Wolfeboro Eye Associates Contact Lens Policies

Contact lenses are prescription medical devices that are worn on the cornea of the eye. In order to prescribe contact lenses an eye doctor must evaluate the health of the eye, determine the proper contact lens prescription based on each individual patient's different glasses prescription, vision needs, corneal health and curvature, and examine the contact lens on the eye to ensure proper alignment with the cornea. A contact lens evaluation is a separate part of a comprehensive eye examination and requires additional testing that people who do not wear contact lenses do not need to have. 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.

Contact lenses are medical devices that can only be dispensed by a prescription. They must be regarded with the same caution you would use for prescription drugs, which include prescription expiration dates and follow-up visits with your eye doctor. Your eyes go through gradual changes in size, shape, and physiological requirements (such as for oxygen) while wearing contact lenses. These changes can affect the health of the cornea and need to be monitored on a regular basis.

Contact lens fittings must be performed within 3 months of a current exam or another examination will be performed. Contact lens fittings include trial lenses used except when the lenses ordered are the actual lenses. Payment for all exam fees is due at the time of the visit. All contact lens follow up visits must be within 60 days of the contact lens fitting and includes up to three follow up visits. Contact lens follow up appointments requiring more visits may be subject to additional charges. Failure to return for follow up visits results in no prescription given for contact lenses and the need for re-examination with additional charges to obtain a valid prescription.