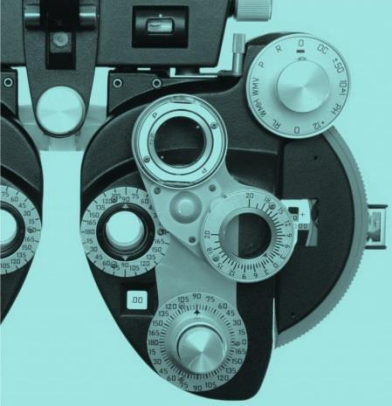
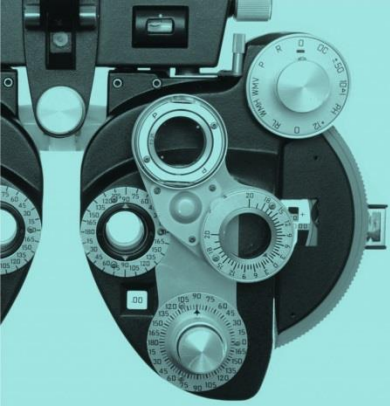


Too Good Not To Share

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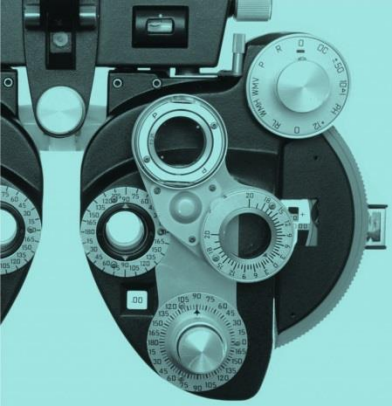
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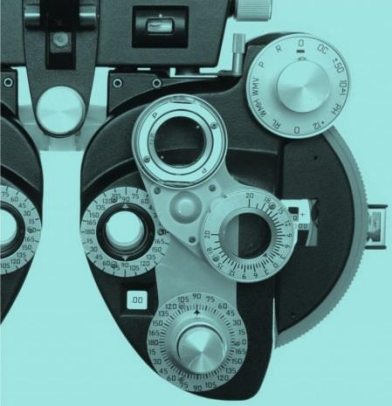
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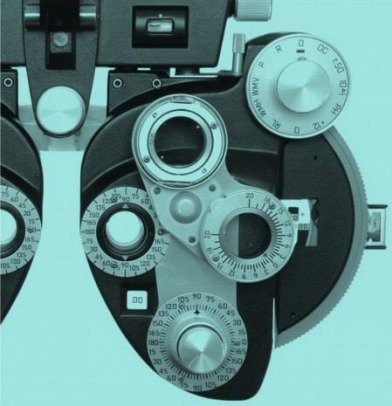


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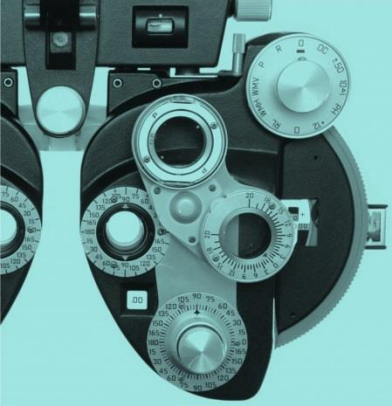
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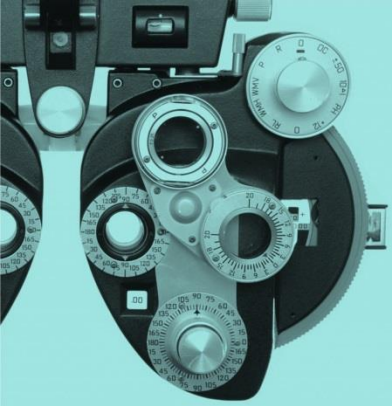
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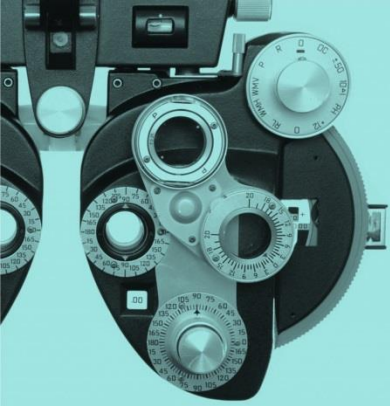
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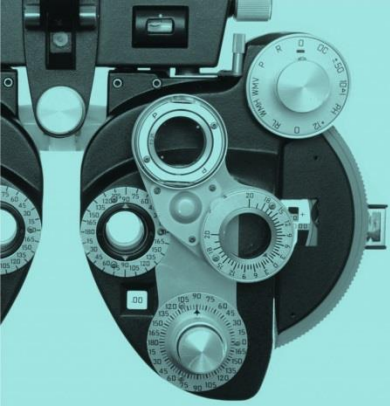


