

# ACUVUE®

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BRAND CONTACT LENSES

ACUVUE® VITA Brand Contact Lenses

ACUVUE® VITA Brand Contact Lenses for ASTIGMATISM

senofilcon C Soft (hydrophilic) Contact Lenses  
Visibility Tinted with UV Blocker  
for Daily Wear Only

## PATIENT INSTRUCTION GUIDE



**CAUTION: U.S. Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed practitioner.**

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# INTRODUCTION

## ***About This Booklet:***

The information and instructions contained in this booklet apply to the following brands:

- ACUVUE® VITA Brand Contact Lenses
- ACUVUE® VITA Brand Contact Lenses for ASTIGMATISM

For your eye health, it is important that your contact lenses be worn only as prescribed by your Eye Care Professional. Your Eye Care Professional should be kept fully aware of your medical history and will develop a total program of care based on your specific needs. He or she will review with you all instructions for lens handling and care, including how to safely and easily open the packaging. You will also be taught how to properly apply and remove lenses. This booklet will reinforce those instructions.

## **If you have any questions, always ask your Eye Care Professional.**

A “Glossary of Commonly Used Terms” is included for your reference. This contains definitions of medical and technical terminology used in this booklet. In addition, a “Symbols Key” provides an explanation of symbols that may appear on the lens packaging.

Special sections are included in the back of this booklet to record your specific prescribed wearing information as well as to record the contact information for your Eye Care Professional.



















## ***About Your Lenses and Contact Lens Wear:***

Your contact lenses are made from a water loving (hydrophilic) material that has the ability to absorb water, making the lenses soft and flexible. The lenses are tinted to improve visibility for handling and also contain an ultraviolet (UV) radiation absorbing ingredient to block UV radiation.

These lenses are intended for the correction of nearsightedness (myopia) and farsightedness (hyperopia). They are also available for people who may have other conditions, such as astigmatism.

## SYMBOLS KEY

The following symbols may appear on the label or packaging:

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Definition</b>
	Caution, Consult Instructions for Use
	Manufacturer
	Date of Manufacture
	Use By Date (expiration date)
	Batch Code
	Sterilized Using Steam Heat
	Do Not Use if Package is Damaged and Consult Instructions for Use
	Medical Device in the European Community
	Indicates a Single Sterile Barrier System
	Authorized Representative in the European Community
	Contains Hazardous Substances
	CAUTION: U.S. Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed practitioner
UV BLOCKING 	UV Blocking
ASTIGMATISM	Lenses for Astigmatism
	Lens Orientation Correct
	Lens Orientation Incorrect (Lens Inside Out)
	CE-mark and Identification Number of Notified Body
	Package Opening Icon (Blister)
	Fee Paid for Waste Management

Visit [www.acuvue.com/guides](http://www.acuvue.com/guides) for additional information about symbols.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR PRESCRIPTION

The following abbreviations may appear on the packaging:

<b><i>Abbreviation</i></b>	<b><i>Definition</i></b>	<b>ACUVUE® VITA Brand Contact Lenses</b>	<b>ACUVUE® VITA Brand Contact Lenses for ASTIGMATISM</b>
<b>DIA</b>	Diameter	X	X
<b>BC</b>	Base Curve	X	X
<b>D</b>	Diopter (lens power)	X	X
<b>CYL</b>	Cylinder		X
<b>AXIS</b>	Axis		X

## GLOSSARY OF COMMONLY USED TERMS

<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
<b>Astigmatism</b>	A condition where the cornea is not equally curved in all parts of its surface. It is somewhat oval in shape, causing the visual image to be out of focus (blurred).
<b>Conjunctivitis</b>	Inflammation of the conjunctiva
<b>Cornea</b>	Clear front part of the eye
<b>Corneal Ulcer</b>	A sore or lesion on the cornea
<b>Inflammation</b>	Swelling, redness, and pain

## WEARING RESTRICTIONS & INDICATIONS

ACUVUE® VITA Brand Contact Lenses are indicated for daily wear for the correction of vision in people with non-diseased eyes who are nearsighted (myopic) or farsighted (hyperopic) and may have 1.00D or less of astigmatism.

ACUVUE® VITA Brand Contact Lenses for ASTIGMATISM are indicated for daily wear for the correction of vision in people with non-diseased eyes who are nearsighted (myopic) or farsighted (hyperopic) and may have 0.50D to 3.00D of astigmatism.

