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World Council of Optometry and Alcon Release New Version of Dry Eye Wheel

*Update Incorporates the Latest
TFOS DEWS III Report Recommendations*

ST. LOUIS (June 17, 2026) The World Council of Optometry (WCO) and Alcon have released a new version of the [WCO Alcon Dry Eye Wheel](https://dryeye.worldcouncilofoptometry.info/interactive-dry-eye-wheel/), updated with the latest recommendations from the recently published Tear Film & Ocular Surface Society Dry Eye Workshop III (TFOS DEWS III) report. The wheel helps eye care professionals (ECPs) worldwide support patients with dry eye using the three steps of mitigation, measurement, and management. It is available at no charge by visiting <https://dryeye.worldcouncilofoptometry.info/interactive-dry-eye-wheel/>

The updates reflect the inclusion of dry eye etiological drivers, the OSDI-6 symptomatology questionnaire, and some new and refined management options.

The latest wheel iteration complements the jointly produced [Dry Eye Management Map](#), an online interactive tool designed to assist ECPs navigate dry eye disease management. Both of which are available in a selection of languages, including Arabic, Chinese, French and Spanish, with more to follow. While these tools support clinical decision-making, the optometrist retains full medical judgment and remains the ultimate decision-maker in determining the appropriate course of care.

“Clinicians and educators who use the WCO Alcon Dry Eye Wheel as part of their daily practice can be assured that it reflects the most current consensus recommendations from the world’s top experts,” said Cindy Tromans, BSc (Hons), PhD, FEAOO, president of WCO.

The website for the broader WCO Alcon Dry Eye initiative (<https://dryeye.worldcouncilofoptometry.info/>) also includes a [three-video series](#) to help ECPs better comprehend the latest recommendations from the TFOS DEWS III report. The videos summarize the overall report, review the diagnostic methodology section, and highlight elements of the management and therapy report.

“Advancing the understanding and management of Dry Eye Disease remains a core priority for Alcon, driven by scientific innovation and meaningful collaboration,” said Dr. Carla Mack, Global Head of Professional Education and Development at Alcon. “Ahead of the Dry Eye Awareness Month, we are proud introduce and support eye care professionals around the world

with interactive easy-to-use resources like the Dry Eye Wheel, designed to help improve how this complex condition is diagnosed and managed.”

Dry eye disease is a chronic and painful condition. Reports of this epidemic are rising in occurrence and correspond with factors such as increasing use of technology, environmental triggers, and an aging population.¹ Nearly 1.6 billion people around the world suffer from dry eye disease every day.²

More information about the WCO and Alcon dry eye initiative can be found at dryeye.worldcouncilofoptometry.info.

About the World Council of Optometry

The World Council of Optometry (WCO) is an international membership-based non-profit organization for individual optometrists, industry professionals and optometric organizations that envisions a world where optometry makes high quality eye health and vision care accessible to all people. Its mission is to facilitate the development of optometry around the world and support optometrists in promoting eye health and vision care as a human right through advocacy, education, policy development and humanitarian outreach. To learn more, please visit www.worldcouncilofoptometry.info or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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¹ MarketScope (2020) 2020 Dry Eye Products Market Report. A Global Analysis for 2019 to 2025. October 2020.

² Stapleton F, Alves M, Bunya VY, Jalbert I, Lekhanont K et al. (2017) TFOS DEWS II Epidemiology Report. Ocul Surf 15 (3): 334-365.