

## **EXPLANATORY TERMS FOR SOURCES USED AND GRADES OF EVIDENCE**

### ***Cited Sources***

AAO - American Academy of Ophthalmology  
EGS - European Glaucoma Society  
RCOphth - Royal College of Ophthalmologists

- <sup>1</sup> Consistent with other Ophthalmic DOAS projects – Cataract and Diabetic Eye Disease.
- <sup>2</sup> Existing clinical protocols and information systems – Medisoft Glaucoma and TargetFour E-Patient.
- <sup>3</sup> Clinical Consensus – DOAS Glaucoma National Steering Committee
- <sup>4</sup> Patient Feedback – DOAS Glaucoma Patient Focus Group

### ***Grades of Evidence***

The cited grades are those made by the American Academy of Ophthalmology when used to support its recommendations and guidance in its Preferred Practice Patterns, providing explicit rating of its importance to the care process and an explicit rating of the strength of the best available evidence.

Level A - defined as most important  
Level B - defined as moderately important  
Level C - defined as relevant, but not critical

Level I - provides strong evidence in support of the statement  
Level II - provides substantial evidence in support of the statement  
Level III - provides consensus of clinical opinion in the absence of evidence that meets Level I and II