**DO NOT WEAR YOUR LENSES WHILE SLEEPING.**

These lenses contain a UV Blocker to help protect against transmission of harmful UV radiation to the cornea and into the eye.

**WARNING: UV ABSORBING CONTACT LENSES are not substitutes for protective UV absorbing eyewear such as UV absorbing goggles or sunglasses because they do not completely cover the eye and surrounding area. You should continue to use UV absorbing eyewear as directed.**

**NOTE: Long-term exposure to UV radiation is one of the risk factors associated with cataracts. Exposure is based on a number of factors such as environmental conditions (altitude, geography, cloud cover) and personal factors (extent and nature of outdoor activities). UV blocking contact lenses help provide protection against harmful UV radiation. However, clinical studies have not been done to demonstrate that wearing UV blocking contact lenses reduces the risk of developing cataracts or other eye disorders. Consult your Eye Care Professional for more information.**

Your Eye Care Professional will determine your wearing schedule (how long you should wear your lenses each day) and your replacement schedule (when you should discard your lenses and use new ones). When prescribed for frequent/planned replacement wear, you may clean and disinfect the lenses using a chemical disinfection system only. Your lenses are intended for daily wear for monthly replacement.

## WHEN LENSES SHOULD NOT BE WORN (CONTRAINDICATIONS)

**DO NOT USE** these lenses when you have any of the following conditions:

- Inflammation or infection in or around the eye or eyelids
- Any eye disease, injury, or abnormality that affects the cornea, conjunctiva, or eyelids
- Any previously diagnosed condition that makes contact lens wear uncomfortable
- Severe dry eye
- Reduced corneal sensitivity
- Any systemic disease that may affect the eye or be made worse by wearing contact lenses
- Allergic reactions on the surface of the eye or surrounding tissues that may be induced or made worse by wearing contact lenses or use of contact lens solutions
- Irritation of the eye caused by allergic reactions to ingredients in contact lens solutions (e.g., cleaning and disinfecting solutions, rewetting drops, etc.). These solutions may contain chemicals or preservatives (such as mercury, Thimerosal, etc.) to which some people may develop an allergic response.
- Any active eye infection
- If eyes become red or irritated

## WARNINGS

### *What You Should Know About Contact Lens Wear:*

**EYE PROBLEMS, INCLUDING CORNEAL ULCERS, CAN DEVELOP RAPIDLY AND LEAD TO LOSS OF VISION. IF YOU EXPERIENCE:**

- **Eye Discomfort,**
- **Excessive Tearing,**
- **Vision Changes,**
- **Loss of Vision,**
- **Eye Redness, or**
- **Other Eye Problems,**

**YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY REMOVE THE LENSES, AND PROMPTLY CONTACT YOUR EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL.**

- When prescribed by your Eye Care Professional for daily wear (i.e., your Eye Care Professional instructs you to remove your lenses at the end of each day), you should not wear your lenses while sleeping (outside the intended indication). Clinical studies have shown that the risk of serious eye problems is increased when lenses are worn overnight.<sup>1</sup>
- Studies have shown that contact lens wearers who smoke have a higher rate of eye problems than nonsmokers.
- Problems with contact lenses or lens care products could result in serious injury to the eye.
- Proper use and care of your contact lenses and lens care products, including lens cases, are essential for the safe use of these products.
- The overall risk of serious eye problems may be reduced by carefully following directions for lens care, including cleaning the lens case.

<sup>1</sup>New England Journal of Medicine, September 21, 1989; 321 (12), pp. 773-783



## ***Specific Instructions for Use and Warnings:***

- **Water Activity**

***Instruction for Use***

Do not expose your contact lenses to water while you are wearing them.

**WARNING:**

Water can harbor microorganisms that can lead to severe infection, vision loss, or blindness. If your lenses have been submersed in water when participating in water sports or swimming in pools, hot tubs, lakes, or oceans, you should discard them and replace them with a new pair. Ask your Eye Care Professional for recommendations about wearing your lenses during any activity involving water.

- **Soaking and Storing Your Lenses**

***Instruction for Use***

Use only fresh multi-purpose (contact lens disinfecting) solution each time you soak (store) your lenses.

**WARNING:**

Do not reuse or “top off” old solution left in your lens case since solution reuse reduces effective lens disinfection and could lead to severe infection, vision loss, or blindness.

