#### **TLC for the FLC**

(the funny-looking cornea)

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#### **Expected Learning Objectives**

This course will review various cases of irregular corneas and deepen the understanding of selecting an appropriate specialty lens modality, as well as how to troubleshoot a fit. This course will also delve into understanding the sagittal depth of the ocular surface and contact lenses to enhance visual and physiologic fitting outcomes.

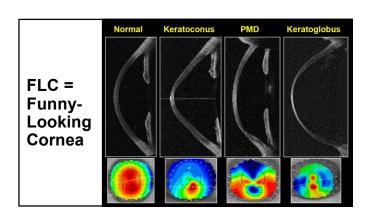
At the end of the session, attendees should be able to:

To enhance GP and soft contact lens fitting by effectively collecting and utilizing data from the corneal topographer

To inform the primary care clinician on new techniques in fitting soft contact lenses and corneal GP lens design.

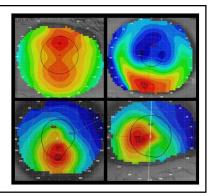
To review the applications of the various specialty lens options for the ectatic and postsurgical cornea, as well as troubleshooting for physiologic and visual complications.

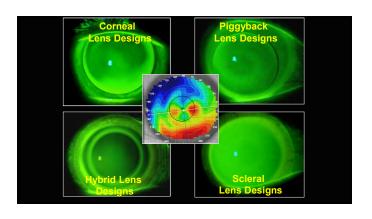
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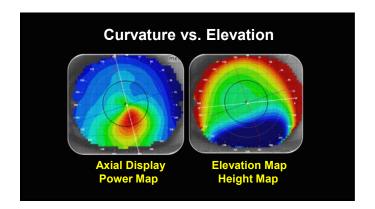


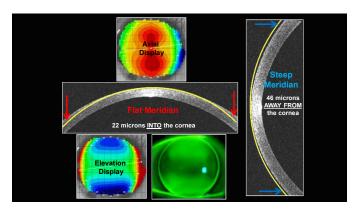
#### A Road Map to Selecting a Specialty Contact Lens

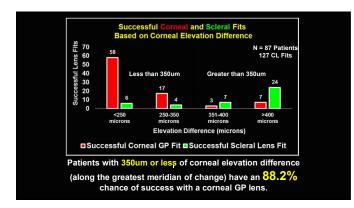
- · Corneal Topography
  - Axial Map
  - Elevation Map
  - HVID/DVID

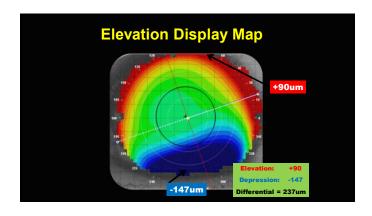


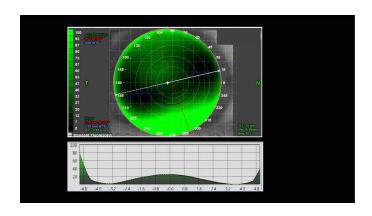


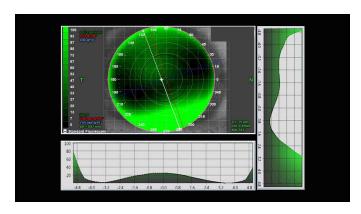


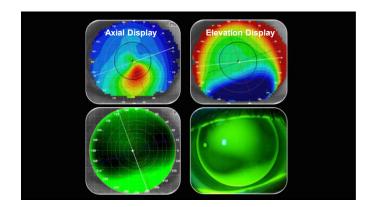


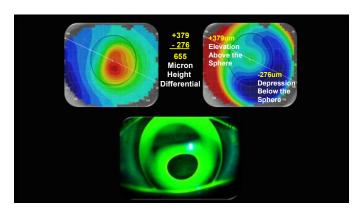


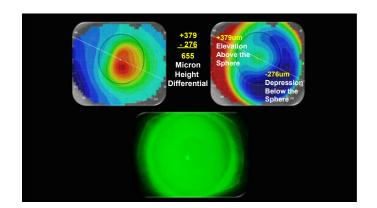


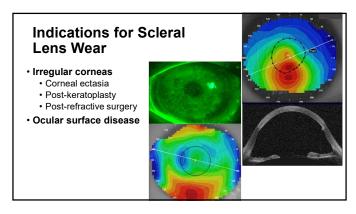




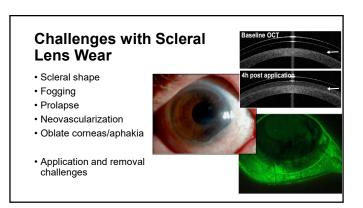


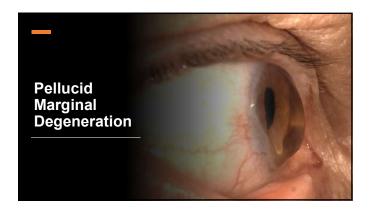












#### Case 1: 53 YO Female

CC: "Vision is great in both eyes. My left lens is very comfortable, but I can feel my right lens every time I wear it."

