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Subject: Therapeutic qualifications

Dear Sir/Madam,

Like many of my vintage (1974 graduate), I became an optometrist because the career suited my aspirations to help people, without assuming the onerous responsibilities of a Doctor or Ophthalmologist.

I have enjoyed my career, and in my final years of work my national registration fees have nearly quadrupled and I have been told to learn CPR when I have never needed to use it in 35 years of practice, and understand it's success rate is as low as 7%.

Now you want me to return to study and qualify to use drugs I have no need for (four Ophthalmologists nearby). Ridiculous!! Leave me alone to finish my working life in the competent way I have always practiced.

I do not wish to an Ophthalmologist. I am happy being an Optometrist. For those of you who are bored with Optometry and are frustrated that you are not Ophthalmologists and wish to be, I say "go back to medical school and qualify properly". Leave Optometry alone.

Yours faithfully,
Stephen Grimshaw