

21st Century Glaucoma Care

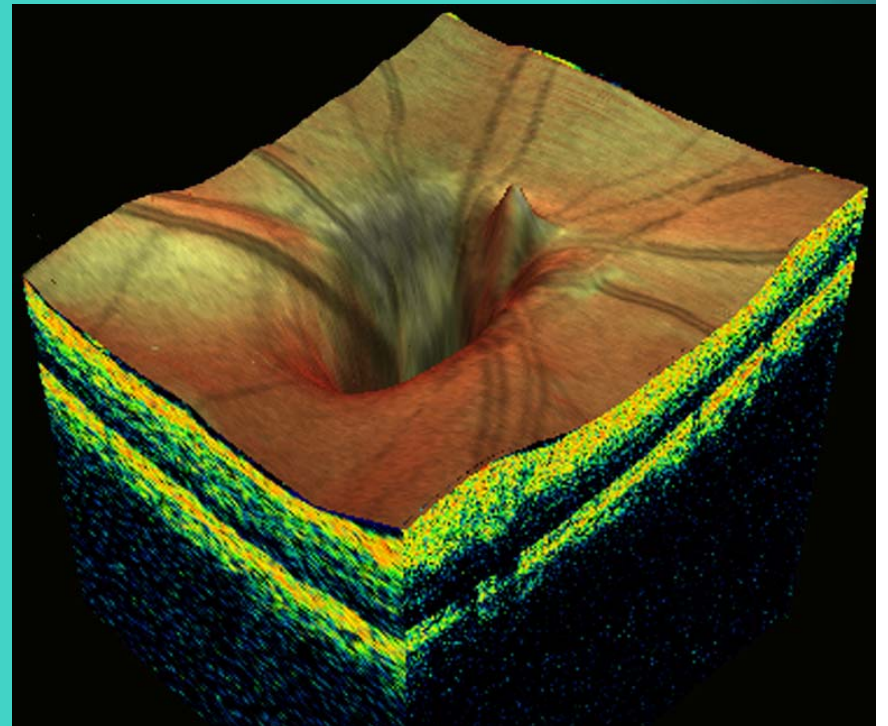
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Welcome to the Iowa Glaucoma Curriculum



About the Iowa Glaucoma Curriculum

This is a teaching site for residents and others interested in learning about glaucoma.

It breaks glaucoma into fifty bite-sized lectures that average 14 minutes in length (range 4 to 37 minutes). In total the curriculum is just under 12 hours long.

It is highly visual with >900 images and >90 movie clips.

Taking care of glaucoma can be very hard, but I am hoping that I have made learning about this family of diseases somewhat easier.

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21st Century Glaucoma Care

- History & Risk Factors
- Evaluation Procedures
- Management
- Communication



Self Assessment Quiz

Are you attending this CE course?

- If so, award yourself 1 point
- If not, award yourself 0 points

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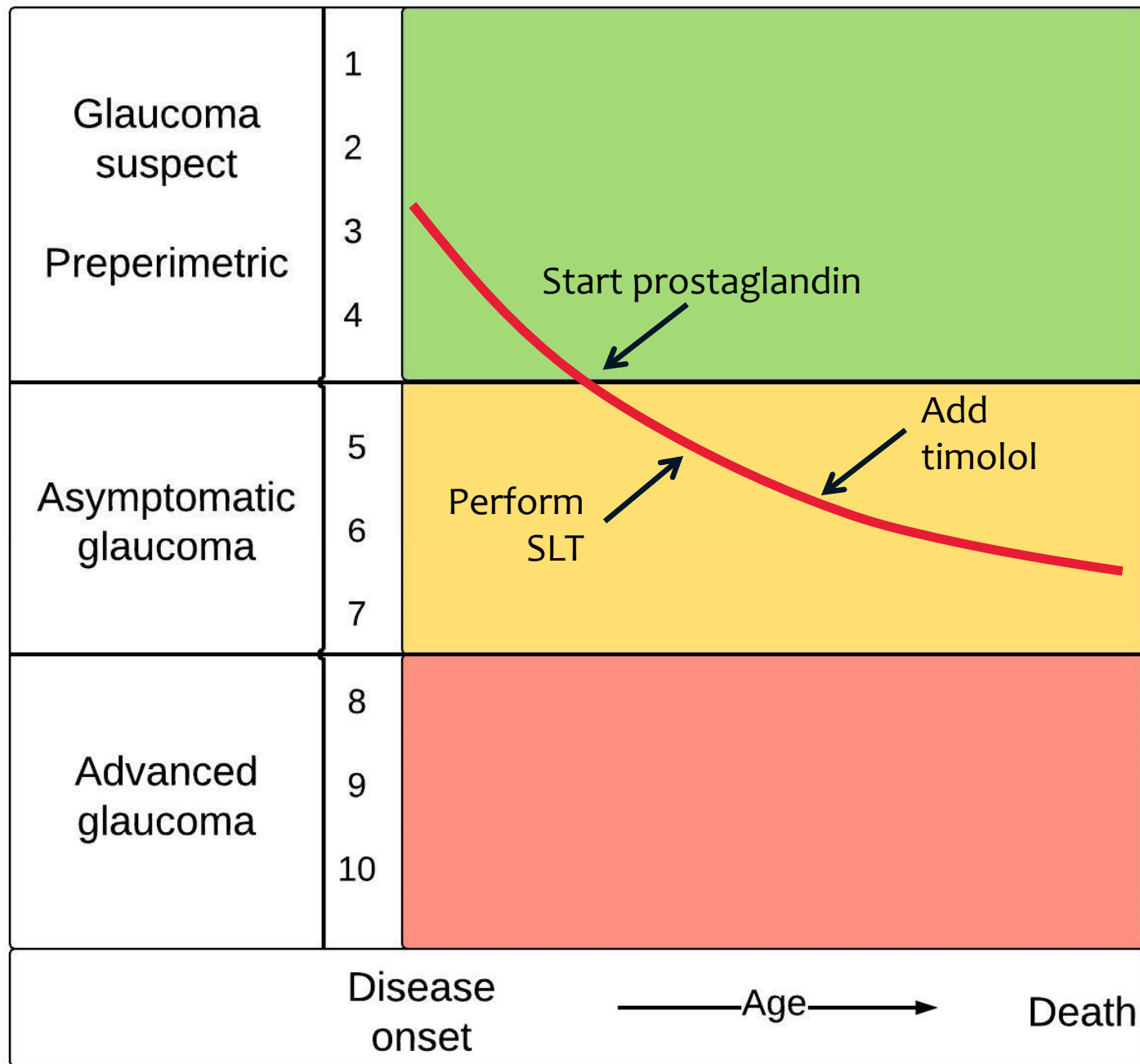
- **The Glaucoma Graph**
 - Patient-centered model for glaucoma care
- Defining our role
 - Saving axons
 - Preserving quality of life



The Spaeth Glaucoma Graph.

Glaucoma patients remain asymptomatic until the disease is advanced. Prior to that point, from the patient's perspective the *treatment is often worse than the disease*

Glaucoma suspect Preperimetric	1	No Disability
	2	
	3	
	4	
Asymptomatic glaucoma	5	Rare Disability
	6	
	7	
Advanced glaucoma	8	Always Disability
	9	
	10	
Disease onset		Death



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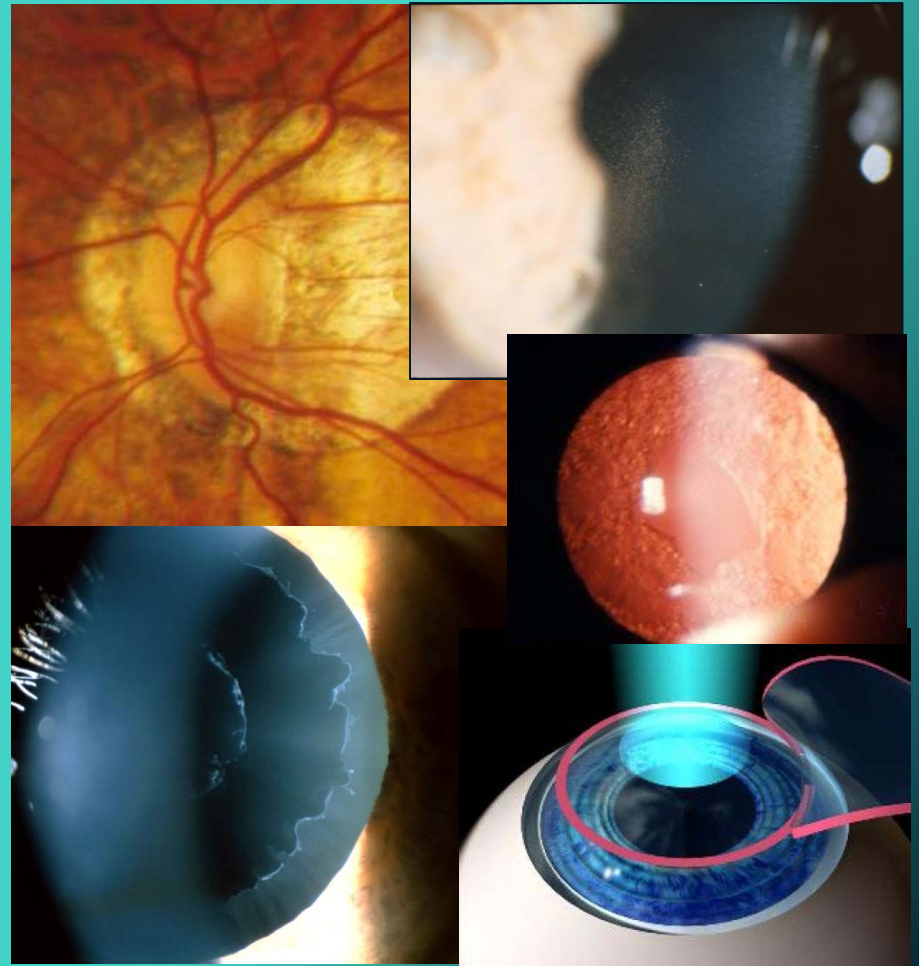
History & Risk Factors

