

# WEARER'S INSTRUCTION GUIDE

FOR

## **Hioxifilcon A** Soft Contact Lenses for Daily Wear

### **CAUTION: FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS DISPENSING WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION**

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CONGRATULATIONS! You have just received your new Hioxifilcon A soft contact lenses. This booklet has been prepared to help you care for it. Please read it carefully and follow the instructions so that you receive full satisfaction from your lenses.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Hioxifilcon A soft contact lenses for daily wear differ from conventional (hard) contact lenses. They are made from a "water-attracting" plastic material, which is referred to as hydrophilic because it has the ability to absorb water. This causes the lenses to become soft and flexible when saturated with water or tears.

Even though hioxifilcon A soft contact lenses may feel immediately comfortable to the eye, you are cautioned to follow the wearing schedule prescribed for you. Do not try to speed up the adaptation process by over wearing the lenses simply because they remain comfortable.

Your eye care practitioner will review with you the instructions for proper hygiene, handling, cleaning, care, and storage of your hioxifilcon A soft contact lenses; and (s) he will make sure that you learn to insert and remove your lenses properly. If you are in doubt about any instructions, ask your eye care practitioner to clarify them.

#### **WEARING RESTRICTIONS AND INDICATIONS**

The Hioxifilcon A soft contact lens is indicated for daily wear for the correction of refractive ametropia (myopia, hyperopia, and astigmatism) in aphakic and non-aphakic persons with non-diseased eyes. The lens may be disinfected using either a heat or chemical disinfection system.

The Hioxifilcon A contact lenses described in this booklet should be removed from your eyes for routine cleaning and disinfecting as prescribed by your eye care practitioner. **DO NOT WEAR YOUR CONTACT LENSES WHILE SLEEPING.**

#### **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Please reference Contraindications in the Package Insert.

#### **WARNINGS**

Please reference Warnings in the Package Insert.

#### **PRECAUTIONS**

Please reference Precautions in the Package Insert.

#### **ADVERSE REACTIONS (problems and what to do)**

Please reference Adverse Reactions in the Package Insert.

#### **PERSONAL CLEANLINESS FOR LENS HANDLING**

##### **1. PREPARING THE LENS FOR WEARING**

It is essential that you learn to use good hygienic methods in the care and handling of your new Hioxifilcon A soft contact lenses. Cleanliness is the first and most important aspect of proper contact lens care.

In particular, your hands should be clean and free of any foreign substances when you handle your lenses. The procedures are:

- ALWAYS wash your hands thoroughly with a mild soap, rinse completely, and dry with a lint-free towel before touching your lenses.
- Avoid the use of soaps containing cold cream or oily cosmetics before handling your lenses, since these substances may come into contact with the lenses and interfere with successful wearing.
- Handle your lenses with your fingertips, and be careful to avoid contact with your fingernails. It is helpful to keep your fingernails short and smooth.

Start off correctly by getting into the habit of always using proper hygienic procedures so that they become automatic.

##### **2. HANDLING THE LENSES**

- Develop the habit of always working with the same lens first to avoid mix-ups
- Remove the lens from its storage case and examine it to be sure that it is moist, clean, clear, and free of any nicks or tears.

##### **3. PLACING THE LENS ON THE EYE**

- The lens should be placed on the tip of your index finger of your dominant hand. Place the middle finger of the same hand close to your lower lash and hold the lid down.
- Use the forefinger or middle finger of the other hand to lift up your upper lid. Look straight ahead and gently place the lens directly on your eye.
- Gently release the lids and blink. The lens will center automatically.
- If there is an initial foreign body sensation, look up to the ceiling and slide the lens off your cornea. Then look down until the lens re-positions itself on the cornea. If the foreign body sensation persists, remove the lens, rinse it with a recommended rinsing solution, and reinsert. If the foreign body sensation still persists, remove the lens and contact your eye care practitioner.
- Use the same technique or reverse hands when applying the other lens.

#### 4. CENTERING THE LENS

Very rarely, a lens that is on the cornea will be displaced onto the white part (sclera) of the eye during wear. This can occur during placement and removal of the lenses if the correct techniques are not performed properly. To center a lens follow either of the following procedures:

- Close your eyelids and gently massage the lens into place through the closed lids.
- Gently manipulate the off-centered lens onto the center of the cornea while the eye is open, using finger pressure on the edge of the upper or lower lid.

