

## **ABSTRACT**

### **Spectrum of contact lens users at Al-Shifa**

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**Purpose:** To create professional awareness about the availability and use of contact lenses in an eye hospital

**Methodology:** Annual audit of contact lens clinic record

**Results:** Over a period of two years, 634 contact lenses were prescribed to 529 users. The commonest contact lens in use was bandage contact lens followed by soft contact lens, RGP lens and prosthetic CL respectively. The most common indication for contact lens use in an eye hospital was therapeutic one for ocular surface defects followed by that of refractive error correction.

**Conclusion:** A special drive to create awareness about the superior benefits of contact lenses for correction of refractive error is required along with strengthening of facilities for contact lens production. Al-shifa Journal of Ophthalmology 2005; 1:37-41(c) Al-shifa Trust eye Hospital, Rawaplidi, Pakistan.