

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

DELEGATION & ASSIGNMENT

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An optometrist may delegate duties and tasks to support personnel where appropriate. Any act that is delegated by an optometrist must be ordered by the optometrist and the optometrist assumes full responsibility for such delegated acts. Acts that include direct supervision or indirect supervision may be delegated where appropriate. Patient care must not be compromised in any decision to delegate. The delegation of any act shall not negate the optometrist's responsibility to follow general accepted standards of practice.

No person other than a licensed optometrist may engage in the practice of optometry as defined in the Optometry Act, 1985. Under no circumstances shall support personnel be delegated tasks involving evaluation (or interpretation) of data, determination of diagnosis or prognosis. No support personnel shall measure subjective refractive error or determine refractive correction.