#### 5. REMOVING THE LENS

Always remove the same lens first.

- Wash, rinse and dry your hands thoroughly.
- Have your rinsing solution and storage container opened and ready to receive the lenses.

**CAUTION:** Always be sure the lens is on the cornea before attempting to remove it. Check your vision by covering the other eye. If your vision is blurred, the lens is either on the white part of the eye or it is not on the eye at all.

### RECOMMENDED METHODS OF LENS REMOVAL

#### Blink Method

The blink method is a safe way to remove the lens while avoiding folding or pinching the lens. Pinching increases the chances of lens splitting or tearing. This method is also useful to those patients who have difficulty touching their fingers to the lens while it is still on their eye.

Seat yourself at a table covered with a clean towel and lean over until you are looking directly down at the surface.

1. Wet eye using saline solution or wetting drops.
2. Open eye wide and place opposite hand below the eye; palm up (open).
3. Place index finger on the outside edge of the upper lid and press eyelid upward above the contact lens.
4. Press the upper and lower lid margins against the eye, using the index and middle fingers of each hand.
5. At the same time, pull both lids out toward the ear.
6. Attempt to blink. The lens edge will be folded by the pressure of the eyelids. The lens will then pop out of the eye and either be stuck to the lid(s), or you may catch the lens in the palm of your hand.
7. Remove lens from lid(s). Avoid pinching the lens.

#### Alternate method

1. Insert 1 – 2 drops of saline or wetting solution in eye and wait 15 seconds.
2. Look up and hold down lower lid.
3. Slide lens onto white of eye (sclera) and gently lift off using thumb and forefinger at the widest point (3 & 9 o'clock) of the lens.
4. It is important not to crease or pinch the lens in the center or at the bottom edge to avoid damaging the material.
5. Repeat procedure for the other eye.

### GENERAL LENS CARE (clean, rinse, disinfect etc.)

#### 1. PREPARE THE LENS FOR WEARING

For continued safe and comfortable wearing of your lenses, it is important that you first clean and rinse, and then disinfect (and neutralize if you are using the hydrogen peroxide system) your lenses after each removal, using the care regimen recommended by your eye care practitioner. Cleaning and rinsing is required to remove mucus, secretions, films, or deposits, which may have accumulated during wearing. The ideal time to clean your lenses is immediately after removing them. Disinfecting is necessary to destroy harmful germs.

You should adhere to a recommended care regimen. Failure to follow the regimen may result in development of serious ocular complications as discussed in the WARNINGS in the Package Insert.

If you require only vision correction, but will not or cannot adhere to a recommended care regimen for your lenses, or are unable to place and remove lenses or have someone available to place and remove them, you should not attempt to get and wear contact lenses.

When you first get your lenses, be sure to be able to put the lenses on and remove them while you are in your eye care practitioner's office. At that time you will be provided with a recommended cleaning and disinfecting regimen and instructions and warnings for lens care, handling, cleaning, and disinfecting. Your eye care practitioner should instruct you about appropriate and adequate procedures for your use, and provide you with a copy of the Wearer's Instruction Guide for Hioxifilcon A contact lenses.

For safe contact lens wear, you should know and always practice your lens care routine:

- Always wash, rinse, and dry hands before handling contact lenses.
- Always use fresh unexpired lens care solution.
- Use the recommended system of lens care, either heat (thermal) or chemical (not heat) and carefully follow instructions on solution labeling. Different solutions cannot always be used together, and not all solutions are safe for use with all lenses. Do not alternate or mix lens care systems unless indicated on solution labeling.
- Always remove, clean, rinse and disinfect your lenses according to the schedule prescribed by your eye care practitioner. The use of an enzyme cleaner or any cleaning solution does not substitute for disinfecting.
- Do not use saliva or anything other than the recommended solutions for lubricating or rewetting your lenses. Do not put lenses in your mouth.
- Never rinse your lenses in water from the tap.

There are two reasons for this:

- You might lose the lens down the drain.
- Tap water contains many impurities that can contaminate or damage your lenses and may lead to eye infection or injury.

