#### Multifocal Contact Lens Patient Selection, Fitting and Problem-Solving

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#### **Presbyopic Market**

- 74 million Baby Boomers born between 1946-1964\*
- 66 million Generation Xers born between 1965-1980\*
- In 2010, about 1/3 of US population was between 40-59 years of age.
- In 2015 US census data reports 40% of the population is
- In the next decade, 28% of all contact lens wearers will be >50 y.o.
- 90% of all CL wearers between 35-55 have worn Cl's majority of their life

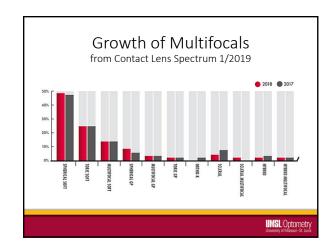
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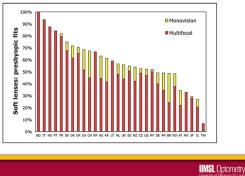
#### Presbyopic Market

- Steady growth of multifocals
- Surpassed monovision
- Presbyopes are in their peak earning period
- Knowledge of multifocal contact lenses is limited
- More tech savvy, desire high technology
- Want information
- Fit early

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#### Contact Lens Spectrum 1/2016



#### Contact Lens Alternatives for Presbyopia

- Single Vision/Reading Spectacles
- Monovision
- Bifocals/ Multifocals

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#### **Monovision Issues**

- Depth Perception
- Possible Suppression
- Contrast Sensitivity/Vision Loss
- · Night Driving
- Liability

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#### **Driving/Critical Vision Tasks**

- Monovision wearers have difficulty suppressing headlights with night driving with one-third experiencing glare
- It is advised for monovision patients to avoid driving or operating dangerous machinery during adaptation
- Over-correction spectacles strongly recommended

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#### MONOVISION VERSUS CL BI/MULTIFOCALS

- Johnson J, et al; Multivision Vs. Monovision: A comparative study: presented at CLAO, Feb, 2000
- 6 weeks GP multifocal; 6 weeks monovision (or vice versa)
- 75% who completed study preferred multifocal

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#### Monovision Versus CL Bi/Multifocals

- Rajagopalan A, et al: CONCLUSIONS
- GP wearers exhibited highest contrast sensitivity at all frequencies, high and low contrast acuity and least disability glare; soft bifocals were second; monovision last in all categories

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# CL MULTIFOCALS DO NOT WORK . . . UNTIL YOU FIT THEM!

- · Jones et al J Br Contact Lens Assoc, 1996
- 160 non CL wearers placed into reactive and proactive groups (in the latter CLs were actively discussed as a corrective option)
- · Only 9/80 in reactive group were fit into CLs
- 46/80 in proactive group including 21/33 presbyopes - were fit into CLs

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#### 2016 Annual Report (Nichols J, CLS 1/17)

- Survey via Jeff Johnson OD (Vice-President, Robert W. Baird & Co.)
- For presbyopes wearing CLs, practitioner preference was:

Multifocal lenses: 75% (59% in 2008)
Monovision: 17% (27% in 2008)
Over-spectacles: 8% (14% in 2008)

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## Patient Selection and Communication



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#### Patient Selection

HELLO I ampart of GENERATION X

Positive Outlook for MF's in general (gen xers!!)
 Patients that currently wear GP/soft lenses without significant dryness or other comfort issues
 Unsatisfactory vision with monovision

New CL wearers that are motivated to remain free from glasses and desire good vision at all distances If interested, mention all options to them.

Bennett E. Contact lens correction of presbyopia. Clin Exp Optom 2008; 91: 3: 265-

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#### Be Enthusiastic!

- Avoid negative comments
- Instill confidence
- Believe in them, so your patient will believe in them

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# Explore the Patient's Visual Environment

- Hobbies
- Occupation
- · Everyday tasks
- What do they want the lenses for?
- What are the primary tasks?
- What are the near, intermediate and distance tasks?

