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I have been practicing Optometry in the UK, New Zealand and Australia since 2000 and have never felt compromised by not being therapeutically endorsed. I can see an advantage to therapeutic endorsement only in areas where Ophthalmologists are not readily available. I have several colleagues who hold therapeutic endorsements but seldom, if ever, use therapeutics.

I feel that the current system of voluntary therapeutic registration works well. Optometrists who are interested in the area can gain this speciality whilst those who don't hold the endorsement are fully able to provide comprehensive eye care and refer as necessary.

In addition I feel my relationship with Ophthalmology is good and would not want to be seen as trying to do their job without the same level of expertise.

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