“Topping-Off” is the addition of fresh solution to solution that has been sitting in your case.

- **Discard Date on Multi-Purpose Solution Bottle**

***Instructions for Use***

- Discard any remaining solution after the recommended time period indicated on the bottle of multi-purpose solution used for disinfecting and soaking your contact lenses.
- The discard date refers to the time you can safely use the contact lens care product after the bottle has been opened. It is not the same as the expiration date, which is the last date that the product is still effective before it is opened.

**WARNING:**

Using your multi-purpose solution beyond the discard date could result in contamination of the solution and can lead to severe infection, vision loss, or blindness.

- To avoid contamination, DO NOT touch tip of container to any surface. Replace cap after using.

- To avoid contaminating your solution, DO NOT transfer to other bottles or containers.

- **Rub and Rinse Time**

***Instruction for Use***

To adequately disinfect the lenses, rub and rinse the lenses according to the recommended lens rubbing and rinsing times in the labeling of the multi-purpose solution.

**WARNING:**

- Rub and rinse lenses for the recommended amount of time to help prevent serious eye infections.
- Never use water, saline solution, or rewetting drops to disinfect the lenses. These solutions will not disinfect the lenses. Not using the recommended disinfectant can lead to severe infection, vision loss, or blindness.

- **Lens Case Care**

***Instructions for Use***

- Empty and clean contact lens cases with digital rubbing using fresh, sterile disinfecting solutions/contact lens cleaner. Never use water. Cleaning should be followed by rinsing with fresh, sterile disinfecting solutions (never use water), and wiping the lens cases with fresh, clean tissue is recommended. Never air-dry or recap the lens case lids after use without any additional cleaning methods. If air drying, be sure that no residual solution remains in the case before allowing it to air-dry.
- Replace your lens case according to the directions given to you by your Eye Care Professional or the labeling that came with your case.
- Contact lens cases can be a source of bacterial growth.

**WARNING:**

Do not store your lenses or rinse your lens case with water or any non-sterile solution. Only use fresh multi-purpose solution so you do not contaminate your lenses or lens case. Use of non-sterile solution can lead to severe infection, vision loss, or blindness.

## PRECAUTIONS

**For your eye health**, it is important to carefully follow the handling, insertion, removal, and wearing instructions in this booklet, as well as those prescribed by your Eye Care Professional (see “**Lens Handling and Insertion**,” “**Lens Wearing**,” and “**Caring for your Lenses**” sections).

### ***General Precautions:***

- If you wear your contact lenses to correct presbyopia using monovision you **may not** be able to get the best corrected visual acuity for either far or near vision. Visual needs are different for different people, so your Eye Care Professional should work with you when selecting the most appropriate type of lens for you.
- **Always** contact your Eye Care Professional before using any medicine in your eyes.
- **Be aware** that certain medications, such as antihistamines, decongestants, diuretics, muscle relaxants, tranquilizers, and those for motion sickness may cause dryness of the eye, increased lens awareness (feeling of the lens in the eye), or blurred vision. Always inform your Eye Care Professional if you experience any problems with your lenses while taking such medications.
- **Be aware** that if you use oral contraceptives (birth control pills), you could develop changes in vision or comfort when wearing contact lenses.
- As with any contact lens, follow-up visits are necessary to assure the continuing health of your eyes. Ask your Eye Care Professional about the recommended follow-up schedule.

### ***Who Should Know that You are Wearing Contact Lenses:***

- **Inform** all of your doctors (Health Care Professionals) about being a contact lens wearer.
- **Always** inform your employer of being a contact lens wearer. Some jobs may require use of eye protection equipment or may require that you not wear contact lenses.

## ADVERSE REACTIONS (POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WITH LENS WEAR AND WHAT TO DO)

### *Possible Problems*

Be aware that problems can occur while wearing contact lenses and may be associated with the following symptoms:

- Burning, stinging, itchy, and/or dry eyes
- Reduced lens comfort
- Feeling of something in your eye (foreign body, scratched area)
- Swelling or inflammation in or around the eyes
- Eye redness
- Eyelid problems
- Watery eyes and/or unusual eye secretions
- Poor vision
- Blurred vision
- Rainbows or halos around objects
- Sensitivity to light (photophobia)

When any of the above symptoms occur, a serious eye condition may be present. You should **immediately be seen by your Eye Care Professional**, so that the problem can be identified and treated, if necessary, in order to avoid serious eye damage.