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#### **Patient Communication**

- Address visual needs prior to selecting lens design
  - Which visual demand motivated your patient to seek MFCLs?
  - Computer, cell phone, watch, deskwork, etc
  - Often times, just achieving that 'need' creates a happy experience!
- Setting expectations
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  - ✓ Underpromise & Overdeliver

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#### **Patient Communication**

- Setting expectations:
  - Use words like: balancing the vision demand in the contact lenses, functional vision, freedom from glasses
  - Avoid using: blurry, compromise, less than perfect, less crisp, glasses will always be better

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#### Educate

- Longer fitting process possible-multiple visits
- · Some adaptation required
- · Share success stories
- Educate about the design
- Make them a partner in the process
- Try "real world" environment- not 20/20
- Cover fees

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#### Adaptation/Len Changes

- Vision will improve over time
- Lens changes are the rule (1/eye initially, then 1/patient)
- 6 8 weeks to adapt
- No Monday morning surprises
- BOTTOM LINE: "If you are patient and motivated, there is an 80% success rate with these lenses."

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#### **Prefit Evaluation**

- Evaluate the tears, cornea and lid
- Evaluate the anterior and posterior health
- · Current refraction and add
- K values
- Dominant Eye
- Pupil Size
- HVID
- Lower Lid position

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# Determining the Dominant Eye White Cotonety

# Soft Multifocal Lenses

#### Silicone Hydrogel Soft Multifocals

- Air Optix Multifocal, Dailies Total 1 (Alcon)
- PureVision Multifocal, PureVision 2 for Presbyopia, Ultra for Presbyopia, Ultra MF for Astigmatism (Bausch + Lomb)
- Biofinity Multifocal, Clariti 1 day MF, (CooperVision)
- Acuvue Oasys for Presbyopia (J&J)

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#### Silicone Hydrogel Multifocals Definitive material (Contamac)

- NaturaSOFT MF (Advanced Vision Tech)
- Intelliwave MF & Toric (Art Optical)
- Metrofocal Definitive and Toric (Metro Optics)
- C-Vue Advanced Hydravue MF (Unilens)
- ❖ Specialty powers, more parameters

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Daily Disposable Multifocals							
	Dailies AC+	Dailies Total 1	1 day AV Moist	Biotrue for Presb.	Proclear 1 day MF	Clariti 1 day MF	Naturalv ue MF 1 day
Manuf.	Alcon	Alcon	1&1	B+L	Cooper Vision	Cooper Vision	Visioneering Tech.
Lens Design	Center near	Center near	Center near	Center near	Center near	Center near	Center distance
Material	Hydrogel	SiHy	Hydrogel	Hydrogel	Hydrogel	SiHy	Hydrogel
Monthly counter- part	Air Optix MF	Air Optix MF		PV 2 for presbyopia & Ultra for presbyopia			-
Add	Lo, Med, Hi	Lo, Med, Hi	Low, Mid, High	Low, High	One add up to +2.50	Low, High	One add up to +3

#### **Fitting Tips**

- Understand the designs
- Know the materials and replacement schedules
- Follow the fitting guides
- Don't jump from design to design



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#### **Fitting Tips**

- Low Rx or emmetropes less successful
- $\leq$  0.75D astigmatism or use toric multifocal
- Start with best corrected sphere, vertexed back
- Current refraction and add
- Dominant eye
- Consider D/C monovision before fit

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#### **Fitting Tips**

- Use normal room illumination
- Use least minus/most plus Rx
- Let lenses settle 10-20 minutes
- Hand-held trial over-refraction
- Change power in small 0.25 steps
- Use the lowest add possible Round down



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#### **Fitting Tips**

- Assess vision binocularly
- Over-refract monocularly with both eyes open
- Use everyday reading material
- Dispense trials
- Follow-up in 2 weeks-Allow the patient to adapt
- It is okay to have less than 20/20 VA



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#### **Center Near Designs**

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#### Air Optix Multifocal

- Alcon
- Monthly replacement SiHy
- Daily or Extended wear up to 6 nights
- 3 add powers (Lo, Med, Hi)
- Center near
- Dk/t=138
- BCR 8.6, Powers +6 to -10