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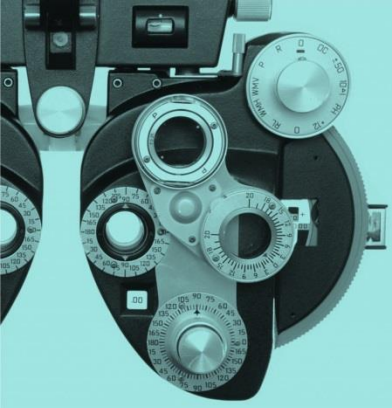


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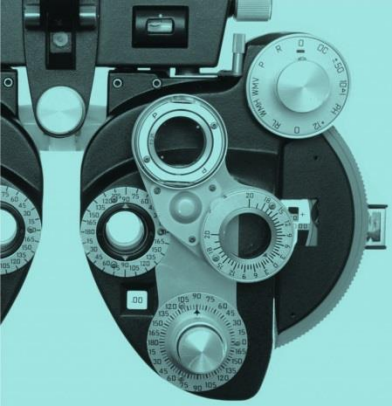
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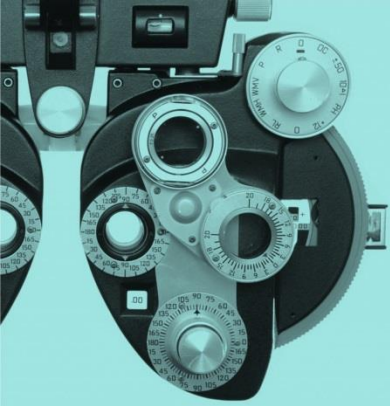


