



## **CONTACT LENS POLICY**

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 in contact with the tissues of your eye; 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 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.

## **THE COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAM**

**Before a patient can be fit with contact lenses, a complete medical and refractive eye 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 contact lens use. ***The fee for this exam is \$95.00.*** It can be billed to your vision carrier as a convenience; fee is due at the time of service.

## **NEW CONTACT LENS FITTING (includes instruction) \$175.00**

The goal of 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 patients will need only one fitting session, sometimes this process requires several appointments. In our experience, the extra time, effort and patience is well merited by both your ultimate satisfaction and the health of your eyes. All patients being fit into contacts for the first time must go through the fitting process. We will not finalize the contact lens prescription until both the patient and the doctor are satisfied with the fit and visual acuity of the contact lens. ***We will provide one set of trial lens. Any patients who are changing lens brands must also have a new fitting.*** A contact lens fitting does not have to be performed on the day of the comprehensive eye exam and can be performed in an additional appointment slot. Payment is due at the time of service.

## **CONTACT LENS TRAINING SESSION (\$40.00 per session after initial session)**

The patient 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, the patient may begin wearing the contact lenses and we will schedule the first follow-up appointment within two weeks.

## **FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENTS**

Follow-up appointments are necessary to assure several things:

1. The contact lenses are fitting and moving well
2. The prescription is providing the best possible vision
3. The eyes are remaining healthy

4. There are no problems with insertion or removal
5. The patient understands and complies with the recommended wearing schedule
- 6. Prescriptions will NOT be written for patients who do not keep follow up appointments.**

**There is no charge for follow-up visits during the first 60 days.**

#### **ANNUAL CONTACT LENS EVALUATION- \$50.00**

By law, a contact lens prescription is valid for only one year. All patients are required to come in for an annual contact lens exam. 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 exam.** A prescription for eye glasses is different than a prescription for contact lenses. If we are seeing you for the first time, and you have had a contact lens prescription from another office, we must have a copy of that prescription before your exam in this office. Otherwise, we will consider it a new fit, which we may not have time to complete in your initial visit, and additional costs, will apply. **Contact lens exams have a separate charge and are NOT included in your medical exams.**

#### **PREVIOUS CONTACT LENS WEARERS FIT FEE POLICY**

It is our policy that all patients that are currently wearing contact lenses be seen every year for a contact lens examination. **If you are a new patient to our office it is helpful if you can provide the prescription for the lenses that you are currently wearing.** If there are no problems or changes in lenses, the cost of this service is listed below. **This charge is in addition to the cost of the comprehensive eye exam and contact lens training sessions.** The fitting fee, which includes follow-up care within the first 60 days, is determined by the type of lenses prescribed, the difficulty of the fit, and whether or not the patient is a first time contact lens wearer. **THIS FEE IS NON REFUNDABLE AND DUE AT THE TIME OF SERVICE.**

**Multifocal/Toric Lens Fit- \$125.00**

**Gas Permeable Lens Fit-\$125.00**

**Spherical Lens Fit- \$75.00**

The fitting fee includes:

- ❖ One set of trial lenses
- ❖ The contact lens fitting
- ❖ Follow-up visits up to 60 days
- ❖ Lens changes if necessary, though the patient is responsible for any difference in cost of the contact lenses.

The fitting fee does not include:

- ❖ Additional training session if lenses are changed at the patients request for none medical reasons
- ❖ Contact lenses (Costs will vary depending on type of lens prescribed)
- ❖ The comprehensive eye exam (\$95.00)
- ❖ Medical visits not directly related to contact lens wear
- ❖ Contact lens checks after 60 days

**Pre-Lasik Contact Lens Fit- \$40.00**

Monovision is wearing one contact for close vision and the other contact for far vision. This contact lens fit is for patients who are considering Modified Monovision LASIK and would like to try modified monovision by wearing contact lens prior to getting the LASIK procedure.

**PAYMENT**

Fees for the comprehensive exam, contact lens fitting, or annual contact lens checks are **due at the time of service**. There may also be a 50% deposit required for all contact lens orders, with the exception of trial lenses. All specialty lenses are ordered with a warranty to guarantee they are returnable within 60 days. Replacement contact lenses will only be dispensed when original lenses are returned to our office. We accept cash, checks, *VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER AND AMEX*. After the initial fit, we will gladly order contact lenses over the phone with a credit card as long as the prescription is valid.

**REFUNDS**

**There will be no refund on custom lenses, opened boxes of lenses, or colored lenses because of dissatisfaction with the color.**

If, however, the doctor decides to discontinue the patient's contact lens use, a full refund of the unopened contact lenses will be given. There will be **NO** refund of the exam, fitting, or annual contact lens check fees.

*I have read and understand the Contact Lens Policy, the Contact Lens Fee Policy, and the Contact Lens Care Guide. All of my questions have been answered and I have received copies of the above information. I understand that my compliance with the Contact Lens Care Guide is of the utmost importance in the health of my eye.*

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Patient/Guardian

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Date

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Witness

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT  
OF  
CONTACT LENS POLICY**

*I acknowledge that I have received the Contact Lens Policy, the Contact Lens Fee Policy, and the Contact Lens Care Guide. I also understand that even though I am not in need of contact lens services at this time I am fully aware of the policy and financial obligations that are associated with the policy.*

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