The first time Dr. Hageman was introduced to Alcon Toric lenses was during his residency training, where he first learned how to properly implant the lens. As a result, when he began his own practice, he was already familiar with the procedure, as well as the benefits that the Toric lens offers. Even though Dr. Hageman was familiar with the Toric lenses implantation procedure and its overall benefits for

The more informed the patient is before seeing the ophthalmologist, the easier the conversation with the ophthalmologist will be.
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Dr. Hageman then introduces cost.

Dr. Hageman would unquestionably recommend Toric lenses to any practice that is not currently implanting them because he strongly believes every qualifying patient deserves to have access to the technology and should be fully informed of all their cataract lens options. He believes that the main barrier for most practices that have not integrated Toric lenses into their practice is the extra time required to explain to patients what astigmatism is, how it’s affecting them, and why Toric lenses should be considered more of a valuable vision investment instead of an expensive technology. As practices become increasingly busier, it is more difficult to spend time consulting with each patient. It is therefore helpful to educate the staff on Toric lenses so that they can introduce the concept to patients before the patient meets with the ophthalmologist.

Before wrapping up this stop on the Toric Tour, Dr. Hageman left us with a clinical pearl to take away: always take the time to get accurate measurements, making sure that the power and axis is consistent between the manual keratometer, IOL Master, and topographer. This is absolutely crucial to getting good outcomes. By taking the extra time to discuss astigmatism and lens options with patients and obtaining accurate measurements, this practice has unsurprisingly achieved excellent patient satisfaction with their Toric lens implants.
**CAUTION:**
Federal (USA) law restricts this device to the sale by or on the order of a physician.

**INDICATIONS:**
The AcrySof® IQ Toric posterior chamber intraocular lenses are intended for primary implantation in the capsular bag of the eye for visual correction of aphakia and pre-existing corneal astigmatism secondary to removal of a cataractous lens in adult patients with or without presbyopia, who desire improved uncorrected distance vision, reduction of residual refractive cylinder and increased spectacle independence for distance vision.

**WARNING/PRECAUTION:**
Careful preoperative evaluation and sound clinical judgment should be used by the surgeon to decide the risk/benefit ratio before implanting a lens in a patient with any of the conditions described in the Directions for Use labeling. Toric IOLs should not be implanted if the posterior capsule is ruptured, if the zonules are damaged, or if a primary posterior capsulotomy is planned. Rotation can reduce astigmatic correction; if necessary lens repositioning should occur as early as possible prior to lens encapsulation. All viscoelastics should be removed from both the anterior and posterior sides of the lens; residual viscoelastics may allow the lens to rotate.

Optical theory suggest, that, high astigmatic patients (i.e. > 2.5 D) may experience spatial distortions. Possible toric IOL related factors may include residual cylindrical error or axis misalignments. Prior to surgery, physicians should provide prospective patients with a copy of the Patient Information Brochure available from Alcon for this product informing them of possible risks and benefits associated with the AcrySof® IQ Toric Cylinder Power IOLs.

Studies have shown that color vision discrimination is not adversely affected in individuals with the AcrySof® Natural IOL and normal color vision. The effect on vision of the AcrySof® Natural IOL in subjects with hereditary color vision defects and acquired color vision defects secondary to ocular disease (e.g., glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, chronic uveitis, and other retinal or optic nerve diseases) has not been studied. Do not resterilize; do not store over 45° C; use only sterile irrigating solutions such as BSS® or BSS PLUS® Sterile Intraocular Irrigating Solutions.

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Reference the Directions for Use labeling for a complete listing of indications, warnings and precautions.