



	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	NL	PEI	Yukon
DPA	Ycategory	Ysched1	Ysched1	YschedA	Y list	Ycategory	Ysched1	Ycategory	Ysched1,2	Ycategory	Ycategory
TPA											
T-cycloplegics	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
T- antiallergic	Ycategory	Ysched1	Ysched1	Y	Y list	Ycategory	Y	Ycategory	Ysched1,2	Ycategory	Ycategory
T-NSAID	Ycategory	Ysched1	Ysched1	Y	Y list	Ycategory	Y	Ycategory	Ysched1,2	Ycategory	Ycategory
T-anti-infective	Ycategory	Ysched1	Ysched1	YschedA	Y list	Ycategory	Y	Ycategory, not for ulceration	Ysched1,2	Ycategory	Ycategory
T-antibiotic	Y	Y	Y	YschedA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
T-anti-viral	Y	Y	Y	YschedA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
T-antifungal	N	Y	Y	N	Y list	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
T-steroid	Ycategory	Ysched1	Ysched1	YschedA	Y list	Ycategory	Ysched1	Ycategory, not for ulceration, less than 4wks duration	Ysched1,2	Ycategory (includes Immunosuppressive)	Ycategory
T-glaucoma	Ycategory	Ysched1	Ysched1	YschedA, some co-management or emergency ACG	Y list, POAG & Emergency ACG* only	Ycategory; with follow-up referral requirement	Ysched1	N	Ysched1,2	N	Ycategory, in co-management with ophthalmology only
T-immunomodulators	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y list	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
O-antiallergic	N	Ysched1	Ysched1	Y	Y OTC only	Y	Ysched1	N	Ysched1,2	N	N
O-NSAID	N	Ysched1	Ysched1	N	Y OTC only	Y	Ysched1	N	Ysched1,2	N	N
O-anti-infective	N	Ysched1	Ysched1	Y some co-management	Y up to 14 days	Y	Ysched1	N	Ysched1,2	N	N
O-antibiotic	N	Ysched1	Ysched1	Y some co-management	Y up to 14 days	Y	Ysched1	N	Ysched1,2	N	N
O-anti-viral	N	Ysched1	Ysched1	N	Y	Y	Ysched1	N	Ysched1,2	N	N
O-anti-fungal	N	Ysched1	Ysched1	N	N	Y	Ysched1	N	Ysched1,2	N	N
O-steroid	N	Ysched1	Ysched1	N	N	N	Ysched1	N	Ysched1,2	N	Ycategory, in co-management



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O-glaucoma	Emergency ACG only	Ysched1	Ysched1	Emergency ACG only	Emergency ACG only	N	Ysched1	N	Ysched1,2	N	Ycategory, in co-management with ophthalmology only
FB removal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y superficial only	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Laboratory testing	N	Y	N	Y orbital x-ray, surface culture	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Ultrasound imaging	To measure corneal thickness	Y	To measure corneal thickness	To measure corneal thickness	N	To measure corneal thickness	To measure corneal thickness	To measure corneal thickness	To measure corneal thickness	Y	To measure corneal thickness
Dilation/Irrigation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y
Insertion/removal punctal plugs	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y
Injection	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Lasers	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

[List of Acronyms](#)

DPA – Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agent

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OPTOMETRIC SCOPE OF PRACTICE ACROSS CANADA

TPA- Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agent
NSAID- Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug
ACG- Acute Angle Closure Glaucoma
POAG- Primary Open Angle Glaucoma
OTC – Over the Counter

*treatment of ACG only in emergency situations where physician is not readily available