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### **What are Punctal Plugs ('Punctal Occluders')?**

As the name suggests, these devices occlude (block) the punctum, or tear duct, which is the drainage duct that carries tears away from the surface of the eye. There are upper and lower punctum ducts in the inner corner of each eye. Blocking these drainage ducts prevents tears from draining away too quickly. Punctal occlusion can be compared to putting a stopper in a sink drain, keeping the tears on the eye's surface for longer periods. This widely performed procedure is safe, quick, painless, and totally reversible.

Punctal occluders are made of a very soft flexible silicone, similar to that used in contact lenses. Though they are barely visible to the naked eye, they are carefully manufactured into an extremely smooth and precise design.

### **The Parasol Punctal Occluder**

The Parasol® Punctal Occluder from Odyssey Medical is one of the most advanced occluders available. Its unique, patented shape is easy to insert because it automatically adjusts to the patient's tear duct opening. In addition, the Parasol's advanced design provides a truly custom fit which, in turn, means greater patient comfort. The Parasol Punctal Occluder can also reduce or eliminate the major cause of discomfort for many contact lens wearers, or those who are unable to tolerate contact lenses.

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