

Appendix M: Expert witness testimonial

M.1 Heading of question

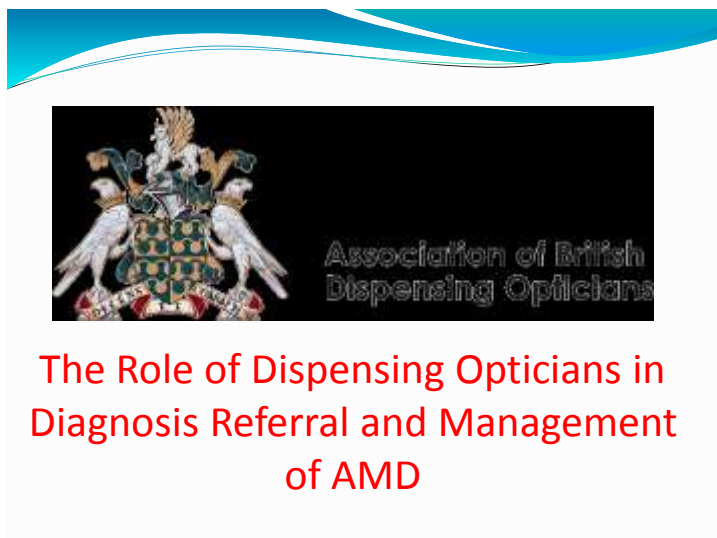
Review question

RQ5: How do different organisational models and referral pathways for triage, diagnosis, ongoing treatment and follow up influence outcomes for people with suspected AMD (for example correct diagnosis, errors in diagnosis, delays in diagnosis, process outcomes)?

RQ16: How do different organisational models for ongoing treatment and follow up influence outcomes for people with diagnosed neovascular AMD (for example disease progression, time to treatment, non-attendance)?

RQ24: How soon should people with neovascular AMD be diagnosed and treated after becoming symptomatic?

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About ABDO

- Regulated since 1926 and formed in 1986
- 6000 GOC DO Registrants, 1000 Student DOs
- Objectives include to protect and advance the status of DOs for the benefit of the public
- Aims include better education, suitable standards and stakeholder engagement for DOs
- Governed by a Board of directors and headed by general Secretary Sir Tony Garrett with 13 regional areas in the UK.
- Offices in London, Colchester (CET) and Godmersham, Kent
- FT and Distance Learning Courses in UK and Non-EEA



What's the difference between a Dispensing Optician and an Optometrist?

- An Optometrist can perform an eye test under the Opticians Act
- An Optometrist can perform dilated funduscopy
- An Optometrist can train to be an Independent Prescriber and can perform anti vegF injections with additional training
- An Optometrist does not need additional qualifications to fit CLs or LVAs.
- An Optometrist gets paid via GOS
- An Optometrist gets a DOH CET allowance



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- Both have similar GOC core competencies for AMD
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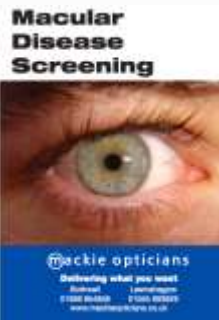
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Cross Functional Working

- NICE SIGN NES WOPEC
- Dispensing Optician
- Optometrist
- Ophthalmologist
- General Practitioner
- Pharmacist
- Social Worker
- Charities
- Voluntary Sector
- DVLA

