



Martino Eyecare Contact Lens Policy

CONTACT LENS POLICY

Advancements in contact lens technology offer the potential of successful contact lens wear to most of our patients. 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 is determined by corneal evaluation, measurements, and careful observation of the lens on the eye and the eye's response to the lens on follow-up visits if necessary. Since follow up care may be essential, it is your responsibility to keep all appointment and follow all lens care instructions.

THE COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAM

Before a patient can be fit with contact lenses, a complete medical and refractive eye examination is necessary. This exam is critical to assure the good health of your eyes and to rule out the possibility of any unsuspected, underlying condition that may prevent contact lens use.

CONTACT LENS FITTING

The goal of contact lens fitting is to find the most appropriate contact lens for each patient's optimal vision and comfort. An enormous variety of types, materials, sizes and colors are offered. We are committed to taking the time and effort to fit your contact lenses properly. Although many patients will need only one fitting session, sometimes this process requires several appointments. In our experience, the extra time, effort and patience are well merited by both your ultimate satisfaction and the health of your eyes. All patients being fit into contacts must go through the fitting process. We will not finalize the contact lens prescription until both the patient and the doctor are satisfied with the fit and visual acuity of the contact lens. We will provide one set of trial lens.

CONTACT LENS TRAINING SESSION

The patient will be provided with personalized instruction concerning the safe care and usage of contact lenses. Upon completion of successful insertion and removal, the patient may begin wearing the contact lenses and we will schedule the first follow-up appointment.

FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENTS

Follow-up appointments are necessary to assure several things:

1. The contact lenses are fitting and moving well
2. The prescription is providing the best possible vision
3. The eyes are remaining healthy
4. There are no problems with insertion or removal
5. The patient understands and complies with the recommended wearing schedule

There is no additional charge for the first two follow-up visits each additional visit will be \$35

ANNUAL CONTACT LENS CHECK

By law, a contact lens prescription is valid for only one year. All patients are required to come in for an annual contact lens exam. This is necessary to assure that the patient's eyes are healthy and the contact lenses are still fitting well. Contact lens prescriptions cannot be renewed without an annual exam. If we are seeing you for the first time, and you have had a contact lens prescription from another office, the doctor will use his/her judgment to use the prescription from another office for the fitting and prescription of the contacts.

CONTACT LENS FEE POLICY

The fitting fee, which includes 2 follow-up visits within the first 30 days, is determined by the type of lenses prescribed, the difficulty of the fit, and whether or not the patient is a first time contact lens wearer. **THIS FEE IS NON REFUNDABLE AND DUE AT THE TIME OF SERVICE.** If an initial fit needs to be changed, you will be charged the difference in the fitting fees between the original fit cost and the final fit cost.

The fitting fee includes:

- The contact lens fitting and corneal evaluation.
- Training sessions. If time allows contact lens training will be done the same day. If not, it will be scheduled on a different date.
- 2 Follow-up visits are included, if necessary, at no charge within 30 days from the date of initial examination and/or receiving samples.
- If samples are not available at the office, trials will be ordered and can take approximately 2 - 6 weeks to arrive.
- Any additional follow up visits will be assessed a \$35 charge per visit. (ie: if you are wanting to try other brands or types of contact lenses, and/or you have difficulty with your lenses for any reason after the courtesy follow up appointments.)
- After 3 months, a full contact lens fit fee will be charged and will be applied for finalizing the Rx. The cost of the fit will range \$65 to \$95.
- Diagnostic lenses (one trial pair)

The fitting fee does not include:

- Contact lenses (Costs will vary depending on type of lens prescribed)
- The comprehensive eye exam
- Medical visits not directly related to contact lens wear

PAYMENT

Fees for the comprehensive exam, contact lens fitting, or annual contact lens checks are **due at the time of service.**

REFUNDS

There will be **NO** refund of the exam, fitting, or annual contact lens check fees.

I have read and understand the Contact Lens Policy, the Contact Lens Fee Policy, and the Contact Lens Care Guide. All of my questions have been answered and I have received copies of the above information. I understand that my compliance with the Contact Lens Care Guide is of the utmost importance in the health of my eyes.

Patient/Guardian Signature

Date

