

## Refraction and Contact Lenses

A refraction is the first test your doctor likes to perform to see if your vision can be improved. It is a test that determines your best vision or eyeglass prescription by measuring how your eyes focus light. During a refraction test, the doctor/technician will place a series of lenses in front of your eyes and ask you to identify which lens makes the letters on the eye chart appear clearer. The results of this test will help the doctor determine the lens power you need to see clearly at different distances.

In addition to improving your vision, a refraction can also detect certain eye conditions such as astigmatism, presbyopia, and near/farsightedness, which can impact your vision. Detecting these conditions early can help your eye doctor develop a treatment plan that can prevent or delay the progression of the condition.

It is important to note that not all insurance plans cover refraction tests as part of a routine eye exam. Some insurance plans consider refraction to be a separate service and may require you to pay out of pocket for this test. The cost of a refraction at The Eye and Laser Center is \$55.

Contact lenses are deemed cosmetic and not medically necessary. All new contact lens fits will be charged a \$60 teaching fee upfront to reserve an appointment time with the doctor and technician. In addition, there is a fitting fee and associated copays that will be billed to your vision insurance. Any remainder not covered by insurance is your responsibility. There is an annual refit fee of \$50 to update your contact lens prescription. Again, this will be billed to your vision insurance and any remainder is your responsibility. If you need an updated contact lens prescription during a medical exam, the \$50 fee cannot be billed to your vision insurance on the same day and will be due at check in or check out.

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Patient or Authorized Representative)