

INFORMED CONSENT FOR CONTACT LENS WEAR

Contact lens wear has many benefits, however, as with any other medical device; it is not without possible risk. Problems with contact lenses and care products could result in serious injury to the eye. The following are possible problems that have been reported with the use of contact lenses: eye infection, corneal ulcer, corneal abrasion, discomfort, stinging, burning, itching, redness, sensitivity to light, dry eyes, corneal swelling and lens intolerance. If any problems or abnormal symptoms are experienced, you should immediately remove your lenses and promptly contact our office.

The following precautions must be taken to prevent damage to the eyes or to the contact lenses. 1.) Lens contamination may result in eye injury due to irritation or infection. To reduce the risk of contamination: always wash, rinse and dry hands before handling the lenses: do not use saliva, tap water or anything other than sterile solutions recommended for use with the type of contact lenses you wear; do not get water in the eye while bathing, showering or engaging in water activities. 2.) Eye injury from irritation or infection and damage to lenses may result if cosmetics, lotions, soaps, creams, hair spray, deodorants or aerosol products come in contact with the lenses. 3.) Environmental fumes, smoke, dust, vapors and windy conditions must be avoided, in order to minimize the chance of lens contamination or physical trauma to the cornea. 4.) Always inform your employer that you wear contact lenses. Some jobs may require the use of safety eyewear or may require that you not wear contact lenses. 5.) Do not touch the lens with fingernails. 6.) Always consult our office before using any medicine in the eyes. 7.) Do not wear contact lenses while sleeping unless your doctor has prescribed extended wear. 8.) Before leaving our office, you must demonstrate the ability to insert and remove the lenses. 9.) Always clean and disinfect your lenses using a recommended lens care system.

Wearing schedule is determined by your doctor. Regular check-ups, as determined by your doctor, are extremely important. Daily wear refers to wearing the lenses less than 24 hours, while awake. Daily wear lenses are not indicated for overnight wear and should not be worn while sleeping. Clinical studies have shown that the risk of serious adverse reactions is significantly increased when the lenses are worn overnight. This risk can be reduced greatly by carefully following the care instructions as outlined by your doctor. Extended wear refers to wearing lenses greater than 24 hours, including while asleep. Not every patient is able to wear contact lenses on an extended bases even if able to wear the same lens for daily wear.

Contact lens prescriptions are valid for one year. There is no guarantee that you will become a successful contact lens wearer. There is no way of foretelling how often or when your lenses will have to be refitted or replaced due to wear, improper handling, or changes in the refractive state of your eye. Contact lens service fees are nonrefundable. If the fitting process is discontinued and the prescription is not finalized, a contact lens refitting will be necessary.

I have read and understand the risks associated with contact lens wear and I wish to proceed with the contact lens fitting.

Signature of patient or guardian

Date

Doctor