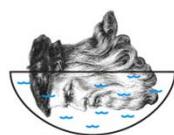


## OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Described a variety of uses for contact lenses
- ▶ Discuss the complications associated with contact lenses
- ▶ Discuss the present and future advances in contact lenses

## HISTORY OF CONTACT LENSES



### 1508

Leonardo da Vinci speculated that submerging one's head in a bowl of water could alter vision in his "Codex of the Eye." The solution proved less than practical because, you know, breathing.

### 1636

René Descartes places a glass tube filled with liquid in direct contact with the cornea; contact lenses get their name. Great name, terrible solution.



### 1801

Thomas Young reduced the size of the glass tube to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and used wax to stick the water-filled lenses to his eyeballs. While we admire his advances in the technology, we're forced to respond with, "Yikes."

### 1845

Sir John Herschel entertains the idea of using contact lenses to correct the refraction errors that cause nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism. Way to go, Sir John.

### EARLY 1880s

Dr. Fick and colleagues invent the first contact lens with refractive power for visual improvement; contact lens wearers can blink. Progress!



### 1929

Dr. Dallos and Istvan Komáromy perfected a method of making molds from living eyes. Cool, but ew.



### 1948

Optical technician Kevin Touhy unintentionally created the corneal lens when sanding down a plastic lens. Yay for happy accidents.



### 1960

Bausch and Lomb refined the technique of casting hydrogel, which produced consistent lens surfaces and a process for mass production.

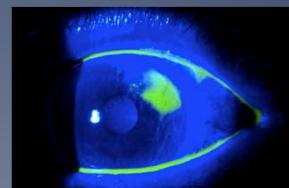


## HISTORY OF CONTACT LENSES

- ▶ 1979 — The introduction of rigid gas permeable contact lenses
- ▶ 1981 — The introduction of soft extended wear contact
- ▶ 1982 — The launch of soft bifocal contacts
- ▶ 1986 — The introduction of extended wear GP contact lenses
- ▶ 1987 — The launch of disposable contact lenses
- ▶ 1995 — The introduction of daily disposable contact lenses
- ▶ 1999 — The introduction of silicone hydrogel contact lenses
- ▶ 2002 — Silicone hydrogel contact lenses first marketed in U.S.
- ▶ 2010 — Custom-manufactured silicone hydrogel in U.S.