- Symptoms suggestive of angle-closure
 - Browache
 - Transient blur
 - Colored halos



History & Risk Factors

- Ocular Factors
 - **Corneal thickness**
 - Corneal hysteresis
 - Disc Hemorrhages
 - Capsulotomy
 - LASIK



History & Risk Factors

- OHTS: Rule of Fives
 - Risk factors for converting from OHT to POAG



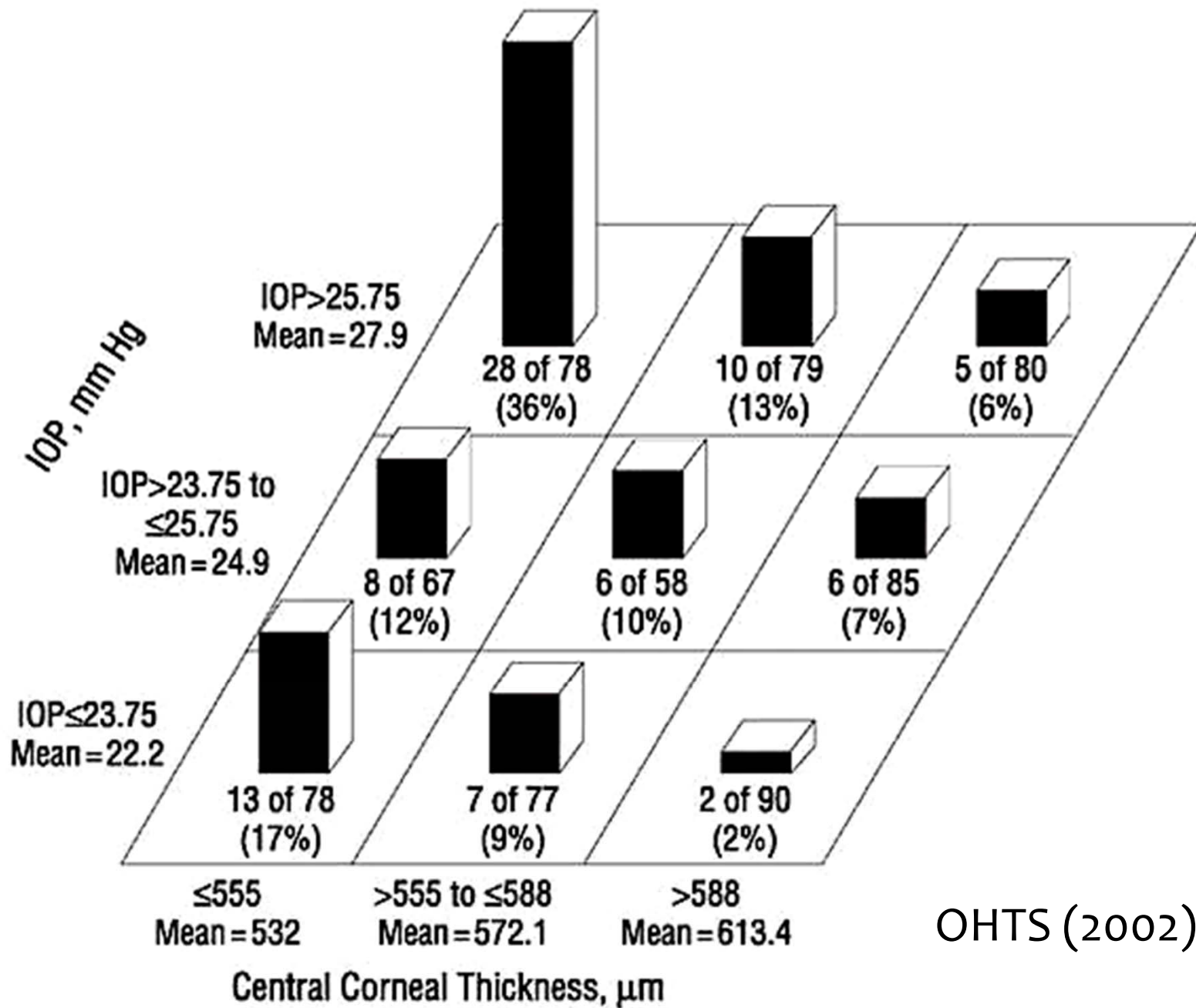
IOP
> 25
mmHg



CCT
< 555
μm



vCDR
> 0.5



OHTS (2002)

History & Risk Factors

- Risk Calculators
 - **Quantitative 5yr risk** assessment using OHTS data
 - Online, iPhone app, and PDF formats
 - Google “glaucoma risk calculator”

The screenshot shows the 'Glaucoma Calc' app interface. At the top, there is a 'Reset' button and an information icon. Below is a table for inputting data:

✓ Age	0.2	0.3
✓ IOP	0.3	0.4
✓ C/D Ratio	0.4	0.5
✓ CCT	0.5	0.6
✓ PD	0.6	0.7

Below the table, the 'Vertical Cup/Disc Ratio' is noted as the 'Average of one measurement on both eyes'. The results section shows:

- Glaucoma Risk in 5 Years**: 22%
- Risk Assessment**: High

A red banner at the bottom states: **Treatment recommended**

Evaluation Procedures

Thin Cornea

- $\leq 555 \mu\text{m}$
- IOP reads low
- POAG risk factor

Thick Cornea

- $\geq 600 \mu\text{m}$
- IOP reads high
- Pseudo-OHT

THIN CORNEAS
GAT under-estimates by 5.5 mmHg

THICK CORNEAS
GAT over-estimates by 2.2 mmHg

DCT: 16.7 → 17.5 → 17.5 → 18.1 → 17.3

Table 1 Mean DCT readings and mean GAT measurements according to CCT stratification

