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## Scleral Lens Supersession General Session #8

Saturday, January 22nd, 2022 – 03:30-5:10pm EST

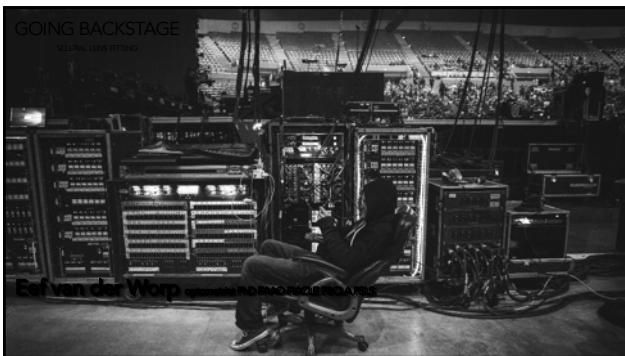
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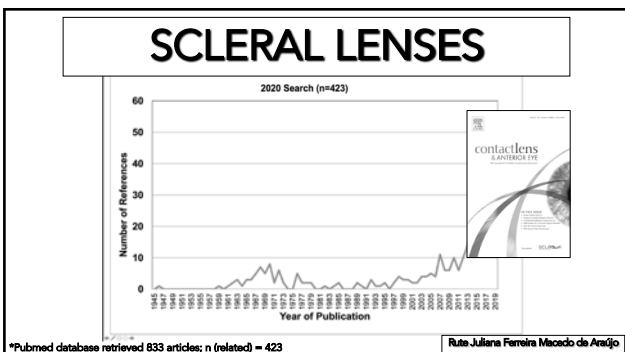
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## Corneal versus Scleral

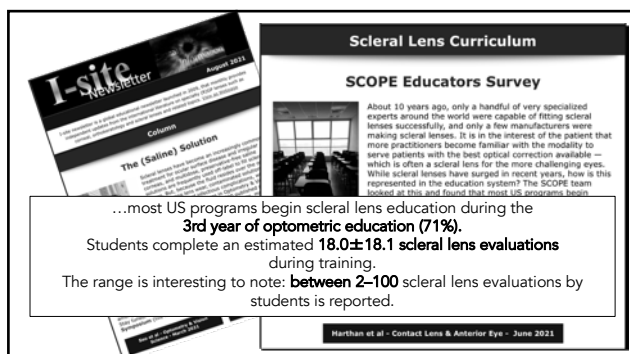
### Is Comfort in Scleral Lenses Better than in (R)GPs?

In a cohort of patients with keratoconus and other ectatic disorders, Alexander Levit conducted a randomized controlled clinical trial. The crossover trial compared outcomes in 34 patients who were randomized to two groups to compare comfort and visual performance of two types of contact lenses: corneal (R)GPs and scleral lenses. Each group was initially fitted with one type of lens, had a 4-week washout period, and then switched to the second type of lens. Subjective comfort scores were significantly higher for participants using scleral lenses versus corneal (R)GPs. The 'take home messages', according to [practiceupdate.com](http://practiceupdate.com) and to Joël Silbert in a reaction to the Levit paper on the website, are that patients wearing scleral lenses had significantly higher subjective comfort scores compared with (R)GP lens wear, but that patients who did achieve good comfort with corneal (R)GPs preferred to stay with them.

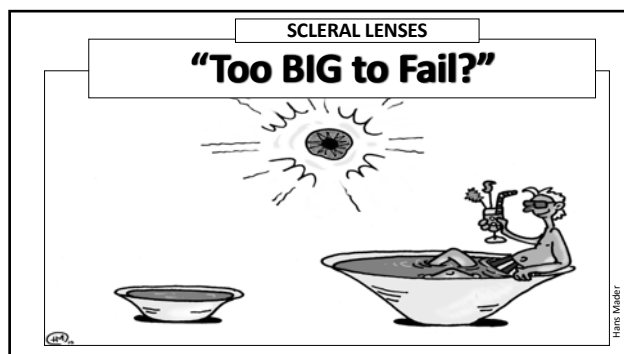
Levit, Benwell, Evans, Contact Lens & Ant Eye - Jan 2020