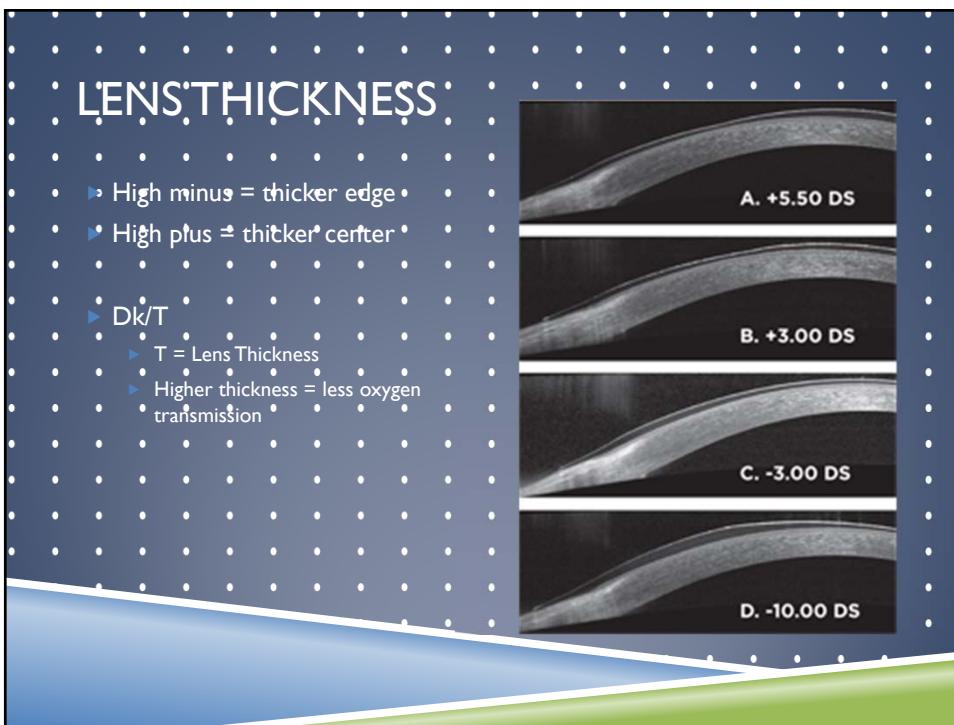
## USES FOR CONTACT LENSES

- ▶ Refractive Error
  - ▶ Especially helpful for high refractive errors
  - ▶ Anisometropia
- ▶ Bandage Contact Lens
  - ▶ Abrasions
  - ▶ Recurrent Corneal Erosion
  - ▶ Dry eye
- ▶ Irregular Corneas
  - ▶ Keratoconus
  - ▶ Post-surgical
  - ▶ Corneal Scarring
- ▶ Ocular Surface Disease
- ▶ Cosmetic





DK FOR COMMONLY PRESCRIBED LENSES		
Lens	Dk	Water Content
Dailies AquaComfort Plus	26	69%
1-Day Acuvue Moist	28	58%
Acuvue 2	28	58%
Proclear	34	62%
Acuvue Oasys	103	38%
Acuvue Vita	103	41%
Air Optix Aqua	110	33%
PureVision	112	36%
Ultra	114	46%
Biofinity	128	48%
Dailies Total 1	140	33% core; >80% surface
Night and Day	140	24%



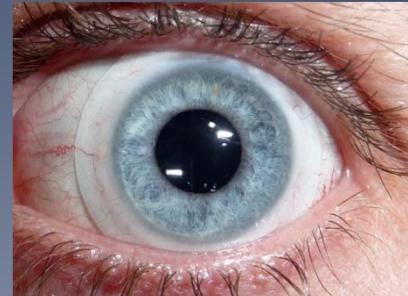
## SILICONE HYDROGELS

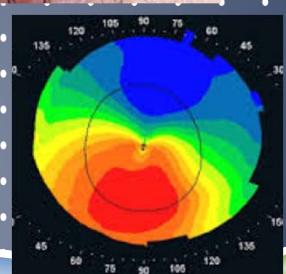


- ▶ • **Silicone Hydrogel**
- ▶ • **Advantages**
  - ▶ • High Dk
  - ▶ • Less hypoxia
  - ▶ • Extended Wear
  - ▶ • Comfort?
- ▶ • **Disadvantages**
  - ▶ • Less wettability
  - ▶ • Higher modulus
  - ▶ • Cost
  - ▶ • GPC

## SCLERAL LENSES

- ▶ • **Benefits**
  - ▶ • Better comfort
  - ▶ • More stability
  - ▶ • Visual acuity
  - ▶ • Advanced irregularity
- ▶ • **Fitting**
  - ▶ • Central clearance
  - ▶ • Limbal fit
  - ▶ • Edge
- ▶ • **Wear and care**

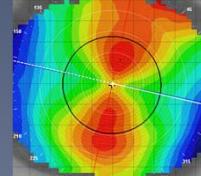
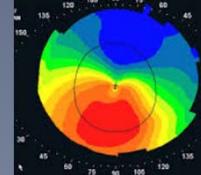
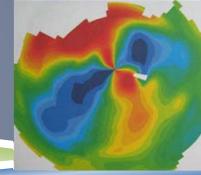