Ocular medications: Patanol 0.1% BID

Systemic Health: Seasonal allergies, otherwise unremarkable

**Habitual CLs:** 

OD: Habitual Custom Designed Scleral Lens OS: Habitual Scleral: 5856/37.00/+4.25/18.0/2.5D toric PC

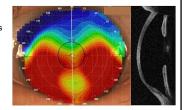
**VA**: 20/20 **VA**: 20/20

# **Anterior Segment Evaluation**

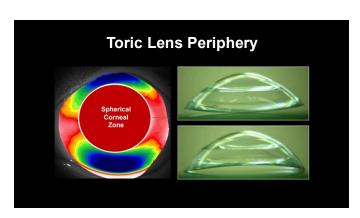
Right Eye		Left Eye
Clean, no crusts/flakes	Lids and Lashes	Clean, no crusts/flakes
Palpebral: 1+ papillae inferiorly and superiorly, tr injection	Conjunctiva	Palpebral: tr papillae inferiorly and superiorly
Clear, mild inferior thinning (-) striae, (-) scarring	Cornea	Clear, mild inferior thinning (-) striae, (-) scarring
Deep and Quiet	Anterior Chamber	Deep and Quiet

#### **Pellucid Marginal Degeneration (PMD)**

- Compared to KCN, PMD is often diagnosed later in life
   Usually diagnosed between ages 20 50 in PMD, compared to puberty early 20s in KCN
- Kissing doves or crab claw pattern of steepening on topography
- Corneal thinning is located more inferiorly in PMD

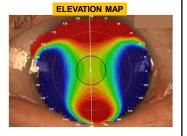






#### **Custom SCLs for Corneal Ectasia**

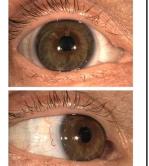
- Increased center thickness masks irregular astigmatism
  - May be able to adjust the center thickness depending on severity of corneal irregularity
- Improved comfort compared to corneal GPs and sometimes scleral lenses
- Daily wear only and quarterly replacement

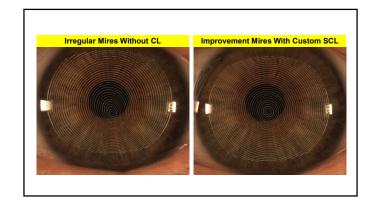


# KCN vs PMD: Axial Maps

#### **SCL Refit OD**

- No shadows with diagnostic keratoconus SCL and overrefraction
- Patient reported improved comfort in SCL!
- VA OD in dispensed lens: 20/25

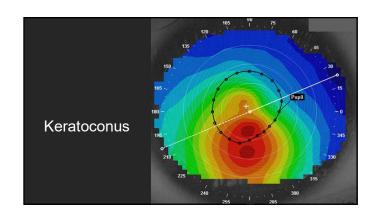




#### The FLC: PMD

- Assessing the scleral lens with NaFl before removal may help you pinpoint an area of edge lift or leakage
- Depending on the severity, patients with PMD may do well in spectacle lenses, but typically are more successful with a SCL or a scleral
- Custom SCLs with an increased center thickness may decrease the patient's visual symptoms of irregular astigmatism





#### **57 YO Female**

**CC:** "Sometimes my right eye feels irritated, but overall I am doing well with my lenses. I just came in for my regular follow-up!"

Ocular Hx: Keratoconus OS > OD

**Ks OD:** 43.90 / 46.51 @ 161 **Ks OS:** 54.57 / 61.29 @ 028

Systemic Hx: Unremarkable, (-)medications, (-) allergies

Eye	Lens	Base Curve	Power	Diameter (mm)	VA
OD	Spherical corneal GP	44.00 D	-13.25 DS	9.5	20/20-2
os	KCN GP	62.00 D	-26.00 DS	9.8	20/25
	2-week SCL (PBS)	8.4	+1.00 DS	14.0	

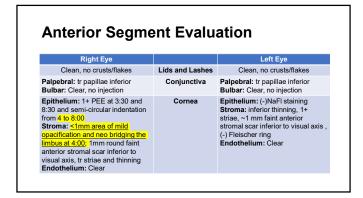
#### Keratoconus

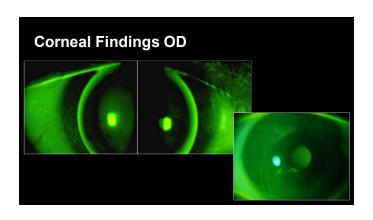
- A progressive and non-inflammatory corneal ectasia that often has a bilateral asymmetric presentation.
- The prevalence of keratoconus is about 1-2 per 1000 people and has no gender predilection
- May be associated with atopic disease, collagen vascular diseases, eye rubbing, and may be hereditary in some cases

