



Scope of Practice by Province - Canadian Association of Optometrists

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	AB	BC	MB	NB	NL	NS	ON	PEI	QC	SK
Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agent	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-cycloplegics	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-antiallergic	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-anti-infective	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-antibiotic	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-anti-viral	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-antifungal	Y	Y	No	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-steroid	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y-Cat	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-glaucoma	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y-Cat	Y-List	Y	Y	Y
T-immunomodulators	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y-Cat	Y-Sch 1
O-antiallergic	Y	No	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	No	Y-OTC	Y-Sch 1	Y-Sch 2	Y-Sch 1
O-Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs	Y	No	No	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	No	Y-OTC	Y-Sch 1	Y-Sch 2	Y-Sch 1
O-anti-infective	Y	No	Y-Cat	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List*	Y-Sch 1	Y-Sch 2	Y-Sch 1
O-antibiotic	Y	No	Y-Cat	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	N/A	Y-List*	Y-Sch 1	Y-List	Y-Sch 1
O-anti-viral	Y	No	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	N/A	Y-List	Y-Sch 1	Y-List	Y-Sch 1



O-anti-fungal	Y	No	No	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	No	Y-Sch 1	Y-Sch 2	Y-Sch 1
O-steroid	Y	No	No	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	No	No	Y-Sch 1	Y	Y-Sch 1
O-glaucoma	Y	Y-Cat	Y*	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	No	Y-CAI*	Y-Sch 1	Y	Y
Foreign body removal	Y	Superficial	Y	Superficial	Y	Y	Superficial	Y	Superficial	Y
Laboratory testing	Y	Y	Y	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Ultrasound imaging	Y	Corneal thickness	Corneal thickness	Y	Y	Corneal thickness	No	Corneal Thickness	Corneal thickness	Corneal thickness
Dilation/Irrigation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Insertion/removal of punctual plugs	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Injections	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
YAG capsulotomy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Laser peripheral iridotomy (LPI)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Selective laser trabeculoplasty (SLT)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Argon laser trabeculoplasty (ALT)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Minor surgical procedures (e.g. minor lesions removal)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

Y = Yes,

T = Topicals,

O = Oral,

Sch 1 = Schedule 1 drug (requires a prescription),

Sch 2 = Schedule 2 drug (only available from a pharmacist and without a prescription),

Cat = specific categories of drugs,

List = specific list of agents,

OTC = over the counter,

CAI= Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors,

*=with restrictions