1947 • Alcon Laboratories, Inc. is incorporated. The company becomes manufacturing specialty pharmaceutical products.

1947 • Alcon introduces its first ophthalmic product, CASTAGNA® for intraocular surgery.

1950 • Alcon introduces its first soft contact lens, BIOCLEAR® for soft contact lenses.

1959 • Alcon begins international operations with the opening of an office in Canada.

1962 • The Alcon Eye Team is established, and continues today through the Alcon Foundation.

1964 • Alcon establishes its first international division in Latin America.

1969 • Alcon's surgical division is formed under two divisions: nova and/A & B.

1980 • Steve Martin, a sales representative at Ciba Geigy, creates a proposal to diversify the business by entering the soft contact lens market. On February 1, 1980, that proposal was approved and Alcon's first contact lens was formed.

1981 • CASTAGNA® became the first contact lens with a visibly stained soft contact lens, called CRAGAFIL.

1981 • The world's first bladed, disposable contact lens.

1981 • 890 & 890-D® lenses, representing the first contact lens up to 30 nights of continuous wear.

1985 • SOFT-CARE® in North America's leading specialty contact lens company.

1990 • Launch of Facets®, the first soft contact lens exclusively for pediatric patients.

1994 • The FDA approves Alcon's ARCH® viscoelastic gel, representing the first injectable material specifically for intraocular surgery.

2000 • OASYS UCVA is acquired by Valeant Pharmaceuticals, Valeant is a manufacturer of specialty contact lenses.

2005 • Alcon launches the Angiopia® DPT® CO2 laser, with the acquisition of Causa Tech, Inc.

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2007 • Alcon acquires the first ophthalmic product portfolio for.stride surgery including the acquisition of WaveLight AG.

2010 • Alcon acquires the specialty division of Mentor Worldwide with the acquisition of Mentor Worldwide.

2011 • Alcon purchases the multi-focal intraocular lens, Optima® designed to aid in retinal surgery.

2015 • Alcon changes the Alcon nomenclature with the acquisition of LenSx Lasers, Inc.

2018 • Alcon expands to the OCT-1100 Aquavision technology with the acquisition of Novartis.

2019 • Alcon launches the CyPhy® Vision System, the first contact lens with a unique combination of deposit protection and longer-lasting lens improvement.

2020 • Alcon enters into an agreement with Google Life Sciences to license a range of our technology.

2021 • Alcon acquires two new contact lens technologies: Acuvue® Flexafil® and Tropic®

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