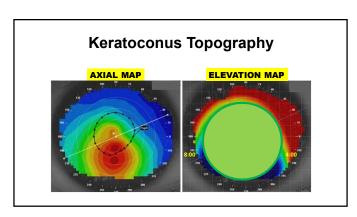




Right Eye Inferior Moderate apical touch Minimal Thin in horizontal meridian  Left Eye Slightly inferior Apical clearance and alignment, SCL with blink +	Contact Lens Evaluation					
apical touch  Left Eye Slightly Apical Unrestricted meridian Left inferior clearance and alignment, SCL with blink +		Centration	Fit	Movement	Edge Lift	Stability
inferior clearance and movement 360 alignment, SCL with blink +	Right Eye	Inferior		Minimal	horizontal	Stable
drape N/T movement	Left Eye		clearance and alignment, SCL has adequate	movement with blink + adequate SCL		Stable







### Vascularized Limbal Keratitis

- A GP complication that leads to hypertrophy of the limbal cells and focal stromal disorganization
- Often as a result of 3 and 9:00 staining and chronic corneal drying
- · Lens parameters to adjust:
  - Decrease overall lens diameter
  - Flatten and/or blend the peripheral curves





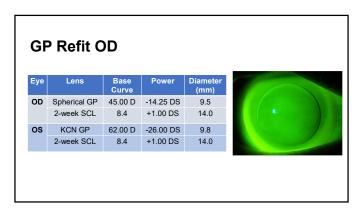
#### **GP Refit OD**

Based on the NaFl assessment, the patient was diagnostically refit from a spherical GP into a keratoconic GP on her right eye.

Ordered: KCN GP / 46.00 / -13.00 / 9.8

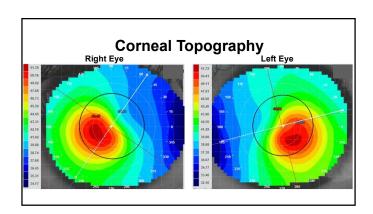
	Centration	Fit	Movement	Edge Lift	Stability
Right Eye	Slightly inferior	Apical clearance	Unrestricted movement with blink	Adequate 360	Stable





#### 33 YO Male

- CC: Blurry vision and broken glasses.
- Patient has a history of keratoconus
- Medical History: Anxiety disorder, (+) tobacco use
- Uncorrected VA OD/OS: 20/200
- Spectacle Rx:
  - OD: -2.25-2.00x028 BCVA: 20/25
  - OS: -2.00-3.75x165 BCVA: 20/20
  - · Patient is uninterested in contact lens wear at this time



#### **Ocular Health Examination**

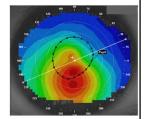
- Anterior segment OU: mild corneal thinning, (-)striae, (-)scarring
- IOP OD: 16 mmHg, OS: 16 mmHg

Right Eye		Left Eye
Distinct margins, pink and healthy	Optic nerve	Distinct margins, pink and healthy
0.6R, deep cupping	C/D	0.65R, deep cupping
Flat, dry, FLR(+)	Macula	Flat, dry, FLR(+)
No holes, tears 360	Periphery	No holes, tears 360

• Patient denies FHx of glaucoma

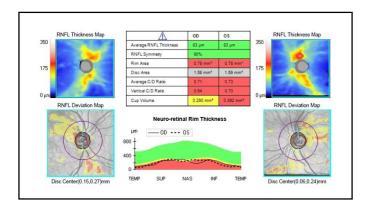
## **Keratoconus and Obstructive Sleep Apnea**

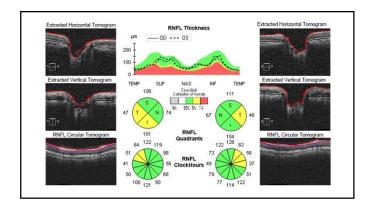
- OSA incidence may be 34-49% in men and 17-23% in women ages 30-70
- Associated with high MMP9 levels
- Patients with KCN are almost 2x more likely to have OSA compared to patients without KCN
- Both conditions are associated with floppy eyelid syndrome (FES)

