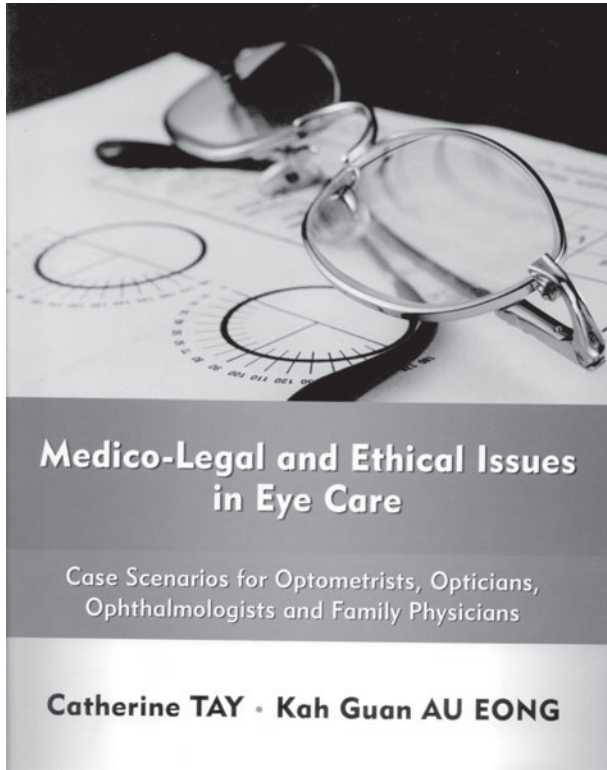


## Book review



**Title:** Medico-legal and ethical issues in eye care – case scenarios for optometrists, opticians, ophthalmologists and family physicians

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It is my pleasure reading this 204-page book. From its title targeting ophthalmology, optometrist and optician

practice, it seems that it has little relevancy to Emergency Medicine. However, on closer look, its contents apply equally well to medical practice in general. It gives a broad view on medico-legal and ethical issues, not only relating to our work or research in emergency, but also to some of our daily, social or community activities.

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The book is divided into two sections. Section One gives an overview of medico-legal and ethical principles in practice and research. Section Two presents 42 case scenarios. The topics are quite comprehensive. Those on private practice, commercial practice, voluntary work, defamation, informal medical consultation for friends or even strangers are interesting and enlightening.

Even though there is a strong Singaporean flavour and some of the recommendations may look controversial in other localities, the broad principles apply generally and the discussions are stimulating.

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