- See Recommended Solutions section for list of solutions recommended.
  - Clean one lens first (always the same lens first to avoid mix-ups) and rinse the lens thoroughly with recommended saline or disinfecting solution to remove the cleaning solution. Follow the instructions provided in the cleaning solution labeling. Put the lens into the correct chamber of the lens storage case. Then repeat the procedure for the second lens.
  - After cleaning, disinfect lenses using the system recommended by your eye care practitioner and/or the lens manufacturer. Follow the instructions provided in the disinfecting solution labeling.
  - To store lenses, disinfect and leave them in the closed/unopened case until ready to wear. If lenses are not to be used immediately following disinfecting, you should consult the package insert or your eye care practitioner for information on storage of your lenses.
  - After removing your lenses from the lens case, empty and rinse the lens storage case with solution recommended by lens case manufacturer; then allow the lens case to air dry. When the case is used again; refill it with fresh storage solution. Replace case at regular intervals.
2. **CARE FOR A STICKING LENS**  
If the lens sticks (stops moving) on the eye, apply 2 or 3 drops of a recommended rewetting or lubricating solution. Wait until the lens begins to move freely on your eye before removing it. If non-movement of the lens continues, immediately consult your eye care practitioner.
3. **HEAT (THERMAL) LENS DISINFECTING**
- After you clean and thoroughly rinse your contact lenses, prepare the empty lens storage case. Use a solution recommended by your eye care practitioner to keep the lens wet during disinfecting.
  - Wet the lens chambers (sections) with the solution recommended by your eye care practitioner.
  - Place each lens in the correct chamber of the lens storage case.
  - Fill the chamber with the recommended solution. Completely cover the lens.
  - Tightly close both chambers of the lens storage case.
  - Put lens case in heat disinfecting unit and follow the heat cycle directions included with unit.
  - Do not handle lens case until it has cooled sufficiently to touch.
  - Leave the lenses undisturbed in closed lens case until ready to put on eyes. If longer than one week the lenses should be recycled through the cleaning/disinfecting process.
  - Before insertion of the lenses, no rinsing is necessary unless recommended by your eye care practitioner.
4. **EMERGENCY (ALTERNATE) HEAT (THERMAL) DISINFECTION**  
If your heat disinfection unit is not available, place tightly closed lens storage case, which contains the lenses, and the solution recommended by your eye care practitioner, into pan of already boiling water. Leave closed lens case in the pan of boiling water for at least 10 minutes. (Above an altitude of 7,000 feet, boil for at least 15 minutes.) Be careful not to allow the water in the pan to boil away. Remove the pan from the heat and allow to cool for 30 minutes to complete the disinfection of the lenses.  
*NOTE: USE OF THE HEAT DISINFECTION UNIT SHOULD BE RESUMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.*
5. **CHEMICAL (NOT HEAT) LENS DISINFECTION**
- After you clean and thoroughly rinse your contact lenses, prepare the clean empty lens storage case.
  - Wet the lens chambers (sections) with the solution recommended by your eye care practitioner.
  - Place each lens in the correct chamber of the lens storage case.
  - Fill the chamber with the recommended solution. Completely cover the lens.
  - Tightly close both chambers of the lens storage case.
  - Follow the directions included with your disinfection solution.
  - WHEN USING CHEMICAL DISINFECTION DO NOT USE HEAT TO DISINFECT YOUR LENSES.
  - Allow your lenses to remain in the disinfection solution for the recommended minimum time for complete disinfection.
  - Leave the lenses undisturbed in closed lens case until ready to put on eyes. If longer than one week the lenses should be recycled through the cleaning /disinfection process.
  - To remove a lens from the storage case, touch the lens gently with your fingertip and lift it out of the chamber. (BEFORE INSERTING YOUR LENSES, RINSE THOROUGHLY WITH THE RECOMMENDED RINSING SOLUTION).
6. **LENS DEPOSITS AND THE USE OF ENZYMATIC CLEANING**  
The eye care practitioner may recommend enzyme cleaning. Enzyme cleaning removes protein deposits on the lens. These deposits cannot be removed with regular cleaners. Removing protein deposits is important for the well being of the patient's lenses and eyes. If these deposits are not removed, they can damage the lenses and cause irritation.  
Enzyme cleaning does NOT replace routine daily cleaning and disinfecting. For enzyme cleaning, the patient should carefully follow the instructions in the enzymatic cleaning labeling.
7. **LENS CASE CARE**  
When both lenses have been inserted on your eyes, discard any remaining solution from the storage case. The storage case should be thoroughly rinsed with solution recommended by lens case manufacturer; then allowed to air dry. When the case is used again, refill it with fresh storage solution. Replace lens case at regular intervals.
8. **CARE FOR A DEHYDRATED LENS**  
If your Hioxifilcon A Soft Contact Lens is off your eyes and exposed to air for 30 minutes or longer, its surface will dry and gradually become non-wetting. To re-wet your lenses:
- Handle a dried-out lens with great care to avoid breakage. DO NOT PINCH THE LENS
  - Carefully place the lens in the lens storage case and soak for at least one hour in a recommended disinfection/storage solution.
  - After the lens has become wet again, clean and disinfect the lens using the solutions that were recommended by your eye care practitioner.
  - If after soaking, the lens does not become soft, or if the surface remains dry, DO NOT USE THE LENS, but contact your eye care practitioner.
9. **PROFESSIONAL HELP SPECIAL PROBLEMS**  
Certain symptoms may be early indicators of potentially serious problems such as infection, corneal ulcer, neovascularization, or iritis. Seek immediate professional identification of the problem and prompt treatment to avoid serious eye damage. What to do if a problem occurs:
- First, REMOVE THE LENS.
  - Look closely at the lens. If the lens is in any way damaged, do not put the lens back on your eye. Place the lens in the storage case and contact your eye care practitioner.
  - If the lens has dirt, an eyelash, or another foreign body on it and the lens appears undamaged - thoroughly clean, rinse, and disinfect the lens; then reinsert it if the problem has stopped.

