



**The ROYAL COLLEGE of  
OPHTHALMOLOGISTS**

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# Level 3 Learning Outcomes and descriptors

Patient Management Domain

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## Glaucoma (iv)

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 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.</li></ul>
<b>Independently perform low complexity glaucoma procedures.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Perform appropriate laser for the management of glaucoma, including selective laser trabeculoplasty and diode.</li><li>▪ Have a good knowledge of techniques of laser application, delivery systems and treatment strategies, including the indications, risks and limitations of laser treatment.</li><li>▪ Develop new skills in a supervised simulated environment.</li></ul>

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