

Chapter Opt 1

PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY

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History: Chapter Opt 1 as it existed on January 31, 1971 was repealed, and a new chapter Opt 1 was created, Register, January, 1971, No. 181, effective 2-1-71.

Opt 1.01 Authority. The rules in this chapter are adopted under authority in ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2), 449.01 and 449.07, Stats., to define the scope of practice of optometry in Wisconsin.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7, Stats., Register, March, 1989, No. 399.

Opt 1.02 Definitions. In this chapter:

(1) "Extended-wear contact lenses" as used in s. Opt 5.14 means contact lenses which have received federal food and drug administration approval for marketing for extended wear and are prescribed for use on an extended wear (overnight) schedule.

Note: Extended-wear contact lenses require premarket approval under section 515 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 360e (1985). A copy of this provision is available at the board office, 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53702.

(2) "Fitting contact lenses" means any of the following procedures:

(a) Determining whether a patient may safely and comfortably wear contact lenses;

(b) Measuring and evaluating the curvature of the cornea through any means including photographic, mechanical or reflected light methods;

(c) Using a spectacle prescription or a prescription determined through the use of a vertometer or its equivalent on a pair of spectacles, as a basis for designing, manufacturing or duplicating a contact lens;

(d) Prescribing a schedule of wearing contact lenses;

(e) Placing a contact lens upon the eye of a patient for diagnostic purposes;

(f) Evaluating the physical fit of the contact lens;

(g) Using a phoropter, hand-held lens or any automated instrument for the purposes of determining the prescription or change in prescription of a contact lens; and,

(h) Any procedure listed in s. Opt 1.02 (4).

(3) "Immediate supervision" means to coordinate, direct and inspect the practice of another at first hand.

(4) "Minimum examination for the fitting of contact lenses" means the performance of all the following procedures:

(a) Performing a minimum visual examination;

(b) Determining lens specifications;

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(c) Evaluating the physical fit of diagnostic and prescribed lenses by means of a slit lamp;

(d) Prescribing a time schedule for a patient's wearing the contact lenses; and,

(e) Performing progress evaluations and recording in the patient record the recommended date of the patient's next visit.

(5) "Minimum visual examination" means the performance of all the following procedures:

(a) Recording a complete case history of the patient;

(b) Measuring far and near visual acuity;

(c) Conducting an ophthalmoscopic and external examination;

(d) Measuring corneal curvature;

(e) Performing retinoscopy;

(f) Evaluating convergence and accommodation;

(g) Obtaining far and near subjective findings;

(h) Evaluating muscle balance;

(i) Measuring intraocular pressure; and,

(j) Recording prescription and far and near visual acuity obtained.

(6) "Routine visual screening" means an examination limited to any of the following tasks:

(a) Obtaining and recording a case history;

(b) Measuring far and near visual acuities;

(c) Measuring stereopsis;

(d) Testing color vision;

(e) Testing visual fields; and,

(f) Performing non-contact tonometry.

History: Cr. Register, January, 1971, No. 181, eff. 2-1-71; am. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; r. and recr. Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; emerg. r. (3), eff. 10-18-85; r. (3), Register, April, 1986, No. 364, eff. 5-1-86; correction in (1) (h) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7, Stats., Register, March, 1989, No. 399; renum. (1), (2) and (4) to be (2), (3) and (6) and am. (2) (h) and (6) (c), (1), (4) and (5) renum. from Opt 5.02 (1), (3) and (4), Register, June, 1990, No. 414, eff. 7-1-90.

Opt 1.03 Responsibility and supervision. An optometrist may direct an unlicensed person working under the optometrist's immediate supervision to perform routine visual screening. The optometrist shall be responsible for the evaluation of the results of any routine visual screening.

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