### *Recognizing Problems and What To Do*

You should conduct a simple 3-part self-examination at least once a day. Ask yourself:

- How do the lenses feel on my eyes?
- How do my eyes look?
- Have I noticed a change in my vision?

If you notice any problems, you should **IMMEDIATELY REMOVE YOUR LENS**. If the problem or discomfort stops and the lens appears undamaged, clean and rinse the lens with a recommended soft contact lens care solution, and reinsert the lens. If after reinserting the lens, the problem continues, discard the lens and place a new fresh lens on the eye.

If after inserting the new lens, the problem continues, **IMMEDIATELY REMOVE THE LENS AND CONTACT YOUR EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL**.

## LENS HANDLING AND INSERTION

**For your eye health**, it is important to carefully follow the handling, insertion, removal, and wearing instructions in this booklet, as well as those prescribed by your Eye Care Professional. If you will not or cannot always follow the recommended care procedures, you should not attempt to wear contact lenses.

***When you first get your lenses, be sure that you are able to put the lenses on and remove them (or have someone else available who can remove the lenses for you) before leaving your Eye Care Professional's office.***

### **Step 1: Getting Started**

It is essential that you learn and use good hygiene in the care and handling of your new lenses.

Cleanliness is the first and most important aspect of proper contact lens care. In particular, your hands should be clean, dry, and free of any soaps, lotions, or creams before you handle your lenses.

Before you start:

- Always wash your hands thoroughly with a mild soap, rinse completely, and dry with a lint-free towel before touching your lenses.

***DO NOT touch your contact lenses with your fingers or hands if they are not completely clean, because tiny lens scratches may occur, causing unclear vision and/or injury to your eye.***

- You should avoid the use of soaps containing cold cream, lotion, or cosmetics before handling your lenses. These substances may come into contact with the lenses and interfere with successful wearing.

***DO NOT get cosmetics, lotions, soaps, creams, deodorants, or sprays in your eyes or on your lenses. It is best to put on your lenses before putting on makeup.***

### **Step 2: Opening the Packaging**

#### **Multi-Pack**

Each multi-pack contains individually packaged lenses. Each lens comes in its own foil-sealed plastic package containing borate buffered saline solution with methyl ether cellulose. This package is designed specifically to keep the lens sterile while the package is sealed. In the European Union, Borates (boric acid & sodium borate) are defined as CMR 1B substances in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight and are safe when product is used according to label instructions.

## Lens Package

***DO NOT use if the sterile blister package is opened or damaged.***

To open an individual lens package, follow these simple steps:

1. Shake the lens package and check to see that the lens is floating in the solution.
2. Peel back the foil closure to reveal the lens.
3. Place a finger on the lens and slide the lens up the side of the bowl of the lens package until it is free of the container.

***NEVER use tweezers or other tools to remove your lenses from the lens container.***

Occasionally, a lens may stick to the inside surface of the foil when opened, or to the plastic package itself. This will not affect the sterility of the lens. It is still perfectly safe to use. Carefully remove and inspect the lens following the handling instructions.

## Lens Handling Tips

- Handle your lenses with your fingertips, and be careful to avoid contact with fingernails. It is helpful to keep your fingernails short and smooth.

***DO NOT touch the lens with your fingernails.***

- Develop the habit of always working with the same lens first to avoid mix-ups.
- After you have removed the lens from the packaging, examine it to be sure that it is a single, moist, clean lens that is free of any nicks or tears. If the lens appears damaged, DO NOT use it. Use the next lens in the multi-pack.
- ***ALWAYS handle lenses carefully and avoid dropping them.***

## ***Step 3: Placing the Lens on the Eye***

**Remember, always start with the same eye.**

Once you have opened the lens case or lens package, removed, and examined the lens, follow these steps to insert the lens into your eye:

1. BE SURE THE LENS IS NOT INSIDE-OUT by following one of the following procedures:
  - Place the lens on the tip of your index finger and check its profile. The lens should assume a natural, curved, bowl-like shape. If the lens edges tend to point outward, the lens is inside out.
  - Gently squeeze the lens between the thumb and forefinger. The edges should turn inward. If the lens is inside out, the edges will turn slightly outward.
  - Place the lens on the tip of your index finger and, looking up at the lens, locate the numbers 1-2-3. 1-2-3 indicates correct orientation while a reverse of 1-2-3 indicates the lens is inside out. If the lens is inside out (reverse 1-2-3), invert the

lens and locate the numbers again to confirm correct lens orientation. Note that the 1-2-3 marking is not present on the ACUVUE® VITA for ASTIGMATISM lens.

