

ALBERTA COLLEGE AND ASSOCIATION OF OPTICIANS

Code of Ethics

It shall be the IDEAL, the RESOLVE and the DUTY of each Optician to act in accordance with the following principles:

1. To keep the welfare of my customer / patient uppermost at all times, and shall continuously enhance my educational and technical proficiency in order that my customers / patients might receive the benefits of all acknowledged improvements in ophthalmic care.
2. To render my services to all my customers / patients with equal diligence, respect and without discrimination.
3. To hold in strict confidence all information acquired in the course of the professional relationship with my customer / patient, and shall not divulge any such information unless expressly authorized by my customer / patient, or by the Optician's [*Standards of Practice*](#).
4. To assist in maintaining the integrity of the profession, shall contribute to, and participate in its activities. I shall encourage and support the education of all individuals in the profession.
5. To foster good relationships among *all health care professionals and in particular* members of the ophthalmic professions, in order to facilitate inter-professional relationships and referrals for the benefit of my customer / patient.
6. To be professionally responsible for all services rendered by me and those under my supervision.
7. To practice *in accordance with the Opticians Profession Regulation and the Health Professions Act, and always* within limitations of my level of competence.
8. To be diligent in application of the standards of infection prevention and control.