

EYECARE + EYEWEAR

# CONTACT LENS POLICY AND FEES

## **Contact Lens Evaluation**

In addition to your routine eye exam the doctor assesses your eyes to make sure your cornea, lids, and lashes are healthy and also that your vision with contacts is stable. If you are a first-time contact lens wearer the doctor also assesses if you are a candidate for contact lenses. Existing contact lens patients must have current lenses evaluated in order to ensure optimum contact lens fit, eye health and vision. We strongly recommend our contact lens patients have both an eye exam and contact lens evaluation yearly.

## **Professional Fees:**

Contact Lens Evaluation \$95.00\_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

New Patient Evaluation \$125 \_\_\_\_\_(initials)

# **Contact Lens Evaluation:**

Contact lens Evaluation Fee Includes:

- Fitting fees are separate fees from your routine eye health exam or medical office visits.
- We will provide training on the insertion and removal, as well as care instructions and sample contact lens solutions.
- Follow-up visits are necessary to ensure a healthy contact lens fit.

## **Rigid Gas Permeable (RGP) Specialty Contacts**

- All rigid gas permeable/specialty contact lenses are specifically designed for each individual patient.
- We have 45 days to complete specialty fittings.

## **RGP/Specialty Fitting Fees**

- Follow-up visits will be covered during the fitting process for up to three months.
- Any lens changes made after the three-month fitting period will incur a refitting fee.
- Your contact lens prescription will be provided to you upon completion of your contact lens fitting.
- You must complete the fitting process to receive a valid contact lens prescription
- Patients must return for all scheduled follow-ups during their fitting period.
- Patients who do not comply with their follow-up schedule and/or do not return diagnostic lenses will be subject to additional fees.

Rigid Gas Permeable (RGP) Specialty Contact Lenses Mini Scleral/Corneal Reshaping/Medically Necessary Contacts Lenses \$175 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I have read this document, understand the benefits and risks of contact lens wear and agree to comply with current recommendations. I also understand I have a right to receive a copy of my contact lens prescription upon competition of fitting and that I will be provided with one.

Patient or		
Guardian	Date	
Decline of Fitting:	Date	
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(by signing here, I understand that I will not receive a contact lens prescription)

## **Ordering Contact Lenses**

Contact lenses can be ordered at any time after the fitting is complete. You can order as many lenses as you would like as long as your prescription is current. Your contact lens prescription is valid for 2 years. In Washington State prescription lenses are tax exempt, so for example you don't pay the 9% retail sales tax when buying contact lenses from our office.

Lens polishing and cleaning for rigid gas permeable lenses only, is available for \$15 per lens or \$20 per pair.

## Lens Changes

Any lens changes in a three-month time period from the beginning of the fitting are covered by the fee. Any lens changes made after the three-month follow-up visit will incur a refitting fee.

## **Challenging Fits**

On occasion a patient may present with an unusual refractive error or ocular problem that makes the fitting of contact lenses extremely challenging. We try to identify these patients during the initial consultation. Often multiple attempts are required to fit the lenses, and it may be necessary to charge an additional fee for the time and expertise required for the fitting. Such costs will be discussed with the patient before they are incurred.

#### Payment and Insurance Coverage

We request full payment of the contact lens evaluation fee at the time of the initial consultation. The fitting and follow-up fee is to be paid on the day of the fitting. Lenses are to be paid for when the order is place.

Most insurance companies cover your routine eye exam which includes ocular health and your glasses prescription. The procedures done to determine a contact lens prescription are separate from the eye exam. In most instances' insurance will give you an allotment towards the contact lens fitting and materials. Please contact our office and speak with a technician for a more in-depth breakdown of your insurance coverage.

#### **Refunds**

With all the new advanced materials being used to make contact lenses and our extensive experience fitting lenses, we have very few patients who are unable to wear contact lenses. If, however either you or your doctor decides to stop the fitting of the contact lenses unfortunately we cannot refund our professional fees. No refunds will be given but exchanges will be permitted. We will credit any unopened boxes of contact lenses that are in good condition as determined by our office to your account. All lenses must be returned to us prior to issuance of a refund.

<u>Custom/Specialty</u>: Patients who are in gas permeable, hybrid or any type of specialty contact lens. The doctor will determine and let you know prior to fitting.

The contact lens evaluation and contact lens fitting is not a part of your annual eye exam and may <u>not be covered</u> by your insurance plan.