Q. Why is there a contact lens evaluation fee in addition to the standard exam fee?

A. Contact lens patients require additional testing and monitoring over and above what is done during a routine eye exam. Contact lenses are medical devices and even though they may feel fine, there are health risks that must be taken seriously.

In order to renew your contact lens prescription, your doctor performs the following list on a yearly basis.

1. Slit lamp microscope examination of the contact lens on the eye to check the lens fit.
2. Tear Flow and quality of tears.
3. Corneal integrity, sensitivity and curvature
4. Corneal mapping (there is an extra charge for this)
5. Eyelid evaluation including tightness
6. Allergy evaluation
7. Medication considerations
8. Aperture size
9. Medical conditions
10. Contact lens refraction to determine the correct contact lens power.
11. Contact lens prescriptions are different from eyeglass prescriptions.
12. Diagnostic lens selection
13. Lens application
14. Adaptation response
15. Contact lens position, movement and centration
16. Visual acuity
17. Care
18. Handling
19. Application
20. Removal
21. Insertion
22. Storing
23. Makeup
24. Soap usage
25. Wearing schedule
26. Progress Evaluation
27. Cleaning
28. Patient Questions