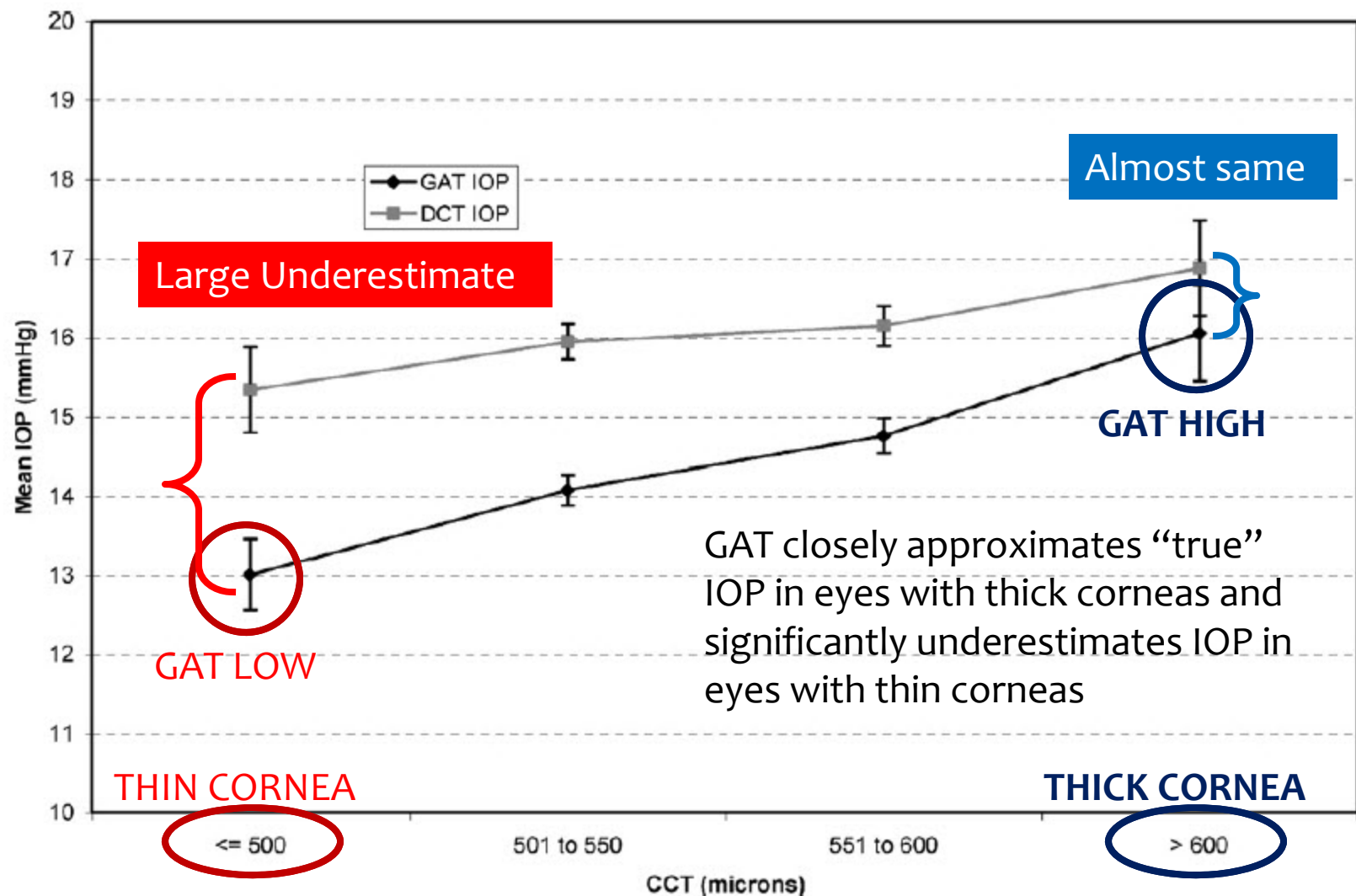
	$CCT \leq 500 \mu m$	$501 \leq CCT \leq 540 \mu m$	$541 \leq CCT \leq 560 \mu m$	$561 \leq CCT \leq 600 \mu m$	$CCT > 600 \mu m$
DCT (mmHg)	16.7 ± 3.5	17.5 ± 3.0	17.47 ± 3.0	18.07 ± 3.0	17.32 ± 3.0
GAT (mmHg)	11.2 ± 2.7	13.18 ± 3.2	14.10 ± 2.9	16.30 ± 3.3	19.49 ± 2.3
$\Delta DCT/GAT$	5.47	4.30	3.37	1.77	-2.17
<i>P</i>	$P < 0.001$	$P < 0.001$	$P < 0.001$	$P < 0.001$	$P < 0.001$

CCT = central corneal thickness; DCT = dynamic contour tonometry; GAT = Goldmann applanation tonometry.

GAT: 11.2 → 13.2 → 14.1 → 16.3 → 19.5

Mean DCT readings and mean GAT measurements
according to CCT stratification.

Jordao, 2009



Francis (2007): The mean IOP for GAT and DCT across CCT groups. The IOP measured **with** both GAT and DCT significantly increases with increasing CCT. However, the magnitude of the effect is greater with GAT than DCT. Although mean and median GAT IOP was lower than the DCT IOP across all CCT groups, the difference between the means decreases with increasing CCT.

History & Risk Factors

- How do you correct for CCT?
 - There is no valid correction formula
 - Expect large under-estimation with CCT < 525

A collage of various mathematical and scientific equations and formulas, including vector calculus, physics, and chemistry equations, written in a handwritten style. The equations include:

- $\oint \vec{B} d\vec{l} = \mu \iint_S \vec{J} d\vec{S}$
- $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$
- $E = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \sqrt{k/m}$
- $\beta = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta t} \phi_e = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta t} \frac{\omega_1}{X} + \frac{\omega_2}{X'} = \frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{\omega}$
- $\phi = \frac{2\pi \sin^2 \theta}{\lambda}$
- $E_k = \frac{\hbar^2}{8mL^2} \frac{\Delta I_B}{\hbar^2}$
- $\oint \vec{D} d\vec{S} = Q^*$
- $\vec{R} = \frac{\vec{U}}{I}$
- $\vec{F}_v = \int \frac{\vec{F}_n}{R}$
- $M = \int \vec{F} d\cos\alpha$
- $\lambda^* T = b$
- $\vec{p} = \frac{\vec{E}}{c} = \frac{\hbar \vec{k}}{\lambda} = \frac{\hbar}{\lambda}$
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- $PC = \frac{1 AU}{r}$
- $M_0 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{\partial T^2}$
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History & Risk Factors

- Is CCT *really* a risk factor for glaucoma?
 - OHTS (2002):
 - IOP was not corrected for CCT
 - Herndon (2004): CCT strongly associated with severity of glaucoma at presentation
 - Jonas (2005): **Rate of glaucoma progression not associated with CCT**

Editorial

Is Corneal Thickness an Independent Risk Factor for Glaucoma?

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Robert N. Weinreb, MD - *La Jolla, California*

The Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study (OHTS) showed that central corneal thickness (CCT) was a significant predictor of higher risk of glaucoma. In the OHTS, the mean CCT was 555 μm in the non-glaucoma group and 588 μm in the glaucoma group. Intraocular pressure (IOP), age, and family history (cup-to-disk ratio, Hazzanophy (cup-to-disk ratio), and CCT) remained statistically significant as a predictor of glaucoma development, with a hazard ratio of 1.82 for each 40 μm thinner CCT.

The results of this report have been mistakenly interpreted

model, as evaluated by *c*-statistics and calibration chi-squares. Additionally, CCT remains a statistically significant CCT-conclude factor entirely whether that factors important for glaucoma development, caution should be exercised when concluding that they show that CCT is indeed a true biomarker or independent risk factor for glaucoma. A close analysis of

“The conclusion that CCT is a true independent risk factor for glaucoma is not validated at this time and requires further investigations.”

The sole effect of thin corneas may be to mask the true extent of IOP elevation, thereby delaying the recognition of the presence of disease.

Self Assessment Quiz

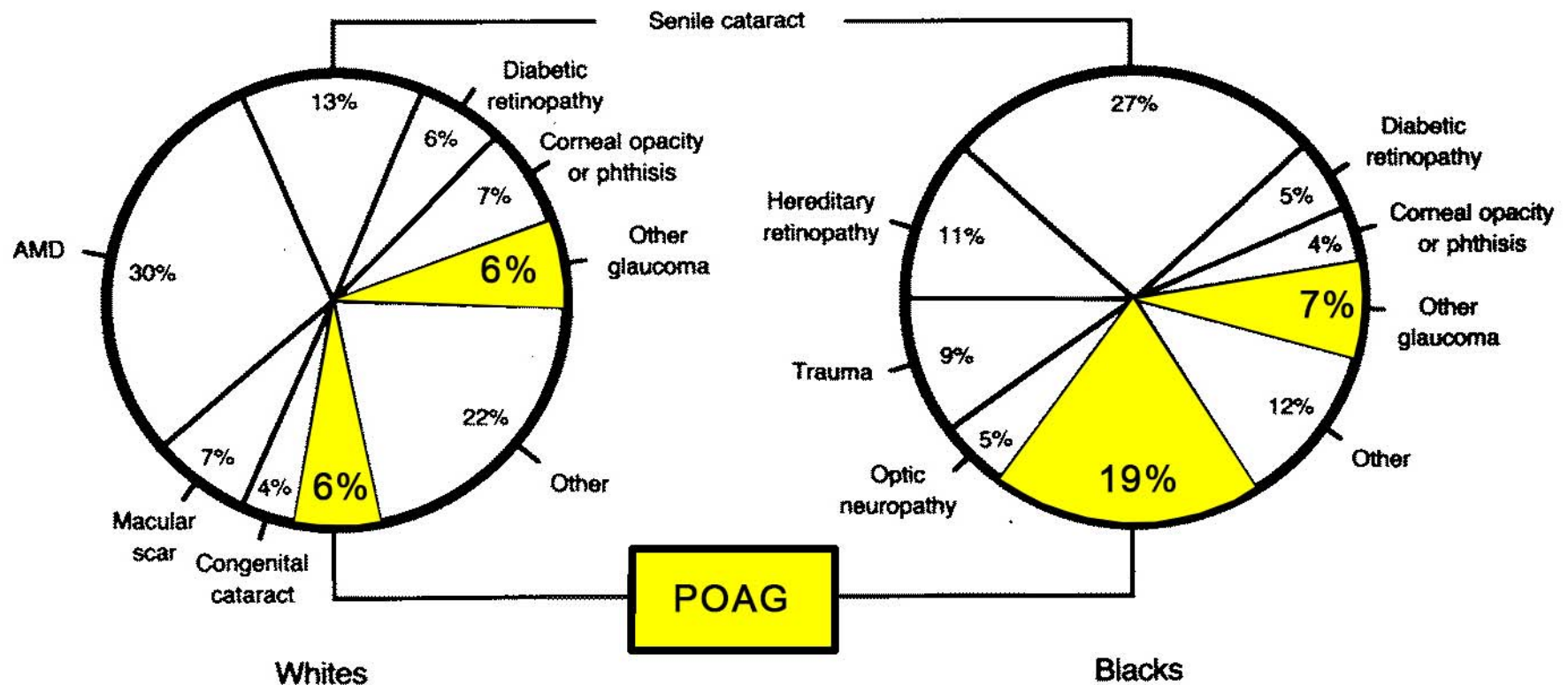
**Do you perform pachymetry
on glaucoma suspects?**

