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Myopia is commonly diagnosed in childhood and can worsen over time, increasing the risk of more severe sight conditions later in life.¹
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Dr. Andrew Neukirch
Dr. Christina DalPorto, FAAO

A LETTER FROM DRs. DALPORTO & NEUKIRCH

Dear Patients,

We hope that you are staying healthy and safe this summer. While it has been a difficult past few months, we are grateful for our loyal patients and wanted to keep you in the loop on exciting updates within the practice.



First and foremost, we are very proud to announce that Dr. DalPorto became a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry this past fall. Fellowship designation is awarded to select Optometrists who practice at the highest level within our profession, having met stringent qualifications in education, patient care, and clinical practice. Nice work, Dr. D!

We also have exciting news for our pediatric/teen patients who wear glasses or contact lenses! Our office now offers an FDA-approved contact lens called MiSight, which has been clinically proven to correct distance vision, while also slowing the progression of myopia (near-sightedness) in children 8-12 years of age. This results in fewer prescription changes over time and better long-term eye health.* Dr. Neukirch was one of the first doctors in the country to be certified in prescribing this groundbreaking technology, which fits and feels like a regular soft contact lens, but offers astounding myopia-reducing benefits.** See the inside pages for more info on MiSight and the Brilliant Futures program.

Patient and staff safety has always been, and continues to remain, a top priority at Carillon. Dr. Neukirch was proud to be a member of the Illinois Optometric Association's Reopening Task Force, which provided Optometrists and their practices with guidelines and protocols to ensure patients stay safe during their upcoming ocular health visits in light of Covid. We strictly follow these protocols, and additional details on the office's safety policies are located on our website.

A few other recent additions to the practice include: Maui Jim Sunglasses, new top-of-the-line exam lane equipment in all 3 rooms, and new specialty contact lenses.

Last but not least, we would like to sincerely thank all of our patients who voted in the North Shore Choice Awards. We are so proud to have been awarded the "2020 Best Vision Center" and promise to continue providing exceptional care and service to our patients.

All the best,
Drs. Andrew Neukirch & Christina DalPorto



*Reference: Tideman JW et al. Association of axial length with risk of uncorrectable visual impairment for Europeans with myopia. JAMA Ophthalmol. 2016;134:1355-1363.

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My child needs glasses for distance vision...

Why is this happening?

Near-sightedness, also called myopia, occurs when patients can see well up close, but have blurred distance vision.

Near-sightedness is caused from the eye itself growing longer over time, stretching out the retina and neurological tissue, which results in progressive vision loss and prescription changes.

The changes in eye shape can occur due to genetics, but also correlate with "near work." With the advent of digital devices, our children now spend hours more per day on screens than most of us did at a similar age. We know conclusively that children who spend more time indoors are at risk for becoming myopic.

Why should I try to prevent near-sightedness?

Because of the stretching that occurs with the retinal tissue, it makes sense that these patients are at significantly higher risk of retinal detachments, glaucoma, and a host of other ocular diseases later in life, in addition to overall worsening vision.*



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Leo, on passing his
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*Reference: The Impact of Myopia and High Myopia. Report of the Joint World Health Organization-Brien Holden Vision Institute Global Scientific Meeting on Myopia. University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. 16-18 March 2015.

What can I do to help preserve my child's vision?

Until recently, most children who are near-sighted were likely to have their vision progressively worsen over time. They would continue to have prescription changes in almost all cases.

However, we now seek ways to slow down the changes to eye shape, which is called "Myopia Management." Myopia Management has been a mainstay of our practice for nearly a decade now, and Dr. Neukirch is one of the leading Myopia Management providers in the Chicagoland area.

To date, we have successfully utilized technology called orthokeratology, as well as atropine therapy with hundreds of our young patients.

Orthokeratology is a fantastic method that involves wearing contact lenses overnight to mold and reshape the cornea. While this therapy is very effective, many children are not great candidates and there is a learning curve for both children and their parents. Now, there is an additional option: MiSight.

MiSight is a 1-day disposable, soft contact lens that fits and feels like a usual contact lens. It not only corrects distance vision, like a typical contact lens or glasses, but has the added benefit of being clinically proven (and FDA approved) to slow the progression of myopia in children who begin treatment between 8-12 years of age.**

We have already fit dozens of children in this lens and are pleased to report high patient satisfaction. We believe it will quickly become the lens of choice for our myopic, school-aged patients.

Is my child a candidate for MiSight?

If your child is 8 years or older and requires glasses, please give us a call to schedule their annual eye exam. If they are a current patient and not yet due, let us know you are interested in finding out more about myopia control and one of our doctors can determine if they are a candidate without having to come in.

To learn more about MiSight & Brilliant Futures program, or to read the studies referenced above, please visit www.CarillonVisionCare.com/MiSight

Reference: **Indications for use: MiSight® 1 day (omafilcon A) soft (hydrophilic) contact lenses for daily wear are indicated for the correction of myopic ametropia and for slowing the progression of myopia in children with non-diseased eyes, who at the initiation of treatment are 8-12 years of age and have a refraction of -0.75 to -4.00 diopters (spherical equivalent) with ≤ 0.75 diopters of astigmatism. The lens is to be discarded after each removal.



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