2. With the lens on your index finger, use your other hand to hold your upper eyelid so you won't blink.
3. Pull down your lower eyelid with the other fingers of your "inserting" hand.
4. Look up at the ceiling and gently place the lens on the lower part of your eye.
5. Slowly release your eyelid and close your eye for a moment.
6. Blink several times to center the lens.
7. Use the same technique when inserting the lens for your other eye.

There are other methods of lens placement. If the above method is difficult for you, ask your Eye Care Professional for an alternate method.

#### ***Step 4: Checking Your Lenses***

After you have successfully inserted your lenses, you should ask yourself:

- Do I see well?
- How do the lenses feel on my eyes?
- How do my eyes look?

If after placement of the lens, your vision is blurred, check for the following:

- The lens is not centered on the eye (see "*Step 5: Centering the Lens,*" next in this booklet).
- If the lens is centered, remove the lens (see "Removing Your Lenses") and check for the following:
  - Cosmetics or oils on the lens. Clean and rinse with a recommended soft contact lens care solution, and if the cosmetic or oil has been removed, reinsert the lens. If your vision is still blurred, dispose of the lens and insert a new fresh lens.
  - The lens is on the wrong eye.
  - The lens is inside out (it would also not be as comfortable as normal). See "*Step 3: Placing the Lens on the Eye.*"

If you find that your vision is still blurred after checking the above possibilities, remove both lenses and consult your Eye Care Professional.

**Note:** If a lens is noticeably uncomfortable upon insertion or becomes less comfortable than when it was first inserted, remove the lens immediately and contact your Eye Care Professional. If your examination of your eyes and the lenses shows any other problems, IMMEDIATELY REMOVE YOUR LENSES AND CONTACT YOUR EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL.

## ***Step 5: Centering the Lens***

A lens, which is on the cornea (center of your eye), will very rarely move onto the white part of the eye during wear. This, however, can occur if insertion and removal procedures are not performed properly. To center a lens, follow either of these procedures:

- Close your eyelids and gently massage the lens into place through the closed lids.

**OR**

- Gently move the off-centered lens onto the cornea (center of your eye) while the eye is opened using finger pressure on the edge of the upper lid or lower lid.

## **LENS WEARING**

**While wearing your lenses, remember the following important precautions:**

### ***Hazardous Conditions***

- If you use aerosol (spray) products, such as hairspray, while wearing lenses, keep your eyes closed until the spray has settled.
- **Avoid** all harmful or irritating vapors and fumes while wearing lenses.
- **Never** rinse your lenses in water from the tap. There are two reasons for this:
  1. Tap water contains many impurities that can contaminate or damage your lenses and may lead to eye infection or injury.
  2. You might lose your lens down the drain.

### ***Water Activity***

- Do not expose your contact lenses to water while you are wearing them.

### ***Lubricating/Rewetting Solutions***

- Your Eye Care Professional may recommend a lubricating/rewetting solution for your use. These solutions can be used to wet (lubricate) your lenses while you are wearing them.
- **Do not** use saliva or anything other than the recommended solutions for lubricating or rewetting your lenses. Do not put lenses in your mouth.

### ***Sharing Lenses***

- **Never** allow anyone else to wear your lenses. They have been prescribed to fit your eyes and to correct your vision to the degree necessary. Sharing lenses greatly increases the chance of eye infections.

### ***Adhering to the Prescribed Wearing & Replacement Schedules***



- **Never** wear your lenses beyond the amount of time recommended by your Eye Care Professional.
- **Always throw away** worn lenses as prescribed by your Eye Care Professional.

## REMOVING YOUR LENSES

**CAUTION:** Always be sure the lens is on the cornea (center of your eye) before attempting to remove it. Determine this by covering the other eye. If vision is blurred, the lens is either on the white part of the eye or it is not on the eye at all. To locate the lens, inspect the upper area of the eye by looking down into a mirror while pulling the upper lid up. Then inspect the lower area by pulling the lower lid down.

