

Attention All Contact Lens Wearers

Professional Standards of Care recommend that all people wearing contact lenses have a full comprehensive eye examination and contact lens diagnostic examination at least every year. We will not dispense contact lenses or write a contact lens prescription without a comprehensive exam AND a diagnostic contact lens evaluation every 12 months. This paper is intended to clear up some misconceptions concerning the professional services and material costs of contact lenses.

A comprehensive eye examination consists of tests:

- to determine the refractive status of your eyes (myopia, hyperopia, astigmatism, presbyopia)
- to make certain your eyes are healthy and free of diseases such as glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, etc.,
- to make certain your eyes are functioning and working well together as a team.

A contact lens diagnostic evaluation **MUST be done in ADDITION** to the comprehensive exam, regardless of whether or not you get new contact lenses. These tests are for contact lens wearers only and include:

- measuring the curvature and topography of your eye to help determine the size of lens that will best fit your eye, and to assure your current contact lenses are still in alignment with the curve of your eyes (both your eyes and your lenses can change over time),
- evaluating the performance of both the current and/or new contact lenses on each eye (vision, coverage, centration, movement, tear exchange, stability, cleanliness, etc),
- contact lens specific health assessment to make certain your eyes are able to wear your contacts and remain healthy and free of lens-related problems (corneal ulcers, neovascularization, giant papillary conjunctivitis, corneal edema, infiltrates, abrasions, etc),
- on going follow-up care.

There is an **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL FEE** associated with these tests. This fee includes 6 months of lens specific follow-up care. If you have insurance, your exam co-pay is for the Comprehensive Exam only. Wearing contact lenses is usually considered an elective form of vision correction, therefore the Contact Lens Diagnostic Evaluation is not covered and **you are responsible in full for this charge**. Some insurances do allow a certain reimbursement for the contact lenses IN LIEU OF glasses.

I have read and, by signing, agree to have the above exams, with the understanding that I am financially responsible for all charges not covered by my insurance.

Date _____

Pretester Initials _____