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Subject: high risk patient and buying surplus contacts on internet

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to you in regards to a patient encounter i had a few months ago. the patient wears a non-extended wear 3 month replacement contact lens. she sleeps in the lens for about 4 to 6 months at a time without any contact lens removal. she replaces the 3 month lens about ever 9 months or so. this has been her response to me the last two eye exams i have given her in a five year period. i have explained to her all the risk she is at with this lens and she refuse to listen to me as her doctor. i sell my contact lens at cost and that is why she buys them from me. this past year i could not order her lenses any more b/c they have been discontinued. we can not get them in the US. she found a web site "visiondirect.com" that would provide her with the contacts. she order 4 sets of these contacts b/c she knows they are being discontinued. that gives a complaint patient a 4 year supply of cl. to this patient that will be about an eight year supply of cls. i contacted vision direct about 10 times to stop the number of cls they were going to give her. i called every day and spoke the the same man at vision direct. he said he stopped the order. one day i spoke to another women at vision direct and she said the order went thru and the patient has 4 sets of cl. the cl rx i wrote only had a one year supply. how can this rx be broken by a canadian company (vision direct) . this patient has SEI and cornea edema from the over wear of the cl's. anyways if you would like more info i have more in the pt file.

thank you for your help

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