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### For Immediate Release

#### **New Vitreoretinal Services Available to the Chippewa Valley**

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. —Chippewa Valley Eye Clinic, along with Oakleaf Surgical Hospital, is now offering local retinal surgical services, thanks to vitreoretinal surgeon, Dr. Alex Ringeisen.

Dr. Ringeisen previously practiced at VireoRetinal Surgery in Minneapolis. His practice relocation to Eau Claire has allowed for local medical and surgical retina procedures including intravitreal injections, retinal laser treatments, repair of detached retina, macular hole and removal of floaters – most of which will be done at Oakleaf Surgical Hospital.

In the past, patients who were in need of retinal surgery were often redirected to practices outside of the Chippewa Valley to receive surgery and treatment.

“There has become a very significant, defined need for such retinal treatments,” says Dr. Lee Hofer, ophthalmologist at Chippewa Valley Eye Clinic. “This is a new era for Oakleaf and independent medicine in the Chippewa Valley to have this medical care become available through Dr. Ringeisen’s presence and Oakleaf’s commitment to add services that benefit their patient population.”

Dr. Ringeisen enjoys teaching patients and their families about vitreoretinal disorders. “It is my goal to have all patients understand and be actively involved in their treatment plan,” he says.

“We are very excited to welcome Dr. Ringeisen to our Oakleaf Surgical Hospital Medical Staff,” says Anne Hargrave-Thomas, Chief Executive Officer. “We are looking forward to having vitreoretinal services available and Dr. Ringeisen’s expertise will serve our community well.”

Dr. Ringeisen sees patients at Chippewa Valley Eye Clinic Monday through Thursday, with surgeries to begin at Oakleaf Surgical Hospital February 24<sup>th</sup>.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Ringeisen, please call 715-834-8471.

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