

Main Viewing Distance vs. Working Distance: Know which indoor multi-focal lenses to prescribe

Each indoor multi-focal lens is designed to work best within a given main viewing distance.

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The problem is, there is confusion about the phrases “main viewing distance” and “working distance” when referring to indoor multi-focal lenses, [such as iD Space, iD Screen, and iD Zoom](#). As a result, ECPs aren’t sure which types of indoor multi-focal lenses to prescribe to each patient. Let’s clear that up.

“Main Viewing Distance” vs. “Working Distance”

When a wearer is having trouble adapting to an indoor-specific multi-focal design, it may be that the wrong design was prescribed based on the misunderstanding of these two phrases:

- **Main Viewing Distance:** the distance at which the wearer will spend most of their time using the lens.
- **Working Distance:** the minimum and maximum focal length of the lens.

Each lens has a working distance, and each lens design allows a clear view of the closest objects the wearer will be viewing. Therefore, the focus should be on how far the wearer needs to clearly view an object looking through the fitting cross.

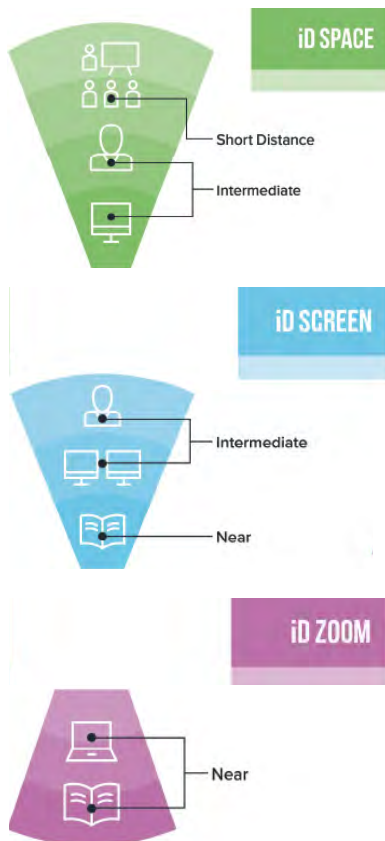
Let’s practice: When your patient works at varying distances

Hypothetically, your patient:

- Spends most of her day viewing objects located no further than her computer screen
- Occasionally collaborates with others in a meeting room with a screen 10-12 feet away
- Doesn’t want to take her glasses off to move around the office

The multi-focal lens solution here is the iD Screen. Here’s why:

This lens fits both her main viewing distance and total working distance needs, which has dramatically reduced any adaptation issues and provided an exceptional experience for your patient. Sure, she will have to use her everyday progressive to drive to and from work; however, she will be grateful that you have solutions that meet her individual visual needs.



Want more information about how to recommend the perfect pair of indoor-specific multi-focal lenses to your patients?

Contact your HOYA Territory Sales Manager for more information.