Daily Wear Soft Contact Lens Rules

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1. DO disinfect your lenses as directed. If you are unable to disinfect, put the lenses in a saline- filled case and store in the refrigerator. (Not in the freezer).	1. Do NOT swim with your lenses on. (Wear tight goggles if you must.)
2. DO use only the solutions recommended by the doctor.	2. Do NOT pick up a dried lens hurriedly. It is the doctor. best to moisten it first with saline solution tosoften it, then place it in case to soak for at least an hour.
3. DO use the lubricant in the eyes liberally when the lenses feel dry.	3. Do NOT get both lenses stuck together. If this happens, moisten with saline or a surface cleaner and try to slide lenses apart.
4. DO use the enzymatic cleaner once a week or as instructed.	4. Do NOT force a lens that is stuck to the top of your carrying case. If this happens, fill the case compartment with saline and allow to soak for approximately one-half hour. Try spritzing and wetting the lens first.
5. Do wait approximately one half- hour before putting lenses on if you are using eye drops other than the lubricant and one hour after swimming.	5. Do NOT sleep with lenses on-but do not panic if you do-nothing will happen. Just be sure to moisten the lenses with the lubricant before removing upon awakening.
6. DO check the lenses for lint, mascara, nicks and tears, or to see if it is inverted.	6. Do NOT be careless with hand creams or around strong fumes and hair spray.
7. DO be careful when removing the lenses. Watch for long fingernails.	7. Do NOT mix heat or chemical methods of care unless instructed by this office.

8. DO be careful when placing the lens in the case; make sure the lens is centered and gently close the lid.
9. DO keep the lenses carefully separated.