

## **LOW VISION CLINICAL GUIDELINES**

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Registration with the HPCSA (PBODO)

Clinical practice must be conducted within the scope of practice as defined by the PBODO.

### ***LOW VISION ASSESSMENT***

- ❖ observational assessment
- ❖ patient interview techniques
- ❖ case history
- ❖ ocular health assessment
- ❖ distance and near visual acuity measurements
- ❖ low vision refraction including magnification assessment
- ❖ functional assessment
- ❖ binocular vision assessment
- ❖ auxiliary tests such as required
- ❖ prescription of appropriate devices

### ***Patient management***

- ❖ Appropriate selection and demonstration of optical and non-optical low vision devices
- ❖ Training and counseling
- ❖ Appropriate referral

## **MINIMUM EQUIPMENT**

### **ASSESSMENT**

- ❖ Retinoscope
- ❖ Ophthalmoscope
- ❖ Pen light torch
- ❖ Tape measure
- ❖ Occluder
- ❖ Trial frame
- ❖ Trial lenses
- ❖ Distance and near low vision charts
- ❖ Amsler Grid
- ❖ Color vision test – Farnsworth D15 or City University
- ❖ Perimeter
- ❖ Filters
- ❖ Typoscope

## LOW VISION DEVICES

- ❖ Hand magnifiers
- ❖ Stand magnifiers
- ❖ High plus spectacle magnifiers
- ❖ Telescopes
- ❖ Non-optical options

## SCREENING PROTOCOL (LOW VISION)

### *Minimum requirements*

Basic case history, visual acuity distance and near, subjective and or objective refraction, ophthalmoscopy, appropriate recommendation(s)