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To: All Registered Optometrists

Dear Sir/Madam,

Amendment to the Code of Practice

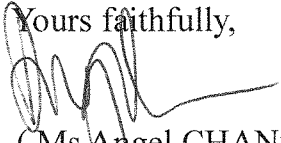
I am writing to inform you of an amendment made to the "List of Approved Drugs" ("the Drug List") in Annex II to the Code of Practice for Registered Optometrists ("the Code").

The Optometrists Board ("the Board") has recently endorsed to add "*Tetracaine used in 1.0% solution*" to the Drug List due to the unavailability of "*Tetracaine used in 0.5% solution*" (which is a drug on the existing Drug List) in Hong Kong.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to remind all registered optometrists that, as set out in item 8.1 in Part III of the Code, only optometrists in **Part I** of the register are permitted to use the drugs on the Drug List. For optometrists in Part I of the register, you are also advised to note other requirements in items 8.2 to 8.4 in Part III of the Code, and in particular that care must be exercised in the use of any drug and any careless or irresponsible use may lead to disciplinary action. Moreover, you should observe all the relevant statutory requirements including, inter alia, those stipulated under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap. 138) on possession, use, etc. of the drugs specified in the Drug List. In case of doubt, advice should be sought from your own legal adviser.

----- The amendment will come into operation on **1 April 2022**. The amended Annex II to the Code is attached for your retention. Please update your copy of the Code accordingly. The updated version of the Code is also published on the Board's website (https://www.smp-council.org.hk/op/en/content.php?page=cd_cp).

For enquiries, please contact the Secretariat at 2527 8363.

Yours faithfully,

(Ms Angel CHAN)
Secretary, Optometrists Board

Amended Annex II to the Code of Practice for Registered Optometrists

List of Approved Drugs

The Board has approved a list of drugs which it considers proper for optometrists registered in Part I of the register to use in the normal conduct of their practice. This list is given below –

<i>Type</i>	<i>Drug</i>
Topical Anaesthetics	Proparacaine Hydrochloride used in 0.5% solution
	Oxybuprocaine Hydrochloride used in 0.4% solution
	Tetracaine used in 0.5% or 1.0% solution
Mydriatics	Tropicamide used in 0.5% or 1.0% solution
	Phenylephrine used in not more than 2.5% solution
Cycloplegics	Cyclopentolate Hydrochloride used in 0.5% or 1.0% solution
	Atropine Sulphate used in 0.5% aqueous solution or
	Atropine Sulphate 1.0% solution available in the form of
	eyedrops or Atropine Sulphate 0.5% ointment or Atropine Sulphate 1.0% ointment

Amended on 1.4.2022