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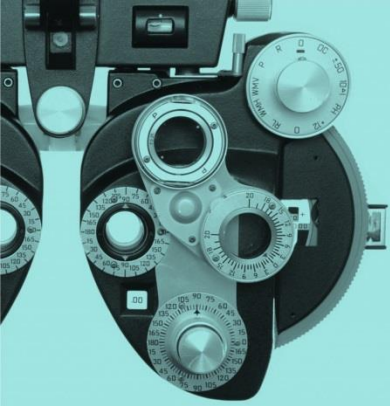
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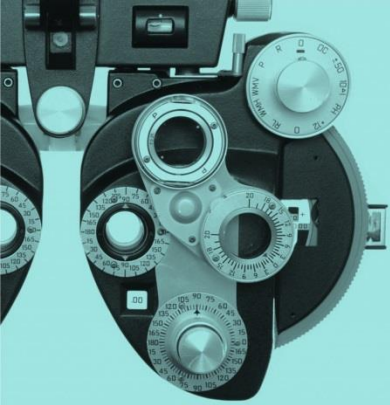
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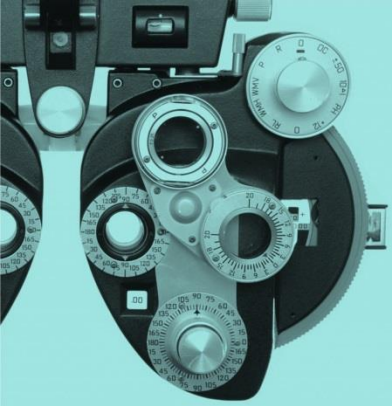
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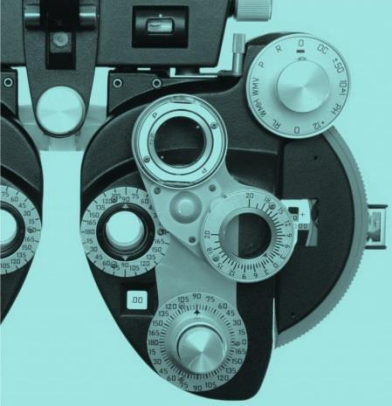
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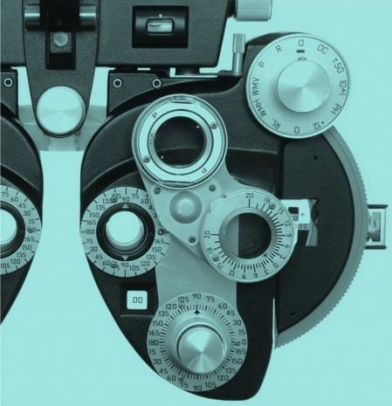
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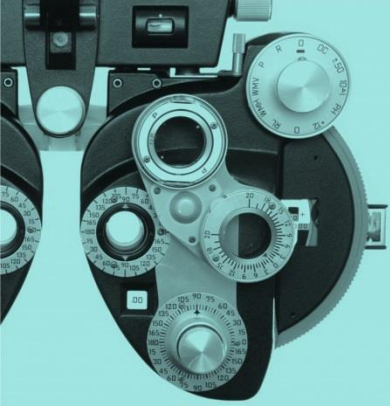
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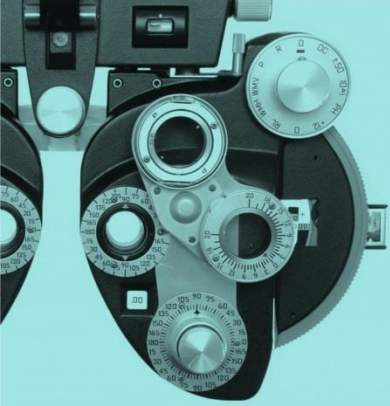
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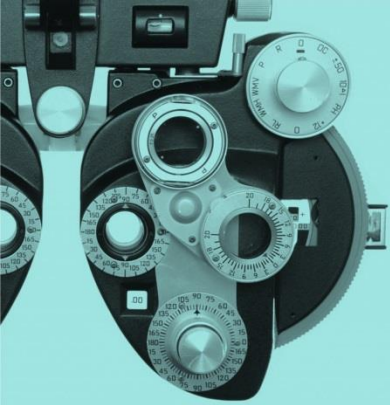
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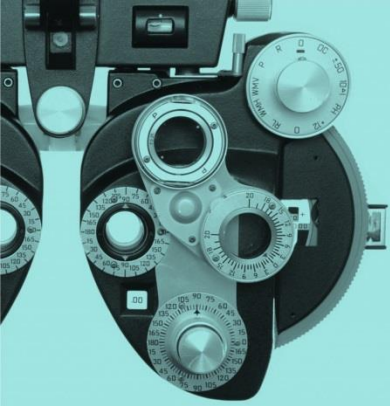
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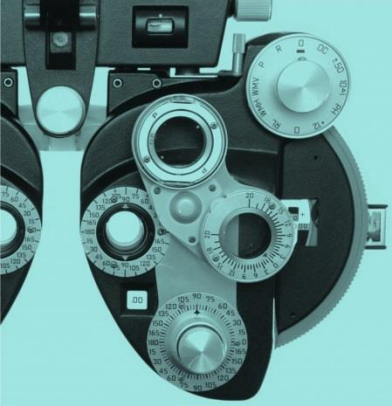
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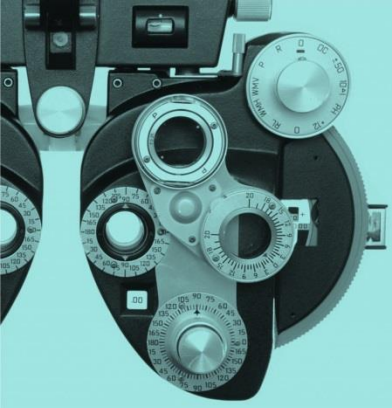
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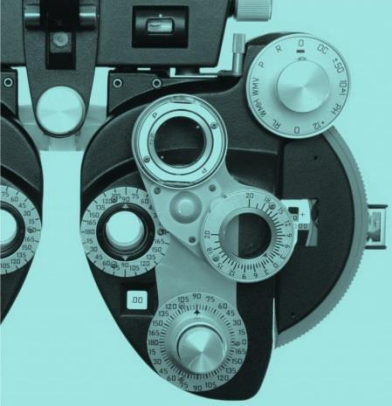
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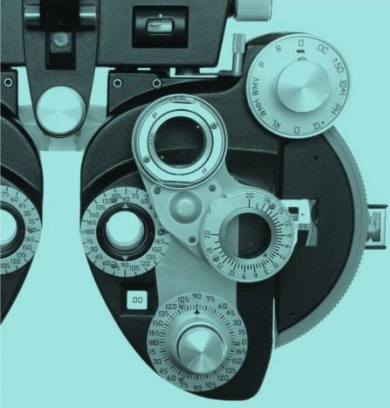
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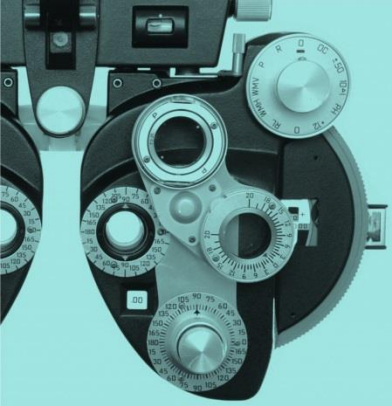
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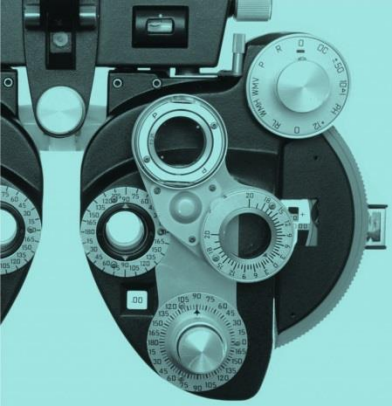


