

Understanding Your Contact Lens Care & Evaluation

“What Are Contact Lens Evaluation Fees For?”

As a contact lens wearer, additional tests and measurements are done that are necessary to make sure that your eyes are healthy, that your lenses fit properly and to ensure that you are seeing as well as possible. Contact lens evaluation fees are for the extra testing and time taken by the staff and doctor each year to properly evaluate your contact lenses and eye health.



Corneal topography is one example of a test performed for contact lens wearers. With this computerized data, we can detect any undesirable changes of the cornea caused by the wearing of contact lenses. A second example test uses an eye specific microscope called a slit lamp to examine the fit of your contact lenses and the health of the cornea. In addition, prescription measurements are taken which are different than those used for eyeglasses.

“What Additional Tests Are Needed?”

“Isn’t This Part of My Annual Eye Exam?”

These contact lens-related tests are performed as part of the contact lens evaluation exam in addition to the usual annual eye examination tests. These procedures are only necessary for contact lens wearers and not for patients who do not wear contact lenses. By law, contact lens prescriptions are valid for a term of one year, while eyeglass prescriptions are valid for a term of two years.

“Doesn’t my Insurance Cover the Contact Lens Evaluation?”

It depends on your plan’s coverage. Most insurance plans cover an annual eye examination that includes determining your eyeglass prescription and evaluating your general eye health. Contact lens services are separate procedures that are often not covered by insurance.

“How Much Does It Cost and What Else Is Included?”

The cost for the contact lens evaluation varies depending on the type of lenses that you wear. The contact lens evaluation fee covers all contact lens related services and follow-up appointments for a period of 45 days from the initial fitting while the prescription is valid for 1 year from the initial fitting date. Diagnostic lenses, starter contact lens solution kits and contact lens follow-up appointments are included as part of our commitment to fit you with the ideal contact lenses based on your lifestyle needs.