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DISCLAIMER

While the PAO encourages voluntary adherence to this guideline, it is cognizant of its limitations. The CPG is based on the best evidence available in scientific literature at the time of its formulation, however, certain aspects of management not addressed by clinical studies are therefore not included. Hence, this is not a comprehensive guide.

Like all CPGs, this is not meant to restrict the ophthalmologist, using sound clinical judgement and in concordance with the patient, from considering other modes of management especially when molded

according to the patient's particular needs and preferences. Individual patients and their response to treatment cannot be always predicted nor guaranteed. The ophthalmologist must not use the CPG as a substitute for exercising good judgement in making treatment decisions and tailoring them according to each patient's peculiar circumstances.

This CPG can serve to inform policy but it is not meant to serve as a basis for approving or denying financial coverage or insurance claims merely because of nonconformance with recommendations.

Neither are the recommendations supposed to be considered as legal rules for dictating certain modes of action to the exclusion of others.

ABBREVIATIONS

APCEBH	Asia Pacific Center for Evidence Based Healthcare
COS	Canadian Ophthalmological Society
CPG	Clinical Practice Guidelines
CT	Computerized Tomography
DSBCS	Delayed Sequential Bilateral Cataract Surgery
EBM	Evidence-Based Medicine
ECCE	Extracapsular Cataract Extraction
FLACS	Femtosecond Laser-Assisted Cataract Surgery
GRADE	Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ISBCS	Immediate Sequential Bilateral Cataract Surgery
MSICS	Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery
Nd:YAG	Neodymium:Yttrium-Argon-Garnet Laser
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
NGO	Non-governmental organization
PAO	Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology
PCO	Posterior Capsular Opacification
PHIC	Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
PI	Povidone-Iodine
PSCRS	Philippine Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
RCO	Royal College of Ophthalmologists