



10 Ways to Lose a Patient

& Not Even Know It

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#1 Not Listening

- Tell them what they want
 - Because their insurance will cover it
 - But it's not what they need
 - You are rushed



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#2 – Being Unresponsive

- Not calling them back
- Not responding to email or text
- Not answering the phone promptly



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#3 Wasting Their Time

- How long do they wait?
- How many forms do they fill out?
- Repetition



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#4 Treating them Like a Number

- An "EyeMed" Patient
- A "VSP" Patient
- A "Medicaid" Patient
- What time is your appointment?
- Do you have your insurance card?
- Your co-pay is?



We need to know all of this – but not in the first 30 seconds!

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#5 Preventable Mistakes

- Not knowing the details
 - Insurance info – know the essentials, employer, common plans or have a plan in place with a script
- Forgotten PD, OC, Seg Height, etc.
- Lens design and frame selection won't work



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#6 Poor Communication

- How you say, what needs to be said is important:
 - Grammar
 - Pronunciation
 - Professionalism



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#7 High Pressure Sell

- Never recommend anything that you don't believe to be the best for the patient – they can choose something substandard or extravagant but you sell what helps them SEE their best!



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#8 – Cave In

- Don't run when the going gets tough – this takes training and preparation and you'll still get thrown for a loop. Want to grow your practice, business? Prepare for the hard to please patient and make them happy!

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#9 Always complaining

- Don't like their insurance – quit accepting it
- Don't like working so many hours – figure out how to work smarter
- Don't like your job – MOVE ON
- Don't like your co-workers – Look in the mirror



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#10 Hang on to Tight

- Keeping bad patients may lose you great patients. Sometimes it's just not a great fit – help them find the right caregiver and move on to the ones you love!

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