

**21 NCAC 42M .0102      FUNCTION**

(a) Preceptees may perform all functions which a duly licensed optometrist may perform under Article 6 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes, provided that such are performed at the direction and under the supervision of the preceptor to whom the preceptee is registered; provided, however, nothing in this part shall be construed to permit a preceptee to prescribe for any patient in his own name or prior to the patient's chart being reviewed and signed by the preceptor. Further, in an instance where a pharmaceutical agent is being prescribed, the preceptor shall physically examine the patient prior to the prescription being authorized and given to the patient.

(b) A preceptee shall wear appropriate identification at all times when involved in patient care that will identify him to patients both by name and as a "student". Acceptable terms that would meet this requirement include but are not limited to "intern", "preceptee", "extern", and "optometry student".

(c) Prior to the undertaking of any examination of a patient by a preceptee, the patient shall be made aware that the care being rendered to him is being performed by a student in training and the patient's record shall note the patient's consent.

*History Note:*      *Authority G.S. 90-115.1(3); 90-117.5;*  
                          *Eff. April 1, 1993;*

*Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 23, 2015.*