



### 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



ASCEND VISION  
PARTNERS



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



ASCEND VISION  
PARTNERS



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



INFOCUS  
EYE CARE



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

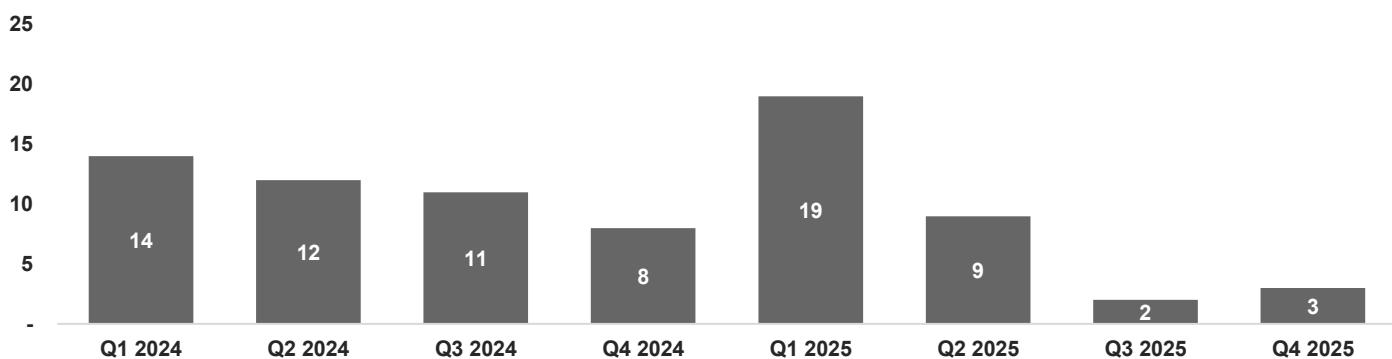
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## Select Recent Transactions (Last 12 Months)

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



Source: Pitchbook (January 12, 2026)

## Select Sponsor-Backed Platforms