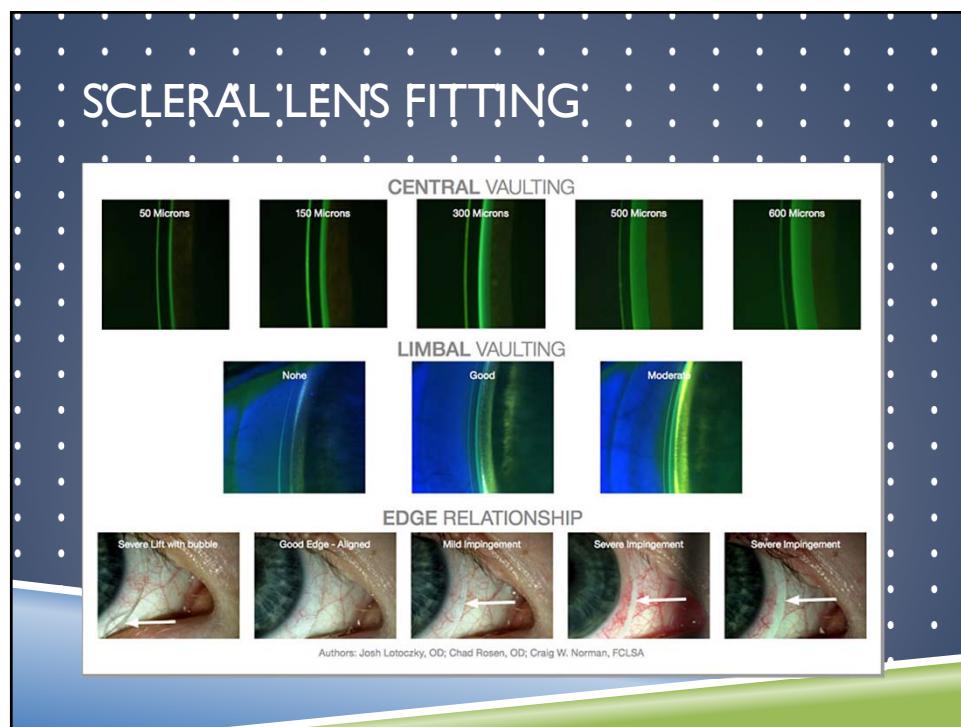
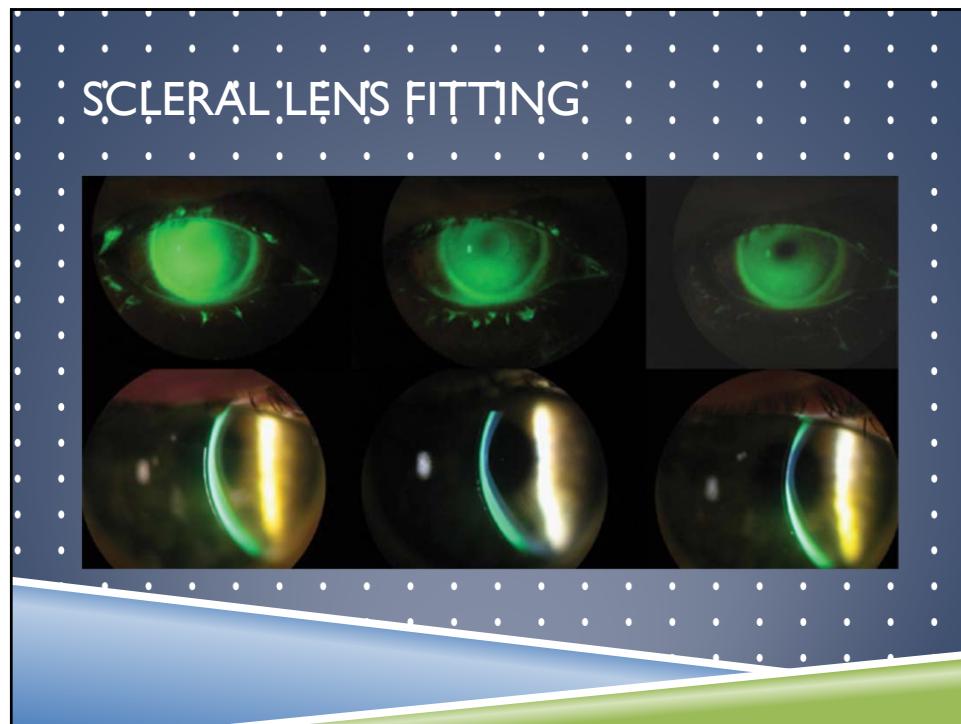