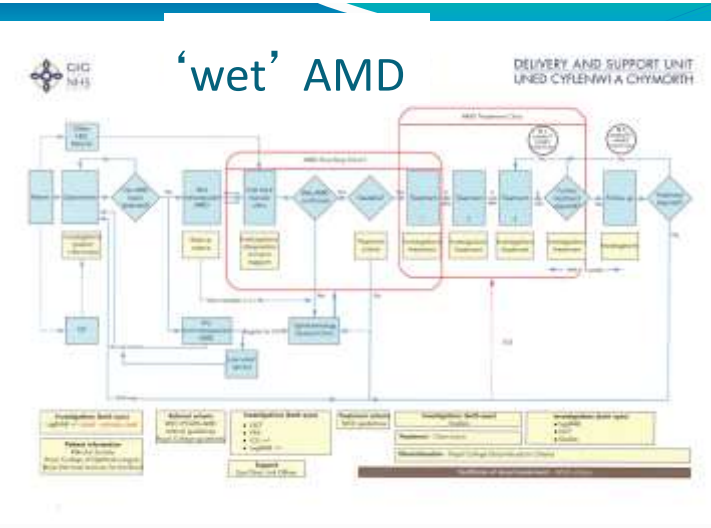
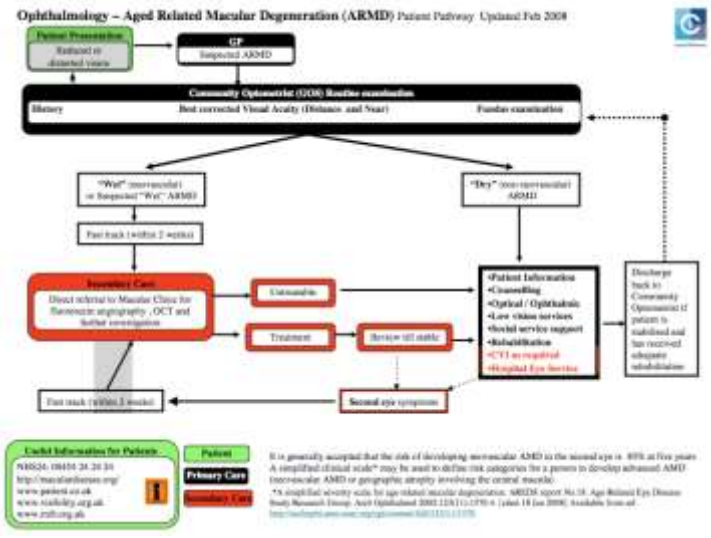


GOC DO Core Competencies

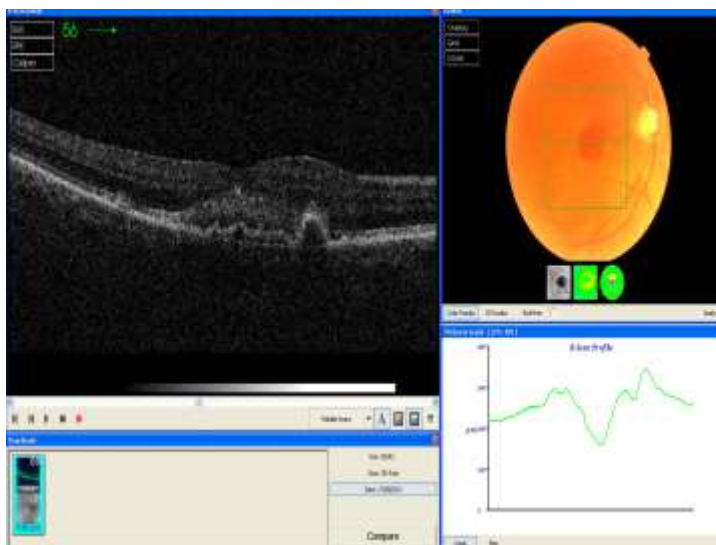
- 1 Communication
- 2 Professional Conduct
- 3 Methods of Ocular Examination
- 6 Low Vision (Optometrist Optical Appliances)
- 8. Ocular Abnormalities (Optometrist Ocular Disease)
- 8.1.2 Understands Symptoms associated with internal eye disease
- 8.1.3 Understands the clinical treatment of a range of significant ocular diseases/disorders and conditions
- 8.1.5 Understands the implications of the manifestations of eye disease
- 8.1.6 Recognises and deals with ocular emergencies



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NICE questions please?