- If so, award yourself 1 point
- If not, award yourself 0 points

History & Risk Factors

- Systemic Factors - Race
 - POAG: African-Americans
 - More common and more severe
 - Angle-closure: Asians
 - China has highest prevalence worldwide
 - Exfoliation: Scandinavian
 - Rare outside northern latitudes





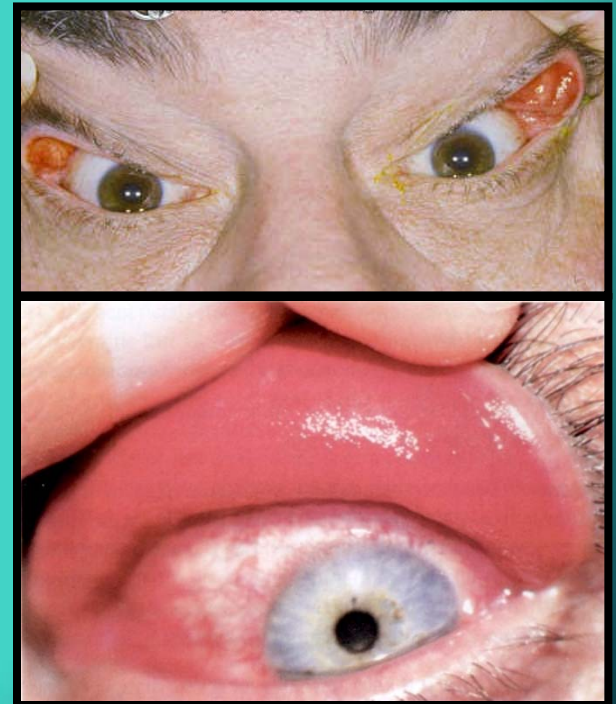
Causes of Legal Blindness in the Baltimore Eye Survey

Study population was 50% white and 50% black

POAG accounted for 6% of blindness among whites
and 19% among blacks

History & Risk Factors

- Systemic Factors – Medical
 - Sleep apnea
 - Floppy lids signal higher glaucoma risk
 - Diabetes
 - Always look for rubeosis
 - Current or past steroid use
 - Family history
 - First degree relatives only



Floppy Eyelid Syndrome as an Indicator of the Presence of Glaucoma in Patients With Obstructive Sleep Apnea

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Purpose: The aim of the study was to investigate whether floppy eyelid syndrome in patients with

Materials and patients with FES; and 25 by easy upper the patients to diagnose and retinal tomography.

Controls

most consistently reported associations of FES is with obstructive sleep apnea syndrome (OSA).^{3,4} The prevalence

	Glaucoma
OSA + FES	23%
OSA – FES	5%
Controls	0%

studies^{3,7} have previously examined the association between FES and glaucoma. McNab³ reported 1 in 8 patients (12.5%) with FES and OSA having normal-tension glau-

Self Assessment Quiz

Do you screen at-risk patients for floppy eyelid syndrome?

- If so, award yourself 1 point
- If not, award yourself 0 points

History & Risk Factors

- Systemic Factors – Lifestyle
 - Smoking
 - Inconsistent evidence of detrimental effect
 - **Exercise**
 - Diet & obesity
 - Evidence of detrimental effect of high or low BMI
 - Possible benefit of veggies, omega-3s, and tea
 - Marijuana
 - Short duration of action, documented adverse effects, and the lack of scientific evidence

NEW!

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Greater Physical Activity Is Associated with Slower Visual Field Loss in Glaucoma

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Purpose: To determine the association between physical activity levels and the rate of visual field (VF) loss in glaucoma.

Design: Longitudinal, observational study.

Participants: Older adults with suspect or manifest glaucoma.

“Physical activity was associated with less VF progression in patients with glaucoma. Specifically, **increased steps per day, minutes of non-sedentary activity, and minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity** were associated with slower rates of decline.”

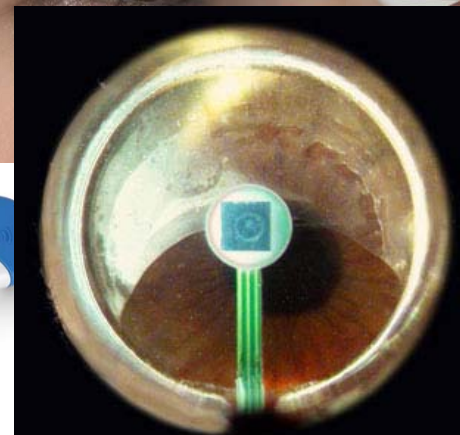
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Evaluation Procedures

- Tonometry Options
 - NCT
 - iCare
 - Tonopen
 - GAT
 - DCT



Evaluation Procedures

- NCT
 - Pros: No anesthesia, Minimal technician training
 - Cons: Variability (avg 3 readings), **discomfort**
 - Clinical value: Great for screenings
 - What's new: Analysis of **corneal biomechanics** (Ocular response analyzer, Corvis ST)

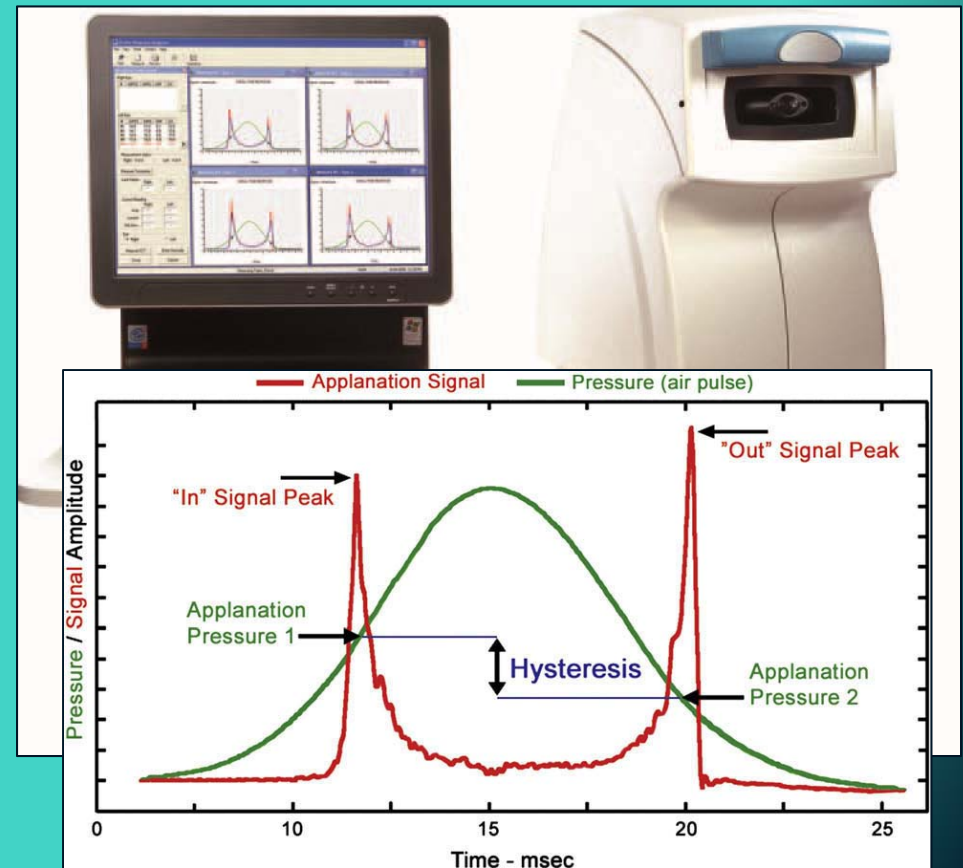
Noncontact Tonometry



Evaluation Procedures

Are corneal biomechanics important?

- Glaucoma
 - Low **hysteresis** is a possible risk factor
- LASIK
 - Abnormal biomechanics increase risk of post-op ectasia



Evaluation Procedures

- iCARE
 - Pros: No anesthesia, handheld, irregular corneas
 - Cons: Variability (avg 6 readings), **consumable tips**
 - Clinical Value: **Excellent for kids** and bedside/wheelchair exams. Potential for home use



News / 03.22.2017

FDA Cleared Icare® HOME, An Innovative Device Poised To Revolutionize IOP Self-Monitoring



RALEIGH, NC, March 21, 2017—Icare USA, a subsidiary of Icare Finland, the original developer and global leader in handheld tonometry, announces that the Icare® HOME tonometer has been cleared by the FDA and is now available for use in the United States.

The Icare® HOME device, which received CE Marking in 2014, has quickly become an essential tool in Europe. Eye care professionals have come to rely on the added clinical data it provides of how their

patients' IOP fluctuates throughout the day. Thanks to this recent clearance by the FDA, doctors in the United States can also now benefit from the ability to monitor patients with more regularity and confidence.

