

Contact Lens Spectrum Author Guidelines

Scope

Contact Lens Spectrum is an editor-reviewed journal. It is an authoritative source for current clinical developments in cornea and contact lenses.

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- All submissions must be original contributions that have not been previously published (other than as an abstract, if applicable). Further, submissions must not be under consideration for publication elsewhere.
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- Please include a title page with the authors listed, their affiliations, contact information (email, telephone, fax), and highest academic degrees. Please also list acknowledgements on this page.
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