

## What to expect during your visit:

Your exam will begin with our tech, who will review and document any complaints, medical history, and medications. The tech will then perform an evaluation of the patient's visual acuity with/ or without glasses and/ or contact lens correction. An A.R. (auto-refractor: an instrument that provides an automatic approximation of what a patient may need for glasses correction) will be used to obtain several measurements that the doctor will use during the exam and aid in other testing throughout the office. The tech will then use a pen-light to check pupillary reflex and muscle balance. For the glaucoma testing an eye drop may be used topically to numb the eye, which may last up to 10-15 minutes. Once the eye is numb the tech will use a handheld device called a tonometer to attain a measurement called Intraocular pressure or IOP, this is an important number as it is used by the doctor to assess patient risk for Glaucoma. Finally, the tech will administer an eye drop which will cause the pupil of the eye to dilate. Dilation of the pupils will allow Dr. Joyner the view he needs to properly evaluate the overall health of the eye.

Once you are finished with your initial work-up, the tech will lead you to one of our exam rooms where you will be joined by Dr. Joyner. He will begin by reviewing any concerns or complaints the patient may have along with medical changes that may have an impact on eye health. If you decided that you want a refraction, ***(a separate test that determines the glasses and/ or contact lens prescription)*** you will be placed behind a phoropter and the doctor will have you choose between a series of lenses that will help him to attain a glasses prescription. You will then be placed at a slit lamp, this instrument allows Dr. Joyner to use powerful magnification to evaluate the cornea, lens, retina and macula as well as the exterior area of the eye.

## Contact Lenses

Upon approval from Dr. Joyner a patient may wish to pursue contact lens wear. Our office only fits soft contact lenses. We **do not** fit any other specialty lenses such as rigid gas permeable, scleral lenses, or those for keratoconus.

The patient will be required to complete a separate fitting at a later date following the exam if they are new to contact lens wear or have not previously worn soft contact lenses. During this 1- 1 ½ hour fitting the patient must demonstrate the ability to properly handle, place/remove lenses, and understand the care and maintenance involved in responsible contact lens wear. If the patient is unable to place the lens once within the first hour the fit must be rescheduled to preserve the health and comfort of the eye. After completion the patient will be checked by Dr. Joyner and subsequently scheduled for a return check in one to two weeks.

Certain existing contact lens wearers may also need to return for a contact lens evaluation if they switch brands/lens type. This refit is much less involved and requires the patient to return and try on the new contact(s) followed by an evaluation from Dr. Joyner.

Other testing in office may include the use of:

Humphrey Visual Field

Heidleberg Retinal Tomography- Optic nerve imaging and mapping

Digital Photography Retinal/Optic nerve

Pachymetry – Corneal Ultrasound

Minor surgical procedures we offer:

Removal of lid lesions/ Superficial lesions on the eye

Laser treatment for Glaucoma

Laser treatment for Diabetic eye diseases

Laser treatment for Opacified Posterior Capsules /YAG Laser (following cataract surgery)

Periocular Injections

Punctal Plugs for Dry Eyes

Dr. Joyner would like to keep an area that provides links to certain eye conditions that connect to AAO.ORG as listed below

Diagnosis and treatment of the following conditions:

- Age related Macular Degeneration
- Cataracts
- Diabetic Eye Disease
- Dry eyes
- Eye infections

- Eye Injuries
- Flashes and Floaters
- Glaucoma
- Refractive Errors

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Our office does **NOT** offer the following:

Lasik/refractive surgery

Cataract surgery

Cosmetic procedures