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Evaluation Procedures





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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Self-monitoring of intraocular pressure using Icare HOME tonometry in clinical practice

This article was published in the following Dove Press journal:
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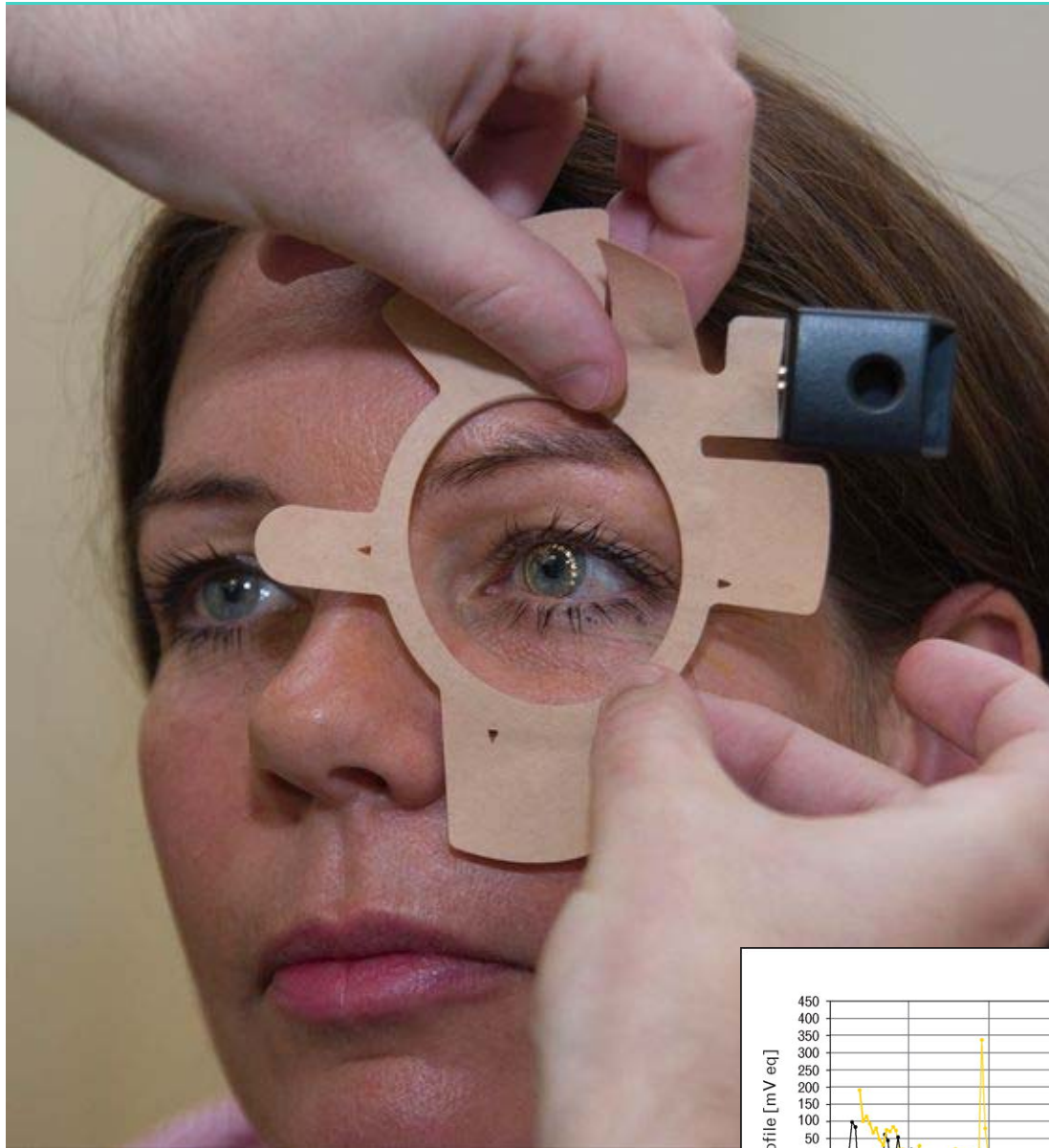
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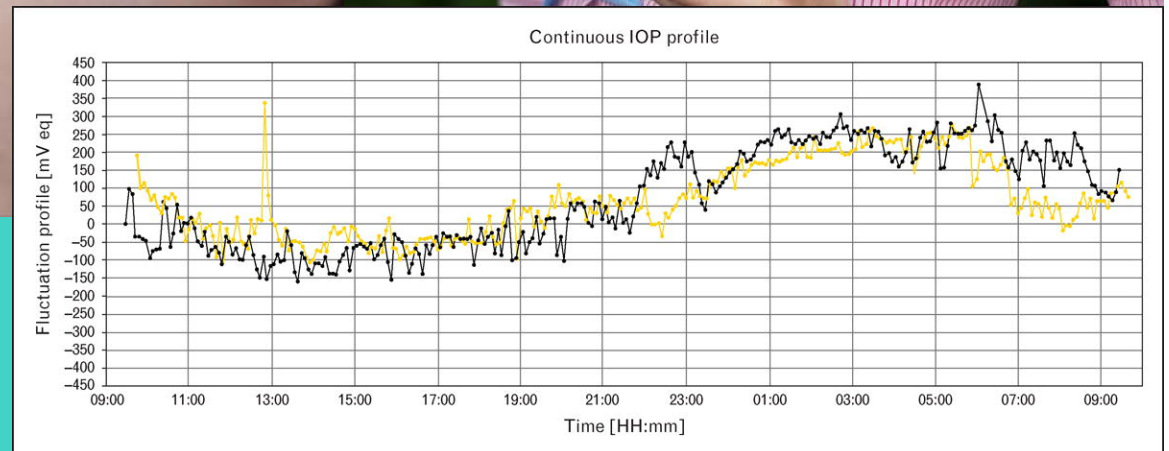
Purpose: To determine the value of self-monitoring of diurnal intraocular pressure (IOP) by Icare Home rebound tonometer in patients with glaucoma and ocular hypertension.

Methods: Patients with open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension, controlled IOP at office visits, and at least 3 years of follow-up in the glaucoma clinic were included. Progression of glaucoma was based on medical records and defined by documented structural

“Icare Home self-tonometer was found to be **safe, reliable, reproducible, usable** by the majority of patients, and demonstrated reasonable agreement with the reference standard GAT.”



Sensimed Triggerfish
contact lens sensor





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REVIEW

Advances in diagnostic applications for monitoring intraocular pressure in Glaucoma: A review

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In summary, the perfect device does not yet exist...

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“The peak IOP elicited by this test strongly correlates to IOP peaks that occur during the day.”