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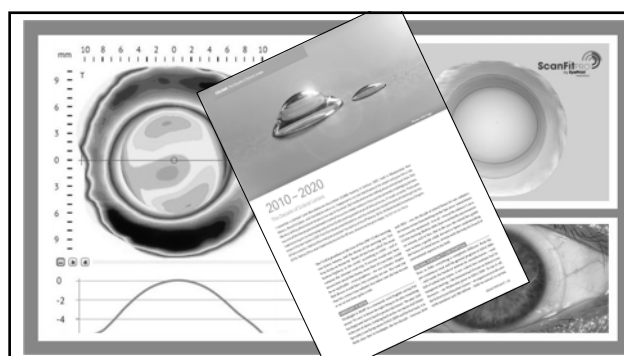
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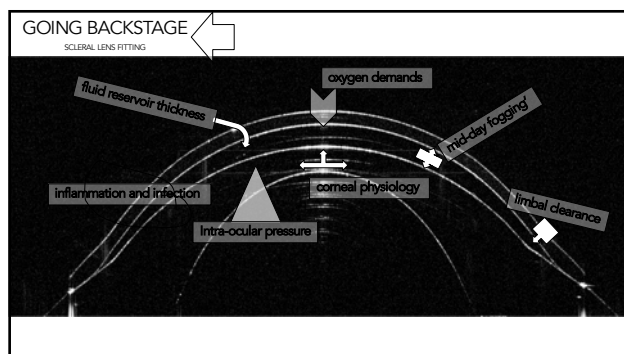
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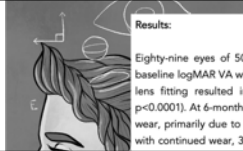
**CLINICAL SCIENCE**  
**Impact of Scleral Contact Lens Use on the Rate of Corneal Transplantation for Keratoconus**  
 Ling, Jennifer J. MD<sup>1</sup>, Wilson, Shaheed I. MD<sup>2</sup>, Stein, Joshua D. MD, MSc<sup>1,3</sup>, Bahman, Modirrousta PhD<sup>4</sup>, Polking, Joel BS<sup>5</sup>, Woodward, Maria A. MD, MSc<sup>1</sup>  
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 Cornea January 2021 • Volume 40 • Issue 1 • p 39-42

**Conclusions:**

Physicians should **maximize** the use of scleral or RGP CL because patients who successfully use CL have almost **one-fifth the risk of undergoing keratoplasty**.  
 Kellogg Eye Center at the University of Michigan (US)

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**Results:**

Eighty-nine eyes of 50 keratoconus patients were included in the study. baseline logMAR VA with habitual correction was 0.22 (range 0.02-1.04). Mini-scleral lens fitting resulted in a statistically significant visual improvement (mean p<0.0001). At 6-month follow-up, 11 patients (22%) had abandoned mini-scleral lens wear, primarily due to difficulties with lens handling (7 patients). Of the 39 patients with continued wear, 33 patients (84.6%) wore their lenses for a daily average of 12 hours.

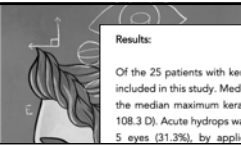
**Purpose:**  
 To **evaluate the effects of mini-scleral lenses** on visual acuity (VA) and visual functioning in patients with keratoconus.

**Conclusions:**

Mini-scleral lenses significantly improve VA and visual functioning on NEI-VFQ in keratoconus patients. **Difficulties with lens insertion and removal** are the principal reason for **lens dropout**.

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**Results:**

Of the 25 patients with keratoconus with acute hydrops, 14 patients (16 eyes) were included in this study. Median age was 31 years (range 19-52 years). Before hydrops the median maximum keratometry value of affected eyes was 81.3 D (range 60.3-108.3 D). Acute hydrops was managed medically in 5 eyes (31.3%), by observation in 5 eyes (31.3%), by application of bandage contact lens in 1 eye (6.3%), and by keratoplasty in 9 eyes (18.8%).

