

Introduction

Before the advent of disposable lenses, all contact lenses, whether rigid or soft, were hand made for each patient. This labour intensive procedure is expensive and so does not allow the flexibility in wear patterns which are now available. However, bespoke, handmade lenses have some crucial advantages over the mass produced products.

Disposable lenses come in broad but limited ranges. For patients whose prescription are outside those ranges, due to disease, trauma or refractive surgery, the corneal shape may not be regular and standard lenses will not suffice. Bespoke lenses play a small but extremely vital role in contact lens practice if we are to be able to correct every patient's visual needs.

Contact Lens Fitting and Duty of Care

Bespoke lenses require patience and skill. They can be time consuming for both patient and practitioner. Consequently specialist lenses are not necessarily offered by all optometrists since it may not be considered cost effective to do so. However, if our duty of care is to supply all our patients with the most appropriate management options to fulfil their visual and quality of life needs then we have an obligation to offer these specialist services.

Increasing Replacement Schedule

It is well recognised that increasing the lens replacement rate improves ocular comfort and reduces the incidence of contact lens related complications. Consequently even the custom made lenses can now be purchased on six or twelve month planned replacement schemes. These lenses are too expensive to consider more frequent replacement but the service does give some of the advantages of disposability and also helps spread the cost.

Contact Lenses and Aftercare

Regardless of how you buy contact lenses you will pay for two items :-

1. The contact lenses
2. The professional time required to fit the correct lenses and for aftercare..

We would not recommend purchasing contact lenses if the second obligation is not met by the practitioner.

For unplanned replacement, bespoke lenses, the initial cost includes :-

- * All aftercare for one year.
- * 20% discount off spectacles for that year.
- * Replacement lenses at 20% discount (lens only price - see our 'Pricing Policy' leaflet) - since there is no professional component to this. If a lens refit is required then there would be additional charges unless the professional cover is current, in which case all lens related professional care is included.

After the first year an annual Professional Fee of £45.00 can be paid for continued aftercare as well as maintaining discount eligibility on contact lenses and spectacles.

Customised, Bespoke Lenses

The custom made lenses listed in this leaflet are not exhaustive of the lenses fitted by us. Some specialist lenses are described in the appropriate leaflets :- 'Toric Contact Lenses' and 'Multifocal Contact Lenses'. More commonly used ones are listed.

Rigid Spherical Lenses

RGP lenses per pair Topflex Design



Depending on materials used.
Start from : £135.00

RGP Xtralens Design

Large diameter and novel surface design, combine to give excellent comfort A unique system of differential edge types is used to aid lens movement and positioning with the aim of maximising tear exchange..

Depending on materials used.
Start from : £160.00

Bitoric RGP Lenses

per pair
Used for very astigmatic corneas to prevent spectacle blur.



Depending on materials used.
Start from : £250.00

Reverse Geometry RGPs

Sometimes used for the correction of eyes post laser refractive surgery when the flattening of the cornea makes fitting conventional lenses impossible.

Depending on materials used.
£300.00
per pair

Multifocal Xtralens

For the ultimate in Presbyopic Contact Lens correction. Excellent vision quality at both distance and near

Depending on materials used.
Start from : £400.00

Sealed Sclerals



Scleral lenses have applications in the treatment of keratoconus, post laser refractive surgery where irregular corneal shape precludes normal contact lenses, as well as in the management of extreme dry eye and ptosis.

£800.00
per pair