OPTO 327, Contact Lenses I

Units: 1+1= 2 Credit Hours

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Recommended textbooks:

1- Contact lenses by A. Phillips and L. Speedwell, 2006.

- 2- Clinical Manual of contact lenses by E. Bennett 1994 and 2009
- 3- The Contact Lens manual by A. Gasson, 2010.

Main Topics of the course:

- 1- Soft CL design.
- 2- Indications and contraindications.
- 3- History of Soft CLs.
- 4- Soft CL materials.
- 5- Manufacturing methods.
- 6- Fitting procedure.
- 7- Lens selection and assessment.
- 8- Care system and patient education.

weekly Lectures

Week	Topic in details	Notes
	History of Contact Lenses.	
1	- Early History (1500s)	
1	- Contact Lens pioneers	
	- Development of the Contact Lenses during the period of	
	1930s to 1960s and 1970s to 2015	
	Introduction to contact lenses 1	
2	- What is contact lens?	
2	- Revision of corneal anatomy and physiology.	
	- Contact lens design and optics.	
	- Terminology Related to Soft Contact Lens Parameters.	
	Soft contact lens materials	
	- Properties of the Ideal Contact Lens Material	
	- Water content influences	
3	- Ionic and Non-Ionic Materials	
3	- Oxygen permeability and transmissibility of soft Lenses	
	- Advantages and Disadvantages of Different Materials	
	- Hydrogel and Silicone Contact Lenses	
	- Biocompatibility of CLs	
	- Classification of Wear Modalities	
	Manufacturing Methods of CLs	
4	- Molding.	
4	- Spin-casting	
	- Lathing.	
	Fitting procedure of soft CLs	
	- Patient screening and case history.	
	- Preliminary Examination and Measurements	
	 Slit-lamp examination of the anterior segment (Eyelids, 	
5	Conjunctiva, Cornea, Iris and limbus)	
	 Measurement of ocular dimensions 	
	 Assessment of the tears 	
	Spectacle refraction	
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6	Mid-term Exam 1 and Practical Exam 1	
	Soft CL Selection	
	- Base Curve	
7	- Lens Power.	
	- Total Diameter.	
	- Lens materials and lens wear modalities	
	Soft CLs insertion and removal and verification methods	
	Assessment of soft CLs fitting.	
	Centration.	
8	• Movement.	
o	• Tightness.	
	Corneal coverage.	
	• Comfort.	
	• VA.	
	• Final Lens Order	
	Care system and patient education	
	- Contact lens solutions and accessories.	
9	- Self hygiene.	
	- Lens hygiene.	
	- Lens insertion and removal by patient.	
	- Normal and abnormal signs & symptoms of CL wear.	
	After Care 1	
	- After care procedure (History, fitting assessment, Over-	
10	Refractionetc)	
10	- Slit- lamp examination (Corneal staining, lid eversionetc)	
	- Follow up schedule	
	- Complications	
11	Mid-term Exam 2	
	Indications and contraindications for Soft CL wear 1	
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	- Visual indications.	

	- Occupational indications	
	- Therapeutic indications.	
	- Cosmetic reasons.	
	- Contraindications.	
13	Revision	
14	Practical Exam 2	
15	Final exam	

Course Assessment methods

Task/ Exam	Marks %
Mid-Term Theoretical Exam 1	15
Mid-Term Theoretical Exam 2	15
Mid-Term Practical Exam1	7.5
Mid-Term Practical Exam2	7.5
Final Practical Exam	15
Final Exam	40
Total	100

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