



## **OPTIONS TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOUR VISIT WITH US**

As part of the comprehensive eye examination, **dilation of the pupils** with eye drops is a valuable tool for checking the health of the eyes. It allows the doctor to examine the back of the eye or the retina. Without these drops only a small part of the retina can be seen and retinal problems may be missed. This is why it is very important in the screening for such conditions as Macular Degeneration, Diabetes, Glaucoma, Hypertension, Retinal injuries, and other Retinal diseases.

Though dilation may cause some light sensitivity and blurred near-vision and can last several hours, it may be recommended by Dr. Yoakum, Dr. Stone, and Dr. Luu during your visit. There is no additional charge for dilation as it is included in your comprehensive eye examination.

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The device we use for high-definition retinal imaging is called the **Optomap**. The Optomap takes an ultra-widefield digital picture of the back of your eye. This is crucial for early detection of many of the diseases and conditions listed above, and can give you and either Dr. Yoakum, Dr. Stone, or Dr. Luu the opportunity to view and discuss the Optomap images during your eye examination. This image will become part of your medical record and can be used in the future, as well, to observe any changes from year to year.

Another excellent screening tool is the **Optos OCT SLO**. The OCT is a high-resolution ultrasound image of the part of your retina that is responsible for central vision. It is a valuable tool for early detection of macular degeneration or for macular edema from diabetes.

The fee for Optomap Imaging is \$39.00 and for both the Optomap and the OCT, the fee is \$59.00. Please refer to our website under Vision Care & Products for more valuable Optomap information.

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A **contact lens exam** is a separate fee from your routine eye exam. It involves more time and testing than a regular eye exam including evaluations of:

- a biomicroscopic examination of the eyes
- corneal curvature and topography
- corneal integrity, sensitivity and tear analysis
- eyelids, eyelashes, allergies and medication consideration
- position, movement and centration of contact lenses
- visual acuity
- training of insertion and removal of lenses
- education in the care, handling and cleaning of lenses.

The fee for an annual contact lens exam for a current or previous contact lens wearer ranges from \$109-\$149.00.

The fee for an annual contact lens exam for a new contact lens wearer ranges from \$129-\$169.00.

New contact lens wearers will get extensive one-on-one training in the insertion and removal of their contact lenses as well as follow-up checks if necessary. Please note that exams are not discounted except if covered under your insurance benefits.

Follow-up visits for a period of 3 months, as well as any trial lens, insertion and removal help, and any other assistance you may need as a contact lens wearer is covered under this exam fee. In keeping with the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act, your contact lens prescription expires every year, so you will need an exam annually to continue to order your contacts. We are happy to provide you with a copy of your contact lens prescription when it is finalized.