

# DEVINE EYES

## CONTACT LENS CONSENT AND POLICIES

Contact lenses are medical devices and require a physician's prescription. Contact lenses affect the metabolism, physiology and health of the front surface of the eye. This is true regardless of the power of the lens.

People who wear contact lenses are more at risk for eye infections and corneal infections (which can lead to permanent vision problems) than those who do not wear lenses. People who sleep in lenses are more likely to have these problems than those who remove lenses every night. **Breathable** soft lenses are available. These allow more oxygen to the cornea and have much lower health risks.

Cleaning and replacing lenses on an appropriate schedule are necessary to ensure that you are not wearing dirty lenses. The cleaning instructions you are given coincide with the replacement schedule you are prescribed.

Not all people are contact lens candidates. Your doctor will examine your eyes and vision and ask questions about your visual demands to determine that contacts are safe for you and to appropriately correct your vision. He will prescribe a specific lens type, power, wear schedule, cleaning regimen and replacement schedule.

Follow-up visits (after the initial assessment) may be necessary to fine-tune your vision correction and finalize your prescription. This is especially true for new-wearers, astigmatism lenses and multi-focal prescriptions.

Contact lens patients must have annual eye exams to monitor the health of the cornea. Some patients need to be followed sooner than one year. Contact lens prescriptions must be renewed annually.

Most problems associated with contact lens wear are avoidable. The instructions of your doctor are intended to prevent these problems. It is in your best interest to follow these recommendations and to return for follow-up appointments and annual contact lens evaluations.

### **If you have any of the following symptoms, remove your lenses immediately and consult your doctor:**

Eye Pain	Excessive Watering of Eyes	Blurred, Cloudy, or Foggy Vision
Redness of the Eye	Discharge from the Eyes	Increased Sensitivity to Light

- ✓ I understand that sleeping with contact lenses in my eyes is not as safe as removing them every night. I understand the importance of proper cleaning and replacement of contact lenses, as well as the need to have a usable pair of glasses for backup. I understand the importance of follow-up visits to finalize my prescription (follow-up visits are included in the fees for 60 days following the initial eye exam) and annual contact lens evaluations to monitor the health of my eyes.
- ✓ Many insurance companies do not pay for contact lenses or the service fees for prescribing contact lenses. I am responsible for these fees at the time they are provided. At the patient's request, Devine Eyes will file a claim with the insurance provider. The patient will be reimbursed promptly if the **services** are covered. Fees for contact lens **services** are not refundable.
- ✓ Contact lens services must be initiated within 2 months of an eye exam and completed within 90 days of the eye exam. (Follow-up visits are included in the contact lens fees for 60 days following the initial eye exam; visits after 90 days must be charged.) After 90 days from the initial eye exam, a new exam may be necessary. Fees for contact lens **services** are not refundable.
- ✓ Single (non-disposable) lenses can *usually* be exchanged within thirty days of receipt. Disposable lenses can only be exchanged if the **entire box is unopened, unmarked and unexpired**. Because of this, we do not order disposable lenses until after the prescription is finalized. *Use of trial lenses is limited to determining the prescription.*
- ✓ Contact lens prescriptions, like other prescriptions, expire when the supply is exhausted or at one year. The prescription is written for a year supply with no substitutions. Prescriptions cannot be filled if the lens supply will extend significantly beyond the one-year prescription period. Lenses are sold at discounted fees when the annual supply is purchased. Individual boxes of lenses can be purchased, *but trial lenses will not be dispensed while waiting for orders to arrive.*
- ✓ Different brands of lenses have different parameters (materials, diameters and thickness) that affect the fit of the lens. For this reason, it is not safe to substitute contact lens brands without verifying that the new lens type fits properly.

Printed Name (Patient or Parent/Guardian)

Signature (Patient or Parent/Guardian)

Date