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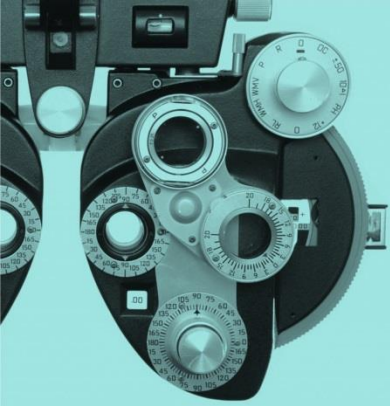
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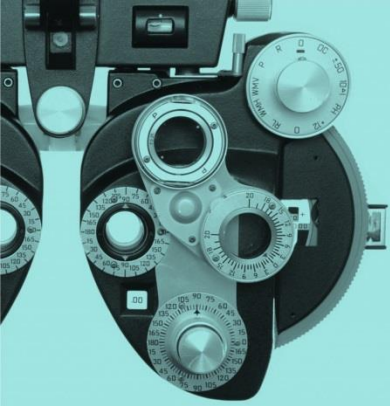
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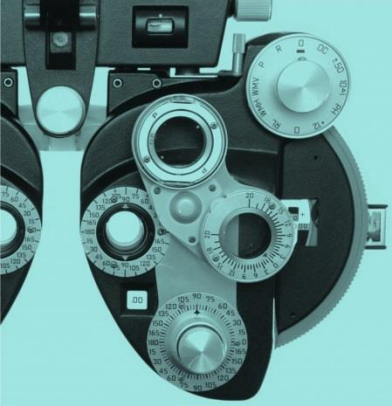
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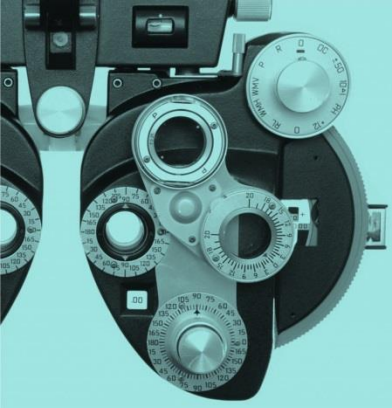


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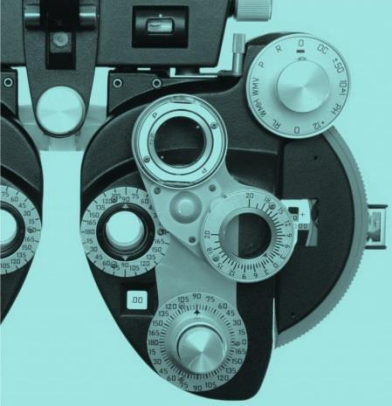
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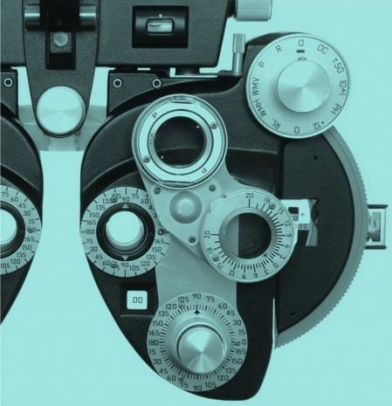
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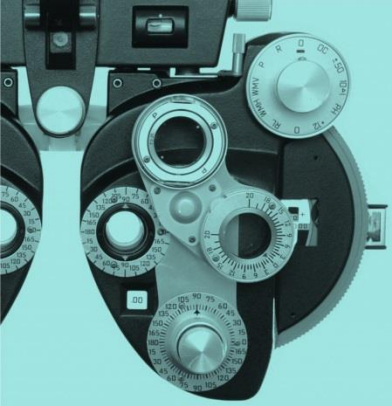
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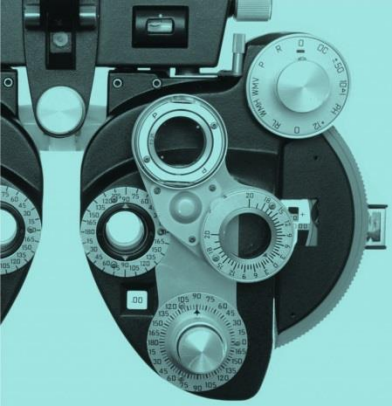
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EFCA doctrinal statement #8