1. Wash, rinse, and dry your hands thoroughly. You should follow the method that is recommended by your Eye Care Professional. Below is an example of one method: the Pinch Method.

***Pinch Method:***

**Step 1.** Look up, slide the lens to the lower part of the eye using the forefinger.

**Step 2.** Gently pinch the lens between the thumb and forefinger.

**Step 3.** Remove the lens.

2. Follow the instructions in the next section, “Caring for Your Lenses”.

**Note:** For your eye health, it is important that the lens moves freely on your eye. If the lens sticks (stops moving) on your eye, apply a few drops of the recommended rewetting solution. Wait until the lens begins to move freely on the eye before removing it. If non-movement of the lens continues, you should immediately consult your Eye Care Professional.

## CARING FOR YOUR LENSES

When you first get your lenses, you will be given a recommended cleaning and disinfection routine by your Eye Care Professional.

You should always use the recommended lens care routine. Failure to follow the recommended procedures may result in development of serious eye problems, as discussed in the “Warnings” section.

When you remove your lenses between replacement periods, the lenses must be cleaned and disinfected before you put them back on your eyes, or you should throw them away and replace them with fresh lenses. Although, these lenses are indicated for monthly replacement, your Eye Care Professional will determine the lens replacement schedule that is best for you based on your individual needs.

For continued safe and comfortable wearing of your lenses, it is important that you first clean and rinse, then disinfect [and neutralize (for hydrogen peroxide systems)] your lenses

after each removal, using the lens care products and procedures recommended by your Eye Care Professional. Cleaning and rinsing are necessary to remove mucus, secretions, films, or deposits that may have built up on your lenses during wearing. The ideal time to clean your lenses is immediately after removing them. Disinfecting is necessary to destroy harmful germs.

### ***Before you Start:***

- **Always** wash your hands thoroughly with a mild soap, rinse completely, and dry with a lint-free towel before touching your lenses.
- Make sure you have the following supplies available:
  - Fresh cleaning and disinfection solutions, or a multi-purpose solution as recommended by your Eye Care Professional

***Never use solutions recommended for conventional hard contact lenses only.***

- Clean Lens Case

***When using hydrogen peroxide lens care systems, use ONLY the lens case provided with the hydrogen peroxide care system. This case is specially designed to neutralize the solution. Failure to use the specialized case will result in severe stinging, burning, and injury to the eye. Follow the recommendations on the hydrogen peroxide system labeling exclusively. Following disinfection with a peroxide system, the lenses should be rinsed with sterile saline.***

### ***Step 1: Cleaning & Disinfecting (Chemical – Not Heat)***

1. Always clean and disinfect the same lens first to avoid mix-ups.
2. Follow the instructions provided in the cleaning and disinfection product labeling or as recommended by your Eye Care Professional.

***DO NOT heat the disinfection solution and lenses.***

**CAUTION:** Lenses that are chemically disinfected may absorb ingredients from the disinfecting solution that may be irritating to the eyes. A thorough rinse in fresh sterile saline (or another recommended solution) prior to placement on the eye should reduce the potential for irritation.

3. Rub and rinse your lenses according to the recommended lens rubbing and rinsing times in the labeling of your multi-purpose solution to adequately disinfect your lenses.

#### **WARNING:**

- Rub and rinse your lenses for the recommended amount of time to help prevent serious eye infections.

- Never use water, saline solution, or rewetting drops to disinfect your lenses. These solutions will not disinfect your lenses. Not using the recommended disinfectant can lead to severe infection, vision loss, or blindness.
4. Put the lens into the correct chamber of the lens case.

## **Step 2: Storage**

- To store your lenses, first disinfect them, and then leave them in the closed/unopened case until you are ready to wear them.

***ALWAYS keep your lenses completely covered by a recommended disinfecting solution when the lenses are not being worn. Extended periods of drying will make it harder for the lens to become wet again. If a lens does become dried out, discard it, and replace with a fresh new lens.***

- If you will not be wearing your lenses immediately following disinfection, you should ask your Eye Care Professional for information about storing your lenses.
- Always empty and clean the contact lens case by rubbing with your finger and using fresh, sterile disinfecting solutions/contact lens cleaner. Cleaning should be followed by rinsing with fresh, sterile disinfecting solutions (never use water), and wiping the lens cases with a fresh, clean tissue. If air drying, be sure that no residual solution remains in the case before allowing it to air-dry.
- Replace your lens case according to the directions given to you by your Eye Care Professional or the labeling that came with your case.
- Contact lens cases can be a source of bacterial growth.

