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Contact Lens Services

Advancements in contact lens technology offer the potential of successful contact lens wear to most of our patients. A contact lens is a medical device; therefore it must fit appropriately to maintain the health of your eyes. A contact lens prescription can only be determined by the careful observation of the lens on your eye and your eye's response to the lens on follow up visits. Since follow up care is essential, it is your responsibility to keep all appointments and follow all lens care instructions.

Comprehensive Eye Exam: Before you can be fit with contact lenses, a comprehensive eye health and vision examination is necessary. This exam is critical to assure the good health of your eyes and to rule out the possibility of any unsuspected, underlying condition that may prevent successful contact lens wear.

Contact Lens Fitting (includes an initial fitting for new wearers or a re-fitting for a current wearer changing to a new lens type or brand): The purpose of the diagnostic contact lens fitting is to determine the brand, size, shape and prescription of contact lenses to allow for healthy contact lens wear and good vision. The fitting consists of the diagnostic contact lenses, initial evaluation of the diagnostic lenses and follow-up visits for a 30-day period. First-time wearers will also be given training on proper insertion/removal techniques, instruction on the care and cleaning of contact lenses and a starter kit of solution.

There is an additional fee for the contact lens fitting over and above the comprehensive eye exam; this fee is determined by the type of lenses prescribed and the complexity of the fit. (Lens options and fees can more accurately be discussed once the comprehensive eye exam is completed.) Any office visits for eye infections and/or injuries during the 30-day fitting period may incur additional charges, as well as visits beyond the 30-day follow up period. The contact lens fitting does not have to be performed on the same day as the comprehensive eye exam, but we recommend it should be done within 90 days to avoid repeated testing and thus additional charges.

The final contact lens prescription can only be written at the completion of the fitting process, which is when the patient and the doctor are satisfied with the fit, comfort and vision with the contact lenses. Therefore, the prescription will not be written for patients who do not keep follow up appointments.

Contact Lens Annual Exam (for a current wearer with no change in lens type or brand and no change in prescription): A contact lens prescription is valid for only one year, therefore a yearly comprehensive eye exam and contact lens annual exam will be required to renew contact lens prescriptions. This is important to assure that your eyes are remaining healthy and the contact lenses are still performing as expected. The fee for a contact lens annual exam is not included in the fee for the comprehensive eye exam, but is less than that for a fitting/re-fitting.

Most patients can successfully wear contact lenses and achieve clear, comfortable vision but some patients may not, so there are no guarantees. If for any reason, the fitting is terminated during the first sixty (60) days and the lenses purchased in our office are returned in sealed boxes (not individual sealed lenses), a refund for the lenses will be given. However, the contact lens fitting fees are non-refundable.

(This is our current contact lens policy. These policies and/or fees are subject to change at any time without notice.)