



Myopia management best practice

A reference guide for eye care professionals to implement myopia management in their practice for the best possible outcomes.

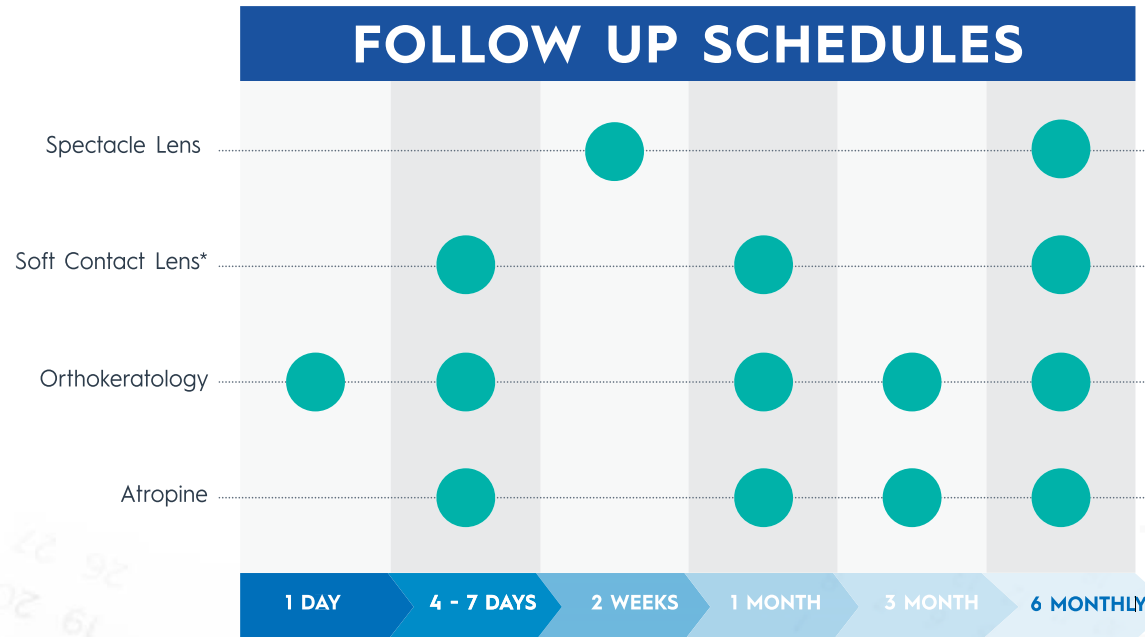
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MYOPIA MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

FOLLOW UP SCHEDULES



ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

MODALITY	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Spectacle Lens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple• Non-invasive• No adverse effects• Easy to wear and prescribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compliance-dependent• Cosmetic concerns• Activity limitations
Soft Contact Lens*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wider field of vision• Excellent cosmesis• Ideal for sports• Stable on the eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ghosting can appear• Risk of infection• Not suitable for dry eyes• Difficulties in handling• Parental supervision required• Not for children under age 8
Ortho-keratology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No need to wear correction during day• Wider field of view• Suitable for sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higher risk of microbial keratitis than daily wear contact lens• Limited prescription range compared to multifocal soft contact lenses• Skills and equipment required by practitioner• Parental supervision required
Atropine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Likely to have good VA when used with SV correction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dosage and long-term effects are still not known• Can dilate pupil and reduce accommodation with higher concentrations requiring near add and/or photochromatic spectacles• Limited availability• Rebound effects with high dosage

*Multifocal and myopia control contact lens.

