

Contact Lens Examinations:

A contact lens is a medical device in contact with the tissues of your eye; therefore, it must fit appropriately to maintain the eye and the 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.

Before a person can be fit with contact lenses, a complete medical and refractive eye examination is necessary. This exam is critical to assure good health of your eyes and to rule out the possibility of any unsuspected, underlying conditions that may prevent contact lens use.

The goal of a contact lens fitting is to find the most appropriate contact lens for each patient's optimal vision and comfort. An enormous variety of types, materials, sizes, and colors are offered. We are committed to taking the time and effort to fit your contact lenses properly. Although many people will need only one fitting session, sometimes this process requires several appointments. Everyone being fit into contacts must go through a fitting process. We will not finalize the contact lens prescription until both the individual being fit for contact lenses and the doctor are satisfied with the fit and visual acuity of the contact lens. We will provide one set of trial lenses. Dispensing of trial contact lenses may only be at the time of the original exam and scheduled follow-up visits when a change is required. A contact lens trial will not be dispensed at other times, unless approved by Dr. Atchison. Any patient who is changing lens brands must have new fitting and there may be an additional fitting charge.

By law, a contact lens prescription is valid for only one year. All patients are required to come in for an annual contact lens examination. This is necessary to assure that the patient's eyes are healthy and the contact lenses are still fitting well. Contact lens prescriptions cannot be renewed without an annual examination. Contact lens exams have a separate charge.

New Wearers:

All new contact lens wearers will be provided with personalized instruction concerning the safe care and usage of contact lenses. If additional time is needed, it will be necessary to schedule a second 30-minute training session at a different time. Upon completion of successful insertion and removal twice, the patient may begin wearing the contact lenses as instructed and we will schedule the first follow-up appointment within two weeks.

Follow-Up Appointments:

Follow-up appointments are necessary to assure the contact lenses are fitting well, the prescription is providing the best possible vision, and the eyes are remaining healthy. We will also make sure that the patient understands and complies with the recommended wearing schedule. Prescriptions will NOT be written for patients who do not keep their follow-up appointments. There is no charge for the follow-up visits during the first 90 days after the initial fitting. If you do not return within the 90 day follow-up period, a new contact fitting fee will be charged.

There will be no refund on opened boxes of lenses or colored lenses. There will be NO refund of the exam, fitting, or annual contact lens examination fee.

Our costs for services for the contact lens fitting portion only are as follows and due at the time of service:

- **Insertion and Removal Training Only (without contact fit): \$25.00**
- **Spherical contact lens fit: \$60.00**
- **Toric contact lens fit: \$70.00**
- **Multifocal contact lens fit: \$80.00**
- **Custom, RGP, Scleral Fit: _____**

Patient/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____