

Chapter 9

Recent Advances in Gentle Molding

Gentle Molding since its inception has been used almost exclusively to treat cases of myopia (near-sightedness) and astigmatism. Recently, due to extensive Research & Development that among other things has resulted in more accurate computer driven lens fabrication, the benefits of GM treatment can now be made available to the vast numbers of people limited by having to wear corrective lenses during the day. Today GM can now correct the vision for those patients suffering from **presbyopia** (near-point loss due to age), **hyperopia** (far-sightedness) and patients who have suffered from **Lasik post surgical complications**. These new and exciting developments have spread the GM treatment options to whole new segments of patients suffering refractive and visual impairment. GM with its unique ability to correct your vision while wearing lenses during sleep can now offer these advantages to the baby boomer generation as they encounter the typical close work challenges encountered during mid life and beyond. Imagine having your vision corrected without the need for bifocals or daily contact lens wear! No longer will issues like dry eye limit your success. Wearing the GM lenses while you sleep simplifies your life and is just what your eye doctor can order to facilitate your active lifestyle. Put aside your progressive segment bifocal lenses and experience renewed youthful flexibility available through the GM therapeutic progressive mold designs.

An individual suffering from hyperopia is often the most neglected member of the refractive error group. Too often they are straining their visual systems when dealing with distance or near-point related activities. Often they may also have an additional strabismus (crossed eye) or even amblyopia (lazy

eye). Their glasses lenses are thick, very heavy and cosmetically objectionable. Due to unsatisfactory results with glasses they often find themselves unable to compete for the best jobs. The procedure of Gentle Molding can now help this often neglected group. With only nightwear the negative effects of hyperopia can be solved without cumbersome glasses or daily contact lens wear. Patients who suffer from this condition can now experience more normal vision through the GM effect. In fact if the patient can receive early treatment for hyperopia they may be able to avoid conditions like strabismus (crossed eyes) and amblyopia (lazy eyes).

Over the last few years Lasik surgery has not seen the growth that was originally expected at its introduction. This has been due to a myriad of reasons including complications following the procedure. The good news that has come from this is the treatment options that have been developed to treat these often involved and complicated surgically induced eye conditions. Gentle Molding with its advanced technology now can assist in bringing sight to these affected eyes.