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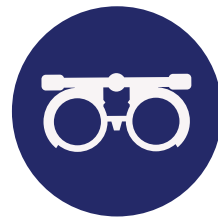
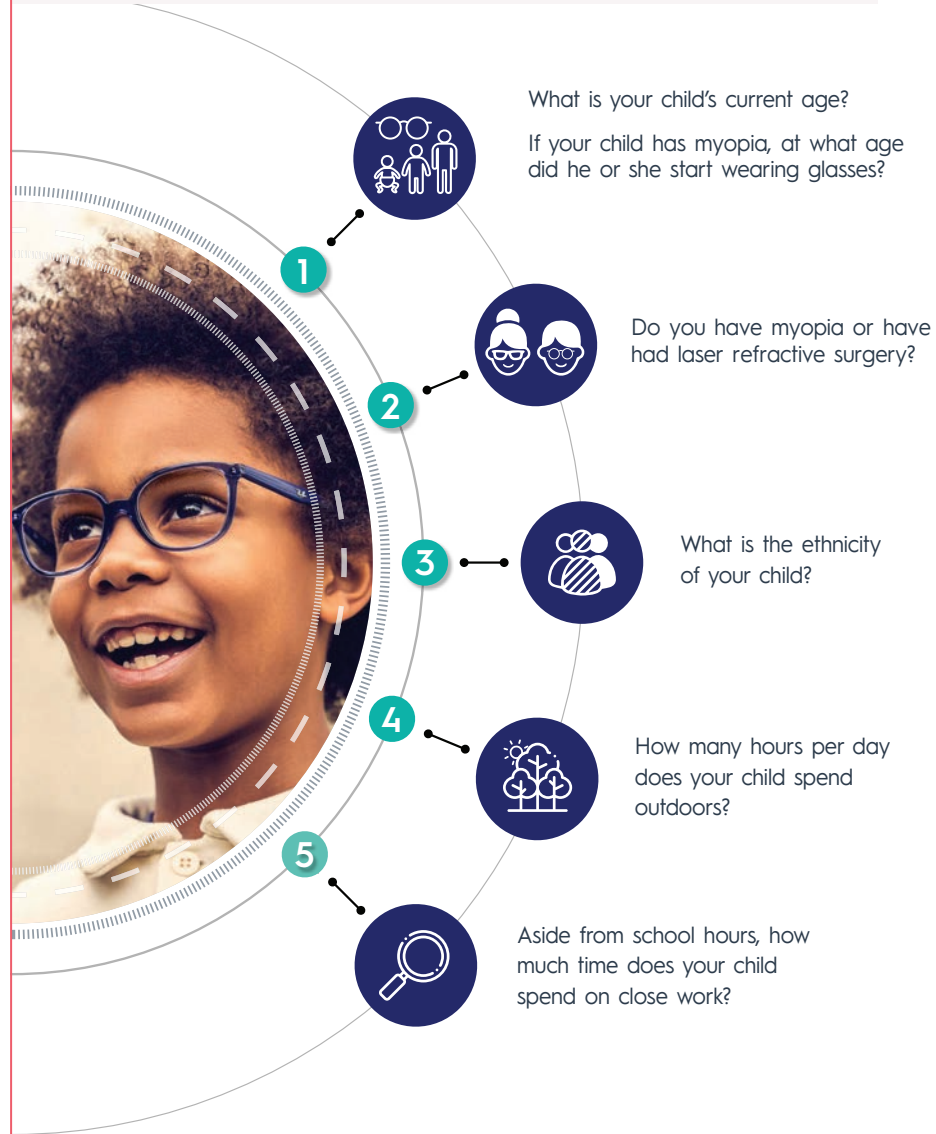
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INTERVIEW

Ask questions to fully assess and manage risk factors for onset of myopia or myopia progression.



2

EXAMINATION

Conduct a comprehensive examination* to ensure the best outcome for your management plan.

**Examination components are up to the ECP*



Unaided Vision + VA Refractive Assessment:

- Auto Refraction / Retinoscopy
- Subjective refraction / Baseline cycloplegic refraction (where possible)

Best Corrected VA Binocular Vision Assessment:

- Phorias + Fusional reserves + NPC
- Amplitude of accommodation + Lag of accommodation
- AC/A

Ocular Health: (dilated fundus, if possible & annual exam)

- Anterior eye
- Posterior eye – retinal assessment
- Axial length measurement (if available)

Additional Diagnostic Assessment (if available)

- Corneal topography (Ortho-K)

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VA: Visual Acuity; NPC: Near Point of Convergence; AC/A: Accommodative Convergence/Accommodation



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DIAGNOSIS

Effective communication of the outcomes of the examination in a format that that child and their parents can easily understand.

