



CONTACT LENS FITTING AND ANNUAL EVALUATION POLICIES

OVERVIEW

Advancements in contact lens technology offer the potential of successful contact lens wear for many of our patients. A contact lens is a medical device in contact with the tissues of the eye. Therefore, **CONTACT LENSES ARE NOT PART OF A GENERAL, PRIMARY CARE EXAMINATION.**

- Proper fitting requires careful evaluation, experience, knowledge, and skills on the part of the doctor.
- Newly fit patients also require training by a technician, and follow-up visit(s) with the doctor to assure the proper fit PRIOR to finalizing a prescription.
- A contact lens prescription will not be finalized until both the patient and doctor are satisfied with vision and comfort.

INSERTION-REMOVAL TRAINING SESSIONS

- New contact lens wearers will be provided with personalized instruction concerning the safe care and usage of contact lenses. There is no limitation of number of training sessions for new wearers, HOWEVER...
- New wearers will not be released with lenses until satisfactory insertion and removal ability is displayed by the patient. Training by friends or family is not allowed.
- Upon completion of successful insertion and removal, the patient may begin wearing the contact lenses and will schedule the first follow up appointment at a time recommended by the doctor.

POST-FITTING CONTACT LENS FOLLOW UP APPOINTMENTS

Follow up appointments are necessary to assure:

1. The contact lenses are fitting and moving properly.
2. The prescription is providing the best possible vision.
3. The eyes are remaining healthy.
4. The patient understands and complies with the recommended wearing schedule.
5. All office visits with technicians or doctors are included for 90 days.
6. Patients who fail to show for follow up appointments during the fitting period may incur additional charges for required care after 90 days from the initial fitting date.

CONTACT LENS EVALUATION & RX RENEWALS

- Contact lens prescription renewal is not part of a general, primary care eye examination.
- By law, a contact lens prescription is valid for one year.
- Renewals of contact lens prescriptions require a CONTACT LENS EVALUATION with the doctor.
- Patients currently wearing lenses and requiring re-fitting services due to a change, re-fitting fees apply.
- Some insurances do not cover contact lens related fees.

REFUNDS

- Fitting fees are for the doctor's time and knowledge and advice. Contact lens professional fees (fees other than materials) are not eligible for refund.
- There are no refunds on custom lenses, opened boxes of contacts, or custom-tinted lenses unless specifically advised in writing by the office.

CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTIONS

It is the doctor who decides when a contact lens prescription is considered finalized. Only at that time will the contact lens prescription be released to the patient.

Patient Name: _____ Date _____ 18 or over? Yes

Parent/Guardian Name if under 18 years of age: _____

Signature: _____