



CONTACT LENS POLICY

Welcome to Charlotte Ophthalmology Clinic. We look forward to providing you with the best in contact lens care. Our expertise in contact lens fitting and our extensive knowledge of the latest designs and materials has enabled us to fit thousands of satisfied patients. Our Philosophy is to give you the best vision and comfort possible while ensuring that your eyes are in optimum health over a lifetime of contact lens wear. Please take time to read our contact lens policy.

* To properly fit you in contact lenses we require each patient to have a Comprehensive Eye Exam and Refraction.

Contact Lens Fitting Fees:

NEW WEARER	Standard Fit	has never worn contacts - includes \$25 instruction fee and 60 day follow up	\$115
EXPERIENCED WEARER	Standard Fit	New to Charlotte Ophthalmology (includes 60 day follow up)	\$75
ESTABLISHED PATIENT	REFIT Evaluation	Who requires follow up due to significant change in prescription or a different lens type (includes 60 days follow up)	\$65
ESTABLISHED PATIENT	Maintenance Evaluation	Who has maintained yearly examinations (includes minor proscription updates with same lens type, no follow up included)	\$60
Contact Lens Follow up visits in excess of 60 days from exam date but less than one year			\$40

Specialty Fitting - added to the above charges

Toric Fitting - (Astigmatism)	\$40
Bifocals, Multifocals, or Monovision	\$70
Gas Permeable (RCP) or other Specialty Lenses	\$75

This is in addition to your eye exam, does not include the cost of the contact lenses, and is non-refundable.

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Contact Lens Fitting

Contact lenses are medical devices that require thorough testing to ensure accuracy and safety. After your comprehensive Eye Exam, your doctor can discuss contact lens options and schedule you for a contact lens evaluation. This includes evaluation of the lenses on your eyes to ensure good ocular health and fitting as well as optimal vision. Included in the new fittings are up to 6 pairs of trial lenses and up to 60 days of follow up visits to maintain continued success. Visits in excess of 60 days will be charged per visit.

Contact Lens Prescription

A contact lens prescription will be released to you at the end of the contact lens fitting, when we have determined that the lenses are working for your eyes. You may then purchase your lenses from us or anywhere you choose.

Purchasing Your Contact Lenses

The best way to purchase your contact lenses is by ordering an annual supply. This is the most cost-effective way to purchase because there are product rebates and discounts to off-set your expense. Charlotte Ophthalmology is competitively priced and we also offer extra services such as:

- Free starter Kits for new contact lens wearers
- Personal care approach provided by our Ophthalmologists and technicians.
- Discounts on sunglasses or spare/back up glasses through our Optical Department.
- We will work with you to exchange any unopened boxes purchased through our office for those of the new prescriptions.

Our physicians are providers for most insurances. Please check with your insurance company to see if you will receive additional discounts by purchasing your lenses through us.

Trial Lens Policy

Trial lenses are intended to compliment the fitting service and to be used as replacements lenses.

Current (non-expired) Rx: one pair of complimentary lenses may be given per year (if we have them in stock) while boxes of lenses are being ordered. No trials may be given unless boxes have been ordered by our office.

Contact lens prescription is expired within the past 12 months. 1 trial pair may be given if patient schedules an examination within 2 weeks. No more trials will be dispensed without a contact lens examination.

Contact lens prescription is expired more than 12 months: No lenses may be dispensed without a contact lens examination.

We adhere to guidelines set forth by the National Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act of 2004 which states that contact lenses prescriptions are valid for one year from the date of your exam. An annual comprehensive examination and contact lens evaluation is required to renew the prescription.