Practitioner Experiences

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"No Compromise for My Specialized Neuro-Optometry Practice"

I was one of the first practices for NaturalVue® (etafilcon A) Multifocal 1 Day Contact Lenses and started fitting patients in Spring 2016. I was interested in this given my highly specialized practice. I was so interested, in fact, that I sought out VTI directly after I heard about the lenses.

Though I manage general vision, I also see many children and adults with developmental vision issues ranging from brain injuries, pediatric myopia and hard to fit cases with neurological conditions. I was attracted to this unique multifocal lens with its high peripheral plus, center-distance design in a daily disposable modality. The technology of this lens sets it apart from any other soft multifocals.

I have fit several myopic children with this lens. One young 8-year-old female gymnast, who needed contact lenses for her sport, was rapidly changing one diopter a year for the past 3-4 years. I moved her over to **NaturalVue® Multifocal** a year ago. Her six-month exam showed the refractive error change had decreased to 0.25 diopters and after her annual exam – there has been no change. This is a very good sign that her vision has stabilized.

I spend a lot of time educating parents and children on the impact of screen usage and lack of outdoor playtime on myopia. For managing pediatric myopia, this lens is the makes the most sense to me out of the other interventions. I feel that it is easy to integrate into my practice, easy for kids to wear and it has fewer side effects than other alternatives.

NaturalVue Multifocal is also very good for my adult presbyopic patients, providing comfort and quality, clear vision without compromise. My patients have noticed the changes when wearing NaturalVue Multifocal - clear near vision and less headaches than with other multifocals.

I would recommend this lens to other practitioners for both adult and children. You can have the success have once you make the decision to bring this lens into your practice.

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Doctor consulting disclaimer: Dr. Charles Shidlosfsky is very active in Neuro-developmental Optometry and has helped thousands of children and adults with vision problems due to neurology disorders and processing issues. Currently, Dr. Shidlofsky is a Clinical Director for the Special Olympics Opening Eyes Program. Dr. Shidlosfsky does not have any affiliations and was not financially compensated for this perspective.