**Note:**  
 PK after hydrops has been associated with a **greater risk of endothelial graft rejection** and reduced success of long-term graft survival.

**Conclusions:**

Scleral lenses are effective for providing **satisfactory visual acuity** after corneal hydrops in keratoconus.  
 A scleral lens trial is advised before listing patients for graft surgery.

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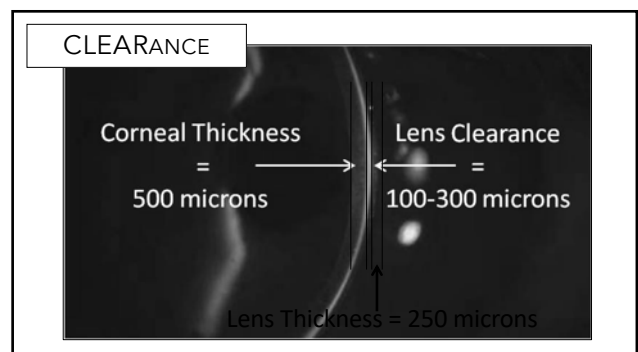
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**I-site Newsletter**  
 December 2020  
 Column  
 Sclerals: all CLEAR?

**BCLA**  
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 GLOBAL Contact Lens Evidence-based Academic Report

Fluid Reservoir Thickness


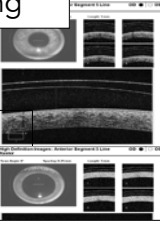
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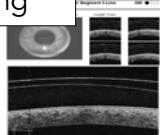



- **Initial** central clearance 300 to 500µm
- **Settling** 100-200µm
  - Kaufmann - 109 micron (8h)
  - Pacific University - 127 micron (8 h)
  - Mountford - 146 micron (30 days)
- The reduction in central vault follows an exponential decay, with ~50 % of the total settling observed after 30 min of lens wear, which stabilises after ~2– 4 h

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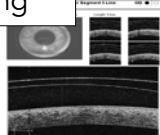



**Figure 23. Conjunctival compression display.** Color maps and graphical representation taken with the slit-lamp, showing the amount of compression for subject 4, taken 5 minutes post-SL removal (A), as well as after 24 hours post-removal (B). A cross-section of the map (red line) is shown in graph form to compare the measured curvature to the baseline. For each subject, the compression ring was at a slightly different location, so the ring was manually aligned for each subject.

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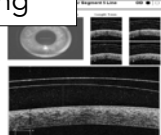



**Figure 22. Conjunctival compression and rebound after 8 hours of scleral lens wear.** Change in conjunct curvature are shown for all four quadrants after 8 hours of SL wear of Day 1. The temporal curved started from 5 minutes post removal up and go up to 120 minutes post-removal. Curvature was significantly different from baseline in all quadrants (Dunn's multiple comparisons test) until 90 minutes post-SL removal. Eyes were approximately 90-95% rebounded back to baseline curvature after 120 minutes post-SL removal.

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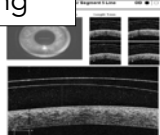



- Tendency to overestimate vault with NaFI (Yueng Sorbara 2018)
- Without NaFI - particularly low reservoir thickness (Fuller 2016)
- Visibility NaFI limited (limbus)
- Use lens centre lens thickness (not cornea)
  - But lens thickness variation  $\pm 100 \mu\text{m}$

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**Scleral Lens Curriculum**

**SCOPE Educators Survey**

Ideal scleral lens fitting characteristics taught include:


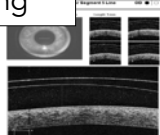
- central **corneal** clearance  $206 \pm 44$  microns (range 150–350)
- **limbal** clearance of  $62 \pm 24$  microns (range 20–100)
- a maximum of one clock hour or less of **conjunctival vascular compression**.