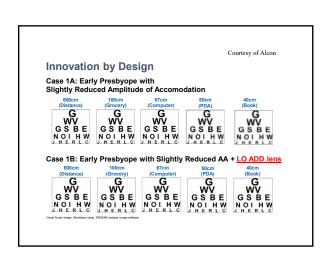
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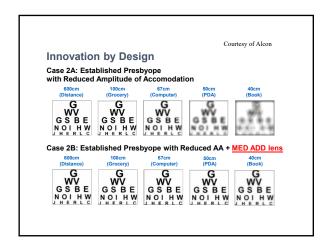
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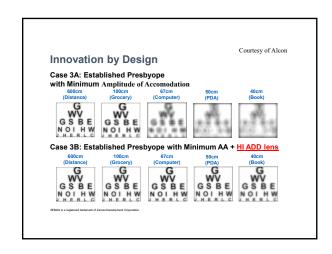


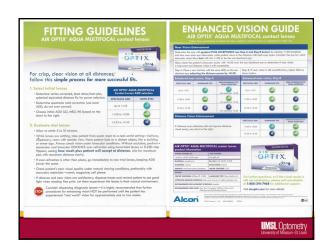
- Available in a 30 or 90 pack
- AC+ BCR 8.7/ Total 1 8.5
- Powers +6.00 to -10.00
- Material- Nelfilcon A (same as Dailies AC+) or Delefilcon A for Dailies Total 1

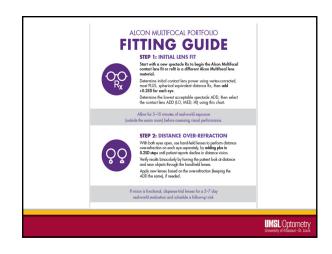
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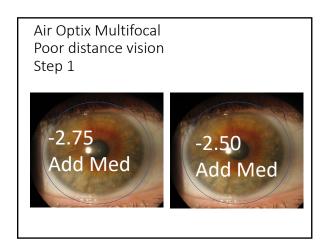






Air Optix Multifocal
Rx -2.75 Add +2.00 OD Dominant Eye
Initial Trial lens selection

-2.50
Add Med
Add Med



Air Optix Multifocal Poor distance vision Step 2



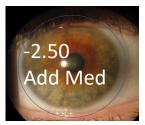


Air Optix Multifocal Poor Near Vision Step 1





Air Optix Multifocal Poor Near Vision Step 2





#### Dailies Total 1 MF Case

Case-49yo currently wearing Air Optix MF OD -0.75 Low Add and OS -2.50 Low add

- Refraction OD -0.75-0.75 X100 Add +1.50
   OS -2.50 DS Add +1.50
   Dominant eye OS
- Occasional lens wear
- Refit Dailies Total 1 MF OD -0.75 Low/ OS -2.50 Low
- VA Distance 20/20+, Near 20/25 OU

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#### PureVision 2 for Presbyopia

- $\bullet \; Bausch + Lomb$
- · Monthly replacement/SiHy
- Daily wear to Continuous wear up to 30 days
- · Low and high adds
- Center near
- 3 zone progressive design
- Overall thickness profile is thinner compared to PV MF
- Power +6 to -10

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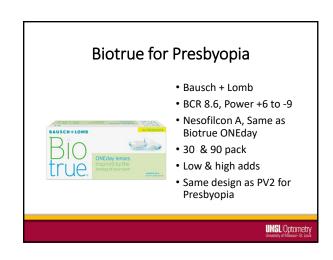
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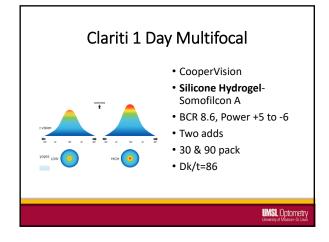


