

## Contact Lens Exam (Assessment) & Financial Agreement

### Contact Lens Services:

Contact lens services are separately billed services from a comprehensive eye health examination. Prior to initially fitting a patient with contact lenses, a comprehensive eye health exam is required to determine the overall health of the eye and to see if contact lenses are an appropriate, healthy option for that patient.

*The initial contact lens fitting includes the following:*

- Obtaining precise measurements to achieve the best contact lens fit
- Determining the best lens material, base curve, diameter and design for your eyes from the latest technologies.
- Analyzing your particular visual needs to determine the proper power set up to achieve those visual goals.
- Providing you with the diagnostic lenses for us to evaluate the vision and fit and for you to evaluate the comfort and vision of the lenses in your personal environments.
- Training for you to learn and feel comfortable with the proper insertion and removal technique as well as general education about safe contact lens care and wear.
- Finalizing the fit at the end of the process with a contact lens prescription that is valid for **1 year**.

*For patients already wearing contact lenses:*

- **New patients** to the practice will first need to have an initial comprehensive eye health examination to familiarize our doctors with the overall health of your eyes. If you are a current lens wearer, please bring your contact lens parameters (a picture of your contact lens packages or boxes from home will do) so we can simply assess your current lenses. If we do not have this information, we will need to proceed with a new fit in order to determine the best lenses for you.
- **Current patients** of the practice will return annually for a contact lens exam (assessment) visit. These visits are highly personalized to each patient's visual and daily living needs. At these visits, and vision changes, lens design changes, lens material updates based on new technological improvement will be considered. Also, since contact lens wear has many potential risk factors, extra attention will be given to the front surface of the eye that interacts with the lenses. This annual assessment is an important part of healthy contact lens eye care.
- **An annual contact lens assessment is required to renew the 1-year contact lens prescription.**

### Patient Responsibility - Wear and Care:

In order to help you succeed in wearing contact lenses in a healthy way, we ask that you be responsible for the following:

- Comply with appearing for ALL follow up appointments during the fitting process (these appointments are all covered by the initial fitting fee) to ensure an excellent, healthy contact lens fit.

- Adhere to the appropriate, prescribed wearing schedule – this includes:
  - Absolutely NO sleeping in contact lenses (high risk of corneal ulcer – which could cause sight threatening results).
  - Do not wear your lenses near water sources (tap water, bath, shower, hot tub, pools, lakes, rivers, oceans, etc.) as these can harbor water borne microbes which cause dangerous corneal infections (primarily *Acanthamoeba*).
  - Replace your lenses according to the schedule directed by your doctor (and the FDA) since contact lenses are considered medical devices by the FDA and overwear can cause complications.
- Remove your contact lenses immediately and contact the office if you notice any of the following:
  - Pain, discomfort, tearing, light sensitivity or redness of the eye
  - Decreased Vision
  - Any suspicion that something may not seem 100% like it was at the end of your fitting or last assessment.

***Non-compliance*** during the fitting process and the future follow up care can put your eyes and vision at **serious risk**. Please take the necessary and responsible steps to ensure excellent eye care with your contact lens wear.

**Fees for Contact Lens Services:**

An annual comprehensive eye health examination includes vision testing and overall ocular health examination. If a patient wears contact lenses, many additional steps are added to the examination as described above. For this reason, a separate fee is charged for the annual contact lens exam (assessment) service. This assessment is required annually to obtain a 1-year contact lens prescription.

We will gladly bill your insurance if your plan covers contact lens exams (assessments), fits and materials. You should be aware of your benefits, and will be required to pay for any services or overages not covered under your benefit plan.

Any patient that wishes to discontinue with contact lenses may return any unopened and unmarked boxes within 30 days of purchase.

**Patient Agreement:**

- I understand that the contact lens exam fees are non-refundable.
- I understand that my prescription is good for a maximum of 12 months. After 12 months a full exam will be required prior to ordering replacement lenses or releasing a prescription.
- **Jervey Eye Group does charge an annual contact lens exam fee of \$60.00. This is required each year in order to produce an updated contact lens prescription.**
- I understand that I will receive care and cleaning instructions as well as a recommendation for lens wear. It is my responsibility to adhere to these recommendations and contact lens care instructions
- I understand the importance of keeping follow up appointments during the contact lens fitting process for the purpose of assuring a correct contact lens fit and excellent ocular health.
- I relieve the doctor of any responsibility if I fail to keep appointments and do not adhere to contact lens care or wearing recommendations listed above.