
6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by bekamom - 2008/06/24 15:24

hi,
my son was born 2 months premature and is 6 months old 4 months corrected. as with all preemies he has a lot of doc appt. well this morning at his eye exam the doc said he was very very farsighted and if he doesn't wear glasses he will stop using one of his eyes and it will turn inward. So I bought some glasses. we have to wait a few days to get them but I was wondering if anyone else has any experience with this. ohh and his eye problem isn't caused from his prematurity it is genetic. he is adopted and I don't really have much info on his birth parents so I don't know what the severity of it will be. they said that as he gets older his eye site should improve from +7 to +2 or +3. Other than the farsightedness his eyes are great. Any advce would be great.

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by ctokasz - 2008/06/28 22:43

Hey there,

My advice is that you make sure that you get glasses that fit well and are comfortable for your baby...I bet that he will take to them quickly, especially being so young. My daughter has had glasses since she was 3 months old and she is 21 months now...her prescription has dropped from +13.5 to +9.5 in that time...all due to growth.

My other piece of advice is to expect comments from strangers about your sons glasses...people mean well but often what comes out of there mouths can be hurtful to a new proud mother. I survived the many "I didn't know they made glasses that small" comments by simply saying "It is such a blessing that they do"...and it really is a blessing!

Good luck ~ Cheryl

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by Laura75 - 2008/06/30 18:29

Hi my 7month old (almost 8) was also diaganosed with being very farsighted. he just got his glasses a few days ago (6/25)..his perscription is sph +5.50 cyl +1.25 axis 90 for both eyes. we took him to see the eye doctor becuase it seemed to have a bit of a cross eye. turns out it was like that because of the hyperopia and he also has a flat bridge to his nose right now. I was all readdy for the doctor to tell me there were excersises to help wih my son's eyes...so i was shocked when he said he needed glasses. i'm still affraid tha they will get in the way of his eyes growing and developing. one of you mentioned your child's eyes getting beter with growth and that thier pescription lowered from a +7.....did that happen even when your child wore glasses all the time?? or did you not have your child wear the glasses every waking hour so they would develope?? sorry for the rambling...as you can tell i'm also nervous and concerned about my baby's eyes too.

Thanks

Laura (1st time mom):unsure:

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by ctokasz - 2008/06/30 20:08

Laura,

My daughter has had her prescription drop from a +13.5 to a +9.5...this improvement happened from the time she was 3 months old until now (21 months old). The improvement is due to growth **HOWEVER** she still needs to wear her glasses all of the time (and she always will). She also developed crossed eyes after her first birthday and has had 2 surgeries so far to correct that problem...her far sightedness is so extreme that it is hard for her eyes to work together, even when corrected with glasses.

Believe me, your daughter is going to benefit greatly from wearing her glasses all of the time...the prescription improvement happens because there is physical growth and after wearing his glasses for awhile, when he is able to, he

will ask to have glasses...it is one of the first things my daughter says in the morning and after a nap.

As with anything though, every child is different. I am sure your doctor would be happy to reassure you.

Good luck,
Cheryl

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by Laura75 - 2008/06/30 23:22

Thanks Cheryl!
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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by bekamom - 2008/07/01 23:49

my son's eyes are at +7.5 for both and that is the way they have been. the doc said that they would get better and he will probably always need to wear glasses. he doesn't mess with them at all and actually seems to want to wear them. he is much happier when wearing them. he wears them when awake all the time. we only take them off to sleep. so far i have no complaints. the doc said that if he started messing with them alot to bring him in because that means he probably needs a new prescription. so far we have no eyes turning but the doc said we probably caught it in time and he probably wont need any further intervention.

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by AnnZ - 2008/07/02 12:30

We just had my daughter's check up on Friday after wearing glasses for 6 months due to being farsighted. Her prescription increased from +4.5 to +5.75 in the left eye, and +4.75 to +6.0 in her right eye. We were a little worried about the fact that her prescription is getting worse, though her eye doctor wasn't concerned. So I did a bit of searching in the medical literature and found this article: Longitudinal changes in the spherical equivalent refractive error of children with accommodative esotropia.

