

# New UltraHealth™ Lens Means More Options for Difficult Fits

**OD achieves superior fits on irregular corneas with specialty contact lenses**

In Oklahoma, **Denise Roddy, OD**, of Tulsa, is known for her expertise in fitting specialty contact lenses. "Most patients referred to

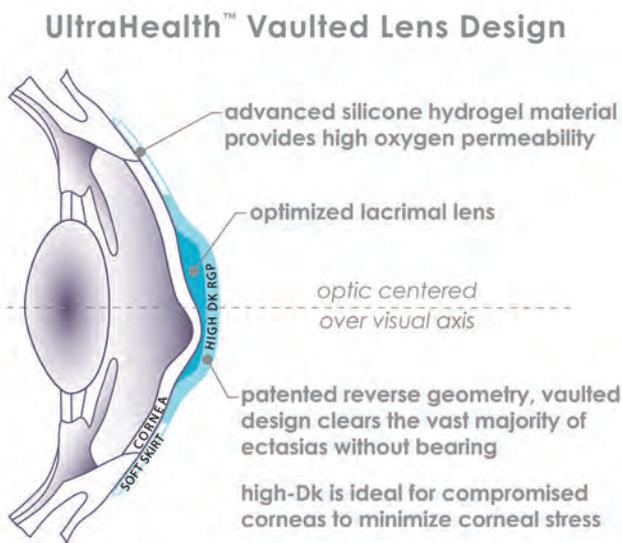


**Dr. Roddy**

me have failed elsewhere," Dr. Roddy says of the patients she receives from other corneal specialists including other ODs as well as MDs. Some patients, like one particular retired nurse educator whom Dr. Roddy saw recently, travel more than 100 miles for her care. "This patient had keratoconus for more than 50 years and had corneal transplants in both eyes," Dr. Roddy explains, adding that the patient had worn a combination of rigid and scleral contact lenses but hadn't been able to tolerate any contact lens in her left eye for more than 10 years.

Dr. Roddy knew exactly what she wanted to try on this patient. She was in the beta-testing stage for the new UltraHealth™ contact lenses from SynergEyes, and this patient's track record made her an ideal candidate. Sure enough, Dr. Roddy was right. "When I fit the left eye, she loved it so much that she asked for the other eye to be refit to the UltraHealth lenses," Dr. Roddy says. This woman has become an advocate by blogging about the UltraHealth contact lenses on the National Keratoconus Foundation web site, sending letters to SynergEyes and sharing her story wherever she goes. "She told me she sees better and more comfortably than she has in more than 50 years," Dr. Roddy says.

There are often tears of joy from ecstatic patients when Dr. Roddy fits them with the UltraHealth contact lenses because this contact lens-wearing experience is unlike anything they have tried before. "The higher oxygen permeability through the soft skirt of the contact lens makes this a healthy option for patients with special ocular needs," she explains. The silicone hydrogel soft skirt offers an 84 Dk with a 130 Dk rigid gas permeable center. Dr. Roddy examines the cornea with her CIRRUS™ optical coherence tomography unit to ensure that the vaulted lens design fits perfectly. "It's much more comfortable for patients with irregular corneas who are more prone to abrasions," she says. "When I put them in this UltraHealth lens, they can wear their contact lenses comfortably for 14-16 hours



and have normal vision again." UltraHealth contact lenses are now a first choice for her patients who have irregular corneas, keratoconus, corneal ectasia or those who have had corneal transplants.

Dr. Roddy went through SynergEyes' initial training for the UltraHealth lenses, and she refers to the fitting guide when needed for additional

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**B**ack when SynergEyes was developing its first hybrid contact lenses, Dr. Denise Roddy followed along with the research and the Food and Drug Administration's approval process. She knew that this unique contact lens would fit perfectly in her practice where her specialty is fitting medically necessary contact lenses. Dr. Roddy reached out to SynergEyes before its first-generation hybrid contact lenses hit the market, bringing each new development, such as Duette™ HD and Duette™ Multifocal, into her practice as soon as it was released.

With the new UltraHealth™ lenses, Dr. Roddy became involved during beta testing in late 2012, and she's been fitting the contact lens ever since. ✍️

advice. She sets aside more time for each specialty contact lens office visit to achieve an optimal fit. "I consider SynergEyes to be the most innovative contact lens company of the past decade," Dr. Roddy says. "The way SynergEyes manufactures hybrid contact lenses is totally unique to any other process. SynergEyes is committed to providing a contact lens that big-box companies will never provide."

Dr. Roddy successfully fits SynergEyes products on a wide range of her patients, from children to patients in their 90s. She realizes the impact of the contact lenses when talking with her patients every day. "You can make such a big difference in someone's life, and when the patient reaps the benefits, the practice does too," Dr. Roddy says. "We have heard wonderful, heartwarming stories. We have changed patients' lives by giving their vision back to them." ✍️

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