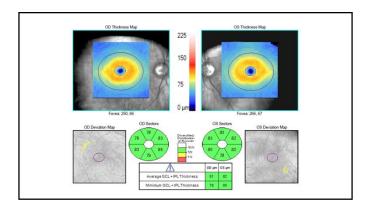


## Normotensive Glaucoma (NTG) and Obstructive Sleep Apnea

- Risk factors for NTG: abnormal ocular blood flow, poor perfusion pressure, ischemic vascular disorders
- OSA can lead to morbidity and an increased risk of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular disease
- · Increased risk of NTG with moderate to severe OSA







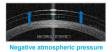


### Potential Contraindications for Scleral Lens Wear

- Glaucoma
  - IOP
- Drainage devices and blebs
- Endothelial compromise
- · Overnight wear

#### IOP and Scieral Lens wear

- May be due to negative pressure induced by suction under the scleral lens, or by compression of the episcleral venous system
- Studies at PUCO, UIWRSO, and the University of Montreal, have found previously found that scleral lens wear increased IOP in some patients by about 5 mmHg
- Scleral lens wear also resulted in thinning of the RNFL on OCT

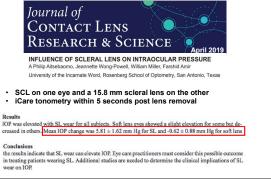


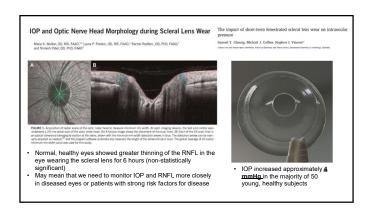




- N = 21
- $\bullet~$  Age 24.7  $\pm~4.1$  years old
- 15.8 and 18.0 mm scleral lens diameters of the same design, thickness and material

Conclusion: These results suggest that, as evaluated with a transpalpebral methodology, IOP during scleral lens wear may be increased in average **by 5 mmHg**, regardless of the lens diameter.

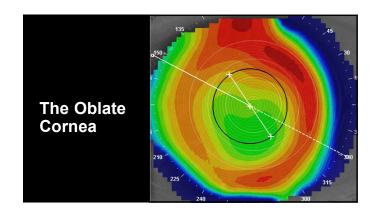




#### The FLC: Keratoconus

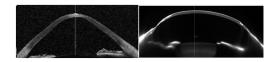
- In keratoconus, the cornea has a high eccentricity
  - This affects the fit and comfort of a corneal GP
  - Potential for GP-related complications
- Patients with keratoconus have an increased risk of other conditions (eg. OSA)
- When corneal elevation differences exceed 350 microns, a corneal GP may not be the most optimal lens fit



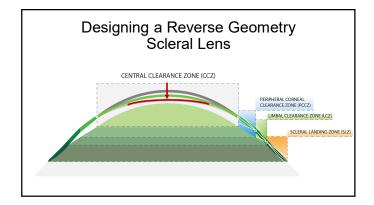


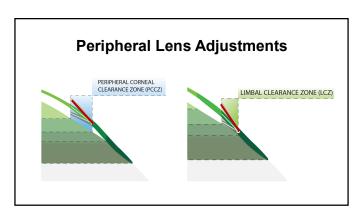
#### Prolate vs. Oblate Corneas

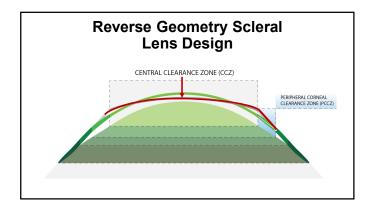
- **Prolate:** Flattening of the cornea as you move from the apex of the cornea to the limbus
- **Oblate:** Flat central cornea and steepening in the midperiphery
  - Post-PKP corneas, post-refractive surgery

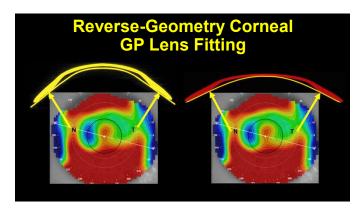












#### 65 YO Aphake Post-PKP

- "My vision in my right eye gets blurry if I wear my scleral lens for longer than a 3 hours a day."
- Ocular Hx: Traumatic injury to the right eye resulting in aphakia, UGH syndrome, and PKP
- Systemic Hx: Hypertension, hypercholesterolemia
- Ocular Medications: Timolol BID OD, latanoprost qhs OU

#### **Contact Lens Evaluation** Right Eye VA 20/HM PH: 20/100+ 3850 / 8.77 / +14.25 DS / 15.8 VA: 20/70+ Scleral Lens Fit Apical clearance: 450 um Adequate peripheral clearance, thin limbal clearance nasally and superiorly Adequate edge lift

#### Scleral Lens Fits for an Oblate Cornea

- When we trial our diagnostic lens and decide that we want to flatten the base curve, we must remember our SAM-FAP rule
  - A reverse-geometry lens design = NO base curve change!

