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Statement from the College of Optometrists

The College of Optometrists welcomes the publication of *Action on AMD*, which gives examples of good practice across the country. We welcome the multidisciplinary nature of both the expert group that produced the document and the suggested solutions to the capacity issues facing the Hospital Eye Service. We hope these will improve access to treatment for patients with this blinding condition.

Statement from the Royal College of Ophthalmologists

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists (RCOphth) welcomes the prominence given in *Action on AMD* to the importance of fast-track patient referral systems from primary care. This, combined with prompt commencement of therapy in ophthalmology care and regular monthly follow-up, is in accordance with NICE guidance and RCOphth guidelines. The document gives examples of service innovations, and further quality improvements in AMD patient care are encouraged. The College believes that AMD patients are best evaluated and treated by an ophthalmologist with expertise in this condition, and it values multidisciplinary teamwork.