CORE Enhances ContactLensManagement.com Guide; Site Helps Practitioners Better Identify and Manage Contact Lens-Related Issues

Searchable database features conditions, management, photos and videos

WATERLOO, Ontario, June 13, 2018—Eye care professionals can now access a free, fully-searchable database which includes descriptions, images and videos to help identify and manage contact lens related issues. Now under the direction of the Centre for Ocular Research & Education (CORE), with significant enhancements and new content, the Clinical Contact Lens Management Guide (ContactLensManagement.com) will serve as an indispensable resource for established and new practitioners, as well as students.

The site lists conditions in four sections: cornea, limbus, conjunctiva and lid. Each entry is also cross-referenced by contact lens, signs, symptoms and biomicroscope categories. Clicking through, each item presents a detailed description of the condition, its signs, symptoms, prevalence, differential diagnosis, and management, along with photos and videos to aid in diagnosis and resolution.

“ContactLensManagement.com is intended to be an easy-to-use, compact summary and searchable reference for contact lens practitioners, covering both common and low-grade conditions as well as more rare and serious issues,” said Lyndon Jones, director of CORE. “Early response to its redesign and substantial new content indicates the site will likely see rapid adoption and widespread use worldwide in clinical and academic settings.”

First conceived in 1993, the Clinical Contact Lens Management Guide has been edited in its many forms by renowned professionals. Now, as a fully-independent resource hosted by CORE, and supported by an independent medical education grant from Alcon®, the site includes enhancements such as a rich search feature to help practitioners easily filter conditions by their presenting signs and symptoms. New content includes instructional information on biomicroscope techniques, including
unique CORE-produced, high-resolution videos designed to help optometry students, newly qualified optometrists and practitioners in developing markets.

The content will continue to be updated by CORE, with new information added over time. Later this year expect to see updated sections on Demodex along with incorporation of information from the recent DEWS II dry eye report.

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About the Centre for Ocular Research & Education (CORE)

The Centre for Ocular Research & Education (CORE) – formerly known as the Centre for Contact Lens Research – was established in 1988 at the University of Waterloo’s School of Optometry & Vision Science. Over the next three decades, the organization evolved from a three-person operation into a thriving hub of basic and applied research, collaborating with sponsors, agencies and academia on advanced biosciences, clinical research and education. Its uncompromising independence and results of the highest quality have been at the heart of many of the most prominent advances in eye health. Today, its approximately 50-person team serves a range of ophthalmic sectors, including medical devices, ocular pharmaceuticals, digital technology and others, with a focus on the anterior segment. For more information, please visit core.uwaterloo.ca.

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