



**The ROYAL COLLEGE of
OPHTHALMOLOGISTS**

OST Curriculum 2024

Level 3 Learning Outcomes and descriptors

Patient Management Domain

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Glaucoma (iv)

Level 3	
Learning Outcome	Descriptors
<i>An ophthalmologist achieving this level will, in addition:</i>	
Independently assess and manage moderate complexity patients, demonstrating an understanding of glaucoma procedures and selecting the most appropriate treatment according to current accepted practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Understand and apply knowledge of medicine and surgery relevant to glaucoma practice, to make diagnoses and recommend a management plan.▪ Be informed by the patient's unique medical, psychological and social circumstances.▪ Understand the tests and imaging techniques that might be helpful in deciding about and guiding treatment.▪ Use with accuracy and efficiency instruments available to assess the patient, including ultrasound, imaging and fields.▪ Implement a detailed management plan to include care from triage to discharge from care.▪ Acknowledge and follow relevant guidelines or protocols.▪ Practise in line with the latest evidence.▪ Understand the indications, risks and limitations of laser treatment and surgery and identify patients for whom these treatments would be appropriate.▪ Perform laser iridotomy and selective laser trabeculoplasty.▪ Involve the patient, and where appropriate, their carer, partner or relatives, in the choices about their care and enable them to express their informed consent.
Risk assess and prioritise patients appropriately, recognising the need for special interest input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Manage patient referrals efficiently, according appropriate priority to referrals based on clinical need and in accordance with local and national guidelines.▪ Refer to more experienced clinicians when appropriate.▪ Manage acute presentations following local guidance.▪ Recognise where a patient is low risk and can be managed in a different clinic setting or is appropriate to be discharged back to the community.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Manage surgical waiting lists and other access to clinical services appropriately, intervening when clinical care for a patient is put at risk by inappropriate waiting list management.
Independently perform low complexity glaucoma procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Perform appropriate laser for the management of glaucoma, including selective laser trabeculoplasty and diode.▪ Have a good knowledge of techniques of laser application, delivery systems and treatment strategies, including the indications, risks and limitations of laser treatment.▪ Develop new skills in a supervised simulated environment.