Q4-2018 Ophthalmology Update



Market Update

Consolidation activity within the ophthalmology sector remained very active through the fourth quarter of 2018, a a year in which there were at least ten transactions publicly disclosed in every quarter. While 2017 was characterized by newly established platforms, 2018 was dominated by heavy add-on acquisition activity as many of the existing private equity-backed organizations continue to grow through acquisitions. The fourth quarter marked the first quarter since the third quarter of 2016 in which there wasn't a private equity recapitalization, indicating that new investment in the sector will not be able to sustain its 2017 pace. However, Provident expects total transaction volume to remain elevated, primarily driven by add on acquisitions as groups look to continue to grow density in their existing markets and in new ones.

Investment Activity Breakdown



Private Equity Recapitalizations

*Add-on acquisitions represent transactions that have ben publicly disclosed

Select Transactions:

Month	Acquirer	Target	Target – Number of:		
			Locations	Providers	State(s)
December	American Vision Partners	McDougal Eye Center	2	4	AZ
December	Spectrum Vision Partners	Eye Institute of New York	1	3	NY
December	Unifeye Vision Partners	Inland Eye Institute	1	6	CA
November	Eye Health America	Updegraff Laser Vision	1	8	FL
November	EyeSouth Partners	Georgia Eye Associates	4	10	GA
October	CEI Vision Partners	Dayton Eye Associates & Retina Physicians and Surgeons of Dayton	5	17	ОН
October	EyeSouth Partners	Cobb Eye Center	2	3	GA
October	SightMD	Lindenhurst Eye Physicians & Mid Island Eye Physicians and Surgeons	5	11	NY
October	Unifeye Vision Partners	Northwest Eye	7	16	MN

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Members of the Provident Healthcare Partners vision care coverage team will be attending the ASCRS-ASOAA Annual Meeting in San Diego in May