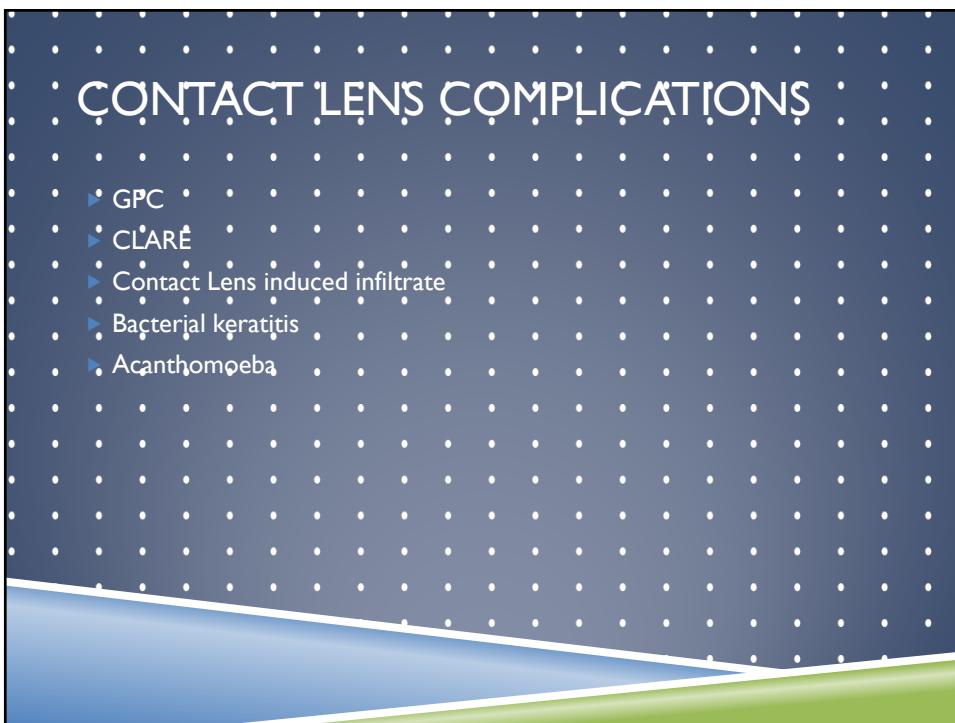
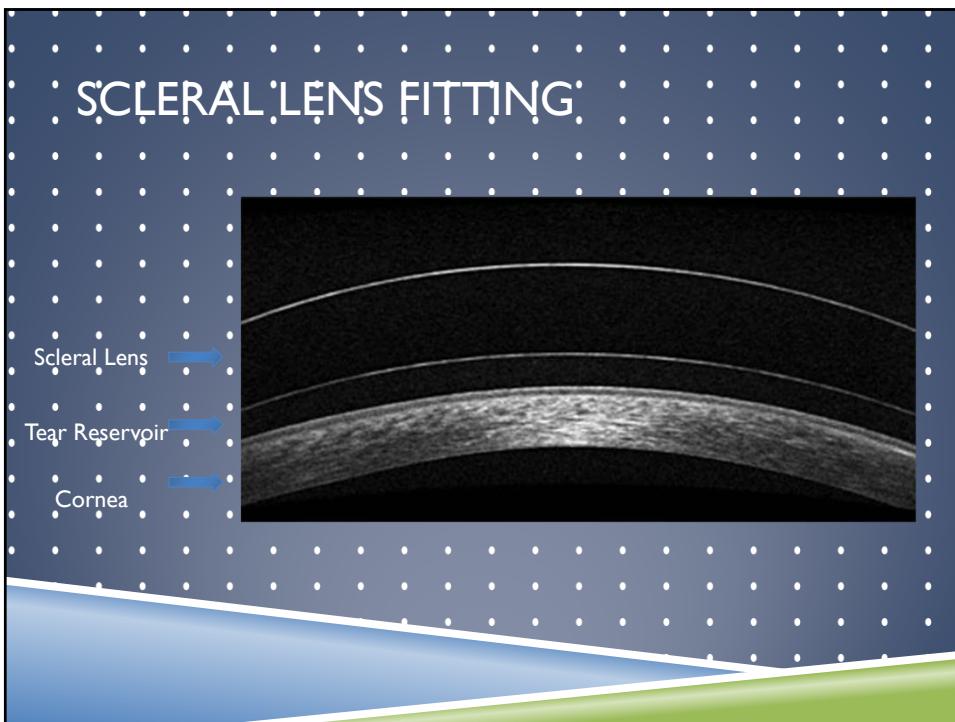
## WHY RGP AND SCLERAL LENSES?

- The images entering through the KC corneal surface create distortion and blurring.
- The smooth surface of the RGP contact lens and the tear film layer between the lens and the irregular KC cornea allow a clear image to enter the eye.
- The scleral lens allows a reservoir of tears to form between the irregular cornea and the scleral lens.
- This provides a more regular refractive surface and better vision.