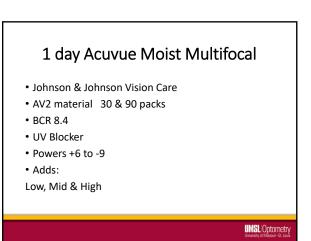
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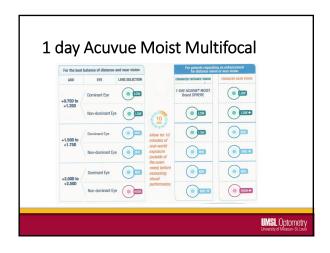
-2.50
Add High
Add High

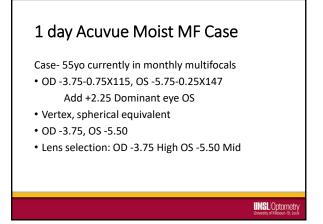


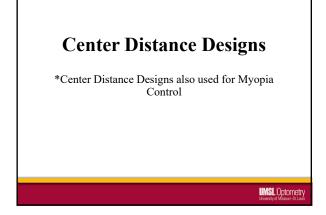


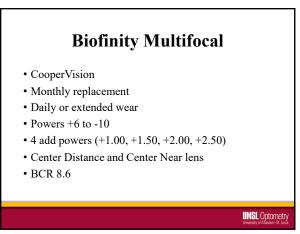


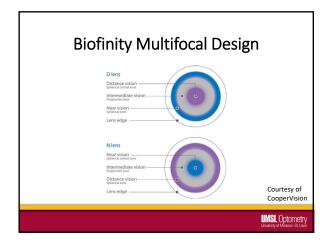


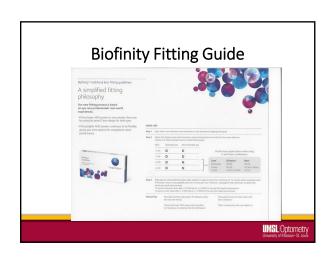












#### **Fitting Steps**

- Determine from Refraction, Best Vision Sphere, adjust for vertex distance
- Determine dominant eye
- Evaluate at distance and near binocularly and then monocularly

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#### **Biofinity MF Case**

59 year old OD -4.00, OS -4.50 Add +2.25

OD dominant eye

Vertex back OD -3.75, OS -4.25

OD lens -3.75 D lens +2.00 add

OS lens -4.25 N lens +2.00 add

Distance VA OD 20/20, OS 20/20, OU 20/20

Near VA a little blurry

Final lenses OD -3.75 D lens, +2.00 add, OS -4.00 N lens

+2.50 add

Distance VA OD 20/20, OS 20/25, OU 20/20



#### **Emerging Presbyopes**

Case -44yo, previous soft lens distance only wearer Currently taking glasses off to see near Refraction OD -2.25-0.50X150 Add +1.25 Dominant eve

OS -2.75-0.25X15 Add +1.25

Biofinity MF OD -2.50 Add +1.00 D lens OS -2.75 Add +1.50 D lens VA 20/20+ OU distance, 20/20 OU Near

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#### Proclear Multifocal and MF Toric

- CooperVision
- · Same design as Biofinity Multifocal
- Daily wear
- BCR 8.7 Sphere, 8.4/8.8 Toric
- Proclear XR Multifocal: ±20, BCR 8.7
  - Adds +1.00 to +4.00 in 0.50D steps
- Proclear MF Toric:  $\pm 20$ , -0.75 to -5.75 cyl in 5 degree steps, +1.00 to +4.00 Adds
- Online calculator or call consultants



#### **Proclear Multifocal Toric Case**

Rx -3.50-2.00 X 10 OD -3.50-1.50 X 170 OS

Add +1.75

Keratometry 44.00/46.00 OU

Dominant eye OD

Fit Proclear MF Toric

OD -3.50 -1.75X10 D lens Add +1.50

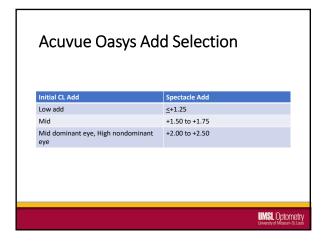
OS -3.50-1.25X170 N lens Add +1.50

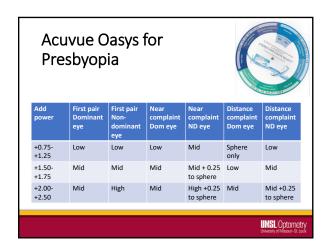
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#### **Acuvue Oasys for Presbyopia**

