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CONTACT LENS FITTING FEES and POLICIES

We would be very pleased to have you as a contact lens patient, but before we begin, we need to inform you of our policies regarding contact lenses:

- 1) Before you can be fit with contact lenses, you need a comprehensive eye exam within the prior six months. A glasses prescription from another office will not suffice. This exam needs to be done in our office.
- 2) In addition, you will need a contact lens fitting or exam. The contact lens exam consists of:
 - a) Evaluation of your needs and objectives from contacts
 - b) Measurement of the eye to determine which lenses are indicated
 - c) Trying on various styles to achieve best vision and comfort
 - d) Training on insertion and removal
 - e) Training on care, cleaning, and storage of lenses
 - f) Follow-up visit in about one week
 - g) Prescribing lenses

The cost of the contact lens fitting is*:

Spherical Soft Contact Lenses	\$ 92.00
Toric Soft Contact Lenses (one or both eyes)	127.00
Custom torics	pricing to vary
Bifocal Contact Lenses or Monofit	136.00
Gas Perm Single Vision Contact Lenses	148.00
Gas Perm Bifocal Contact Lenses	177.00

Credit allowed for previous wearers who can demonstrate proper techniques: \$ 20.00

* These are in addition to the cost of an initial examination. All prices are subject to change without notice.

Professional care does not end with the dispensing of your final lenses. Ongoing success requires ongoing care. Contact lenses are considered by the FDA as a "medical device", and as such can only be fit by licensed health care providers. Our primary concern is the health of your eyes.

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On frequent replacement, or "disposable" contact lenses, the lenses we prescribe have been approved by the FDA, for wear for a certain length of time, and then should be thrown away. Some people will try to "stretch" this time to save money on lens expenditures. This is one of the situations that can cause significant complications with contact lenses. These complications can range from blurred vision, to eye infections, to permanent vision damage.

In addition, we always place patients on the solutions that are best for them and their lenses. We will go over with you all the steps you need to perform to maintain your lenses. Many will disregard what we have told them, and switch to whatever is cheapest at the local discount pharmacy. Please let us know before you switch to a different type of solution from what we originated.

Many problems with contacts result from failures on both of these counts, and others. For instance, some patients will simply decide that contacts are too much trouble, and decide to only wear glasses. With these facts in mind, we offer no warranty as to whether or not you will be a "successful" contact lens wearer. There are too many factors that are out of our control. <u>No refunds will be given on any of our exam or fitting fees.</u>

On soft contact lenses we normally dispense "trial" or "temporary" lenses to see how the lenses will work on a day-to-day basis. We will instruct you on how to insert and remove your contacts and how to clean and store them properly. <u>We need you to commit to return to our office to evaluate how the trial lenses are working in about a week.</u> At that time, we will recheck your lenses to see if you need a power adjustment, or if we need to try a different style of lens. If that is required, you will need to try these lenses for an additional period and return for an evaluation. If you fail to return for that progress evaluation in the allotted time, no more trial lenses will be made available, and no Rx for contacts will be given. If you continually fail to show for this appointment as scheduled without giving us 24 hours notice, you may be charged for these missed appointments in addition to the other fees mentioned here.

Once the fit of your lenses has been assured, a copy of your contact lens prescription will be provided to you. Contact lens prescriptions will not be provided if we have not completed the fit and follow-up. You may purchase replacement lenses from anyone you choose during the life of your prescription. In considering this decision, we would like to emphasize our own competitive replacement service. Ask about our convenient replacement options and compare our pricing for popular brands.

If you order your contacts from our office, you will receive the following additional benefits:

- 1) Trial or temporary lenses at times when you may be out and waiting to be seen for a follow-up exam, up to one trial for each box purchased.
- 2) Six-month follow-up progress exam at half price
- 3) Replacement lenses for any defective lenses
- 4) 10% off your spectacle orders (if not billed on any insurance)

If you chose to order your contacts through another source, we need you to be aware of our policy:

- 1) No trial or temporary lenses will be supplied to you at any time.
- 2) All visits for any follow up care will be charged at the normal and customary office charge.
- 3) No reimbursement or credit for any defective lenses or unused lenses, in the case of a needed power or parameter adjustment, will be given under any circumstances.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above provisions.

Patient signature

Date