

SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

OPTOMETRY SERVICE

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OPTOMETRY EXTERN

1. This document serves to delineate the scope of practice for all optometry externs.
2. Externs will be responsible for obtaining and recording on the appropriate forms or EMR /AHLTA a complete history and appropriate optometric examination findings. They will present all cases to a military staff optometrist for confirmation of findings and ordering of therapy or additional diagnostic testing.
3. A credentialed Optometry Service staff optometrist or resident will countersign all medical documentation.
4. Medications or prescription eyewear will not be provided without staff counter-signature.
5. Externs will be able to perform routine optometric procedures under supervision of optometry staff. Procedures will include:
 - a. Basic examination of the eye and adnexa.
 - b. Dilated fundus examination.
 - c. Scleral depression.
 - d. Gonioscopy.
 - e. Contact lens fitting/evaluation.
 - f. Low vision evaluation/treatment.
 - g. Developmental vision evaluation/treatment.
 - h. Visual field study.
 - i. Retinal/anterior segment photography.
6. Externs will participate in all Optometry Service staff meetings, QI meetings and conferences.
7. Externs may be required to provide optometric lectures to the Optometry service staff or other services.
8. If qualified, externs may provide BCLS if necessary.

Student

Date