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Scleral Contact Lens Guide for Patients

Scleral contact lenses are large gas permeable contact lenses designed to cover the entire cornea and rest upon the sclera (the white part of the eye). Scleral contact lenses may be prescribed for patients with corneal surface irregularities, keratoconus, or some dry eye conditions.

The fitting fee for this lens is \$1,000.00 and is due prior to the beginning of the fitting appointment. The scleral lenses are \$400.00 each and are to be paid for in full prior to leaving our office with the lenses. The total cost for fit and scleral contact lens for one eye is \$1,400.00 and for both eyes is \$1,800.00. The first order for a patient will include one insertion tool and removal tool. If you do not like the scleral contact lens or lenses or cannot adjust to them, the cost of the lenses (\$400.00/\$800.00) is refundable but the contact lens fitting fee (\$1,000.00) is not. Some insurances do assist in covering the cost for these lenses. It is your responsibility to verify this through your insurance prior to scheduling your fitting appointment.

After a preliminary fitting for this lens, you can expect it to take several weeks for your lens or lenses to arrive, as each lens is custom made for each individual patient.

When your custom made lens or lenses arrive, we will call you and schedule an appointment to dispense the lenses to you. There are several things you need to do **before** this appointment.

(1) Search **Scleral Contact Lens Insertion, Removal Troubleshooting and Lens Care**. Watch the video at www.sclerallens.org, it is 10:02 long. We recommend you watch it several times, so you are familiar with the insertion, removal, and care of these lenses, even if you have worn contact lenses in the past, as the use of scleral contact lenses differs from soft contact lenses and conventional RGPs.

(2) Purchase sterile saline solution and **bring with you** to your appointment. We use and recommend Hudson RCI AddiPak .90% sodium chloride solution. It can be purchased from a number of online sites or possibly ordered from your pharmacy. We are not aware of any place that sells it over the counter. We have purchased it from Vitality Medical. Their item number is # 20059. A 100 pack of 5 mL vials is under \$20.00. Their phone number is (801) 477-8974. Their website is www.vitalitymedical.com.

(3) Purchase solution for rigid gas permeable lenses and **bring with you** to your appointment. We recommend Bausch & Lomb BOSTON SIMPLUS. It is available over the counter at several local retailers.

Signature

Date