

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

SCOPE OF PRACTICE & GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF OPTOMETRIC PRACTICE

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Scope of Practice

The practice of optometry is the assessment of the eye and the human vision system and the diagnosis, treatment, management and prevention of:

1. Disorders of refraction
2. Sensory and oculomotor disorders and dysfunction of the eye and the vision system
3. The diagnosis, treatment and management of eye disease as outlined in the bylaws and the Standards of Care

General Principles of Optometric Practice

1. Optometrists practice based on expert and current knowledge
2. Optometrists practice ethically
3. Optometrists practice in consideration of the individual rights, interests and consent of their patients
4. Optometrists practice to achieve appropriate outcomes in the interest of individual patients
5. Optometrists maintain fiduciary relationships with their patients
6. Optometrists maintain the confidence and privacy of their patients
7. Optometrists are accountable to their patients individually
8. Optometrists are accountable to their colleagues corporately