

CIBA Vision is proud to introduce a new frequent replacement occluder prosthetic contact lens for treating patients with amblyopia. This condition, commonly called "lazy eye", affects nearly 2% of the population. To force development in the amblyopic eye, in infants, the standard treatment has been to apply an adhesive patch to the unaffected eye. This is often problematic because infants quickly learn to remove the patch, defeating the treatment.

A recent study<sup>1</sup> published by Charlotte E. Joslin, O.D. and Timothy T. McMahon, O.D. of the University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences concluded that:

"Occluder contact lenses can provide a successful alternative in aphakic infants that have failed traditional patching therapy. Frequent replacement packaging is recommended..."

To address this need, the CIBA Vision Special Lens Program, now offers a 4-pack of occluder contact lenses designed for frequent replacement with infant patients suffering from amblyopia. Specifications include:

<b>Material:</b>	phemfilcon A (55% water) DuraSoft 3
<b>Diameter:</b>	13.8mm
<b>Base Curve:</b>	8.3mm
<b>Design:</b>	12.5mm dense black iris pattern
<b>Wear Regimen:</b>	FDA approved for up to 7 days extended wear
<b>Packaging:</b>	4 vials per pack
<b>Price:</b>	\$250

**Note:** Other base curves and lens diameters are available in single vials for \$175 each.

The advantages of contact lens treatment for infants are that contact lenses are less cosmetically noticeable, particularly in dark-eyed patients, and infants are less likely to remove the lens during treatment.

For further information and consultation please call a Consultant at: **800-488-6859**

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<sup>1</sup> Joslin C, McMahon T. Effectiveness of occluder contact lenses in pediatric aphakia. Optometry and Vision Science, 1999, Vol. 76, 12s, pg 112