

*Correct your vision while
you sleep.*

ORTHO-K

What is Ortho-K?

Ortho-K is the reshaping of your cornea by small, rigid contact lenses, while you sleep.

After removing your lenses, you should see clearly without the help of glasses or contact lenses. The lens are worn most nights to maintain your clear vision.

Ortho-K is prescribed to correct short-sightedness (myopia), but can also correct astigmatism and long-sightedness (hyperopia), and, in some cases, the need for reading glasses in middle-age (presbyopia).

Am I Suitable?

Most people with mild to moderate myopia (with or without astigmatism) are the best candidates for Ortho-K.

Ortho-K is a great option for children and young adults who do not want to wear spectacles, are poor candidates for refractive surgery, or just do not want to take the risk of refractive surgery.

If you wear contact lenses and participate in contact sports or work in dusty environments, Ortho-K might just be the answer you've been looking for.

If you have myopia, you already know that it can cause inconvenience in your daily life. More importantly, severe myopia can lead to serious complications such as retinal detachment, macular disease, glaucoma and cataracts.

If you are unaware of these complications, now is the time to find out more.

Phone Simpson Optometry today

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Myopia Control

The single most important reason our principal optometrist, James Simpson, introduced Ortho-K into our practice was myopia control.

Various methods have been tried to curb the progressive nature of myopia but none have been as successful as Ortho-K. So it makes good sense for us to offer it to our patients. Low-dose atropine penalization is slightly more effective than Ortho-K for myopia control, but the side-effects deter many patients from using it.

Not only does Ortho-K offer the chance to see without glasses or contact lenses but it also offers the chance to avoid the sight-threatening risks of high myopia – myopes are 2-3 times more likely to get glaucoma; are more likely to get cataracts; and the higher the myopia, the higher the risk of a detached retina.

The most aggressive myopic progression is usually in children or young adults under the age of 23 so this is an obvious time for patients to undergo the treatment. And should they choose to stop Ortho-K once they are older, they most often find their myopia is the same or only slightly more than what it was when they started Ortho-K. There are reputable studies to show the myopic progression would have been significantly more had they not worn Ortho-K lenses.

There is a list of articles and websites at the end of this brochure if you're interested in learning more about the research into the efficacy of Ortho-K and the science behind it.

How soon should I be able to see clearly?

After just 20 minutes of wearing the lenses you should see an improvement of a line or two on the chart, and most people with low myopia can see the second last line on the chart after the first night of wearing them. Full correction of low myopia is usually achieved within a week.

So what's the next step?

Your first step is to book an appointment with us for a regular eye exam – we'd like to examine your eyes to establish whether or not you are suitable for Ortho-K, and this will serve as a baseline before we commence treatment.

We shall then advise you if you are suitable for Ortho-K and advise you of the cost to go ahead. Complex cases are more time consuming, and so cost a little more than standard cases.

It takes about 7 days to make your lenses – once we have them, we'll teach you how to insert, remove and care for them. After that, you'll be able to take them home, returning for a series of reviews that we do to ensure your eyes remain healthy and the lenses are giving you the sort of vision we expect.

Ortho-K Fee Schedule

A package fee of \$1800 (standard) or \$2000 (complex) covers the initial assessment, first pair of lenses and all aftercare visits involved in the first year of Ortho-K. As a minimum this includes:

- ✓ Initial one-hour examination specifically for Ortho-K
- ✓ All diagnostic fitting visits
- ✓ Instruction on how to use and care for the lenses
- ✓ Aftercare examination after the first night of wear
- ✓ Routine aftercare visits at 1 week, 1 month, 3 and 6 months
- ✓ One pair of custom-made lenses for overnight wear

The attached 'Ortho-K Lens Program' information sheet has more detail on:

- ✓ Costs for damaged or lost lenses
- ✓ Refunds if you can't adapt to the lenses

Caring for your Ortho-K lenses

To keep your eyes healthy and to prolong the life of your lenses, we recommend you follow these instructions:

Each time you remove a lens from your eye:

- ✓ Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- ✓ Dry your hands on a clean, lint-free towel or paper towel.
- ✓ Move to a room other than the bathroom.
- ✓ Remove the right lens with a rigid contact lens removal tool by pressing the tool against the lower part of the lens and hinging upwards in a slow but steady arc.
- ✓ DO NOT RUB the lens between your fingers before storing them in the case
- ✓ Place the lens in its holder in the case – left lens in the left holder; right in the right.
- ✓ Repeat the above for the left lens.
- ✓ Fill the case to the marked line with the AO Sept solution and wait 6 hours for the peroxide to neutralise.

Each time you put a lens into your eye:

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- ✓ Remove the right lens from its case with your fingers.
- ✓ Rinse the lens with unpreserved saline if there is any residue on it.
- ✓ Fill the lens with unpreserved ocular lubricant, being careful not to get any air bubbles in the lubricant before you insert the lens as air bubbles will dent your cornea and distort your vision for at least a day, if not longer.
- ✓ Repeat for the left lens.
- ✓ Tip out the remaining cleaning solution from the case.
- ✓ Dry the case with paper towel.
- ✓ Store the case in a clean, dry place.

Intensive protein removal

Over time, your lenses will need an intensive clean to remove the build-up of protein on the surface. This is usually done once a fortnight or month, depending on how rapidly the protein builds up, and you'll be advised on this by your optometrist.



If you're interested, here are some websites and articles on myopia and Ortho-K:

- A free online tool to calculate the risk of developing progressive myopia.
<https://mykidsvision.org/>
- Myopia Profile: a website full of resources, FAQs, latest research papers - for myopes and their parents.
<https://www.myopiaprofile.com/>
- Three years' experience of myopia control with contact lenses in Berne.
- <https://www.myopiaprofile.com/three-years-experience-myopia-control-contact-lenses-berne/>
- 'The Case for Myopia Control Now' - by a US professor of ophthalmology urging action to slow down myopia.
<https://www.visionexcellence.com.au/the-case-for-myopia-control-now/>
- 'All About Vision' – a US online publication with independent consumer information on all eye health and vision correction topics. <https://www.allaboutvision.com/contacts/orthok.htm>
- Overnight orthokeratology is comparable with atropine in controlling myopia'
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3994267/>
- Orthokeratology Society of Oceania (OSO) supports the professional development, education and communication amongst Ortho-K practitioners in Australasia.
- International Academy of Orthokeratology (IAO) - the global body for scientific research and training in orthokeratology
- European Academy of Orthokeratology - promotes orthokeratology through science and education in Europe
- Orthokeratology Academy of America - promotes orthokeratology through science and education in America

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Ortho-K Lens Program

The process for us to fit you with Ortho-K lenses is quite complex so the aim of this document is to help clarify what you can expect from us, and what we expect of you, when you sign up for the program.

When compared to regular soft contact lenses, the initial investigations for Ortho-K take longer and require more equipment, the fitting process requires more time, and you'll need to return for more reviews once you start wearing Ortho-K lenses. We need to keep in mind that there is a short warranty period in which we may make changes to your lenses at no extra cost. Changes after that will incur extra costs.

What you'll get:

- All consultations related to Ortho-K lenses within the first 6 months. This includes analysing your eyes, designing the lenses, teaching you how to handle and care for the lenses, and the follow-up reviews.
- Technology costs: ongoing corneal topography, anterior biomicroscopy photography and anterior optical coherence tomography measurements.
- Contact lens solution kit: An AOSept Starter Pack, unpreserved lubricant and a suction lens remover.

Our fees:

The costs of all the appointments needed to assess your eyes, design the Ortho-K lenses and monitor your progress for 6 months are combined into one fitting fee. We offer a range of packages to cover different levels of complexity of prescription and eye parameters – this will be established after your initial consultation and a quote will be given to you before you agree to go ahead.

