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§30-8B-7. Restrictions.

(a) The licensee shall perform only those ophthalmic laser procedures approved by the board.

(b) New ophthalmic laser procedures may be added to the list of approved procedures by a decision of the board based on the following criteria:

(1) A new or existing ophthalmic laser device or procedure has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of the eye or its appendages; and

(2) A new or existing ophthalmic laser device or procedure has gained accepted use in the eye care field. Such acceptance may be identified by its inclusion in the curriculum of an optometry school accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education or its successor, or approved post-graduate continuing education, through peer-reviewed, evidence-based research and professional journal articles, or by, inclusion in established standards of practice and care published by professional organizations.

(c) A licensee may not perform a procedure on a pediatric patient. A licensee shall refer a pediatric patient to an ophthalmologist.

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