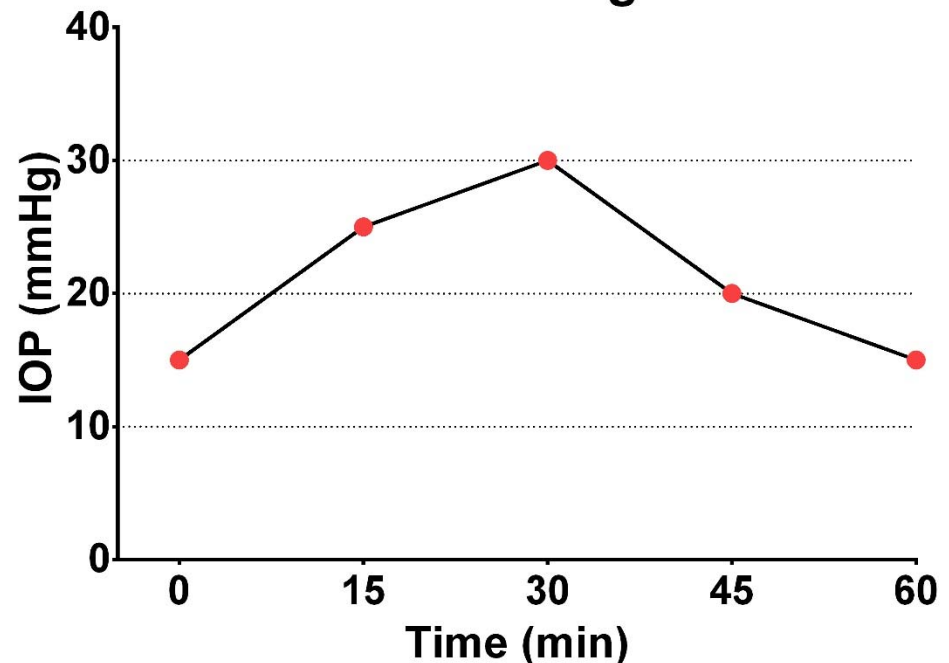
Review

Applications of the water drinking test in glaucoma management

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Water Drinking Test



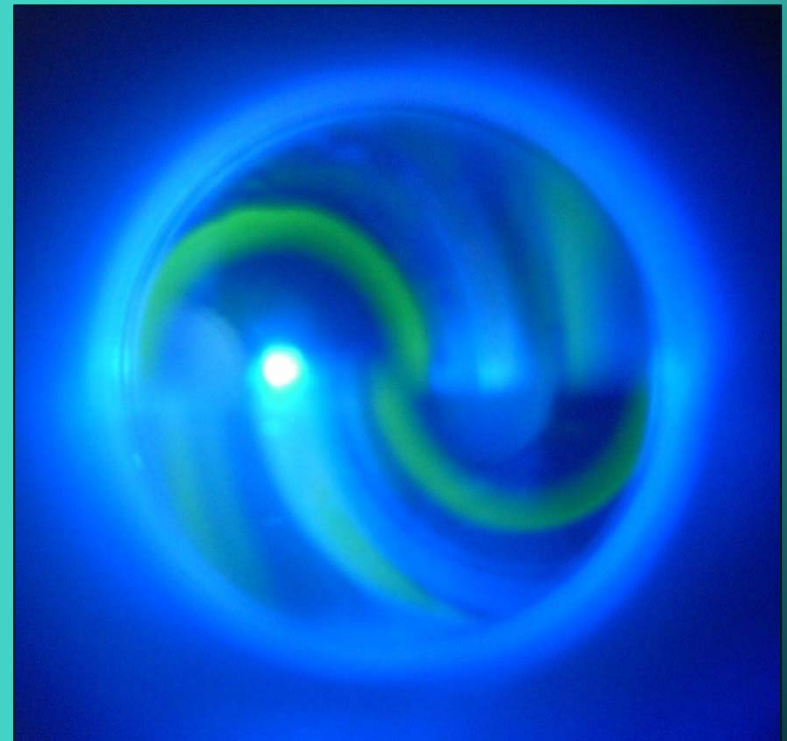
Evaluation Procedures

- Tonopen
 - Pros: Handheld, irregular corneas
 - Cons: Anesthesia, variability (avg 6 readings), **consumable tip covers**
 - Clinical Value: **Irregular corneas**, bedside/wheelchair exams



Evaluation Procedures

- Goldmann
 - Pros: The **Gold Standard**
 - Cons: Anesthesia, extensive training and skill
 - Clinical value: **Glaucoma management**

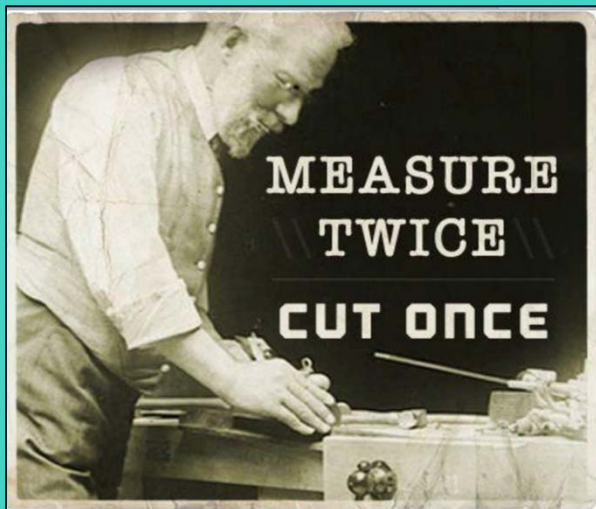


QUESTION

When performing GAT how do you know whether your reading is accurate?

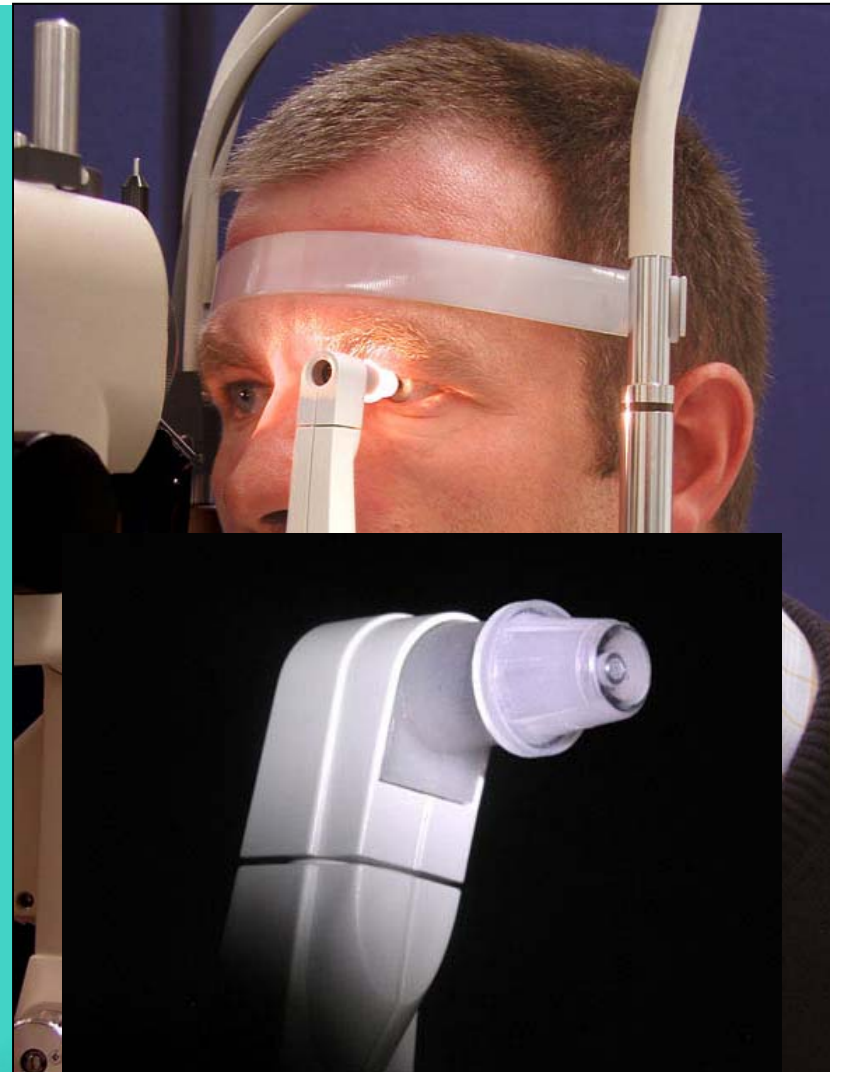
ANSWER:

REPEAT IT! Do you get the same reading twice?



Evaluation Procedures

- Dynamic Contour
 - Pros: **Less influenced by corneal biomechanics**
 - Cons: Anesthesia, extensive training and skill
 - Clinical value: Glaucoma, post-LASIK



Evaluation Procedures

- Tonometry after LASIK
 - Large inaccuracies introduced after corneal refractive surgery
 - **How to compensate?**
 - Pre- and post-surgical change correction factor
 - Tonometry outside ablation zone (iCare, Tonopen)
 - Dynamic contour tonometry



Evaluation Procedures

- Digital palpation of the globe
 - Tonometry **method of last resort**
 - Perform when unable to assess IOP by any other means
 - Compare “hardness” of good eye to bad
 - Practice on normal eyes to develop feel for normal



Self Assessment Quiz

Do you have >1 tonometry method available in your office?