1

NO
MYOPIA

2

PRE
MYOPIA

3

MYOPIA

Myopia

-0.50D or less
spherical
equivalent

High Myopia

-6.00D or less
spherical equivalent.
A threshold of
 $\leq -5.00D$ is also found
in literature.²

$\leq +0.75D$ and $> -0.50D$ in
children where a
combination of
baseline refraction,
age, and risk factors
provide a likelihood
of the future
development
of myopia¹



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PRESCRIPTION

Provide useful advice on visual environment changes and recommend the most suitable solution.

1

NO
MYOPIA

- Review yearly
or in line with
local guidelines

2

PRE
MYOPIA

- 6 monthly review

3

MYOPIA

- Prescribe Myopia
Management solutions
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- Review schedule
based on myopia
management solution

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVICE

- **20-20-20 RULE:** Every 20 minutes spent using a screen, you should try to look away at something that is 20 feet away from you for at least 20 seconds.
- Spend at least 2 hours a day outdoors.
- Limit the amount of leisure near work (outside of school time) to less than two hours.



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FOLLOW-UP

Offer a holistic management plan to ensure that myopia progression is always closely.

1

DIAGNOSIS

**NO MYOPIA
PRESENT
& MINIMAL
RISK
FACTORS**



REVIEW FREQUENCY

Review yearly or
in line with local
guidelines

2

DIAGNOSIS

**PRE MYOPIA
PRESENT
INCLUDING
MEDIUM OR
HIGH RISK
FACTORS**



REVIEW FREQUENCY

• 6 monthly review

3

DIAGNOSIS

**MYOPIA
PRESENT
 ≤ -0.50**



REVIEW FREQUENCY

• Dependent
on Myopia
Management
solution

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REVIEW PROCESS

- Review symptoms
- Confirm behavioral changes are in place
- If applicable, check compliance/wearing time of the optical intervention
- Unaided vision
- Refractive assessment
- Binocular vision
- Eye health

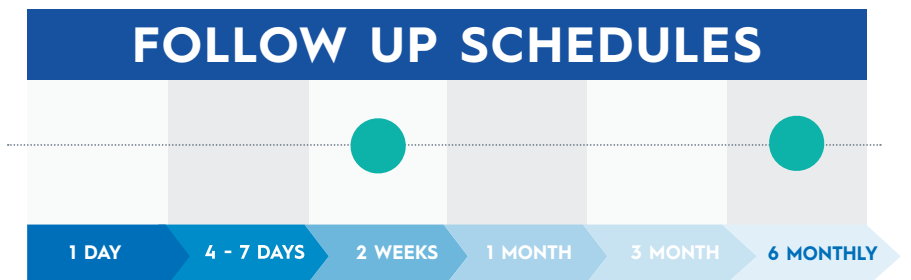


Together we can play a part
in the fight against myopia



FOLLOW UP SCHEDULES

Spectacle Lens



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MYOPIA RISK FACTORS

	RISK FACTOR	LOW RISK	MEDIUM RISK	HIGH RISK
1	Current age of child ¹⁻⁴	16 years old or older	10 to <16 years old	9 years old or younger
2	Family history of myopia ^{1, 5}	Neither parent with myopia	One parent with myopia	Both parents with myopia
3	Ethnicity ^{4, 6-8}	African + Rural	East Asian living in western countries. Other Asian, European & Latino living anywhere	East Asian + Urban
4	Time spent outdoors ^{1, 5, 9, 10}	> 2.5 hours / day	1.5 to 2.5 hours / day	0 to 1.5 hours / day
5	Time spent on near work (outside of school hours) ^{1, 9, 11}	0 to 2 hours / day	2 to 3 hours / day	> 3 hours / day
6	Refractive error (risk of myopia onset) ¹²	-	-	< +0.75D (6-7 years of age)

Myopia risk factor categorization is utilized under license from Myopia Profile Pty Ltd.

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