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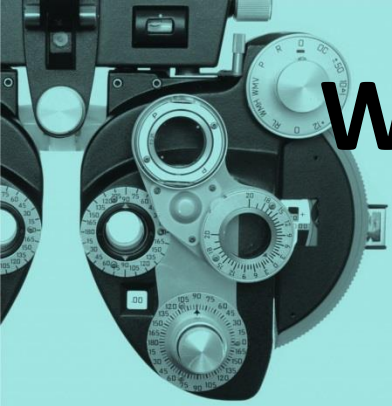
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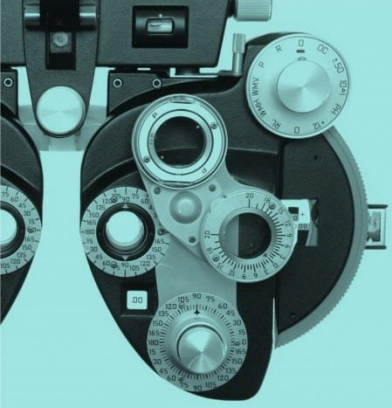
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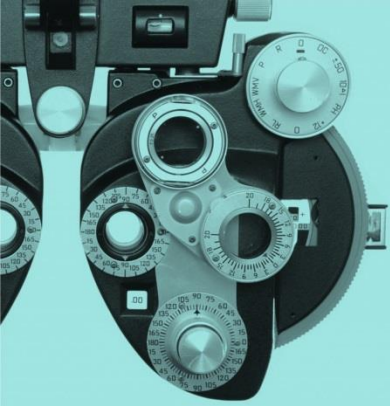


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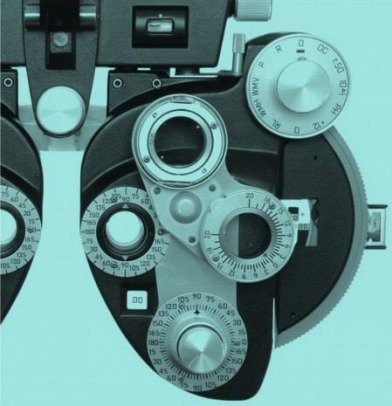


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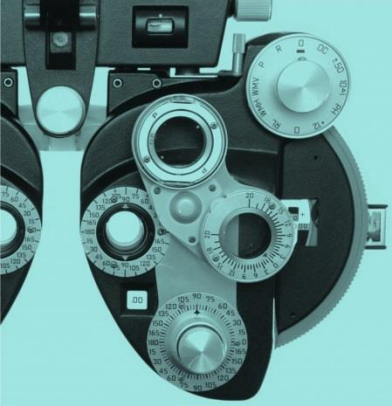