## COMPARING CORNEAS

<p><b>Normal Cornea</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Bow-tie pattern</li> <li>▶ Superior = Inferior</li> </ul>	 
<p><b>Keratoconus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Inferior steepening</li> <li>▶ Superior ≠ Inferior</li> </ul>	 
<p><b>Corneal Transplant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Varying irregularity</li> </ul>	 





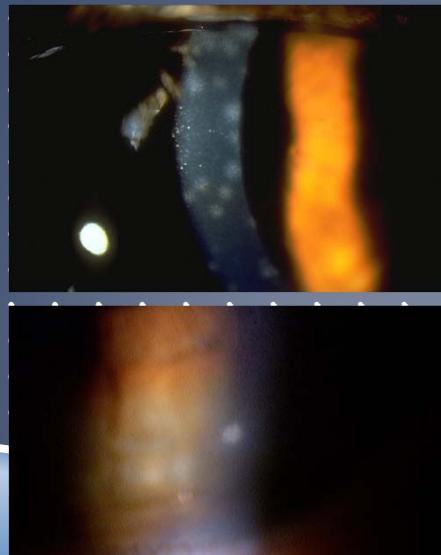
## GIANT PAPILLARY CONJUNCTIVITIS

- ▶ Allergic conjunctivitis caused by mechanical irritation
- ▶ More common in SiHy lenses
- ▶ Symptoms
  - ▶ Irritation both with and without contact lens present
  - ▶ Excessive lens movement
- ▶ Treatment
  - ▶ Mild – anti allergy drops
  - ▶ Severe – Steroid
- ▶ Prevention
  - ▶ H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Solution
  - ▶ Daily allergy drop
  - ▶ Daily disposable lenses

## CONTACT LENS ACUTE RED EYE – CLARE

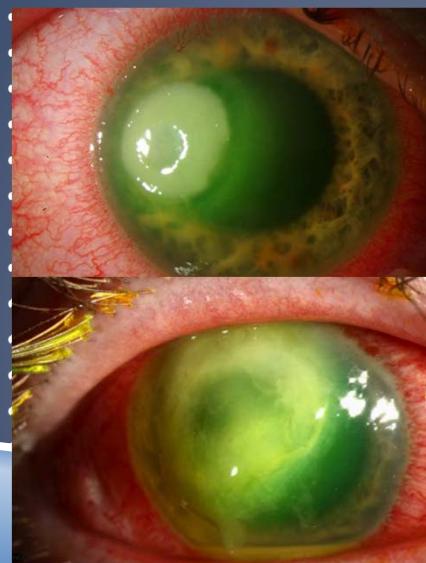
- ▶ Inflammatory reaction (not infectious!)
- ▶ Symptoms
  - ▶ Pain
  - ▶ Redness
  - ▶ Watery eyes
  - ▶ Photophobia
- ▶ Treatment
  - ▶ Antibiotic and steroid combo
  - ▶ D/C contact lens wear
- ▶ Prevention
  - ▶ Improve compliance
  - ▶ Higher D/k lens

## CORNEAL INFILTRATE



- ▶ Hypoxia, hypersensitivity
- ▶ Inflammatory (not infectious!)
- ▶ Symptoms
  - ▶ Pain
  - ▶ Redness
  - ▶ • Watery
  - ▶ • Photophobia
- ▶ Treatment
  - ▶ Antibiotic and steroid combo
  - ▶ D/C contact lens wear
- ▶ Prevention
  - ▶ Improve compliance
  - ▶ Higher Dk lens

## BACTERIAL KERATITIS



- ▶ Cause
  - ▶ *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
  - ▶ *S. aureus*, *S. epidermidis*, *S. pneumoniae*
  - ▶ *Moraxella*
- ▶ Treatment
  - ▶ Culture
  - ▶ Aggressive antibiotics
    - ▶ • Fluoroquinolone
    - ▶ • Fortified
- ▶ Prognosis
  - ▶ • depends on extent and location of infection

## ACANTHOMOEBA KERATITIS

- ▶ Cause
  - ▶ Acanthamoeba
- ▶ Treatment
  - ▶ Topical antimoebics
  - ▶ Topical antibiotics
  - ▶ Prevention!
- ▶ Prognosis
  - ▶ Ranges from complete recovery to corneal transplant



## CURRENT AND FUTURE ADVANCEMENTS

- ▶ Extending Range of SiHy Lenses
- ▶ Transitions
- ▶ Selenium infused lenses
- ▶ Medication Delivery
- ▶ Glucose monitoring