**APPENDIX: CORE CLINICAL COMPETENCIES[[1]](#endnote-1)**

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| **Professional Responsibilities:** |
| Practices in accordance with the standards of ethical behaviour of the profession |
| Communicates appropriate advice and information |
| **Communication and Patient History:** |
| Obtains a case history and elicits the required information for diagnosis and management  |
| Obtains informed patient consent |
|  **Patient Examination:** |
| Formulates and implements an examination plan |
| Assesses the ocular adnexa and eye |
| Assesses visual function, visual fields, colour vision and pupil function |
| Assesses refractive status |
| Assesses oculomotor and binocular function |
| Assesses signs and symptoms of significance to patient’s systemic health |
| **Diagnosis and Management:** |
| Establishes diagnoses |
| Designs a management plan in consultation with the patient and implements it  |
| Assesses suitability for spectacles and/or contact lenses and prescribes |
| Prescribes therapeutic agents to manage ocular conditions |
| Manages patients requiring vision therapy |
| Refers patients appropriately  |
| Provides advice on eye health and safety in the workplace |
| **Health Information Management:** |
| Records patient information accurately and stores securely |
| Maintains confidentiality of patient records |

1. Adapted from the Entry-Level Competency Standards for Optometry 2014 (Optometry Australia) [↑](#endnote-ref-1)