



Standard 2: Evidence-Informed Practice

Applies to Opticianry

The College of Health and Care Professionals of BC was created on June 28, 2024 through the amalgamation of seven health regulatory colleges:

- College of Dietitians of British Columbia
- College of Occupational Therapists of British Columbia
- College of Optometrists of British Columbia
- College of Opticians of British Columbia
- College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia
- College of Psychologists of British Columbia
- College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of British Columbia

All current requirements for standards of clinical and ethical practice issued by the seven colleges remain in place upon amalgamation.

This document was created by the College of Opticians of British Columbia and will be updated to reflect the amalgamation.

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Description

The optician applies verifiable evidence, critical thinking, and professional judgment to all aspects of service delivery.

Expected Outcome

The client can expect that the optical services they receive from their optician:

1. Are informed by relevant clinical research, professional experience, and knowledge.
2. Are specific to their circumstances and individual needs.

Criteria

- 2.1 Review a variety of reliable sources of evidence.
- 2.2 Use critical thinking to identify, interpret, and adapt evidence in practice.
- 2.3 Evaluate practice based on client outcomes and available evidence, and use professional judgment to modify approaches accordingly.
- 2.4 Exchange verifiable evidence with other opticians, relevant regulated health care professionals, students, unregulated staff, and clients to ensure continuity of care.

Related Standards of Practice

- Standard 3: Collaborative Care
- Standard 4: Cultural Safety, Cultural Humility, and Anti-Racism
- Standard 5: Competence
- Standard 6: Professionalism
- Standard 14: Record Keeping and Billing
- Standard 15: Communication and Marketing