

6. The kit as claimed in claim 5, wherein the interior of the storage unit (16) is filled with physiological saline solution.

7. The kit as claimed in claim 5, wherein the pre-load unit (P) is stored with an optical lens (L).

8. The kit as claimed in claim 5, wherein a grip piece (7) for connection to the pre-load unit (P) is additionally provided.

9. An applicator (1) comprising a pre-load unit (P) as claimed in claim 1 and a grip piece (7), wherein the pre-load unit (P) and the grip piece (7) are connected to each other in such a way that the pre-load unit (P) can be moved inside the grip piece (7).

10. The applicator (1) as claimed in claim 9, wherein control elements (8, 9) for moving the slide (15) and the rest of the pre-load unit (P) are provided on the grip piece (7).

11. The applicator (1) as claimed in claim 9, wherein a first control element (8) is provided for moving the slide (15) and a second control element (9) is provided for moving the rest of the pre-load unit (P), wherein the second control element (9) can only be operated when the first control element (8) is located in a position in which the slide (15) moved by it is driven out to the maximum extent from the housing of the pre-load unit (P).

12. The applicator (1) as claimed in claim 9, wherein a control element (8) for moving the slide (15) is provided on the grip piece (7).

13. The applicator as claimed in claim 9, wherein the pre-load unit (P) is fitted with an optical lens.

~~14. A method for inserting an optical lens (L) into the eye of a human or animal, comprising the steps of~~

~~i) positioning an applicator (1) as claimed in claim 9 at the desired location of the eye, such that the center of the optical lens (L) contained in the applicator (1) lies on the visual axis of the eye;~~

~~ii) pushing the slide forward by means of a first control element (8) on the grip piece (7), until the slide (15) comes into contact with the lens (L) without moving the latter, wherein at the same time the leaf-like units (3) of the lens-receiving part (11) are spread apart from each other;~~

iii) withdrawing the rest of the pre-load unit (P) from the eye by a defined distance by means of a second control element (9) on the grip piece (7), with simultaneous fixing of the slide (15), as a result of which the lens (L) is released from the applicator (1).

15. The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the positioning of the applicator (1) in step a) is achieved by the lens (L) being positioned by means of the holes (4), which are arranged in the leaf-like units (3) in such a way that the holes (4) lie directly over each other and form an opening through the center of the chamber (14) for storing an optical lens (L).

16. Method of use of a pre-load unit (P) as claimed in claim 1 or of an applicator (1) as claimed in claim 9, comprising the step of inserting an optical lens (L) into the eye of a human or animal with said pre-load unit or applicator.

17. Method of use of a pre-load unit (P) as claimed claim 1, comprising a step of inserting a donor cornea into the eye of a human or animal.

18. Method of using an applicator as claimed in claim 9, comprising a step of inserting a donor cornea into the eye of a human or animal.