

GEORGIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Rule 430-10-.03 – Approved Therapeutic Drugs
Effective August 8, 2007

(1) Pharmaceutical agents which are used by a doctor of optometry for treatment purposes and administered orally may only be:

(a) Non-narcotic oral analgesics and Schedule III or Schedule IV controlled substances which are oral analgesics;

(b) Used for ocular pain; and

(c) Used for no more than 72 hours without consultation with the patient's physician; or

(d) Oral and topical antibiotics, antivirals, topical steroids, antifungals, antihistamines, or antiglaucoma agents related to the diagnosis or treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye and adnexa oculi except Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substances.

(2) Doctors of optometry using such oral and topical pharmaceutical agents shall be held to the same standard of care imposed by Code Section 51-1-27 as would be applied to a physician licensed under Chapter 34 of this title performing similar acts; provided, however, that a doctor of optometry shall not be authorized to treat systemic diseases.

(3) The following pharmaceutical agents may be used for treatment purposes, including ocular pain, by any doctor of optometry who has been certified pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-30-1(2)(A) to use pharmaceutical agents for treatment purposes:

(a) topical and oral antibiotics;

(b) topical and oral antivirals;

(c) topical and oral antifungals;

(d) topical and oral antiallergy;

(e) topical and oral antiglaucoma;

(f) topical steroids;

(g) topical and oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory;

(h) oral non-narcotic analgesics;

(i) oral narcotic Schedule III or IV analgesics;

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