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Contact Lens Evaluation Form

North Torrance Optometry takes pride in providing the highest quality of contact lens care. We make every effort to ensure that our recommendations are individually tailored to each patient. Our doctors take into consideration many factors including your glasses prescription, visual needs, and eye health.

What is a contact lens evaluation?

A *contact lens evaluation* is separate from a comprehensive examination and requires additional testing. Patients wearing contact lenses require more time and often more appointments. In order to prescribe contact lenses your eye doctor must complete additional tests such as evaluating the cornea, conjunctiva and eyelids and how contact lens wear will or is affecting the health of the eye. They will also determine the proper contact lens prescription based on each individual's prescription, vision needs, and corneal health and curvature. A contact lens prescription is different from a glasses prescription.

How often do you need a contact lens evaluation?

Since the eye is a sensitive organ, it is susceptible to irritations and infections that may be caused by contact lens wear. Problems that are undetectable to you can develop into more serious conditions. These changes can affect the health of the cornea and need to be monitored at least every year. The federal government requires contact lens prescriptions to expire after one year for these reasons. During the annual contact lens exam, your eye care professional evaluates the condition of the lenses and recommend any changes that are needed before renewing the prescription for another year.

How much is a contact lens evaluation?

Contact lens examinations and fittings have different levels of difficulty and time and thus, cost. This depends on the types of contact lenses needed, the visual requirements of the patient and the health of the patient's eyes. The cost varies for this reason. Please contact us to find out which is applicable for you.

The contact lens evaluation fee covers a 90 day period of follow-up contact check appointments along with a maximum of three 45 minute contact lens training appointments for new wearers. Any additional appointments will constitute additional fees at the doctor's discretion.

Patient Name (Last Name, First Name)

Signature (if you are a Guardian please specify relationship to patient)

Date