**WARNING:** Do not store your lenses or rinse your lens case with water or any non-sterile solution. Only use fresh multi-purpose solution so you do not contaminate your lenses or lens case. Use of non-sterile solution can lead to severe infection, vision loss, or blindness.

## **EMERGENCIES**

If chemicals of any kind (household products, gardening solutions, laboratory chemicals, etc.) are splashed into your eyes: **FLUSH EYES IMMEDIATELY WITH TAP WATER AND IMMEDIATELY CONTACT YOUR EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL OR VISIT A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM RIGHT AWAY.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRESBYOPIC PATIENT (MONOVISION)**

### ***About Presbyopia and Vision Correction***

- Presbyopia is a condition in which the natural lenses in the eyes lose some of their elasticity. This occurs normally with aging as the lenses lose some of their ability to change focus for different distances (loss of reading vision).
- Monovision is a method of correction for presbyopia using contact lenses in which one eye is corrected for distance vision and the other is corrected for near vision.

### ***Getting Used to Monovision Correction (Adaptation)***

- Be aware that, as with any type of lens correction, there are advantages and compromises to presbyopic contact lens correction. The benefit of clear near vision when looking straight-ahead and upward that you get with your contact lenses for monovision correction may be accompanied by a vision compromise that may reduce the sharpness of your vision and depth perception for distance and near tasks. Some patients have experienced difficulty adapting to this. Symptoms, such as mild blurred vision and variable vision, may last for a brief period or for several weeks as you are getting used to the lenses. The longer these symptoms last, the poorer your chances may be for successful adaptation.
- You should avoid visually demanding situations during the initial adaptation period. It is recommended that you first wear these contact lenses in familiar situations that are not visually demanding. For example, it might be better to be a passenger rather than a driver of a car during the first days of lens wear. Also, it is recommended that you only drive with monovision correction if you pass your state driver's license requirements with this correction.
- It is important that you follow your Eye Care Professional's suggestions for getting used to presbyopic contact lens correction. You should discuss any concerns that you may have during and after the adaptation period.

### ***Additional Correction Needs***

- Some patients with monovision correction will need to wear their glasses over their contact lenses to provide the clearest vision for critical tasks. You should discuss this with your Eye Care Professional.
- Some patients will never be fully comfortable functioning under low levels of lighting, such as driving at night. If this happens, you may want to discuss with your Eye Care Professional having additional contact lenses prescribed so that both eyes are corrected for distance when sharp distance binocular vision is required from both eyes together.
- If you require very sharp near vision during prolonged close work, you may want to have additional contact lenses prescribed so that both eyes are corrected for near when sharp near vision is required from both eyes together.

The decision to be fit with monovision correction is most appropriately left to your Eye Care Professional, in conjunction with you, after carefully considering and discussing your needs.

## WEARING AND APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

### Prescribed Wearing Schedule

Day	Wearing Time (Hours)	Day	Wearing Time (Hours)
1	_____	16	_____
2	_____	17	_____
3	_____	18	_____
4	_____	19	_____
5	_____	20	_____
6	_____	21	_____
7	_____	22	_____
8	_____	23	_____
9	_____	24	_____
10	_____	25	_____
11	_____	26	_____
12	_____	27	_____
13	_____	28	_____
14	_____	29	_____
15	_____	30	_____

### Appointment Schedule

Your appointments are on: \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum number of hours lenses to be worn at time of appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

**PATIENT / EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION**

**Next Appointment**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Day	Date	Hours Worn	Day	Date	Hours Worn
1	_____	_____	16	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	17	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	18	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	19	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	20	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	21	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	22	_____	_____
8	_____	_____	23	_____	_____
9	_____	_____	24	_____	_____
10	_____	_____	25	_____	_____
11	_____	_____	26	_____	_____
12	_____	_____	27	_____	_____
13	_____	_____	28	_____	_____
14	_____	_____	29	_____	_____
15	_____	_____	30	_____	_____

**IMPORTANT: If you experience any difficulty wearing your lenses or you do not understand the instructions given to you, DO NOT WAIT for your next appointment. CONTACT YOUR EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL IMMEDIATELY.**



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