

DRUGS THAT MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY OPTOMETRISTS

The types of drugs that may be prescribed depends on whether the licensee is an Optometrist, a Therapeutic Optometrist, or an Optometric Glaucoma Specialist.

OPTOMETRISTS (identified by a license number without letters): May not prescribe any prescription drugs.

THERAPEUTIC OPTOMETRISTS (identified by a license number ending in the letter T): May prescribe the appropriate **topical medication** for the purpose of diagnosing and treating visual defects, abnormal conditions, and diseases of the human vision system, including the eye and adnexa (associated anatomic parts). The following is a partial list of topical medications that Therapeutic Optometrists may prescribe.

Therapeutic Class	Type or Mechanism of Action	Generic Name (Partial List)
Anti-Allergy	Antihistamine	Levocabastine HCL, Olopatadine HCL, Pyrilamine Maleate, Lodoxamide Tromethamine, Pheiramine Maleate
	Membrane Stabilizer	Cromolyn Sodium
Anti- Fungal	Imidazoles	
	Polyenes	Natamycin
Anti-Infective	Agents Affecting Intermediary Metabolism	Sodium Sulfacetamide, Sulfisoxazole, Trimethoprim
	Aminoglycoside	Gentamicin, Tobramycin, Neomycin
	Anti-AChase	
	Anti-Cell Membrane	Gramicidin, Polymyxin B Sulfate
	Anti-Cell Wall Synthesis	Bacitracin
	Anti-DNA Synthesis	Ciprofloxacin
	Anti-Protein Synthesis (excluding chloramphenicol)	Erythromycin, Oxytetracycline HCL, Mupirocin
	Anti-Viral	Idoxuridine, Triburidine, Vidarabine
	Cephalosporin	Cefazolin
	Anti-Inflammatory	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAID)
Steroid		Dexamethasone, Hydrocortisone, Prednisolone Acetate, Remisolone, Fluoromethalone, Medrysone, Prednisolone Sodium
Antiseptic		Zinc Sulfate
Chelating Agent		Deferoxamine, EDTA (Edetate Disodium)
Chemical Cautery		Silver Nitrate
Cycloplegic	Parasympatholytic	Atropine Sulfate, Homatropine HBr, Cyclopentolate HCL, Scopolamine HBr
Hyperosmotic		Glucose, Sodium Chloride, Glycerin
Miotic	Anti-AChase	
	Parasympathomimetic	Pilocarpine HCL (0.25-0.5% only)
Mucolytic		
Mydriatic	Sympathomimetic Alpha 1 Agonists only	Hydroxyamphetamine HBr, Phenylephrine
Vasoconstrictor	Sympathomimetic Alpha 1 Agonists only	Naphazoline HCL, Tetrahydroxoline HCL, Oxymetazoline HCL

If properly registered with DPS and DEA, Therapeutic Optometrists may **possess for administration** no more than 2 vials of prepackaged cocaine 10% eye drops.

OPTOMETRIC GLAUCOMA SPECIALISTS (identified by a license number ending in the letters TG) may prescribe everything a Therapeutic Optometrist may prescribe **and the following drugs:**

1. appropriate **oral pharmaceutical agents** used for diagnosing and treating visual defects, abnormal conditions, and diseases of the human vision system, including the eye and adnexa, which are included in the following classification or are combinations of agents in the classifications:
 - A. one 10-day supply of oral antibiotics;
 - B. one 72-hour supply of oral antihistamines;
 - C. one seven-day supply of oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories;
 - D. one three-day supply of any analgesic in controlled substance Schedules III, IV, and V (if properly registered with DPS and DEA); and
2. antiglaucoma drugs.