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Dear ROS members,

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Greetings from ROS executive.

We want to highlight your attention on a very important matter.

It has been noticed that many Ophthalmic centres are mushrooming in our state run by **OPTOMETRISTS**.

Optometrist run these centres, prescribe drugs as well as advise surgery.

These centres employ our colleagues (OPHTHALMOLOGISTS) who on visiting basis go and operate there.

The society has taken serious cognizance of this disturbing development because of the following points.

1. The paramedical staff as per rules are not authorized to prescribe drugs including steroid, anti-glaucoma medicines which are rampantly being used in non-indicated cases.
2. The prescription carries OPHTHALMOLOGISTS name who are sparingly present in the OPD and are liable for any adverse condition.
3. There is a very poor pre operative and post operative follow up of the surgical patients by para medical staff often leading to complications & operating surgeons are liable for all legal complications.
4. In order to lieu patients for surgery the rates offered are abysmally low which in general spoils the whole price balance in the profession.

The society has ample documentation of the above facts and would like to **sincerely request our members to refrain going and patronizing such OPTOMETRIST run centres. This is in the larger benefit of the society as whole.**

The society would be compelled to take a stern action if in future such activities are come to notice.

Regards

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