

Overview of a Contact Lens Evaluation

Welcome to the contact lens department at Midwest Eye Care. Thank you for selecting our department as your contact lens provider.

Many of the patients who visit Midwest Eye Care do not require contact lens services. Consequently, to be consistent with the majority of eye care providers in the metropolitan area, ***the cost of contact lens services is separate and distinct from the exam fees charged by Midwest Eye Care doctors.***

If you have a VSP Signature Plan or we are providers with your EyeMed vision plan insurance, we can file your contact lens services and product with your insurance company. We are unable to file charges with any other insurance companies.

Nebraska and Iowa state regulations require that contact lens patients receive certain contact lens services before a contact lens prescription can be issued. The contact lens prescription will include very specific information not determined or provided by the doctor. These services may require multiple office visits and lenses. Sometimes changes in a contact lens type or design may be necessary and such services incur additional fees. ***The contact lens evaluation fee must be paid at the start of the evaluation process, unless other arrangements have been made with a member of the contact lens staff. A contact lens prescription may only be written after all of the services are complete.***

Measurements will be taken during your evaluation to ensure a successful fit. Additional testing may be done at the request of the doctor or contact lens optician.

Patients being evaluated for disposable lenses are typically provided with trial lenses at no cost so that the doctor or contact lens optician can evaluate the fit and performance of the lenses on the patient's eyes. **NOTE: no cost trial lenses are typically not available for non-disposable lenses, so many patients may be required to purchase their first set of lenses from Midwest Eye Care.** After we have completed the evaluation, we will issue a final contact lens prescription.

Hand painted lenses for cosmetic improvement of a discolored eye may also be purchased. This type of evaluation may require several lenses as well as additional photos and services. Please ask us about the cost of these services if interested.

Specialized/Therapeutic Contact Lenses

To maximize your vision, your doctor and contact lens technician are recommending the use of specialized or therapeutic lenses, which are generally more complex than spherical or disposable lenses. These special lenses may be needed due to genetics, corneal damage, presbyopia, astigmatism, dryness or any number of special corneal conditions. We will be using lenses that will require more fitting time, design information, possible frequent lens or material change. These factors increase the cost of service compared to a spherical or disposable evaluation. Some conditions may require customized pricing.

MEC reserves the right to adjust fees as needed but patients will be advised of any change before they complete the evaluation process.

Definitions of Contact Lens Types and Concepts.

Disposable Soft Lenses: are usually sold in packages of multiple units. They are designed to be worn for a prescribed period and then discarded.

Durable (Non-Disposable) Soft Lenses: are usually sold in individual packages and are designed to be worn for about 12 to 18 months as comfort allows.

Rigid Gas Permeable (RGP) lenses: are the newer version of "hard" lenses, and may have very good results for certain corneal conditions.

Toric Lenses: come in both disposable and durable lens modalities. They are used to correct higher amounts of astigmatism.

Monovision: is a system that uses normal lenses to correct both near and far vision by prescribing one eye for near and one eye for distance.

Bifocal lenses: correct both near and far vision in each contact. There are available in disposable, durable and RGP lenses.

The cost of each type of lens can vary by the product, package quantity, and/or the duration of the supply requested.

Your estimate for Contact Lens Services:

Evaluation Service Level: _____

Cost of Evaluation: \$ _____

Type of Lens: _____

Price of lenses: \$ _____

Further testing required:

- Corneal Topography \$30.00
- Anterior Segment Photo \$30.00
- Hard Lens Clean and Polish \$25.00
- Other testing \$ _____
- Other Photography \$ _____

Insertion and Removal Training: For new lens fits.

In addition to evaluation fees.

Fee: \$25.00

Notes: _____

Estimate valid until: _____ / _____ / _____

A follow up appointment is required.

Your follow up appointment is scheduled for:

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

Durable / RGP / Specialized Evaluation Fees:

Level One: The patient sees the doctor or contact lens department before and/or after the doctor's exam. Wearing known lens parameters with a good fit, are overall satisfied with the performance of the lenses, and has little to no change or question of visual success.

Fee: \$40.00

Level Two: The patient sees the doctor or contact lens department before and/or after the doctor's exam. Wearing known lenses that require some changes in the fit, design, powers, brand or materials. This type of visit may require a trial lens and a follow up visit.

Fee: \$60.00

Level Three: The patient sees the doctor or contact lens department before and/or after the doctor's exam. Wearing unknown lenses or not having worn lenses previously; or where a very complex changes are needed (astigmatism not included). One or more follow up visits may be needed.

Fee: \$95.00

Level Four: The patient sees the doctor or contact lens department before and/or after the doctor's exam. New fit to RGP or durable for toric lenses.

Fee: \$175.00

Level Five: The patient sees the doctor or contact lens department before and/or after the doctor's exam. New fit/re-fit to RGP or durable monovision or bifocal lenses.

Fee: \$200.00

Level Six: The patient sees the doctor or contact lens department before and/or after the doctor's exam. New fit to Keratoconus or Reverse Geometry Fit.

Fee: \$225.00

Level Six Special/Custom Fittings: may incur further charges.



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