School of Optometry established in Montreal, QC and Toronto, ON.

Optometry Act was amended to permit optometrists the title of "Doctor".

Canada's only English Optometric program moved from the University of Toronto to the University of Waterloo and granted the Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree.

Federal Government granted optometrists the right to be passport guarantors.

Alberta optometrists are the first in Canada to treat eye and vision diseases with topical pharmaceutical agents.

Mid 90's - Doctors of Optometry began to use OCT imaging diagnostics in their offices.

Alberta ODs attended Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agents (DPAs) and Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents (TPA) certification programs held at the University of Alberta and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. A total of 100 hours of instruction were provided with 60 hours didactic and 40 hours clinical. Optometrists from Saskatchewan attended too.

Optometrists allowed to officially use DPAs during regular and medically required eye examinations.

BC Opticians allowed to refract for use in dispensing eyeglasses or contact lenses.

Orbital X-ray
Surface Culture
Co-management required
No prescribing authority
Yes, can prescribe oral steroids
CO-MANAGEMENT REQUIRED WITH TREATMENT