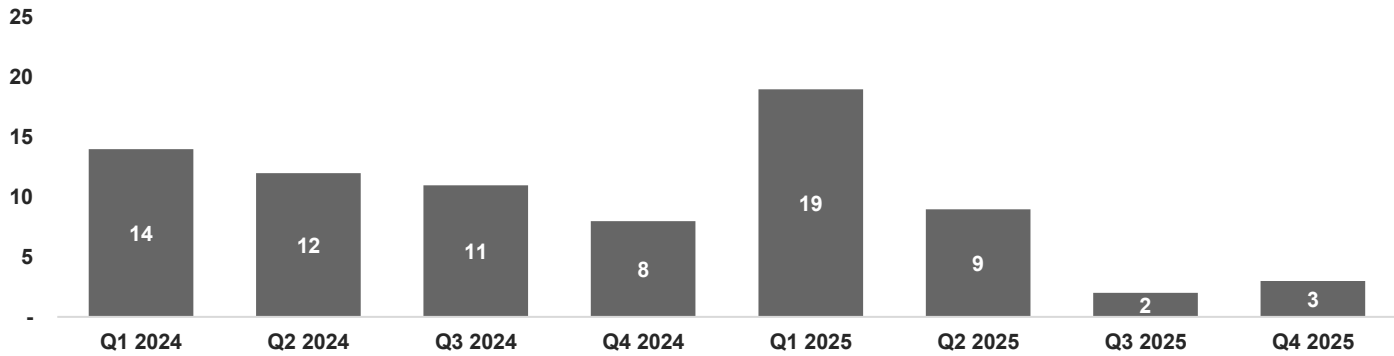
- **June 2025** – EyeSouth Partners has acquired Total Eye Care Centers, expanding its platform in the Southeast
- Total Eye Care Centers is a well-established practice providing a full range of ophthalmology and optometry services

## Select Recent Transactions (Last 12 Months)

| Date   | Target                          | State | Buyer                      | Financial Sponsor                           |
|--------|---------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|---|
| Jan 26 | Wise Eye Associates             | OK    | Ascend Vision Partners     | Chicago Pacific Founders                    |
| Jan 26 | Sylvester Eye Care & Aesthetics | OK    | Ascend Vision Partners     | Chicago Pacific Founders                    |
| Oct 25 | Surgery Center of Conway        | SC    | AmSurg                     | -   |
| Sep 25 | Lincoln County Vision Center    | TN    | InFocus Eyecare            | Regal Healthcare Capital Partners           |
| Sep 25 | Mercyhealth Whispering Point    | IL    | Mercy Health Systems       | -   |
| Jul 25 | 1Vision                         | WI    | Shopko Optical             | -   |
| Jun 25 | Eye Care of Delaware            | DE    | Vision Innovation Partners | Gryphon Investors                           |
| Jun 25 | Total Eye Care Centers          | PA    | EyeSouth Partners          | MoonSail Capital/Olympus Partners           |
| Jun 25 | Schneider Eye & Wellness Center | FL    | Eye Health America         | LLR Partners                                |
| May 25 | Brooks Eye Associates           | TX    | Unifeye Vision Partners    | Waud Capital Partners                       |
| Apr 25 | Prism Vision Group              | NJ    | McKesson                   | -   |
| Mar 25 | Retina Institute of Illinois    | IL    | EyeSouth Partners          | MoonSail Capital/Olympus Partners           |
| Mar 25 | Papale Eye Center               | MA    | SightMD                    | Duchossois Capital/Chicago Pacific Founders |
| Feb 25 | Quigley Eye Specialists         | FL    | Eye Health America         | LLR Partners                                |
| Jan 25 | Pinnacle Surgery Center         | CO    | HCA Healthcare             | -   |
| Jan 25 | Retina Consultants of America   | TX    | Cencora                    | -   |

Source: Pitchbook (January 12, 2026)

## Quarterly Transaction Volumes



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## Select Sponsor-Backed Platforms