- If the problem continues DO NOT put the lens back on your eye. Store it in solution, and IMMEDIATELY consult your eye care practitioner. A good policy is: "IF IN DOUBT, TAKE THE LENS OUT" and promptly consult your eye care practitioner.

## WEARING SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

It is normal to have a short period of adjustment during the first few days of wearing your Hioxifilcon A soft contact lenses. Your eye care practitioner will recommend a wearing schedule that is best for you.

Remove, clean and disinfect your lenses any time you notice a change in comfort or vision. If the problem is not eliminated, remove your lenses and contact your eye care practitioner immediately. Examine your eyes in a mirror regularly. If any unusual redness is observed, remove your lenses and contact your eye care practitioner immediately.

Regular check-up examinations by your eye care practitioner are an important part of wearing Hioxifilcon A Soft contact lenses. Keep all appointments for check-up visits. In the event that you experience any difficulty with your lenses, or you do not understand the instructions given you, do not wait for your next appointment. TELEPHONE YOUR EYE CARE PRACTITIONER IMMEDIATELY.

**NOTE: STUDIES HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED TO SHOW THAT THE HIOXIFILCON A SOFT CONTACT LENSES ARE SAFE TO WEAR DURING SLEEP.**

## RECOMMENDED LENS CARE PRODUCTS

**NOTE: NEVER USE CONVENTIONAL (HARD) CONTACT LENS SOLUTIONS THAT ARE NOT ALSO APPROVED FOR USE WITH SOFT CONTACT LENSES.**

The eye care practitioner should recommend a care system that is appropriate for the Hioxifilcon A soft contact lens. Each lens care product contains specific directions for use and important safety information, which should be read and carefully followed. The table below shows solutions that are recommended for use with the Hioxifilcon A soft contact lens.

Daily Cleaner:	Alcon Opti-Free Daily Cleaner
Rinsing Solution:	Alcon Saline for Sensitive Eyes; Alcon Unisol
Disinfecting Solution:	Alcon Opti-Free (Rinse-Store and Disinfection Solution) for Soft Hydrophilic Lenses; Alcon Unisol Solutions
Lubricant/Rewetting Drops:	Alcon Opti-Free Rewetting Drops
Enzymatic Cleaner:	Alcon Optizyme Enzymatic Cleaner

**NOTE: Some solutions may have more than one function, which will be indicated on the label, read the label on the solution bottle, and follow instructions.**

## EMERGENCIES

If chemicals of any kind (household products, gardening solutions, laboratory chemicals, etc.) are splashed into the eyes, the patient should:

1. FLUSH THE EYES IMMEDIATELY WITH TAP WATER
2. IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE EYE CARE PRACTITIONER OR VISIT A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM.

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