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Abstracts

Keratoconus is a progressive eye disorder that affects the cornea, the clear, dome-shaped surface at the front of the eye. In individuals with keratoconus, the cornea gradually thins and becomes more conical in shape rather than maintaining its normal round curvature. This abnormal shape disrupts the way light enters the eye and leads to blurred or distorted vision. The condition usually begins in adolescence or early adulthood and can affect one or both eyes.

The keratoconus market is experiencing robust growth, driven by technological advancements, rising awareness, and increasing patient populations. Increasing prevalence of keratoconus is one of the major driving factors. Approximately 1 in 2,000 individuals are affected by keratoconus, which often manifests during adolescence or early adulthood. As the global population grows, particularly in high-risk groups, the number of keratoconus patients is expected to rise. The prevalence is reported to be higher in regions like the Middle East and South Asia, where consanguinity (marriage between close relatives) rates are higher, contributing to a genetic predisposition to keratoconus.

Moreover, the introduction of FDA-approved treatments like Epioxa, a non-invasive therapy, marks a shift in how keratoconus is treated. Epioxa has shown positive outcomes with fewer complications compared to traditional treatments. Laser-assisted procedures for corneal cross-linking and the advances in ICRS (intacs) for correcting the corneal shape have made treatment options less invasive, reducing complications and improving recovery time.

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in medical device is helping detect

keratoconus at an earlier stage, sometimes even before symptoms are visible. This early detection can significantly improve patient outcomes by enabling earlier intervention. Governments and healthcare providers are also increasingly focused on raising awareness of eye health, which is driving the demand for earlier diagnosis and treatment of keratoconus. Patients are increasingly opting for non-invasive treatments such as Epioxa and cross-linking without epithelium removal. These options offer reduced risk of infection and faster recovery times compared to traditional methods, making them attractive to both patients and healthcare providers. AI-based tools are revolutionizing the way keratoconus is diagnosed. Using technologies such as corneal topography and optical coherence tomography (OCT), AI is being integrated into diagnostic systems to predict disease progression and tailor personalized treatment plans. Early detection can result in treatment that prevents progression to the point of requiring a corneal transplant, a significant benefit for both patients and healthcare systems.

However, challenges such as high treatment costs and limited awareness, particularly in low- and middle-income regions, continue to hinder progress.

North American Keratoconus market is expected to dominate, owing to its advanced healthcare infrastructure, while the Asia-Pacific region is anticipated to grow rapidly due to increasing healthcare investments. Asia-Pacific and Latin America represent significant growth opportunities for the keratoconus treatment market. In regions like India, where access to advanced healthcare is improving, there is a rising demand for keratoconus treatments. The growing population and increasing prevalence of the condition create a large untapped market. Moreover, governments in these regions are investing in healthcare infrastructure, making eye care more accessible to rural and underserved populations.

The competitive landscape of the keratoconus treatment market is characterized by a mix of well-established players and innovative newcomers, each vying for market share by offering diverse and specialized treatment options. The market is currently experiencing steady growth due to technological advancements, increasing awareness of keratoconus, and the rising prevalence of the condition globally. However, competition is becoming more intense as companies focus on differentiation through innovation, cost-effective solutions, and improved patient outcomes

Competitive players such as Glaukos Corporation, Bausch + Lomb, Alcon, and Menicon Co., Ltd. are making significant strides in offering innovative solutions, driving the market forward. Despite these advancements, addressing the challenges of cost and

access remains crucial for sustained market growth.

Market Segmentation:

Segmentation 1: by Disease Type

Early-Stage Keratoconus

Progressive Keratoconus

Advanced Keratoconus

Pellucid Marginal Degeneration

Other Disease Type

Segmentation 2: by Treatment Modalities

Non-Surgical

Contact Lenses

Corneal Cross-Linking

Intrastromal Corneal Ring Segments

Surgical Intervention

Corneal Transplantation

Implantable Collamer Lenses

Photorefractive Keratectomy

Segmentation 3: by Route of Administration

Oral

Injectables

Parenteral

Segmentation 4: by Region

North America

Europe

Asia-Pacific

Rest-of-the-World

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