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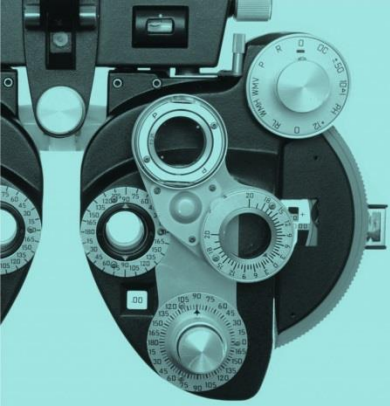
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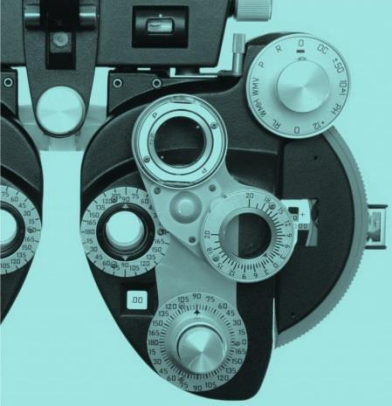
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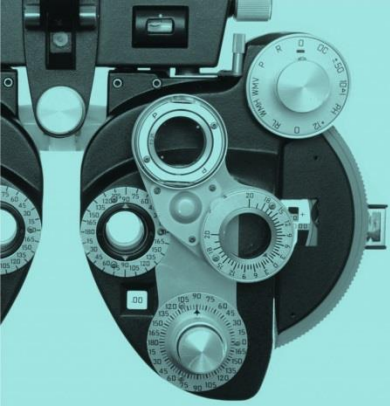
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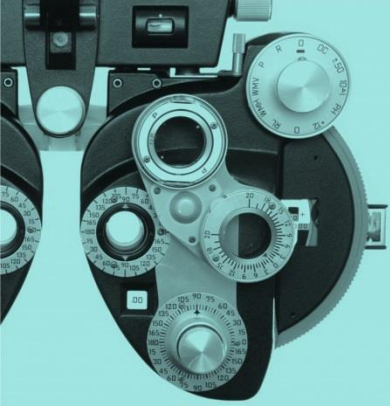
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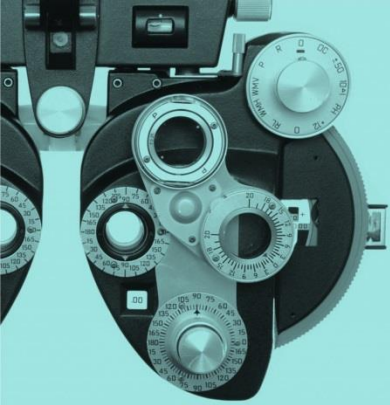
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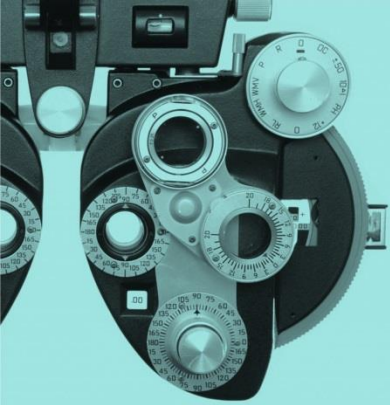
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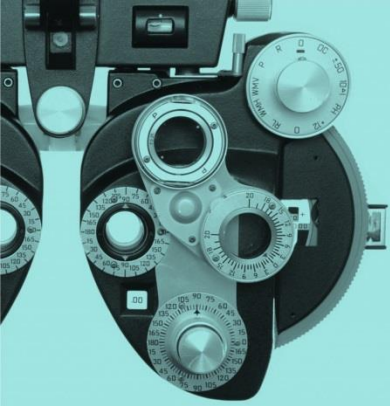
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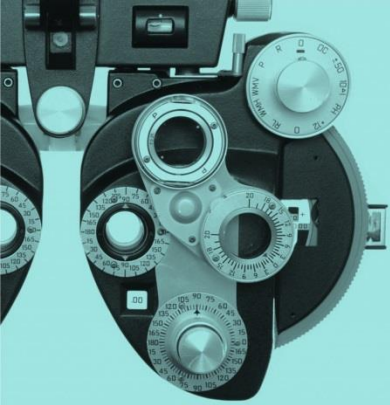
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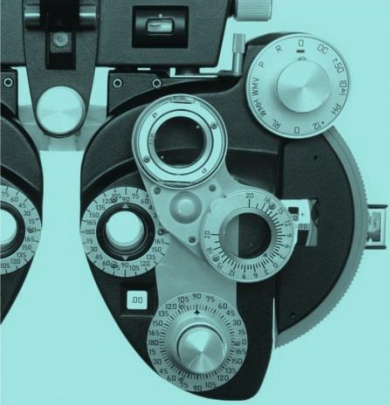
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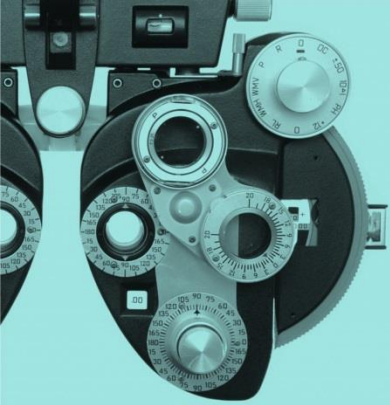
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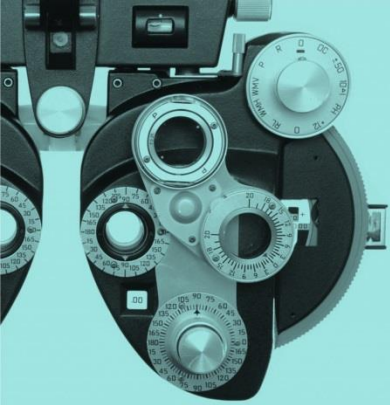
