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MD Biotech Inc. changes name to Eye Marker Systems Inc.

MD Biotech Inc. has announced it has changed its name to Eye Marker Systems Inc. The goal of the name change is to better reflect and specify the companies' technology and align the company name with its purposes.

Eye Marker Systems Inc. has been committed to the research, discovery and commercialization of innovative ocular screening technologies since its founding in 2001. Within the last year, the company has made great progress in their research, patent position and prototype development,

according to Chief Executive Officer for Eye Marker Systems Inc. Wes McGee. The cooperation and assistance from the WVU Incubator staff and the staff at the WVU department of ophthalmology and its eye institute have been key contributors to the companies' growth.

Eye Marker Systems Inc. has developed the eye marker platform and specializes in the development of image analysis software for the ocular scanning instrument. The OSI is a unique, noninvasive device designed to examine and measure specific physical anomalies

(biomarkers) in the eye and extrapolate these findings to evaluate the potential health impact to the entire body. By simply taking an image of the eye and using the new technology to analyze the image, they are able to give police, fire, military and emergency personnel a new noninvasive tool for screening and determining treatment for victims. The new instrument also assists in giving the medical community the ability to recognize diabetes, hypertension and other systemic diseases through the human eye.

"The breadth of the tech-

nology capability we have developed to define markers in the human eye represents a platform for screening and diagnosis," McGee said. "This platform allows us to screen and diagnose for exposures encountered in military and terrorist situations as well as for certain systemic diseases."

Through fast, portable, non-invasive automated technology, Eye Marker Systems Inc. is capable of applying the OSI to aid military, emergency medical and first responder units, homeland security and clinical medicine, in providing a more instan-

taneous assessment of the body's health and determining treatment for victims. Examples of applications include chemical warfare agent and toxin exposure screenings, cyanide/carbon monoxide screenings and identifying medical conditions, such as systemic hypertension, cognitive, ocular and neurological disorders and diabetic retinopathy. The OSI provides rapid assessment thus allowing immediate treatment.

The companies' Web site will remain MDBioTechInc.com, as well as the main phone number 598-1101.

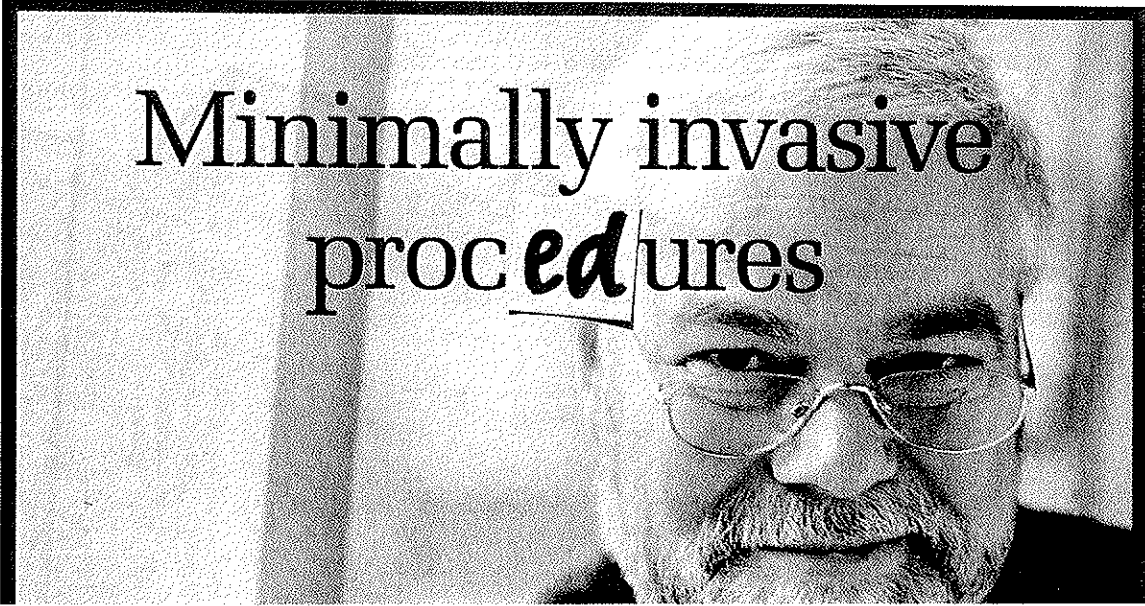
Cupelli honored for work at Valley HealthCare

President Richard Bowyer, on behalf of Valley HealthCare System's board of directors, recently honored Debra Cupelli for her work since 1993. Cupelli has worked as a health care assistant in the area of supportive housing.

Bowyer cited her compassion and patience in working with people with mental illnesses. She received earlier commendations for working through a snow emergency, taking on additional shift work, adhering to high standards of care and dependability.

Throughout her employment, she received recognition for her accomplishments and contributions at Valley.

Bowyer said she had been an exemplary, committed, long-term employee and



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