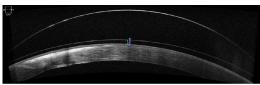
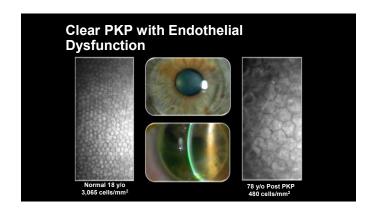


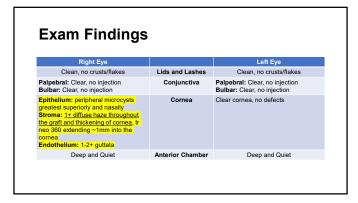
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#### **Potential Contraindications for Scleral Lens Wear**

- Glaucoma

  - · Drainage devices and blebs
- · Endothelial compromise
- · Overnight wear





#### **Corneal Graft Edema**

- · Potential causes:
  - · Hypoxia 2' to lens wear
  - Elevated IOP
  - Endothelial cell loss or dysfunction
  - Graft rejection or failure

#### · Complications:

• Reduced BCVA

- Paflufocon D

- Bullae
- Neovascularization

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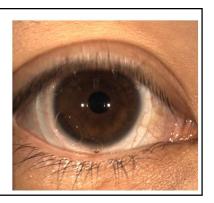
## Optimizing Oxygen Transmission in Scleral Lenses

- High Dk materials
- Lower apical clearance
- · Shorter intervals of wear
- Fenestrations
- Decrease center thickness if possible

# High Dk Materials - Hexafocon A - Hexafocon B - Roflufocon D - Roflufocon E - Tisilfocon A - Tisilfocon A UV Filter Dk = 100 Dk = 100 Dk = 100 Dk = 125 Dk = 125 Dk = 180 Dk = 180

Dk = 100

# Fenestrations in Scleral Lenses May decrease atmospheric pressure beneath the lens Easier lens removal Increased O2 permeability and tear flow

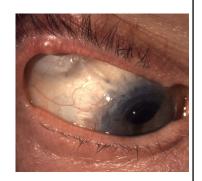


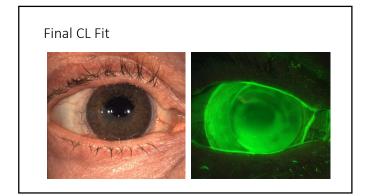
# 59 YO Male with Penetrating Keratoplasty

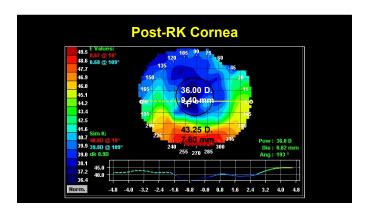
- CC: "I want to improve my vision. I heard about scleral lenses and came here to try them."
- Monocular patient with PKP and glaucoma OD
- Ocular prosthetic OS

#### **Scleral Lens Trial**

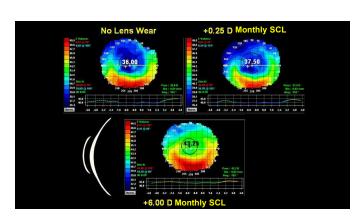
- Trialed scleral lenses in the highest Dk material
- Minimized the apical clearance to improve oxygen permeability
- Ensured no impingement on the blood vessels or the tube shunt

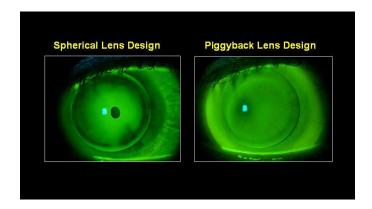








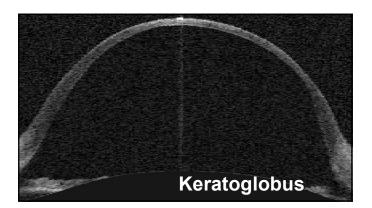




#### The FLC: Oblate Corneas

- Reverse-geometry lenses may provide the most optimal fit
  - · Corneal GPs, scleral lenses, and custom SCLs
  - Monitor regularly for physiologic complications
- Off-the-rack soft contact lenses may not always be successful on a post-refractive surgery cornea
  - Corneal topography, HVID, and over-refraction provide a great understanding of how a SCL will fit





#### 48 YO Male with Keratoglobus

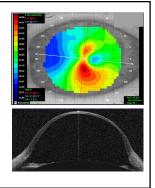
- Followed for keratoglobus in both eyes
  - Managed with a custom SCL piggyback system
- CC: "I have discomfort with the soft lens in my left eye."
- · Systemic health:
- unremarkable
- No allergies or medications, social history is unremarkable



