

Chapter 7

What to Expect (Prognosis)

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO PRESENT POTENTIAL OUTCOMES after Gentle Molding. Some doctors talk about the percentage of patients who achieve 20/20 vision after the treatment, while others present data on the number of patients who achieve 20/40 vision or better. It is important for you to understand that the expected outcome, no matter how expressed, is not to be taken as a guarantee of a particular result for you. Even with the most precise eye measurements and the proper contact lenses, it is not always possible to predict your EXACT response to this therapy.

Rare Risks and Complications

Eyesight changes slightly over time. This is true even if you do nothing to enhance your vision. This does not mean the procedure is unstable. Many outside factors affect vision progression. These include age, eye growth in children and close work, as well as other factors. Your eyes may simply change in visual acuity. However, with most patients, vision does change significantly with proper retainer lens wear.

Rare Eye Infections

Eye infections are extremely rare with the program of reshaping the cornea. As with all contact lens wear, infections are avoided through proper hygiene and proper lens wear along with careful monitoring by your doctor. If infection does occur, it is important to contact your doctor so treatment can begin in a timely fashion. Most infections respond to antibiotics, but it may be necessary to discontinue or limit your Gentle Molding lens wear while the infection is active.