Harthan et al - Contact Lens & Anterior Eye - June 2021

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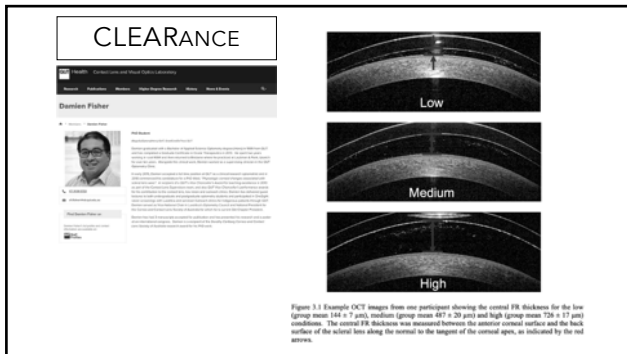



**Influence of the Amount of Limbal Clearance**

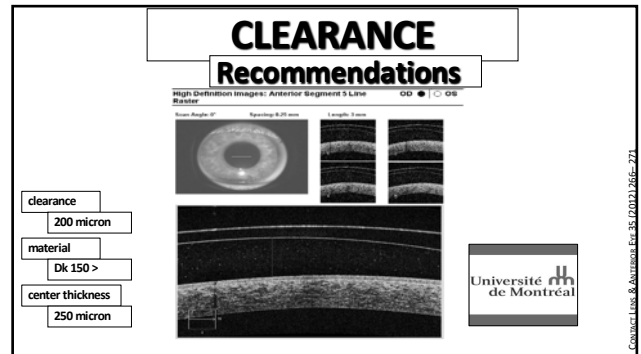
This study by Debby Yueng et al is an objective and subjective evaluation of the clinical performance of scleral lenses with varying limbal clearance (LC) in keratoconus patients. Lenses with varying limbal clearance with 50µm intervals were fitted, and worn during a 2-week period. Participants reported greater comfort achieved with high LC. No difference in limbal and bulbar hyperemia found, as well as similar perilimbal staining and negative corneal staining. In conclusion the authors stated that the amount of LC may play an important role in subjective performance in scleral lenses but does not impact the degree of hyperemia in either the limbal or bulbar region. Although low LC might result in more compression-related changes to ocular surface, high LC is associated with greater comfort and greater admetatous changes. Limbal zone designs in scleral lenses might affect the integrity of the limbal epithelial tissue as a result of a combined hypoxic and compression-related etiology.

