

WAC 246-852-040 Retention of patient contact lens records. (1)

Practitioners shall maintain patient records for a minimum of five years. The records shall include the following which adequately reflects the level of care provided by the practitioners:

- (a) The initial written prescription.
- (b) Dioptric power.
- (c) Lens material, brand name and/or manufacturer.
- (d) Base curve (inside radius of curvature), or appropriate designation.
- (e) Diameter.
- (f) Color (when applicable).
- (g) Thickness (when applicable).
- (h) Secondary/peripheral curves (when applicable).
- (i) Special features equivalent to variable curves, fenestration or coating.
- (j) Suggested wearing schedule and care regimen.
- (k) In the case of a private label contact lens, the name of the manufacturer, trade name of the private label brand, and, if applicable, trade name of an equivalent brand name.

(2) Opticians' records shall additionally include the following if fitting contact lenses:

Documentation of written advisement to the patient of the need to obtain a follow-up evaluation by a prescriber.

(3) Prescribers' records shall additionally include the following:

(a) Documentation of contraindications which would prohibit contact lens wear and documentation that contraindications were explained to the patient by the prescriber.

(b) Explanatory notation of the reasons why a prescription has an expiration date of less than two years, and documentation that the reasons were explained to the patient at the time of the eye examination.

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