#### **Anterior Segment Evaluation** Right Eye Left Eye Lids and Lashes Tr crusts/flakes Tr crusts/flakes Palpebral: Tr papillae inferiorly, tr Conjunctiva Palpebral: tr papillae inferiorly, tr injection Bulbar: Clear, no injection injection Bulbar: Clear, no injection Significant global thinning, (+) ~0.75 mm of corneal neovascularization, (+) tr vertical striae, (+) mild stromal scarring outside of the visual axis Significant global thinning, (+) ~0.75 mm of corneal neovascularization, (+) tr vertical striae, (+) mild stromal scarring outside of the visual axis

#### Keratoglobus

- · A rare, ectatic condition that presents
- Diffuse global stromal thinning and extreme protrusion of the cornea
  - Thinning up to 1/5 of the normal corneal thickness!
- · Normal corneal diameter
- · Potential associations with connective tissue disorders



#### Why a Piggyback System?

• Unable to manufacture a scleral lens with an adequate sagittal depth!

#### **Physiologic Reasons for PBS**

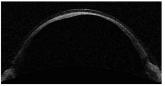
- · Thin and delicate corneal tissue
- Negative pressure under a scleral lens may have the potential to induce an increase in IOP, acute hydrops, or progression of ectasia
- Risk of corneal perforation with minor trauma in keratoglobus
- Sometimes with significant ectasia, we require a CL with a deeper sagittal depth
  - Increase sagittal depth by increasing overall lens diameter, increasing OZD, or steepening the base curve

#### Right Eye CL Evaluation

**Corneal GP:** Cell GP/56.00D/-15.50D/11.0mm **SCL:** HydroKone/5.80mm, 6.00mm BC/plano/15.0mm

BCVA: 20/30-2





#### Left Eye CL Evaluation

**Corneal GP:** Cell GP/56.00D/ -19.25D/11.0mm

**SCL:** HydroKone/5.00mm, 6.20mm BC/PLANO/15.5 mm

**BCVA**: 20/25

Significant fluting of lens edge, greatest nasally and mild edge lift superiorly

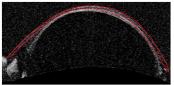


#### **New Left Eye Lens Parameters**

Corneal GP: Cell GP 56.00D BC/-19.25D PWR/ 11.0mm New Hydro Kone SCL: 5.00mm, 6.00mm BC/plano/15.5/CT 0.20mm

**BCVA**: 20/25

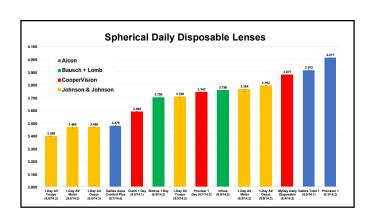




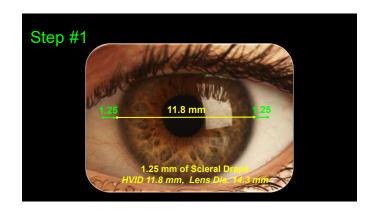
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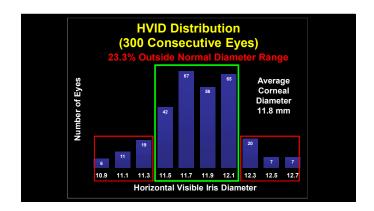
- Keratoglobus is rare, but corneal transplants are not!
  - Up to 11% of patients who have keratoplasty for KCN may develop recurrent ectasia about 20 years post-surgery
- Similar to keratoglobus, the sagittal depth of these corneas may require a custom SCL PBS when a scleral lens fit is unsuccessful

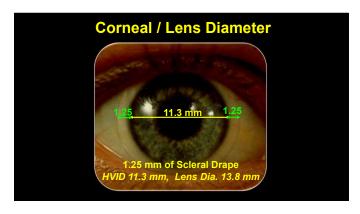


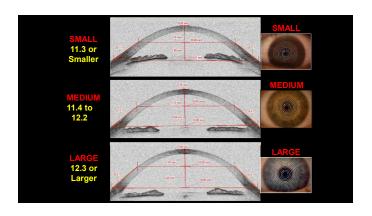


What about the "Not so Funny-Looking Cornea?"

