

What is a contact lens evaluation? A contact lens evaluation is a separate part of a comprehensive eye examination and requires several additional tests that people who do not wear contact lenses do not need to have. Patients wearing contact lenses require more of the doctor's time and expertise in order to:

1. Evaluate the health of the eye paying close attention to the cornea, eyelids and conjunctiva and how contact lens wear will affect the health of the eye.
2. Determine the proper contact lens prescription based on each individual patient's glasses prescription, vision needs and corneal health and accurate. A contact lens prescription is different and separate from a glasses prescription.
3. Examine the contact lens on the eye to ensure proper alignment with the cornea and lids.
4. Measure the vision with the contact lens on the eye and make adjustments as indicated. Contact lens examinations and fittings have different levels of difficulty; this depends on the types of contact lenses needed, the visual requirements of the patient and the health of the patient's eyes.

As such, most insurance companies require doctors to separate routine eye examination fees from and services performed with contact lenses. Because contact lenses are medical devices that can only be dispensed by a prescription and expire after one year, they must be regarded with the same caution you would use with prescription drugs. Your eyes go through gradual changes in size, shape and physiological requirements while wearing contact lenses. These changes can affect the health of the cornea and need to be monitored at least once a year. The federal and state government require contact lens prescriptions to expire after one year for this reason.

____ **YES** I would like a contact lens evaluation today in order to update my contact lens prescription and have the ability to purchase contact lenses for the next 12 months. I understand that the fitting must be paid at the time of service.

____ **NO** I do not want a contact lens evaluation today and I understand that I will not be able to purchase contacts without an updated or new contact lens prescription.

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

Contact Lens Prescription Signed Acknowledgment Form

Included below is important information to review prior to receiving your contact lens prescription. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) makes clear:

The CDC recommends the following for contact lens wearers:

- Schedule a visit with your eye doctor at least once a year.
- Take out your contacts and call your eye doctor if you have eye pain, discomfort, redness, or blurry vision.
- Understand that eye infections that go untreated can lead to eye damage or even blindness.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) indicates:

"To be sure that your eyes remain healthy you should not order lenses with a prescription that has expired or stock up on lenses right before the prescription is about to expire. It's safer to be re-checked by your eye care professional."

Sign below to acknowledge that you will be provided with a copy of your contact lens prescription at the completion of your contact lens fitting.

Patient Signature _____ Date _____