- If so, award yourself 1 point
- If not, award yourself 0 points

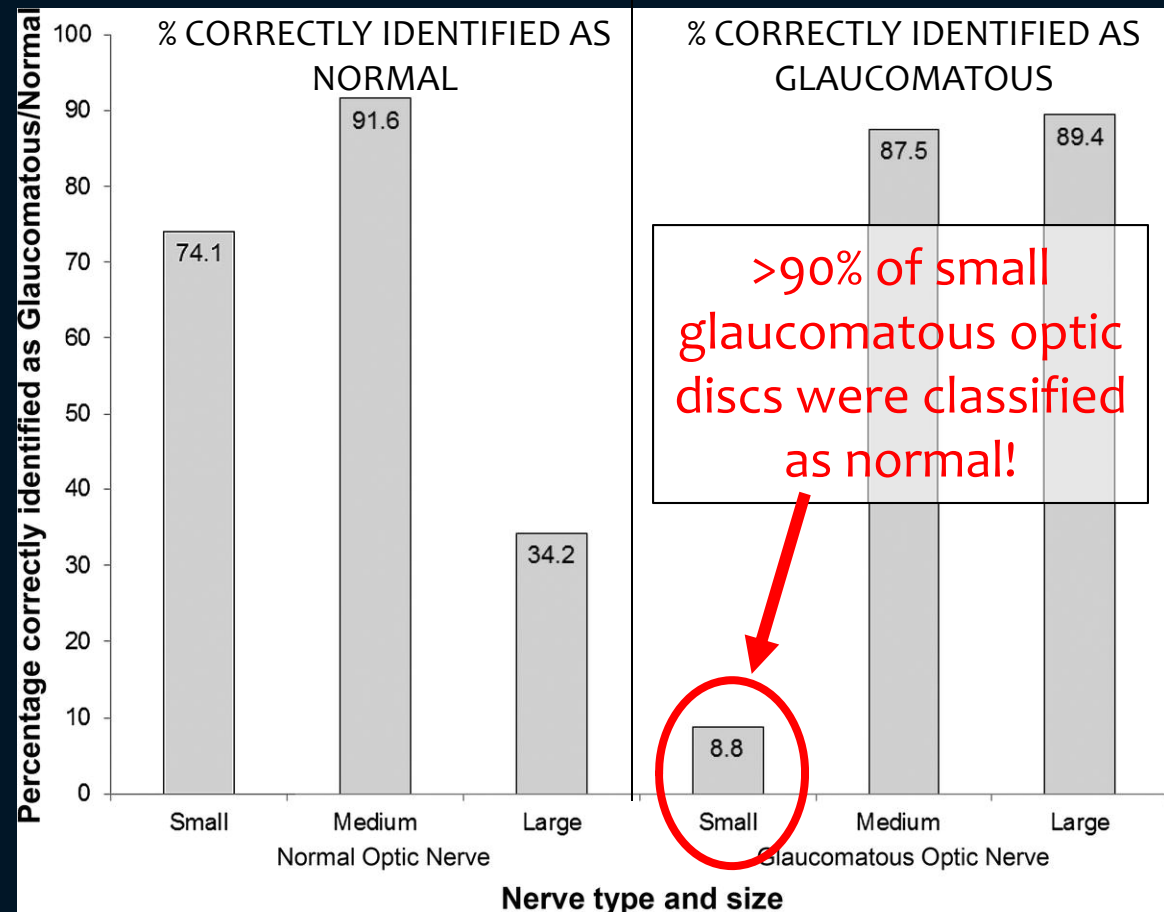
Evaluation Procedures

- Ophthalmoscopy
 - **ONH morphology**
 - vCDR & **rim-to-disc ratio**
 - ISNT rule
 - Disc hemorrhage
 - Peripapillary atrophy
 - RNFL



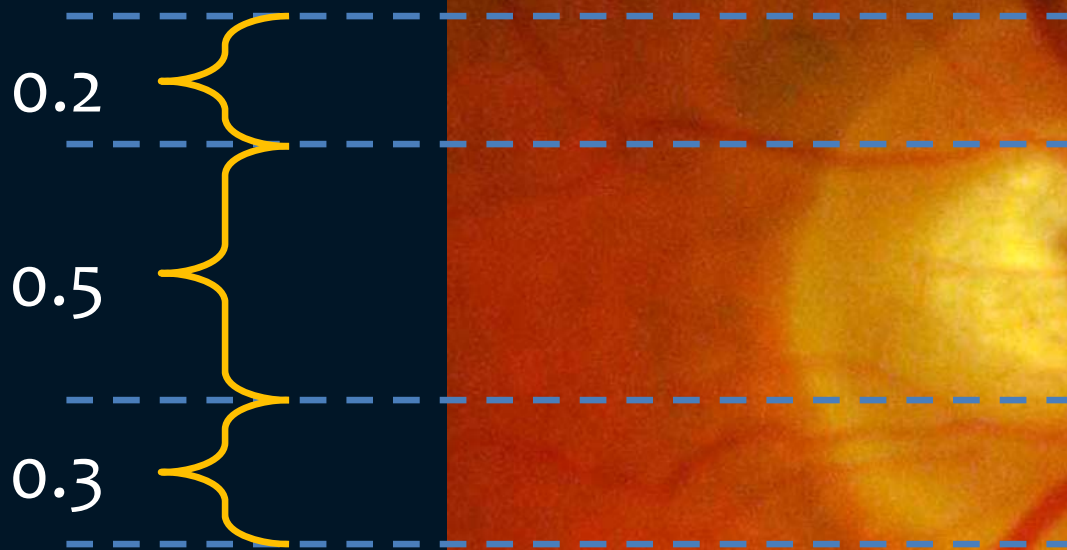
Numerous studies have documented the **difficulty of correctly identifying glaucomatous damage in small optic discs**

Nixon (2017): Doctors examined stereophotos of optic nerve heads and were asked to classify them as normal or glaucomatous



Percentage of images where nerve type was correctly identified, by nerve type and size. Size was assessed by OCT ($<1.63 \text{ mm}^2$ = small; $>1.97 \text{ mm}^2$ = large) (Nixon, 2017)

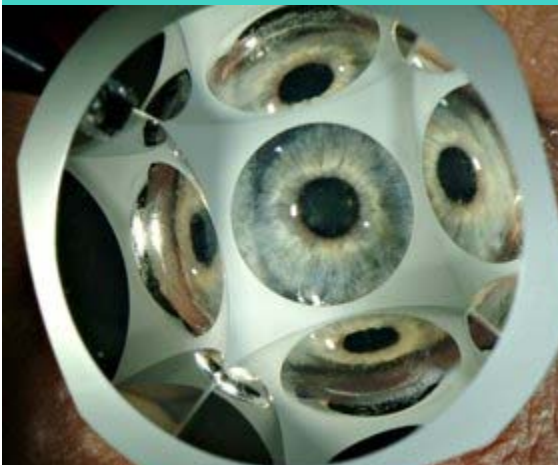
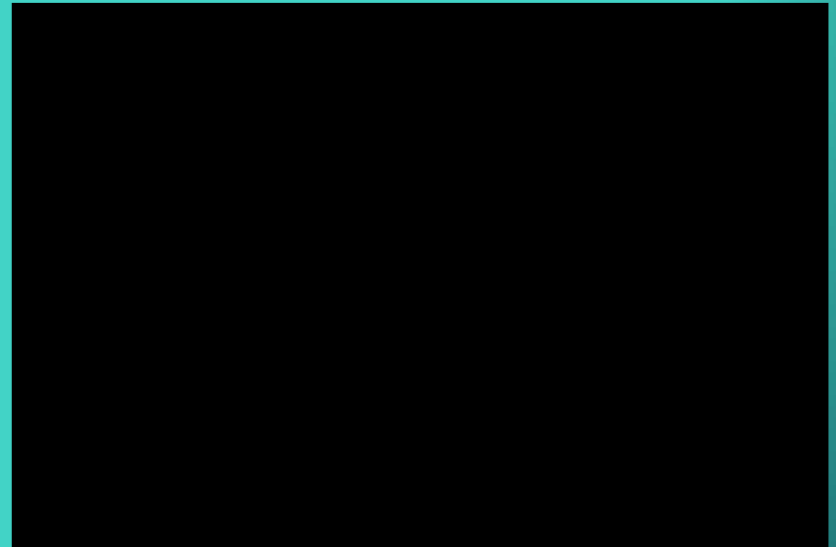
Assessment of the Rim-to- Disc Ratio



The sum of the
parts should add
up to 1.0

Evaluation Procedures

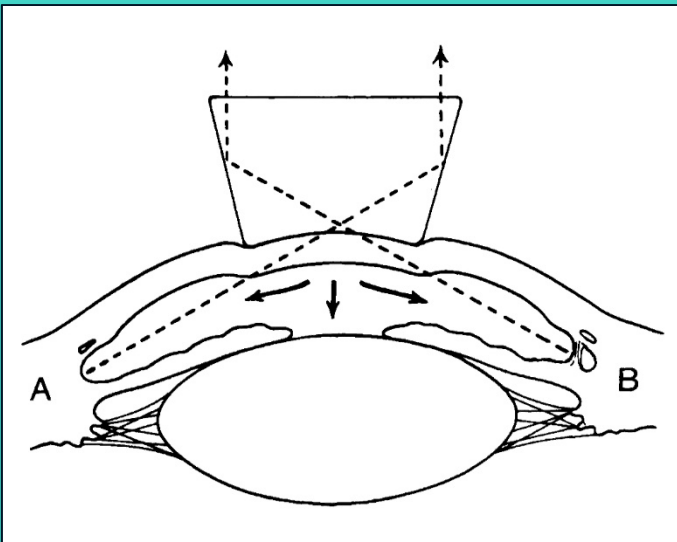
- Gonioscopy
 - When to perform
 - Interpretation of findings
 - 3-mirror vs 4-mirror



Evaluation Procedures

Indentation Gonioscopy

Requires use of a 4-mirror “Zeiss-style” gonioscopic prism



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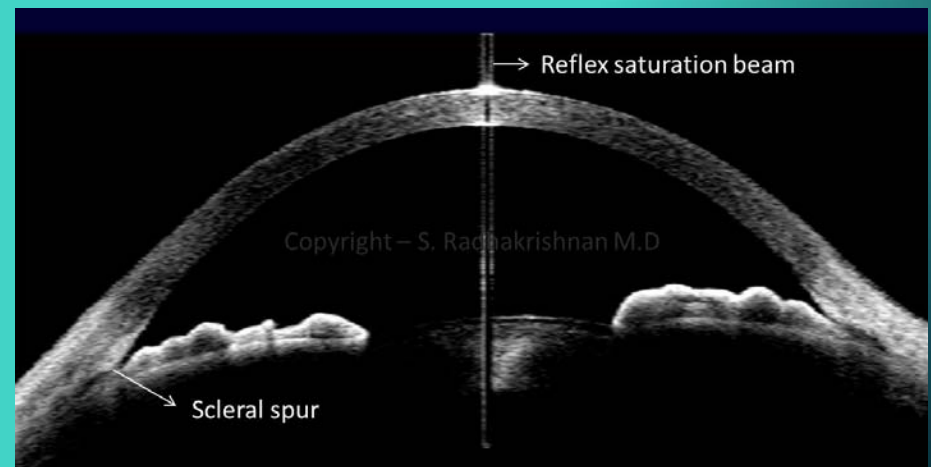
**Do you perform gonioscopy
as part of your glaucoma work-up?**