Basically, the study found that children's prescription get worse at first, and then start to get better. For kids that are diagnosed before 2 years, their prescriptions get worse for longer before getting better, and the amount of improvement is less. For my daughter (who got glasses at 14 months, but first showed signs of crossed eyes at 9 months), it means that while her prescription will likely get better in a few years, she'll probably always need glasses. Which is fine, I guess, since everyone in her immediate family - parents, grandparents, aunts and uncle - all wear glasses. She'll fit right in.

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by sadiesmom - 2008/07/07 15:34

hi, i just found this wonderful website, my youngest daughter has had glasses since 4 months old she is now 9 months old she has had one eye surgery on both of her eyes about 3 months ago, her eyes were turning in. she wears a plus 4 prescription for farsightedness, i do not know if that is a strong prescription or not. she wears the miraflex flexible frames and i have heard of the solo bambini, have you heard of anymore cute frames?

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by AnnZ - 2008/07/07 17:55

Hi Sadie's Mom! I think +4 is considered relatively strong, though I'm not positive on that one. We had a lot of fun picking out our daughter's glasses at an eyeglasses store specifically for kids - there are so many cute options. I think the Miraflex are adorable, I'm not sure what brand Zoe's frames are, but they're red metal with yellow and red checks. If you're interested, I have a photo gallery of kids in glasses that lists what the frame brands are here: <http://toddlerglasses.wordpress.com/photo-gallery/>

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by BethMabb - 2008/07/07 20:34

So glad you posted this. My daughter has had +4.5 prescription in both eyes for 6 months, and had surgery 3 months ago. I am convinced that her prescription has changed, because she doesn't seem to see distance. When I called her doctor, she told me that was unlikely. Good thing we'll be back for a check-up in 2 weeks.

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by sadiesmom - 2008/07/07 23:24

hi, so glad to finally find a way to take to other people in the same situation as us. how old is your child??? i am considering buying new glasses. she wears miraflex frames now and everyone raves about them!!! wanted another color , shers are pink now. just shopping around to make sure i want to stick with the miraflex or try another brand. she never pulls or bothers these, i guess that says something about them.

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by AnnZ - 2008/07/08 01:10

Hmm, I know that having a high enough farsighted prescription can sometimes affect a person's vision distance, too. Our doctor has mentioned the possibility of bifocals (!), though we're currently not getting them.

The changing prescription is the reason we still haven't gotten a second pair of glasses, though I'm just worried that once we buy the second pair, her prescription will change again, and then we'll have to replace 2 pair. Sigh.

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by sadiesmom - 2008/07/08 13:11

how long has your daughter been in glasses, and how many times has her prescription changed? we've been in glasses for almost 6 months and been through one eye surgery and her prescription has not ever changed. we are not due to go back to the eye doctor until december, unless of course a problem arises. the doctor told us at our last visit that he only does the vision testing once a year, unless he suspects or we suspect that here need for the glasses has changed????

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by AnnZ - 2008/07/08 16:26

My daughter is 21 months and has had glasses for just over 6 months. Her doctor updated her prescription a couple weeks after she first got glasses, but I don't think that was because her prescription changed, but rather because she wanted to tweak the prescription to get it more accurate - our doctor said that figuring out prescriptions at that age was a matter of art as much as science. Then a few months later I noticed that her eyes were turning in a bit again, and kind of kept an eye on things until our 6 month appt. a couple of weeks ago. She checked her vision again at that point, and determined that her prescription had gone up.

I am not an ophthalmologist, or optometrist, or child development expert, but it seems to me that our kids are growing

and changing so very much in these early years that you'd kind of expect their prescriptions to change relatively often. I don't think it is good or bad that her prescription hasn't changed, but I don't think it should be surprising that it might. I think Zoe's eye doctor wants to see her every 4 months or so to re-evaluate her vision, though maybe at some point that will slow down.

I think if you feel like you're noticing that your daughter isn't seeing right, you should ask for an appointment to check for sure. Maybe get a second opinion? For us, it was pretty obvious that her eyes were turning in again when she focused up close. I will mention that on my blog, I had written that I was concerned about Zoe's prescription changing, and a Professor of Pediatrics/Binocular Vision commented on that post saying that it was not a surprise, and in fact, actually a good thing that her prescription changed (<http://toddlerglasses.wordpress.com/2008/07/02/putting-the-library-degree-to-good-use/#comments>).

Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by sadiesmom - 2008/07/08 20:14

what state do you live in we live in tennessee and have a wonderful doctor at vanderbilt childrens hospital. there is no doubt that sadie sees wonderfully with her glasses on. when we put them on her for the first time she instantly started smiling. she has never really bothered them and does not mind at all that they are on her. thanks again

Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by sadiesmom - 2008/07/08 21:32

does your daughters eye or eyes still turn in without the glasses on? sadie's right eye still turns in without the glasses. the dr said that it is because she is farsighted and that she has to strain without the glasses on so that she can see and that her right eye turns in because it is her dominant eye. her ledt one is straight with or without the glasses. her eyes are straight with the glasses on, before the surgery they were not perfectly straight wven with the glasses on.

Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by AnnZ - 2008/07/09 00:12

Oh yeah, they both turn in quite a bit without her glasses - we've been told the same thing, that she has accomodative strabismus, where she crosses her eyes to try and focus because she's farsighted. I think it's super cute that your daughter started smiling as soon as she got her glasses. Zoe just stared and looked around the store like she was seeing things for the first time, but then she got a little tired of them and would take them off whenever she got bored. It took about 2 weeks before she would leave them alone. When she first got her glasses, her eyes were straight, but then they started turning in again a few months later. We'll see how she does with her new prescription. I think if it doesn't completely straighten her eyes, we may be looking at surgery as well.

(we're in Minnesota)

Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by sadiesmom - 2008/07/09 14:24

so, zoe has not had the surgery yet?? i thought she had. if thats in your future let me know, i can ease your mind about it. (its not bad) Sadie's eyes look so much better since the surgery. they do not turn in as bad. they are now perfectly straight with her glasses on.

Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by kailuamom - 2008/07/10 17:04

I am so excited to hear that my daughter Mari isn't the only baby out there who is extremely farsighted. Her eyes are +10 due to genetics I believe since both my husband and I are +4. I live in Hawaii and I'm searching for frames, but unfortunately, we don't have many options. Has anyone tried the Fisher Price baby glasses? Any other brands with cute styles? I want her to be able to try the glasses before purchasing them and we don't have the solobambini or miraflex lines here.

Also, when we tried some frames, my baby refused to put them on and screamed like crazy. Did you have similar experiences with getting your babies to wear their glasses?

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by sadiesmom - 2008/07/10 19:01

sadie is nine months old and has been wearing the miraflex frames since she was 4 months old. if miraflex is what you want i think you can call the tollfree number and order them. i have called them forseveral things and you usually need to leave a message but they are very polite and will call you back. also, i like the solo bambini, you mentioned, and am considering ordering sadie a second pair (just because) i know you can order them online or by phone. i have found that if you buy the frames direct, its cheaper to take the frames to an optical center near you and have them put them in. sadie has had no problems with the miraflex and loves them!! they will not break!!! how old is your daughter?? sadie has the baby zero size, it says it is for infants and premies, but she is 9 months and it fits her perfect. she weighs 15 pds. hope this helps.

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Re:6 Month old needs glasses fro extreme farsightedness

Posted by AnnZ - 2008/07/11 01:17

Sadiesmom, nope, no surgery yet. Her doctor is hoping that the crossed eyes will be resolved through glasses alone, but it is still definitely a possibility. She got her new lenses today, so we'll see, our next appointment will be in 2 weeks. Thank you so much for the reassurance. It's good to know that others have been through it, and that it's been a positive. I will absolutely take you up on your offer to talk more about it if we end up going that route!

Kailuamom, my daughter was 14 months when she got glasses, and she threw a huge fit in the glasses store as we were trying the glasses on. However, she was much better when she got her glasses with her lenses. She would sometimes take them off and not want to have them back on, but nothing like that first time. I think she was just a little freaked out about having things on her face in front of her eyes. It took about 2 weeks total before she was totally fine with the glasses, and it really wasn't nearly as bad as I had expected.

I think both the Fisher price and the Miraflexes are super cute. I don't even know what brand of frames Zoe has. There's pictures of my daughter and other small kids with glasses here (a couple are wearing Fisher Price, and I think a couple are wearing Disney frames): <http://toddlerglasses.wordpress.com/photo-gallery/>