- Johnson & Johnson
- 2 week replacement
- · Daily or Extended Wear
- Powers +6 to -9
- 3 add powers (Low, Mid & High)
- Aspheric Zonal Design-Center Distance
- BCR 8.4







#### NaturalVue Multifocal 1 day

- Visioneering Technology
- Neurofocus Optics Technology-uses extended depth of focus
- Add up to +3.00
- Powers +4.00 to -12.25
- BCR 8.3, Diameter 14.5
- 30 & 90 packs

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#### **General MF Troubleshooting**

- Poor distance VA Add minus by 0.25 steps to dominant eye only &/or decrease add dominant eye
- Poor near VA Add plus by 0.25 steps to non-dom eye &/or increase add non-dominant eye
- If  $\geq$ 0.50D change is required in distance may need to alter add powers
- Use flippers for Over-refraction

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#### Troubleshooting Soft MF

- Address distance problem first
- Confirm dominant eye (especially if VA's don't meet expected values)
- Always recheck VA with an OR at distance & near
- Monocular acuities are useful for determining which lens may need to be altered
- Change power in small 0.25 steps
- Use the lowest add possible -Round down
- It is okay to use unequal adds

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#### Online calculators or apps

 CooperVision OptiExpert Fitting App-Available through app store

https://coopervision.com/practitioner/tools-and-calculators/optiexpert

• Johnson & Johnson Fitting Calculator https://jnjinstitute.com/online-profed-

resources/resources/acuvuer-multifocal-calculator

Alcon CL Virtual Consultant

https://virtualconsultant.alcon.com/best\_match.jsp



#### Gas Permeable Bifocals/Multifocals

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#### **RULE OF THREE'S**

- Number of Fits
- · Patient Consultation
- Pre-Fit
- Fitting
- Problem-Solving

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#### PRE-FIT FACTORS

- Pupil Size
- Tear Film
- · Lower Lid Position/tightness





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#### **DESIGNS IN COMMON USE**

- Aspheric Multifocal
- Concentric/Annular
- Translating Segmented

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#### **Aspheric Advancements**

- Has evolved into a very popular type due to advancements in technology
- New Technology resulting in better polished surfaces, & higher refractive index materials
- · Addition of higher add power lenses
- · Lower eccentricity lens designs
- Translation???

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# Aspheric Translation WMSL Optometry Covering of Masour-24 Cases

#### **Aspheric Candidates**

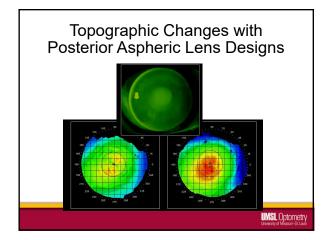
- Any Add Power (Don't R/O High)
- Computer use
- Athletes
- Low lower lid &/or loose lids
- · Small-avg. pupil size
- (very) Critical Vision not essential

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# ASPHERIC MULTIFOCAL FITTING

- Front surface fit "On K" Back surface fit 1 1.5D steeper than K
- Must center with limited movement with the blink
- Easy to fit via manufacturers' fitting guide/user friendly
- Good design to start with

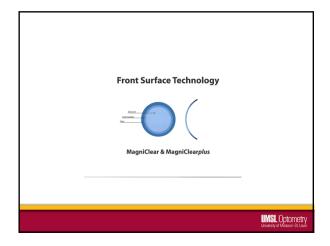
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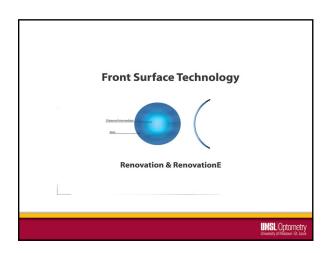


# FRONT SURFACE ASPHERIC MULTIFOCAL DESIGNS

- Have the benefit of avoiding back surface molding/topography changes
- Designs have variable add powers to meet patient needs: (i.e., often making effective center distance zone smaller with increase add power)

