

## WELCOME TO TACOMA EYE, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO READ OUR CONTACT LENS PATIENT AGREEMENT

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.

Advancements in contact lens technology offer the potential of successful contact lens wear to most of our patients but we cannot guarantee success.

Since follow up care is essential, it is the patient's responsibility to keep all appointments and follow all lens care instructions. When fit properly, contact lenses can be safe to use in patients aged 12-80.

A **COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAM** is needed Before a person can be fit with contact lenses (complete medical and refractive eye examination). In WA State, the Department of Health mandates that this health exam must be within 6 months of the contact lens fitting.

This exam is to the patient's benefit since it allows your doctor to rule out the possibility of underlying conditions that prevent successful contact lens use.

The goal of contact lens evaluation and fitting is to find the most appropriate contact lens for each patient's optimal vision and comfort. The evaluation fee covers the testing, professional expertise and follow up care for 60 days from the date the evaluation begins. An enormous variety of types, materials, sizes are offered. Therefore, fitting fees vary in price depending on a patient's visual needs. Our office takes the time and effort to fit your contact lenses properly. Often this results in many patients needing one session but sometimes this process requires several appointments. Once a contact lens prescription is finalized the fit is complete (*if a patient wishes to change from a yearly lens to a biweekly lens or from a monthly lens to a daily lens, a new evaluation and fitting fee will be charged to the patient*).

We may not finalize the contact lens prescription until the doctor is satisfied with the fit of the contact lens (*20/20 vision is not a guaranteed outcome*) Once a contact lens is finalized a copy of the prescription is given to the patient in office so they may purchase a yearly supply of lenses.

Most times we have trials in office but due to variables it may be necessary to order a patient's trial lenses.

**CONTACT LENS TRAINING – (\$30 training fee assessed to new contact lens users or patients changing modalities – Soft lenses to Gas Permeable)** is provided with personalized instruction concerning the safe care and usage of contact lenses. This is often accomplished in 2 visits. If additional time is needed, it will be necessary to schedule a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> 30-minute training session for an additional \$30 fee. Upon demonstration of safe insertion and removal, the patient may begin wearing the contact lenses.

**ANNUAL CONTACT LENS evaluation (Existing Contact Lens Wearers)** By WA state law, a contact lens prescription is valid for two years. Patients come in for an annual contact lens evaluations. These are necessary to assure that the patient's eyes are healthy and the contact lenses are still fitting properly. Contact lens prescriptions cannot be renewed without a proper evaluation. Contact lens evaluations include a separate fee that MAY NOT be included in your medical exam. Any patient who is changing

lens types (*Often patients wish to upgrade to a multifocal lens or to a daily lens*) have a new fitting fitting/evaluation charge.

**FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENTS** Follow-up appointments may be 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 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 within 2 months (sixty days)

**REFUNDS** professional fees pertain to services rendered, there is **NO refund** of the exam, fitting, or annual contact lens examination fee. We can issue store credit for contact lenses in some cases (unused, unopened boxes of soft contact lenses provided the supplier agrees to such credit).

**Evaluation Fees as of 7/20/2020**

Soft Contact Lens evaluation: \$100

Soft Multifocal or Mono Vision Evaluation \$200

Custom Gas Permeable Evaluation \$200

Custom Gas Permeable Multifocal or Mono Vision Evaluation \$280

Training fee \$30 covers 2 sessions.

Specialty fits: Price varies \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient/Guardian has read and understand the agreement above:**

Patient/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Please Print \_\_\_\_\_