



## Study of oil from your eyelids

Researchers at The University of New South Wales, School of Optometry and Vision Science are seeking volunteer research participants to learn about oil (lipid) that your eyelids produce and its deposition on contact lenses.

### Would the research project be a good fit for me?

The study might be a good fit for you if you are:

- Age 18 and over;
- Able to read and understand English and be willing to provide your consent to participate in this study (as will be demonstrated by signing a record of informed consent);
- Willing to donate oil samples from your lids;
- Have no pre-existing ocular injury, disease, infection, allergy of the cornea, conjunctiva or eyelids;
- Have no systemic disease that adversely affects ocular health. Conditions such as systemic hypertension and arthritis do not automatically exclude you;
- Have no need for any systemic medication or topical medications which may alter normal ocular findings

### What would happen if I took part in the research project?

If you decide to take part there will be just one visit and during this visit:

- We will perform a routine eye examination to determine your suitability for the study. The investigator will ask about your ocular and medical history, including previous contact lens wear, eye and systemic allergies.
- Your eyelids will be gently pressed with a device that produces pressure equivalent to a strong blink. The quality of the oily secretion (lipids) and the ease with which it emerges from your Meibumian glands will be assessed.
- The oil will be collected by gently removing with a sterile spatula or swab.

### Will I be paid to take part in the research project?

You will not be paid for participation in this study.

### Who do I contact if I want more information or want to take part in the study?

If you would like more information or are interested in being part of the study please contact:

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