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## **BANDAGE CONTACT LENSES**

A Bandage Contact Lens is a special, soft, extended-wear contact lens that is used to protect and cover (bandage) the front surface of the eye. In general it is used to provide comfort for certain eye conditions or while the eye is healing from surgery or an injury. It provides this comfort by protecting the cornea from the constant rubbing of the eyelids.

Since an eye that requires a bandage lens is not healthy, wearing one is not without risk, and we may have you use drops to prevent an infection. It is very important for you to report any increased severe pain, increased redness, constant mucus discharge, or significant loss of vision in the eye with a bandage lens.

Sometimes the bandage contact lens can move out of position or come out of the eye. You may feel sudden discomfort or the sensation that something foreign is in the eye. If you can determine that the lens has moved off-center, you may gently try to reposition it using the following method:

Gently place your finger over the eyelid near the lens. While maintaining gentle pressure to the lid, look (turn your eye) towards the lens. Try this several times in order to place the center of the eye under the center of the bandage contact lens. Do not touch the eyeball itself.

If the lens comes out of your eye, place it into any of the following:

- a. The fluid filled container that we may have given you,
- b. A standard contact lens case with saline solution, or
- c. A cup with clean water.

Insert the lens only if you properly clean the lens and you or a friend are comfortable with the technique of contact lens insertion. If the lens dries out after it has come out of the eye, **DO NOT USE IT**. If you have an itchy sensation when the lens is out, you may apply a lubricating eye ointment and cover the eye for comfort.

It is **NOT** an emergency to insert the contact lens into the eye. If you cannot insert the bandage contact lens please call during office hours for further instructions.

Office Hours: \_\_\_\_\_