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while maintaining said hollow needle in place within said eye; inserting a contractible and expansible rotary masticating tool into said hollow needle in the contracted condition thereof; advancing the contracted masticating tool to the open end of the hollow needle in the crystalline lens capsule; advancing the masticating tool beyond the open end of the hollow needle and expanding the same within the crystalline lens capsule

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into masticating contact with the lens capsule contents; rotating the expanded masticating tool and masticating the entire contents of said lens capsule including the cortex, nucleus and cataract while maintaining the structural integrity of the lens capsule; withdrawing the masticated material through said hollow needle; and refilling the lens capsule.

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