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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History: Chapter Opt 1 as it existed on January 31, 1971 was repealed, and a new chapter Opt 1 was created, Register, January, 1971, No. 181, effective 2-1-71.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), 227.014 (2) (a), 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.

Opt 1.02 Definitions. (1) "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 6.02 (2).

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

(3) "Ophthalmic lens" means a spectacle lens.

(4) "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.

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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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