

# **CONTACT LENS PATIENT AGREEMENT**

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 person 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.

## **CONTACT LENS EXAM (New Contact Lens Users)**

The goal of contact lens fitting exam is to find the most appropriate contact lens for each patient's optimal vision and comfort. An enormous variety of types, materials, sizes are offered. **Therefore, fitting fees may vary in price depending on a patient's visual needs.** 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 the 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 trial lenses during the fitting process. Most times we have trials in office but due to variables it may be necessary to order a patient's trials in.

## **CONTACT LENS TRAINING – New Contact Lens Users (30 Mins)**

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.

## **ANNUAL CONTACT LENS EXAM (Existing Contact Lens Wearers)**

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. **Contact lens exams have a separate charge that is NOT included in your medical exam.** Any patient who is changing lens types (i.e. Mono Vision, Multifocal) must have a new fitting and there may be an **additional fitting charge**.

## **FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENTS**

Follow-up appointments are necessary to assure:

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 or comply with trial instructions. There is no charge for follow-up visits during the **first 90 days**.

## **REFUNDS**

As the fitting fee pertains to services rendered, there will be **NO** refund of the exam, fitting, or annual contact lens examination fee.

**Patient/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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