

Contact Lens Policy

A contact lens is a medical device that is in contact with the tissues of your eye; therefore it must fit appropriately to maintain the health of your eyes. A contact lens fitting/evaluation is defined as the measurement of the size and shape of the cornea, prescription to increase visual acuity and an evaluation of the contact lens on the eye.

*Contact lens evaluation and fitting fees are not considered a part of your routine eye care and are therefore **in addition** to any eye exam, contact lens supply and any other charges or services performed by the doctor.*

Contact Lens Fitting

The goal of contact lens fitting is to find the most appropriate contact lens to optimize each patient's visual demands, comfort and eye health. Your initial design fee will cover ocular surface evaluation, diagnostic lenses, fitting analysis and any follow-up visits necessary to obtain a satisfactory fit. The fee for fitting may also depend on what type of lenses you wear; for example, bifocal contact lenses are more difficult to fit and take longer to adjust and fine-tune than standard contact lenses. The fit is finalized after you and the doctor agree the fit has been successful, or if either of you determines that contact lenses are not an acceptable option for your eyes.

If, for any reason, you or the doctor decide to discontinue the lens-fitting process or choose not to wear the contact lenses, the contact lens fitting fee that encompasses any office visits and training classes during the fitting is **nonrefundable**.

Contact lens training session

All first time wearers, and any previous wearers who request, will be provided with a personalized instruction session. During this time a technician will go over safe care and usage of contact lenses. The technician will also instruct the patient on how to properly insert and remove the lenses from their own eyes. This session must be successfully completed, to the technician's satisfaction, before a patient will be allowed to leave with office with contact lenses.

Follow-up appointments

Follow-up appointments may be necessary to assure that the lens is fitting well, the prescription is providing the best possible vision, the eye is remaining healthy after wear

and that there are no issues with insertion and removal of the lenses. These standard follow-up visits are included in your contact lens fitting/evaluation fees for the first 2 months. Any additional visits required to finalize your fit are subject to a per-visit fee. Once finalized, any future lens changes in brand or type will be considered a refit and may be subject to new fees.

Annual contact lens and corneal evaluation

Once finalized, per PA state regulations, your contact lens prescription will be valid for up to 1 year. This means you can purchase enough lenses to last for 12 months and no more. After 12 months, the prescription expires. If you want to continue to wear contact lenses, you must return for a comprehensive eye examination and contact lens evaluation. During an evaluation, the doctor will verify that your eyes are responding well to contact lens wear. He will also check the ocular surface for any potentially serious complications including, but not limited to, corneal swelling, corneal infiltrates, neovascularization and endothelial cell loss. He will also make sure the lenses are still fitting properly and are the correct prescription for your eyes. The doctor will not renew expired prescriptions without first making sure that your eyes are healthy enough to continue wearing lenses. If you wear contact lenses, this examination must be done annually, even if your insurance only allows for a 2-year examination interval. If, for some reason, you require additional time or visits because there has been a change in the type of lenses you wear (ex. switching from single vision contacts to multifocal lenses), there may be additional refitting fees. These cover any extra trials, examination time and follow-up appointments that may be necessary to finalize a refit into another type of contact lens.

If you are a new patient to our practice but an existing contact lens wearer, you must present your previous contact lens prescription in order to be charged an evaluation fee. If you cannot provide this, our doctors have no way of knowing the parameters of your previous lenses and you may therefore be subject to *refit* fees.

Fitting and Evaluation Fees

- Evaluation of *previously fit* contact lenses: **\$65**
- New fit or refit of *soft spherical* lenses: **\$75**
- New fit or refit of *soft toric* (astigmatism) lenses: **\$85**
- New fit or refit of *soft multifocal/monovision* contact lenses: **\$95**

*All fitting and evaluation fees are nonrefundable and are to be **paid in full** before a contact lens prescription will be finalized and released to the patient.*

If you have any questions about our fees or contact lens policy, our clinical staff will be glad to assist you with further explanation.