

Do reading glasses frustrate you?



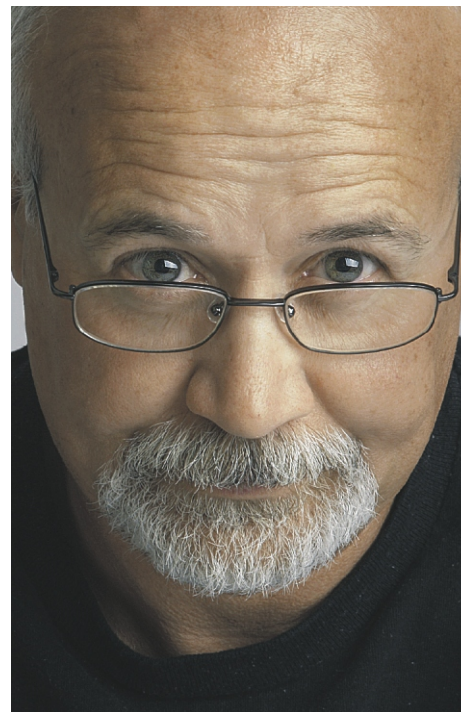
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There may be a solution soon for those who find reading glasses frustrating. Many people over the age of 45 years find that they have lost the ability to see near objects in clear focus, a universal condition called presbyopia. Reading glasses will make your close vision clear again, but are often the cause of frustration when you either cannot find them, don't have them with you or find that they blur distance vision too much.

According to Dr David Kent at Fendalton Eye Clinic the AcuFocus Corneal Inlay (ACI) may be a great choice for some patients. Although still in FDA clinical trials, the four-years data on the ACI study is very promising. Out of 400 people, most can read a newspaper, send text messages and see the digits on their wristwatch without putting on reading glasses.

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commit to attend follow-up checks for a full three years. The work up and follow-up examinations are very involved and may take between one and three hours of your time each visit.

"A lot of people are frustrated by the inconvenience of reading glasses. As an eye surgeon, I want to be able to offer people choices that provide them with

solutions to their eye problems. I am confident that the ACI will help people to enjoy some freedom from their reading glasses," said Dr Kent. He went on to say, "I do tell people who commit to the ACI study that they may still need glasses to read very small print or when reading in dim light."

Presbyopia – the need to wear reading glasses to see near objects in clear focus – occurs when the eye's natural lens loses its ability to focus on near points. As a result, words or near objects are blurry. By the time most of us celebrate our 50th birthday, we have presbyopia and require reading glasses to see near objects clearly.

Smaller than a contact lens, the ACI looks like a black ring. It has a tiny hole in the centre. This hole creates a pinhole effect, increasing the depth of focus of the eye and helps to focus light rays. As a result, near objects are clearer.

"We have a very limited number of people that we can enrol in the AcuFocus study," said Dr Kent.

The procedure involves creating a pocket within the cornea, the clear watch-glass like front of the eye, followed by implanting the AcuFocus ACI within the pocket.

He urges anyone interested in learning more about the AcuFocus study to phone Fendalton Eye Clinic on 0800 45 27 45.