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## 'REAL WORLD ENVIRONMENT'

- Once the lenses have settled, have them perform relevant "real world" tasks (i.e., view SmartPhone, look at a computer, read a magazine, walk around the office to view at a distance, etc.).
- Woods et al(2009) c Air Optix Aqua Multifocal was preferred to monovision for "Real World" tasks: daytime & nighttime driving, watching TV

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#### **OVER-REFRACTION**

Whereas monocular acuities at distance and near can be performed to assess vision, the over-refraction should be performed binocularly with the trial lens (often in the form of +/-0.25 and 0.50D flip lenses) over the eye demonstrating reduced visual acuity. WOW





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## ASPHERIC TROUBLESHOOTING

- Inferior Decentration/Excessive Movement: Steeper Base Curve
- · Insufficient Add Power:
  - · Select Higher Add Lens Design
  - · Use "Modified Bifocal"

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## EXCHANGE RATES: THE RESULTS OF A LARGE PRACTICE

- Practitioner DB: 710 GP multifocal lenses purchased over 3 years (10 patients/month)
- Average return rate of 42% (close to national average)

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#### TRANSLATING VISION

- · Prism Ballasted & often Truncated
- · Crescent/Executive Seg
- · High Dk Material
- Near image moves in front of pupil with downgaze
- · Typically rests on or near the lower lid

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### Reading Position of Translating Bifocal

Base Curve Selection (courtesy Firestone Optics)

Proper base curve selection helps the lens to translate smoothly upward to position the seg line slightly above the pupil center during down gaze



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# TRANSLATING VISION: CANDIDATES

- · Critical vision demands
- Any add powers (high add/limited IM)
- · Lower lid near limbus/good tonicity
- · Aspheric does not center
- · Inferior Apex

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#### FITTING NUGGETS

- Diagnostic set(s)
- Follow manufacturer's fitting guide
- · Trial Lens O/R.
- Translating Pearls:
  - Position of lower lid to limbus
  - Seg line to lower pupil position
  - Evaluate translation in downward gaze

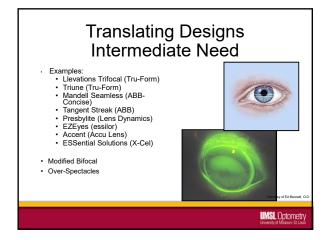


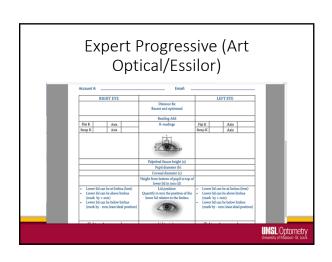
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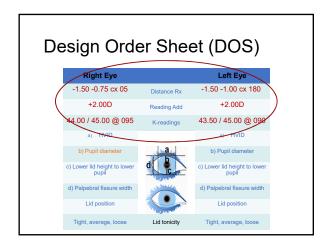
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# SOLUTIONS (X-CEL) • One-piece crescent with monocentric optics • Standard Lens = 9.6mm OAD; medium Prism; seg line 1mm below geometric center • +2.00D add, no truncation • User Friendly • Fit and seg position similar to Tangent Streak(BCR slightly flatter than "K"; seg line at lower pupil margin)







# TRANSLATING VISION PROBLEM-SOLVING

- Excessive Rotation
- Lens Positions Too High
- No Lens Translation

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#### **EXCESSIVE ROTATION**

- Flatten Base Curve Radius by 0.50D
- Increase Prism 0.50PD

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#### LENS POSITIONS TOO HIGH

- Increase Prism by 0.50PD
- Flatten BCR 0.50D

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#### NO LENS TRANSLATION

- Flatten Base Curve by 0.50D
- Increase prism and/or truncation

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#### **BLUR AT DISTANCE**

- · Lens too high: Increase prism
- · Lens too low: Increase OAD
- · Seg Height is too high
- Excessive movement

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#### Superior Flare

- · Lens is too small
- Fit a larger lens to increase vertical height



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#### **BLUR AT NEAR**

Seg height too low No translation Patient drops head to read, not eyes Excessive lens rotation

