Dear Practitioner:

Thank you for prescribing Definitive™ lenses, one of the newest and most advanced contact lenses available today! Definitive is a new silicone hydrogel polymer with unique properties delivering enhanced oxygen transmissibility and excellent wettability. Lenses made in Definitive material are custom manufactured for each individual patient’s unique corneal shape and visual requirements.

The material characteristics that make Definitive lenses breathable and extremely comfortable do, however, come with a trade-off requiring extra care in lens handling by your staff and your patients wearing Definitive lenses. The combination of high water (74%) and low silicone in this advanced polymer creates a material with very low modulus. Contact lenses with low modulus of elasticity (MPa)* are less resistant to stress, while materials with high modulus of elasticity resist stress and hold their shape better. You & your patient should know that the Definitive material has the lowest modulus of elasticity currently available.

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Important Information about Definitive™ Silicone Hydrogel Material (cont.)

Definitive’s low modulus allows us to custom-lathe lenses that are extremely thin and comfortable and made to exacting, and in some cases extreme, parameters. Unlike any other silicone hydrogel material on the market, these highly technical and precision crafted Definitive lenses will not handle like previous soft lenses you or your patient may be familiar with, and specific lens care & handling techniques are important to maintaining lens life.

The lens replacement schedule is another key factor in the safe, successful wearing of Definitive lenses. For optimum lens performance and patient safety, the prescribed patient wearing schedule should not exceed 90 days.

For your convenience, a Definitive “Best Practices” handout has been included with your order to make sharing this important information with patients easier. As poor compliance is a leading cause of contact lens complications, efforts aimed at patient communication and education will help optimize ongoing patient success with their high-performance and unique Definitive lenses.

Additional care and handling resources for staff training and patient education can be found on the office resources page at www.artoptical.com.

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