We have 3 levels of packages:

- Standard Ortho-K Fitting Package: \$1800 (\$900 consult fees and \$900 for 2x standard Ortho-K lenses)
- Complex Ortho-K Fitting Program: \$2000 (\$1000 consult fees and \$1000 for 2x complex Ortho-K lenses)
- Single Eye Ortho-K Fitting Program: \$1200/1250 (\$750 consult fees and \$450/500 for a standard/complex Ortho-K lens)

A complex case usually involves one of the following:

- myopia over 5.00DS
- corneal astigmatism over 1.00DC
- astigmatism over 3.00DC
- myopia control or multifocal correction



Damage to or Loss of a Lens

Ortho-K lenses are reasonably small and delicate, and can be lost or damaged if mishandled. We strongly recommend you get at least a spare lens for your dominant eye to tide you over for the 2 weeks needed while a new lens is being made for you. These lenses cost 50% of the regular price if ordered within 3 months of your first payment or 75% of the regular price if ordered later on.

Payment

A minimum deposit of \$500 is required before we order your lenses. The remainder of the package fee must be paid in full before you take the lenses home, and if you cannot adapt to wearing the lenses, or the lenses don't improve your vision to the level we expect (your optometrist will show you this during the fitting process), you'll be refunded for the unused portion of the consult fees and 50% of the lenses, which will be in the form of a credit to your account at Simpson Optometry.

Refitting

If your prescription or eye shape changes enough in the future to warrant a change in the prescription of your lenses, the fee is 100% of a complex or standard lens, depending on what you need. If changes to your eye shape requires a new lens design, there's an additional re-fitting fee of 75% of the original consult fee to cover the design work of your lenses and any consultation time related to Ortho-K lenses within a 6 month period.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

If you would like to join our Ortho-K Lens Program, please read and sign the agreement and consent on the page below.

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Ortho-K Lens Program Agreement and Consent

The following consent information should be read in conjunction with the following 3 documents:

- Ortho-K lenses brochure - an overview of Ortho-K, including ‘Myopia Control’ and ‘Am I suitable?’
- Caring for your Ortho-K Lenses – cleaning and handling instructions
- Ortho-K Lens Program – an Information sheet on fees, what you can expect from us, etc.

Please tick the box next to each statement to show that you agree.

- I have completely read the 3 Ortho-K Lens documents listed above.
- I understand and agree to the outline, terms and expectations of Simpson Optometry’s Ortho-K Lens Program.
- I have been informed of my responsibilities as a patient using Ortho-K lenses.
- I understand the importance of following the instructions and advice from my optometrist.
- I understand that after the completion of my Ortho-K lens fitting, I still need to see my optometrist every 6 months for reviews to ensure my eyes are still healthy and the lenses are working correctly.
- I understand that during the early stages of the treatment my vision may not be perfect and I may require supplementary glasses or soft contact lenses to see clearly.
- I understand that I have to continue to wear my orthokeratology lenses each night for the correction of my vision to be most effective.
- I understand that even if I follow the instructions of my optometrist in regards to contact lens hygiene and wearing instructions, there is still some risk of adverse eye health events, including corneal infections that in extreme cases might lead to vision loss.
- I understand the current policy on the Ortho-K Lens Program fees and lens replacement.
- I recognise that the cost of lenses may change in the future.
- I understand that Ortho-K lenses have their limitations and the quality of vision they provide might be limited by what is possible given the condition of my eye, as well as the available lens designs and technology.
- I understand I am not entitled to a full refund of the fees paid if my Ortho-K lens result is unsatisfactory but am entitled to any unused portion of the package fee and 50% of the cost of the lenses, which will be given to me in the form of a credit on my account at Simpson Optometry.

Please ensure you have ticked all the boxes before signing below. If you have any questions or you require more information before signing, please ask us in person, via phone or email.

Name: _____

Optometrist: _____

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____