CONTACT LENS FITTING/REFITTING POLICY

At Lifetime Eyecare, we begin with a complete vision and eye health examination, followed by an expert fitting. An average contact lens exam will take a little longer than a regular eye exam (approximately 90 minutes).

Contacts are medical devices that are placed directly on the eyes, an expert fitting and careful instruction is required; therefore, conscientious care and compliance with recommended follow-up appointments are necessary to maintain the healthy functioning of your eyes. To ensure the success of your contact lenses, you should familiarize yourself with our procedures and policies.

The Eye Examination

This exam consists of a series of tests to determine the health of your eyes and your current vision. The doctor will test your eyes individually and together for a series of different tests to check for any underlying conditions that may prevent contact lens wear. These tests include: general vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, muscle actions, and glaucoma testing. Upon completion of the exam and testing, the doctor will have the information to write your glasses prescription, but not quite enough information for your contact lens prescription.

Contact Lens Fitting

Eyes come in all shapes and sizes, a “fitting” is necessary to make sure your contact lenses fit your eyes properly. Special measurements will be taken of your eyes and their surface; checking for curvature and other factors that may influence the fitting of the contact lens on your eye. Your cornea will be examined to confirm that there are no problems that could make it hard to wear contacts successfully. Generally, only one fitting is necessary, although there are those special circumstances that call for more than one appointment. Fittings for astigmatism, multifocal, and gas permeable contacts may require several appointments. In our experience, the extra time, effort and patience are very worthwhile for your ultimate satisfaction and the health of your eyes. The charge for the contact lens fitting is nonrefundable.

Insertion and Removal Training Session

Learning to apply and remove contact lenses is very easy. Our contact lens specialist will provide personalized instruction in the safe care and handling of your new contacts. You will also get written instructions to refer to. Upon completion of a successful insertion and removal session, you may begin to wear your contact lenses, and we will schedule your first follow-up appointment.

Follow-Up Appointments

One or two follow-up appointments will be necessary to ensure that your contact lenses continue to fit well and your eyes remain healthy. The first two follow-up visits are included in the $88 contact lens fitting fee. If more than two visits are needed, there will be a $20 charge for each additional office visit.

Please initial here indicating that you have read and understand the previous paragraph.
Your Contact Lenses:

These contacts are approved for _______________________. We must see you for your follow-up appointment **before** they expire. Sometimes circumstances arise that are beyond your control, if this occurs, call us, and we will work with you to get your contacts finalized. If you do not schedule an appointment and come in within 30 days of receiving your trial contacts, we will have to restart the fitting process, and you will be charged another fitting fee.

**Contact Lens Fitting/Refitting Fee**

There is an $88, non-refundable, contact lens fitting fee. This fee includes trial contacts, a training session, if needed, and 2 follow-up visits. If more follow-up visits are needed, there will be a $20 charge per additional office visit.

In order for your vision to be the best it can be, your contact lens fitting should be scheduled within 6 months of your last eye exam. If it is past the 6 month limit, there will be a $20 fee to verify that there have been no changes in your prescription.

**Payment**

The fitting fee is to be paid on the day of fitting or before diagnostic lenses are ordered. **Most insurance companies DO NOT pay the fitting fee.**

With all of the new advanced materials being used to make contact lenses, we have a very few patients who are unable to wear contact lenses. If, however, you or your doctor decides to stop the fitting of the contact lenses, a refund of the cost of the contact lenses will be given, but the **cost of the fitting fee is not refundable.**

I have read and agree to the above stated contact lens policies.

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Signature (Patient)
(Date)

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Signature (Parent/Legal Guardian)
(Date)