

Doctor treats patient wearing 23 contact lenses

Vocabulary Match

- an ophthalmologist • hygiene • apparently • to react • nuts •
• cleanliness • an eye doctor • to respond • crazy • seemingly

Article

Dr Kurteeva, an ophthalmologist in California, posted some hygiene tips on her Instagram page after removing 23 contact lenses from the eye of a patient who “forgot to take them out for almost a month”.

The woman, who was in her 70s, apparently kept putting new lenses in every morning, forgetting that she hadn’t removed the set from the day before.

Speaking to Insider, Dr Kurteeva added: "In nearly 20 years of practice, I had never seen anything like it. The patient couldn't believe it either and asked if I was sure about the number I was counting."

After taking out the lenses, which had collected in the deep pockets of the eyelid, she said that the patient was sent away with eye drops and was feeling “better already”.

Quiz

1. What did Dr Kurteeva post on her Instagram page?
2. How did the patient react when the doctor removed the lenses?

Twitter reaction:

- @sarai_minx: Oh my goodness!! She should wear glasses from now on.
- @DiorsMafia: I go absolutely nuts if something is stuck in my eye. It’s my weakness.
- @RealKing____: 23 contact lenses???? Lady could see through your clothes!
- @weedtit: Imagine how much small stuff has gotten stuck in our eyes, and is just sitting there.
- @Fay96444206: As soon as hair gets in my eye, I can’t do anything until it's out.
- @MaddM52: So instead of going to the eye doctor when the first one got stuck she waited 22 more times?

Discussion

1. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses? When did you start? How often do you wear them?
2. What trouble have you, or someone you know, had with your glasses or lenses?
3. Do you sometimes forget things? How do you remind yourself to do things?