Yueng et al - OVS 2020

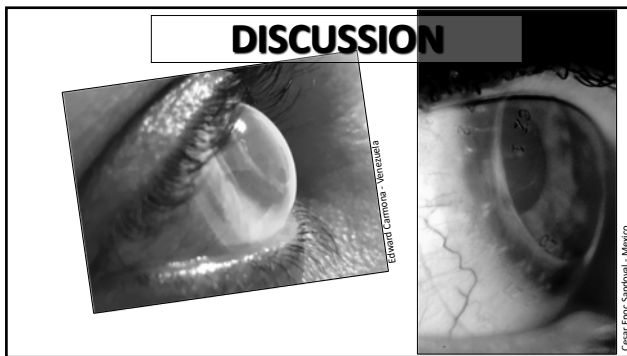
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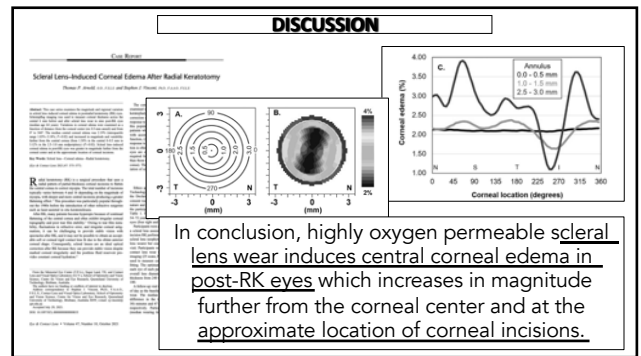
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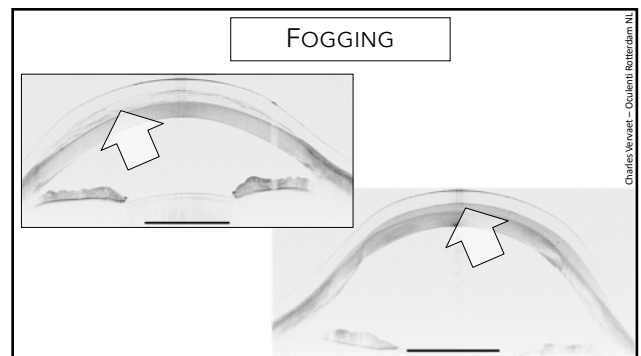
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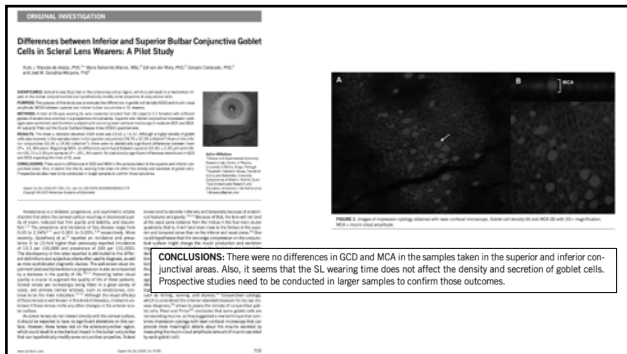
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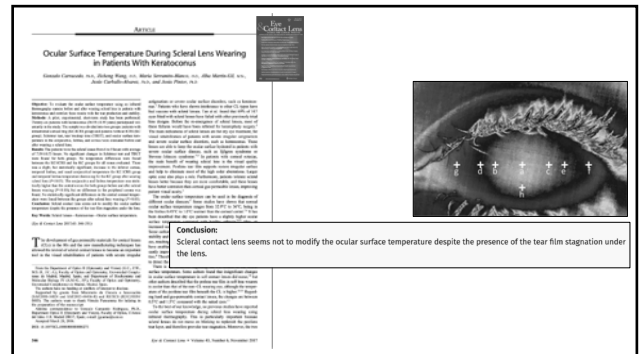
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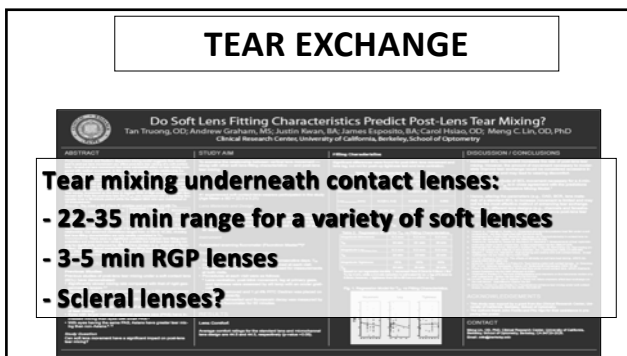
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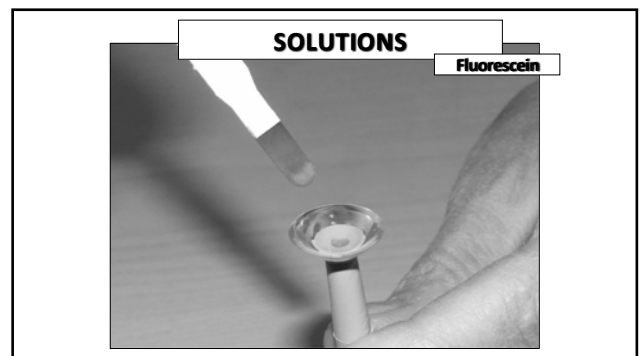
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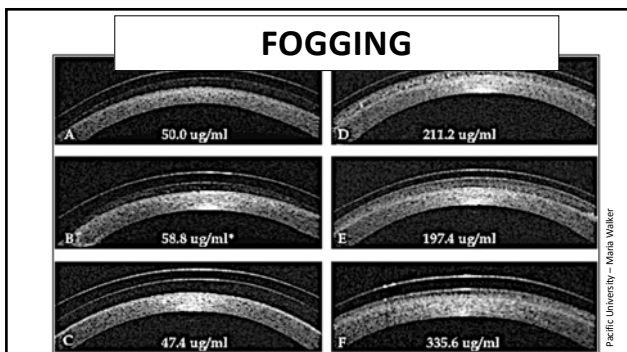
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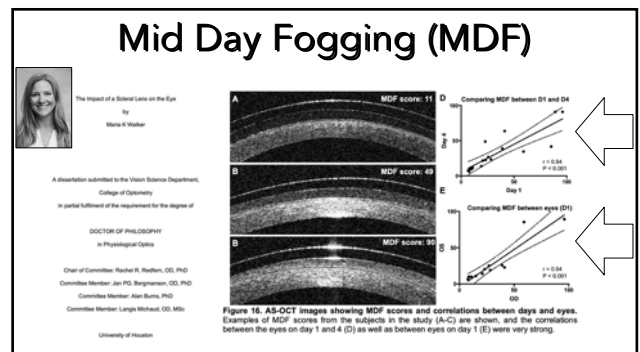
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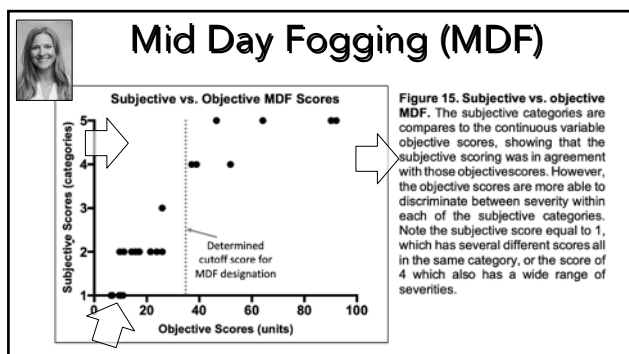
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### Midday Fogging