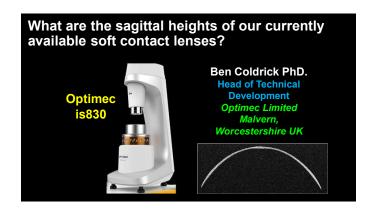


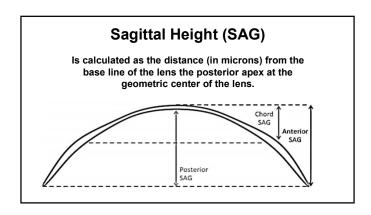


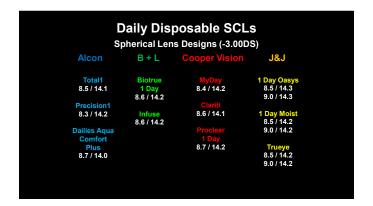


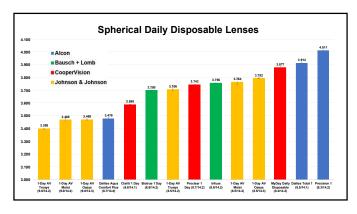


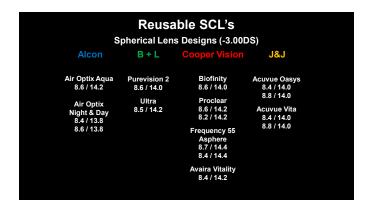


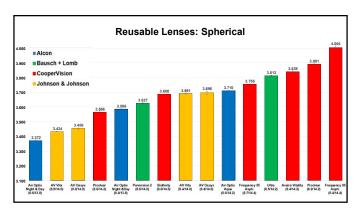




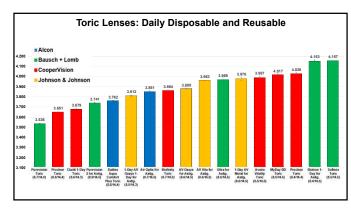






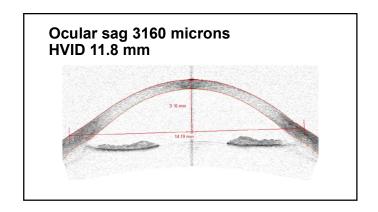


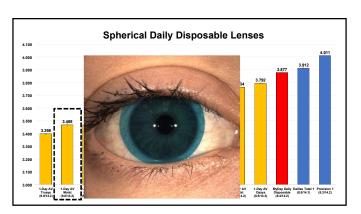


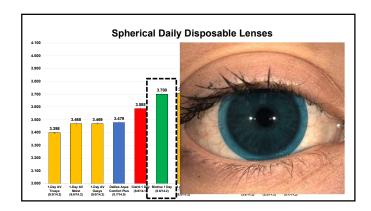


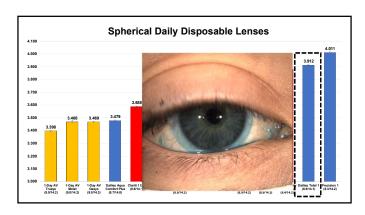


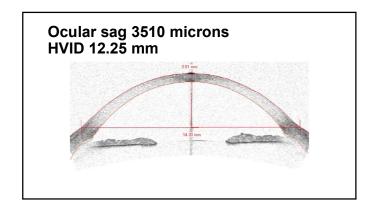
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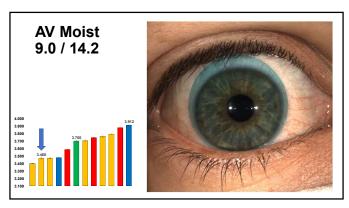


