CONTACT LENS REMOVAL POLICY

Cataract and Refractive Surgery Evaluations ONLY

The doctors and staff of Talley Eye Institute want to make every effort to ensure you have the best visual outcome following any cataract or refractive procedure. Therefore, we ask that you adhere to the recommended clinical protocol for the removal of Contact Lenses in advance of your evaluation.

Wearing contact lenses, especially over a long period of time, may temporarily alter the shape of the cornea on the front of the eye. This change in shape may influence critical measurements taken in preparation for your procedure.

It is essential that contact lenses are removed and your eyes allowed to "rest" for a period of time in advance of your appointment. *If contact lenses are worn during the recommended removal period, there is a strong possibility that the measurements and/or procedure will need to be rescheduled for a later date.*

Please adhere to the following guidelines for contact lens removal:

<u>Hard Contacts, including Rigid Gas Permeables (RGPs)</u>, must be removed for a minimum of **4 weeks** before a cataract or reactive surgery evaluation.

<u>Toric Soft Contacts</u> must be removed for a minimum of **2 weeks** before a cataract or refractive surgery evaluation.

<u>Regular Soft Contacts (non-toric)</u> must be removed for a minimum of **1 week** before a cataract or refractive surgery evaluation.

If you have questions or concerns related to these Contact Lens removal guidelines, please contact our medical staff at 812-424-2020.