Contact Lens and Anterior Eye  
Available online 20 March 2020  
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Factors associated with patient-reported midday fogging in established scleral lens wearers \*

Murali M. Schornack <sup>a,\*</sup>, Jennifer Fogg <sup>b</sup>, Jennifer Hartman <sup>c</sup>, Christa B. Nau <sup>d</sup>, Amy Nau <sup>e</sup>, Douglas Cao <sup>f</sup>, Ellen Shuster <sup>g</sup>

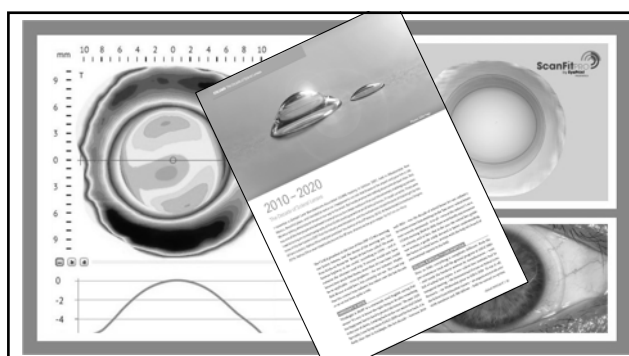
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**Toric Scleral Lens**

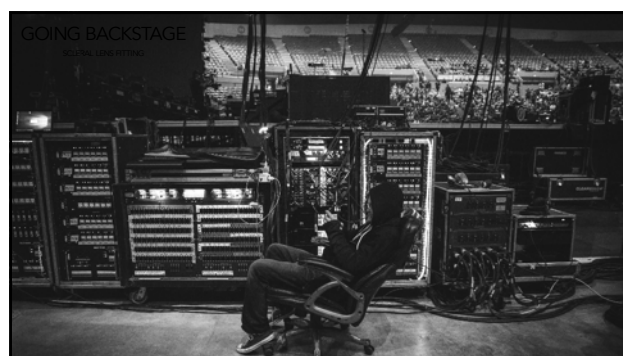
**Highlights**

- Midday fogging was reported by 26 % of patients in a sample of established scleral lens wearers.
- Midday fogging was not associated with age, sex, or race/ethnicity.
- Indications for scleral lens wear were not predictive of midday fogging.
- Neither specific lens designs (diameter or haptic design) nor care products were associated with midday fogging.
- Patients who reported redness or irritation with scleral lens wear more commonly reported midday fogging.

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