

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

CLINICAL EQUIPMENT

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Optometrists must have access to, and ensure proficient use of equipment, instrumentation, drugs and supplies for the following:

- Measurement of visual acuity for distance and near
- Evaluation of visual fields and colour vision
- Determination of refractive status of the eyes, both objectively and subjectively
- Measurement of corneal thickness and curvature
- Assessment of ocular motility and binocular function
- Examination of the eye and ocular adnexa including
 - A biomicroscope
 - Ophthalmoscope both direct and indirect and accessory lenses
- Measurement of intraocular pressure
- Pupillary dilation, cycloplegia, topical ocular anesthesia and ophthalmic disclosing agents (i.e. NaFl)
- Measurement of the parameters of spectacles
- In-office treatment of common primary ocular emergencies
- Disinfection of instruments
- Diagnostic contact lenses
- Infection control and cleanliness

When optometrists do not have a specific instrument, they must have arrangements in place whereby the tests may be performed elsewhere, by requisition or referral, and the results obtained for analysis and retention in the clinical record.