

Eye Services Comparison Chart

| Qualifications & Services | Optometrist | Ophthalmologist | Optician |
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| University educated eye doctors | √ | √ | |
| Can detect and treat eye health problems and eye disease | √ | √ | |
| Uncover serious overall health problems that affect the eyes | √ | √ | |
| Treat eye injuries | √ | √ | |
| Offer evening and weekend appointments to examine and treat eye health problems | √ | | |
| Prescribe medicated eye drops to treat eye infections, inflammation and allergies | √ | √ | |
| Can perform a complete Medically Necessary eye exam without a referral | √ | √ | |
| Majority sell eyeglasses and contact lenses | √ | | √ |
| Provide referrals to other specialists | √ | √ | |
| Take walk-ins | √ | | √ |
| Assess and prescribe safety eyewear | √ | | √ |
| Perform surgery | | √ | |