

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Article 8.—Minimum Standards for Ophthalmic Services

65-8-1. Examination and adaptation procedures.

(a) The following minimum standards for examination procedures shall be performed by a licensee during any examination conducted to determine if a prescription for corrective lenses should be provided:

- (1) visual acuity testing of each eye at far and nearpoint;
- (2) external examination;
- (3) refraction (objective and subjective);
- (4) coordination testing;
- (5) ophthalmoscopy;
- (6) biomicroscopy; and
- (7) Tonometry (if the patient is age 25 or over).

(b) In addition to the minimum standards in (a), the following additional minimum standards for procedures shall be performed during any contact lens evaluation:

- (1) measurement to determine anterior curvatures of the cornea by use of an instrument capable of producing and providing reliable findings;
- (2) evaluation of appropriate eye variables and biomicroscopic evaluation of lid health and corneal integrity;
- (3) application of known diagnostic lenses to each eye to include evaluation of acuity, over-refraction, and biomicroscopic evaluation of lens fit with use of chemical dyes, as indicated; and
- (4) discussion with the patient of the probable success and risks of contact lens wear.

(c) In addition to the minimum standards for examination and evaluation procedures set out in (a) and (b), the following are additional minimum standards for procedures to be performed during any contact lens adaptation to determine a patient's first contact lens prescription:

(1) provide patient adequate training in lens care, lens application and removal, lens wear, lens care solutions and products, and proper disinfection procedures;

(2) provide patient adequate training in proper wearing schedule, warning signs and recall intervals;

(3) provide for a minimum of two follow-up visits over a minimum period of the two months prior to determining the contact lens prescription; and

(4) visual acuity testing and biomicroscopic evaluation of each eye with and without lenses at each follow-up visit.

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