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#### PRESBYOPIC APPLICATIONS IN 2019

- GP Lens Designs
- Scleral Lens Designs
- Post Refractive Surgery Designs
- Hybrid/Combination Designs

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#### Good Candidates for Scleral Multifocals (Woo, GSLS, 2015)

- Patients with irregular corneas, desiring more freedom from glasses
- Patients with REGULAR corneas
  - Offering the best of both worlds: Great vision and great comfort
- Patients with dry eye symptoms
- Post refractive surgery patients (RK, LASIK, etc)
  - These patients never wanted to wear glasses anyway!
  - Usually more motivated!



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# Poor Candidates for Scleral Multifocals

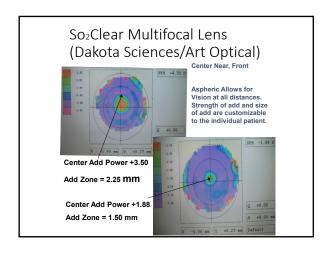
- Those with high/unreal expectations
- Patients with corneal scarring may have problems with glare/haloes/decreased vision
- Patients unwilling to learn a new modality of insertion and removal
- Patients who want to walk away with a multifocal TODAY

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#### Scleral Multifocal Designs

- No translation required
- Most are concentric or aspheric designs
- Many scleral MF are center near, which have a similar design to other soft or GP designs
- Very customizable!
  - Changing diameter, base curve: no problem!
  - Some designs can adjust add power and zone size
  - Some designs available in toric or quadrant specific designs.

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# PRESBYOPIC APPLICATIONS IN 2019 GP Lens Designs Scleral Lens Designs Post Refractive Surgery Designs Hybrid/Combination Designs

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#### POST-REFRACTIVE SURGERY MULTIFOCAL DESIGNS (Partial List)

- Typically reverse geometry designs with add on the front surface
- LasikNear (Valley Contax)
- Art Optical CLASIKcn



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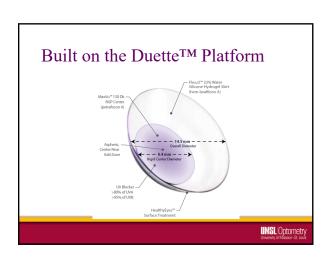
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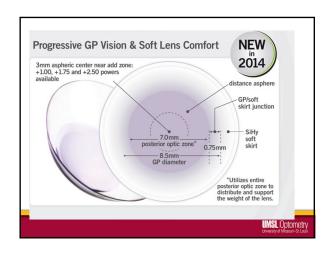
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#### Patient Candidates for Hybrid Multifocals

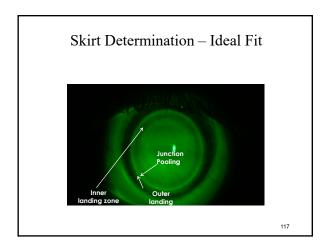
- Astigmatic presbyopes
- Soft multifocal patients with astigmatism
- Great option since soft multifocals for astigmats is limited.
- Soft toric monovision patients that want better vision
- · Patients wanting to try the latest technology

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# SSUES & CONTROVERSIES THEY ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL Numerous studies with 70 – 80+ success rate With 56 different multifocal designs and 49 segmented translating designs (many with IM correction) they have to be successful (source: www.gpfi.info) THEY ARE UNCOMFORTABLE Have been found to be more initially comfortable than spherical lenses Use of a topical anesthetic

#### **ISSUES & CONTROVERSIES**

- THEY ARE TOO EXPENSIVE
- Order warranted
- Utilize your CLMA member laboratory consultant
- Remember: there are many tools available

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#### **RESOURCES**

- Your best resource is your laboratory consultant
- They can can provide diagnostic fitting sets, online resources for the fitting and troubleshooting of their designs, and well as very good advice based upon extensive experience
- If possible, topographies and photos can be beneficial as well

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#### **IN SUMMARY**

Presbyopes represent the greatest opportunity for contact lens practice growth

