
Practitioner Experience



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Provide more precise vision for an expanded range of spherical patients.

NaturalVue® (etafilcon A) Sphere 1 Day Contact Lenses, new daily disposable contact lenses from Visioneering Technologies, have become my go-to lenses. You may ask 'why?' with all the other choices of spherical lenses on the market today. The answer is quite simple. They work great!

The daily disposable lens has a large power range, from +4.00 to -12.00 diopters in 0.25 diopter steps. No one else has that! The base curve is 8.5 mm and the diameter is 14.2 mm. This gives you the possibility of fitting many patients. The material is etafilcon A, a proven material that has excellent handling, even in low powers. NaturalVue® Sphere feature CleanComfort Technology® and has a specially designed edge to allow tears to flow more easily underneath and flush out debris that may build up throughout the day. I have observed that this lens design seems to decrease the feeling of dryness in many patients. The trial lenses are available in 10 packs, so patients can try them for a full week and not have to worry about running out. The revenue boxes contain 90 lenses, which makes it easy for patients to plan their needs. It also makes it easy to convert patients to an annual supply mindset.

Patients really love the lens as well.

- Patient S. R.
- Background:
 - Previous lens: Dailies Aqua Comfort Plus

- She reported good vision, but had awareness of the lenses all the time. She desired a more comfortable lens that still provided good vision. Her vision with the habitual lenses was 20/20 -3 OU. Both lenses positioned slightly superior temporally. Her prescription was -1.50 OD, and -1.25 OS. Aside from a mild papillary reaction on the superior tarsal plates, her external health was normal. Her tear film was plentiful and stable, with a TBUT of more than 13 seconds in each eye. Her keratometry showed the likely problem with comfort. OD was 47.12/47.62 @ 90: OS was 47.25/47.62 @ 90.
- NaturalVue Sphere trial lenses: -1.50 OD and -1.25 OS
 - Immediate comfort was “unbelievable” and after 15 minutes it had not changed. S.R. also stated that her vision seemed even better than before. Sure enough, vision was 20/15 in each eye. These lenses centered well and moved approximately 0.5mm in all positions of gaze. I sent S.R. out for one week to let her try the lenses in the real world. Upon her return, she was raving about the comfort. She could now wear the lenses for 14 to 15 hours per day! Her vision was still at 20/15 OU, and the fit of the lens was unchanged.

I have switched many other patients to the NaturalVue Sphere 1 Day lens, including former silicone hydrogel wearers. All have really liked the comfort and vision, noting that the lens stays clean and comfortable all day long. In fact, my patients are extremely satisfied with these lenses and most have purchased. None of this surprised me because I have been wearing the NaturalVue® (etafilcon A) Multifocal 1 Day Contact Lenses myself for more than a year. My vision is the best it has been with a soft multifocal lens. I have also fit dozens of patients into the multifocal in that time, and the success rate is better than 85%. I would encourage everyone to try the NaturalVue family of one day contact lenses. You'll be glad you did.

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