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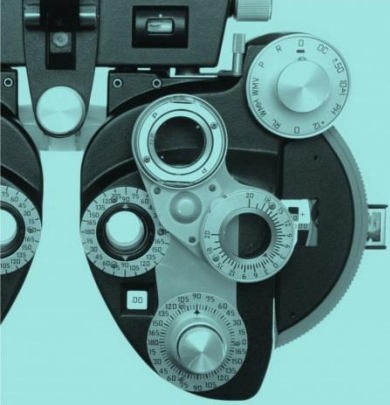
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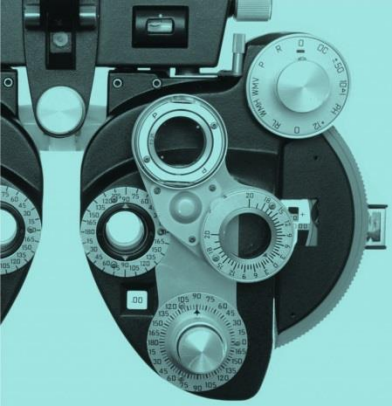
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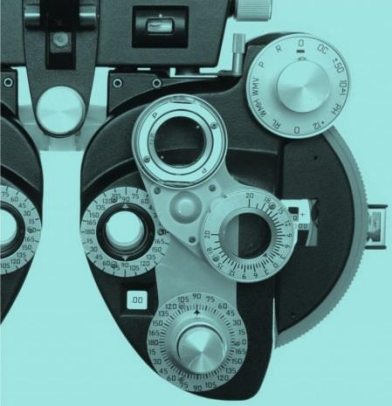
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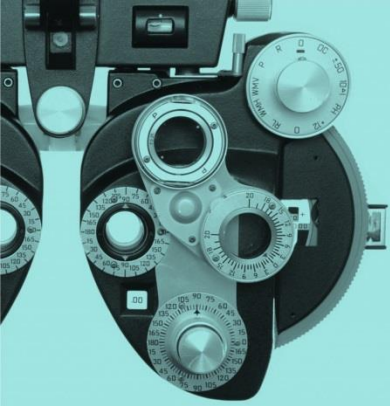
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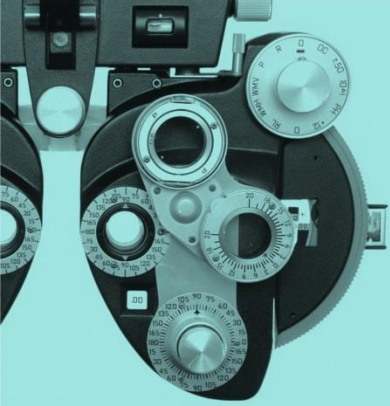
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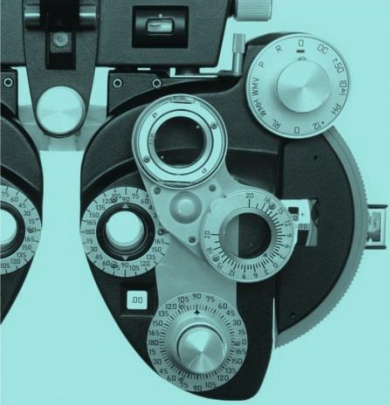
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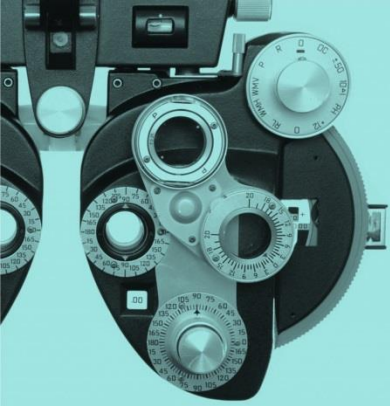
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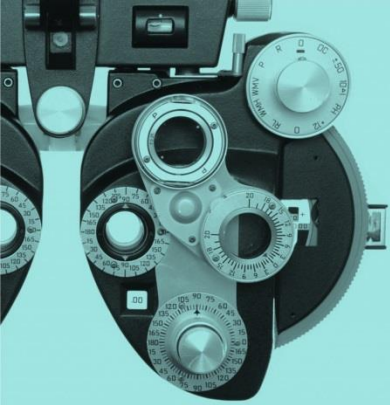
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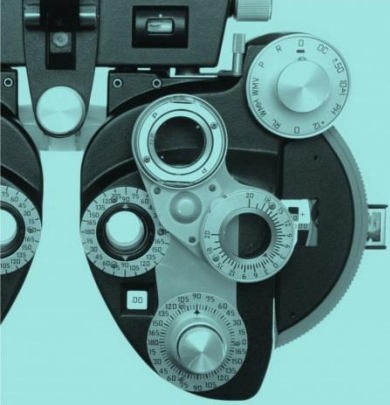
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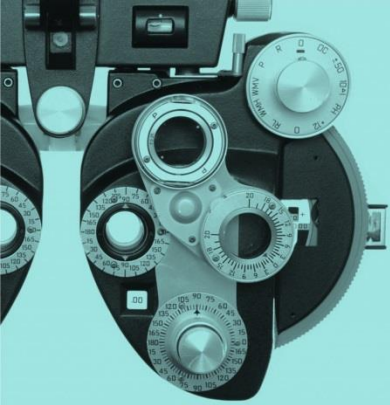
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Blog by Michael Lawrence

