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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020, THERE WILL BE A \$39 ADDITIONAL FEE FOR CONTACT LENS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ALL EXISTING CONTACT LENS WEARERS THAT WILL BE DUE AT THE TIME OF YOUR EXAMINATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE OFFICE.

Explanation of Contact Lens Professional Services Fees

We want to thank you for considering Oxford Family Vision Care for your eye care services and we want you to understand what is involved with the Contact Lens Professional Services. We have always strived to keep our fees for services as fair and as low as possible. Contact lenses are considered an elective medical device and patients wearing contact lenses require additional chair time above and beyond what is needed for non-lens wearers, and hence carries its own separate fee. Therefore, we have instituted a \$39 charge for Contact Lens Professional Services. We surveyed other offices and found that their charge for contact lens services above and beyond the cost of exams range from \$75-\$135. In fact, most vision plans have recognized that contact lens patients require a higher level of service and allow up to \$60 for contact lens services above and beyond the coverage for routine eye exams for their covered patients. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

This is a **mandatory fee** to be evaluated for contacts. **You will be required to pay this fee on the day of your exam.** If you cannot afford to pay the fee on the day of your exam, you can schedule a time **after your exam** to come in specifically for the contact lens evaluation.

Please initial _____

The Contact Lens Professional Services fee will cover any trial contacts the doctor prescribes, and any necessary Contact Lens Evaluations Follow-Up Visits. Any medical visits are **NOT** covered by this fee.

Please initial _____

I understand what is involved with the Contact Lens Evaluation and I am aware that I must pay for my Contact Lens Professional Services fee today.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

OR

I DO NOT WANT TO BE EVALUATED FOR CONTACT LENSES AT THIS EXAM

Signature: _____

Date: _____

A contact lens evaluation involves case history, examining the physical relationship of the lens to the ocular surface, the health of the ocular surface, the condition of the contact lens (e.g. deposits, defects), and any other necessary tests. The practitioner evaluates for the prospect of enhancing the patient's wearing experience by improving health, comfort, vision, or convenience of wear and saving the patient money by prescribing an alternate lens. This evaluation requires additional chair time above and beyond what is needed for non-lens wearers, and hence carries its own separate fee.

Contact lens prescribing involves creating a valid contact lens prescription, whether new or modifying a previous prescription. A valid contact lens prescription involves services with corresponding fees that are outside of the realm of a general eye examination.

Contact lens prescriptions, **by law, are only valid for ONE YEAR.** If you wish to renew your contact lens prescription, you will be required to participate in a contact lens evaluation. Since your eyes may change from year to year, it is important to re-evaluate your contact lenses yearly, even if you have worn the same type of lenses for several years and are, once again, refitted for the same contact so as to avoid discomfort and/or possible damage to your eye.

There is a **mandatory fee** to be evaluated for contacts. This fee can range from **\$39 - \$99** and is **determined by the doctor** based on the complexity of your prescription and the condition of your eye.

Difference between Routine and Contact Lens Examinations

A routine eye exam is not the same as a contact lens exam. For contact lens wearers, a contact lens exam is necessary to ensure the lenses are fitting both eyes properly and that the health of the eyes is not harmed by the contact lenses.

Before we take a closer look at what happens during a contact lens exam, let's talk about normal eye exams.

Comprehensive Eye Exam

A comprehensive eye exam is an important part of caring for your overall health whether you need vision correction or not. By looking into your eyes, your doctor can check for signs of serious health conditions like hypertension and diabetes.

During a comprehensive eye exam, your doctor will look for signs of glaucoma, perform tests to check your vision sharpness, determine your prescription strength, examine how your eyes work together, and check the fluid pressure in your eyes. He will also dilate your eyes to see if you have any eye conditions or signs of other serious health conditions.

Contact Lens Exam

If you wear or want contacts, you need a contact lens exam in addition to a comprehensive eye exam. Your eye doctor will perform special tests during a contact lens exam to evaluate your vision with contacts. The first test will measure your eye surface to determine what size and type of contacts are best for you to comfortably wear contact lenses.

With the results of those tests, your eye doctor can provide a contact lens prescription that is the right fit for your eyes. An eyeglass prescription is no substitute for a contact lens exam because the two are very different. An eyeglass prescription measures for lenses that are positioned approximately 12 millimeters from your eyes; whereas a contact lens prescription measures for lenses that sit directly on the surface the eye. An improper fitting or prescription of contacts can damage the health of the eyes. Fitting contact lenses is both a science and art that requires a certain level of expertise. The annual fees for contact lens evaluations and management usually range between \$39 and \$99 above regular [comprehensive eye exam](#) fees, depending on the type of contact lens required. Time and additional visits, special tests, and a doctor's expertise are things that are not part of a regular comprehensive eye health and vision examination. Eye anatomy, eye health, individual goals, and prescription-type make contact lens evaluations and fittings different for every patient.

Whether you wear glasses or contacts, it's a good idea to [get a yearly eye exam](#) to see if you have new or existing vision problems, and if you need vision correction.