



Midwest Eye Laboratories, Inc

Specializing in the Fitting and Fabrication of Ocular Prosthetics

Basic Care For Ocular Prosthesis

Professional Polishing

It is recommended to have your ocular prosthesis (a.k.a. artificial eye) professionally polished every 6 months to one year by an Ocularist at Midwest Eye Laboratories. This will help verify the socket is healthy; the eye is fitting correctly and will help prolong the life of the prosthesis. For an appointment call (800)543-7936.

Patient Daily Care, Cleaning, Removal and Insertion

Removal and Insertion:

- For a custom ocular prosthesis fit when an eye has been surgically removed it is generally not recommended to remove the ocular prosthesis; however there are instances when occasional removal is necessary. Removing the prosthesis too often may actually cause the socket to become irritated. Most wearers only have the prosthesis out once every 6 months at their routine polishing visit with the Ocularist. Please follow the Ocularist's recommendations for care and cleaning.
- For a custom scleral cover shell removal is required every evening before going to sleep; or follow the Ocularist's recommendations.

Cleaning:

When needed clean the ocular prosthesis with a mild anti-bacterial soap and water (no brushes or abrasives), rinse it thoroughly, and reinsert it into the eye socket. To reinsert the eye, a drop or two of a recommended lubricant gently rubbed over the front and back surfaces of the prosthesis will help it slip back into place more easily.

Daily Care:

AVOID BUILD-UP of dried mucus and deposits by routinely using a moist, warm compress over the eye for 5 minutes with the prosthesis in place followed by a cool compress for 5 minutes. When wiping the eye ALWAYS WIPE TOWARDS THE NOSE. If necessary, remove mucus build-up from the prosthesis with a dry cotton swab.

Things To Avoid:

1. DO NOT touch the tip of the eye drop dispenser to eye lashes or any surface when using to help prevent contamination!
2. DO NOT SHARE eye drops or make-up!
3. DO NOT USE OLD eye drops or make-up!
4. DO NOT USE eye drops with red restrictors!