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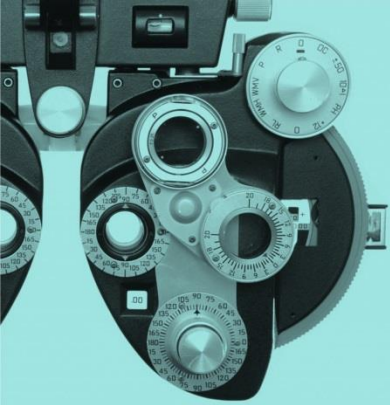


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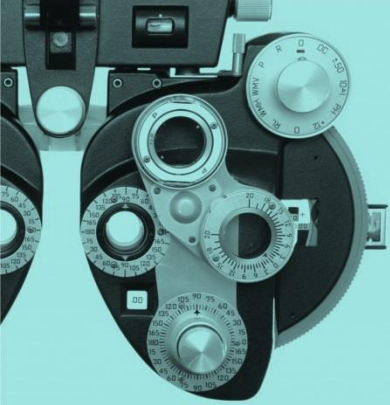
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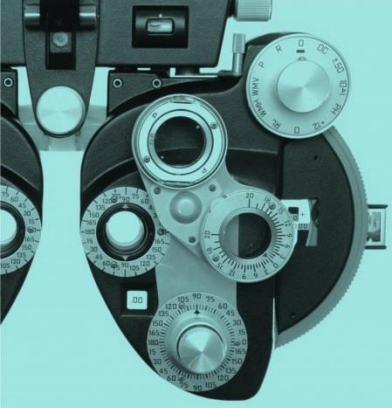
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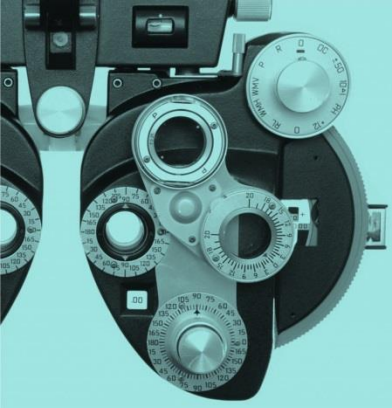
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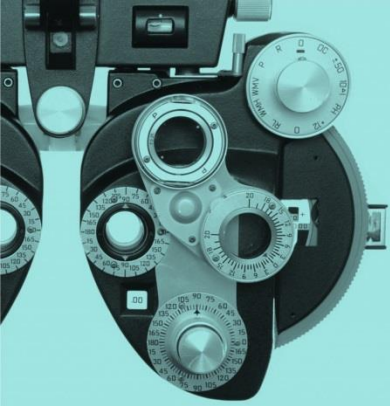
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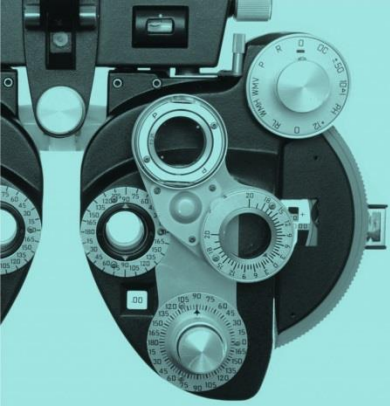


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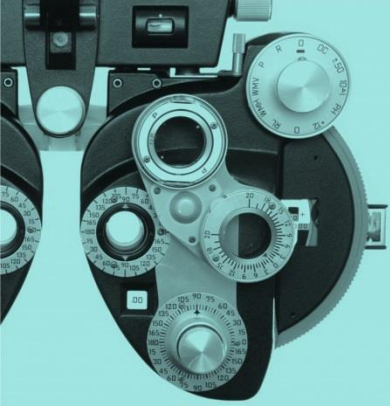
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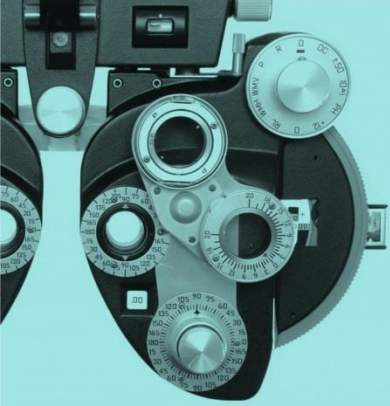
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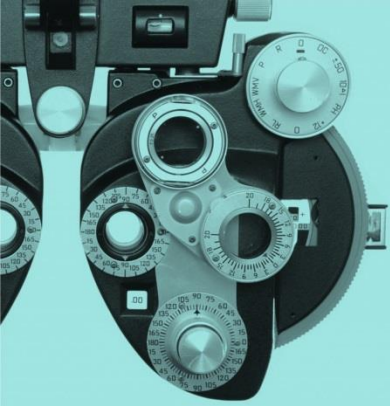
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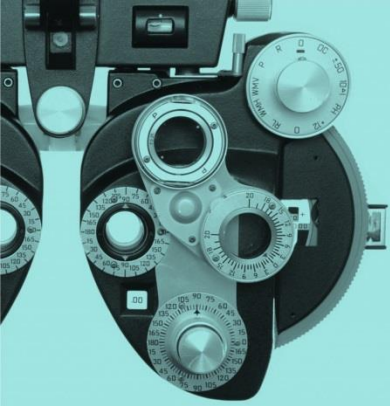
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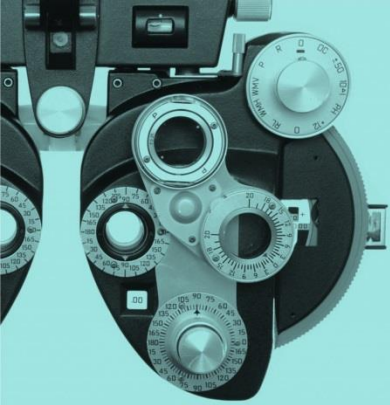
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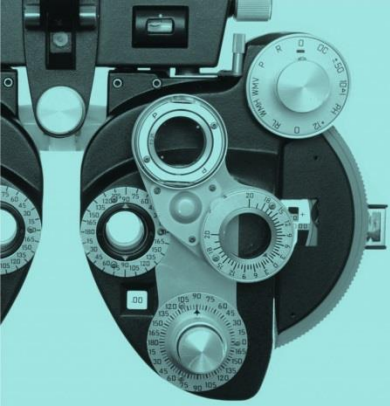
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