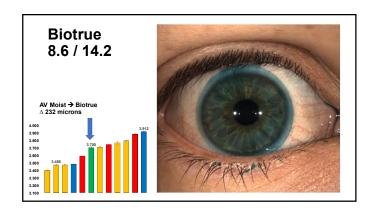


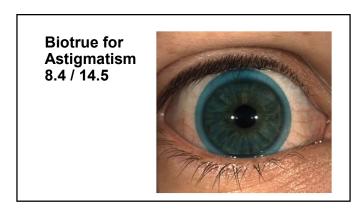


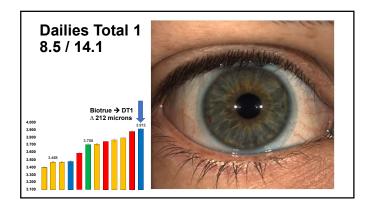


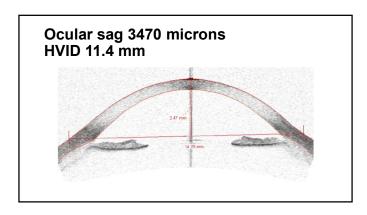


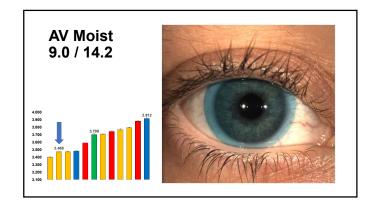


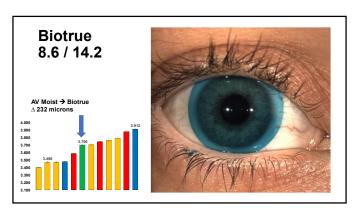


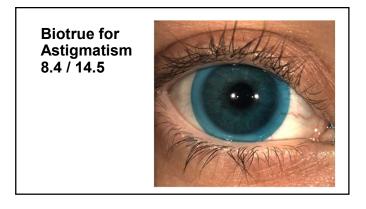


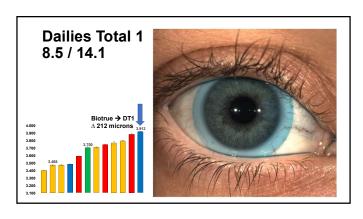


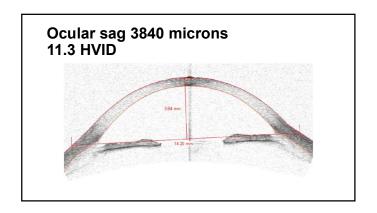


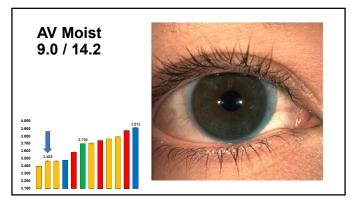


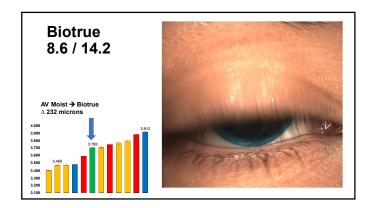


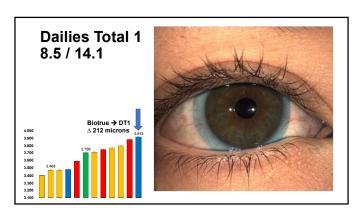


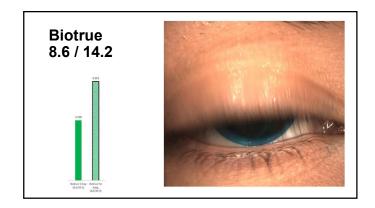


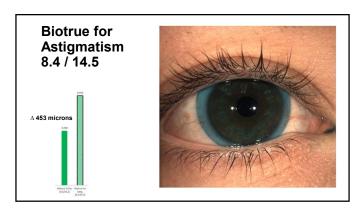


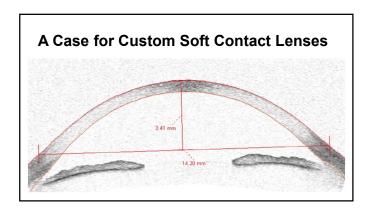


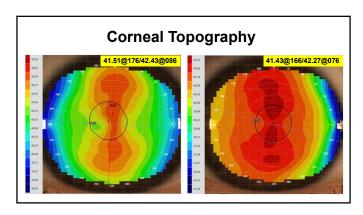


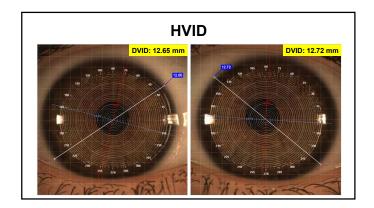


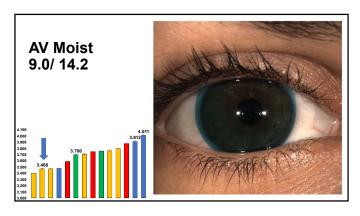


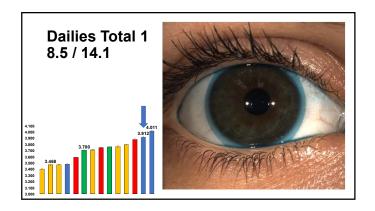


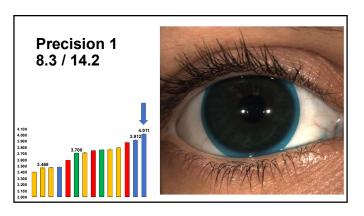




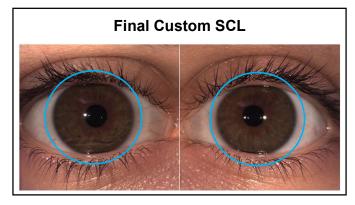


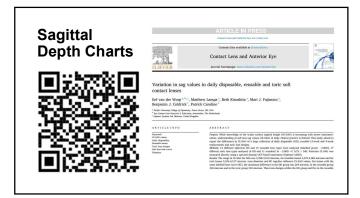














- Eg. Reverse geometry scleral lenses, ordering high Dk materials, and other lens adjustments
- Consider your other specialty lens options like piggyback systems, custom soft contact lenses, and corneal GPs