- If so, award yourself 1 point
- If not, award yourself 0 points

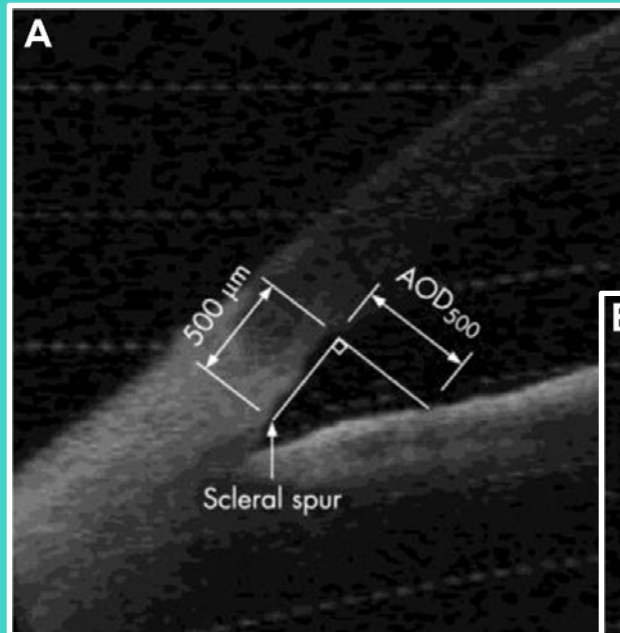
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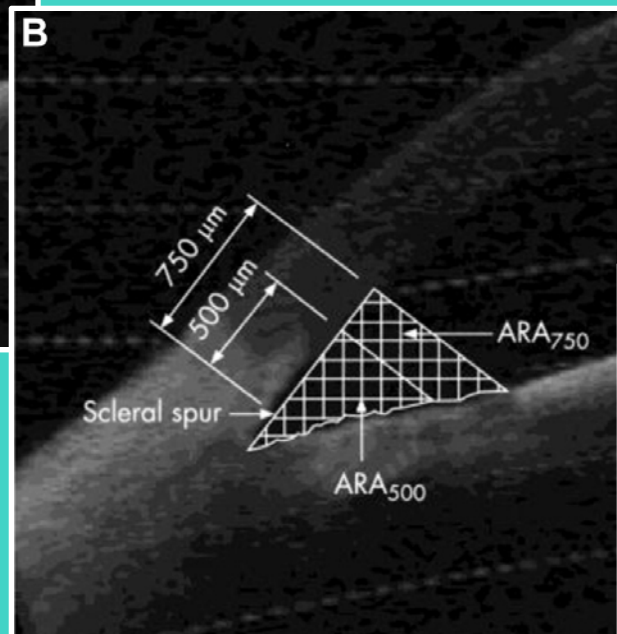
- Anterior segment OCT
 - Quantitative assessment of angle anatomy
 - Gonioscopy: Qualitative assessment
 - The current “*gold standard*” for diagnosis of ACG
 - AS-OCT supplements but does not replace gonioscopy



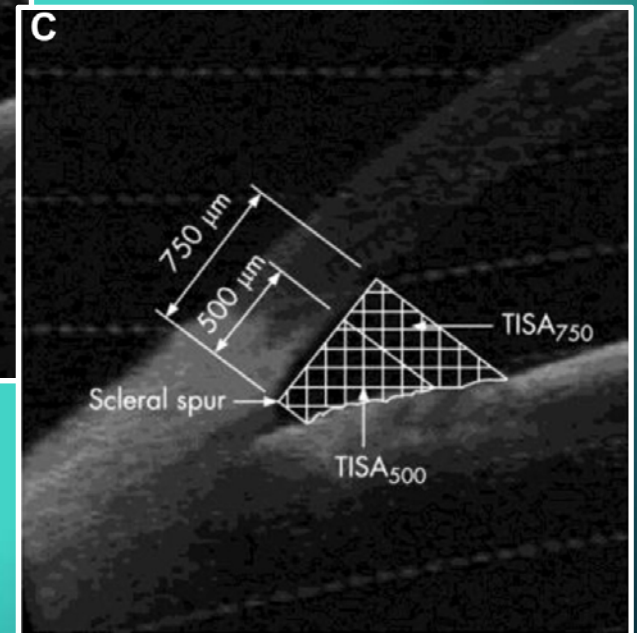
Angle Opening Distance (AOD)



Angle Recess Area (ARA)



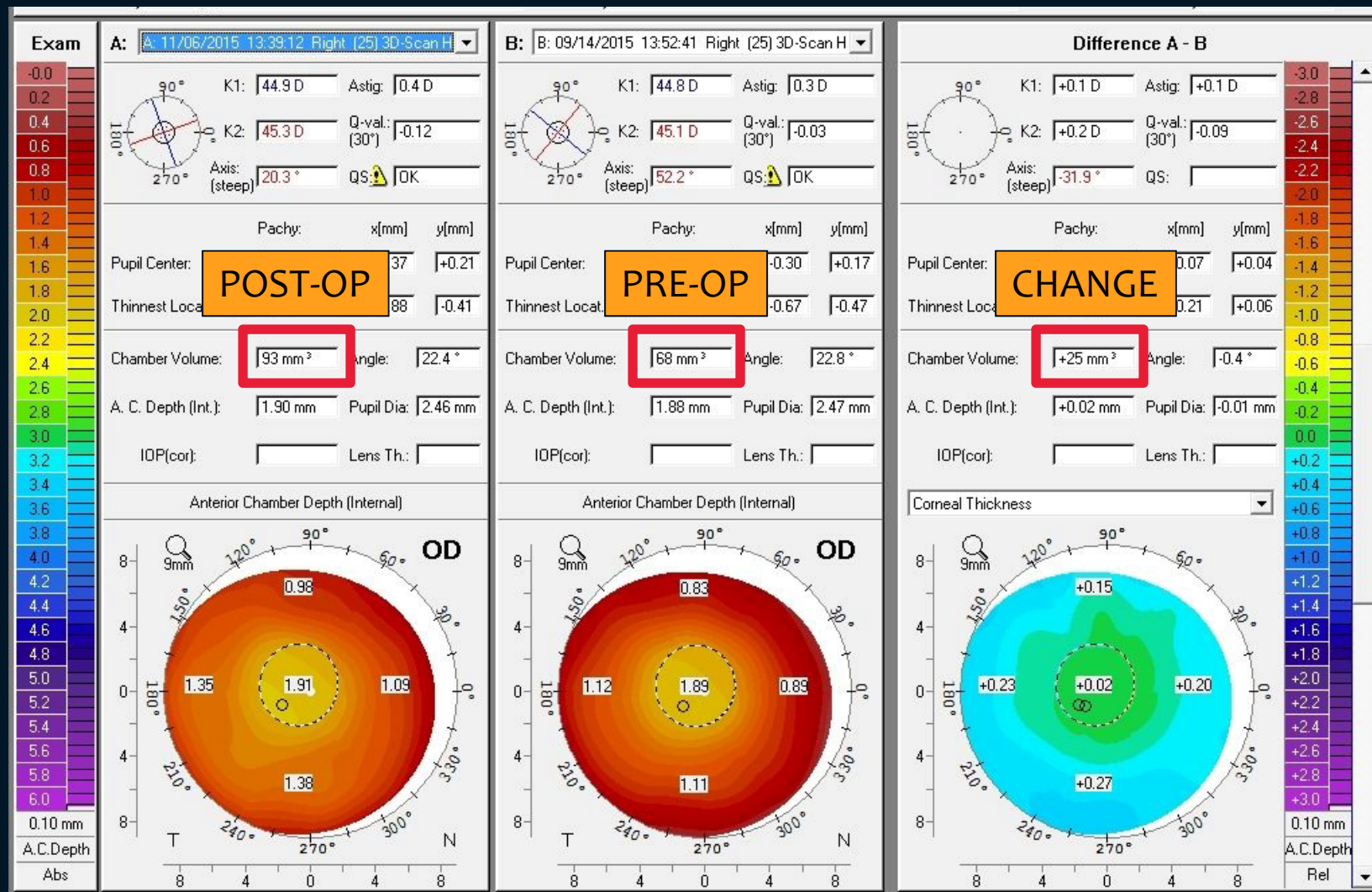
Trabecular-Iris Space Area (TISA)



Evaluation Procedures

- Anterior Segment Imaging
 - Pentacam: Scheimpflug camera system provides extensive quantitative anterior segment data
 - Anterior chamber depth and volume correlate with gonio
 - **Aids evaluation of angle-closure**





Pentacam data obtained before and after laser peripheral iridotomy on a patient with intermittent angle-closure glaucoma. A $\geq 25\text{mm}^3$ increase in chamber volume is considered a good outcome

What if I don't have a gonioscopy lens?

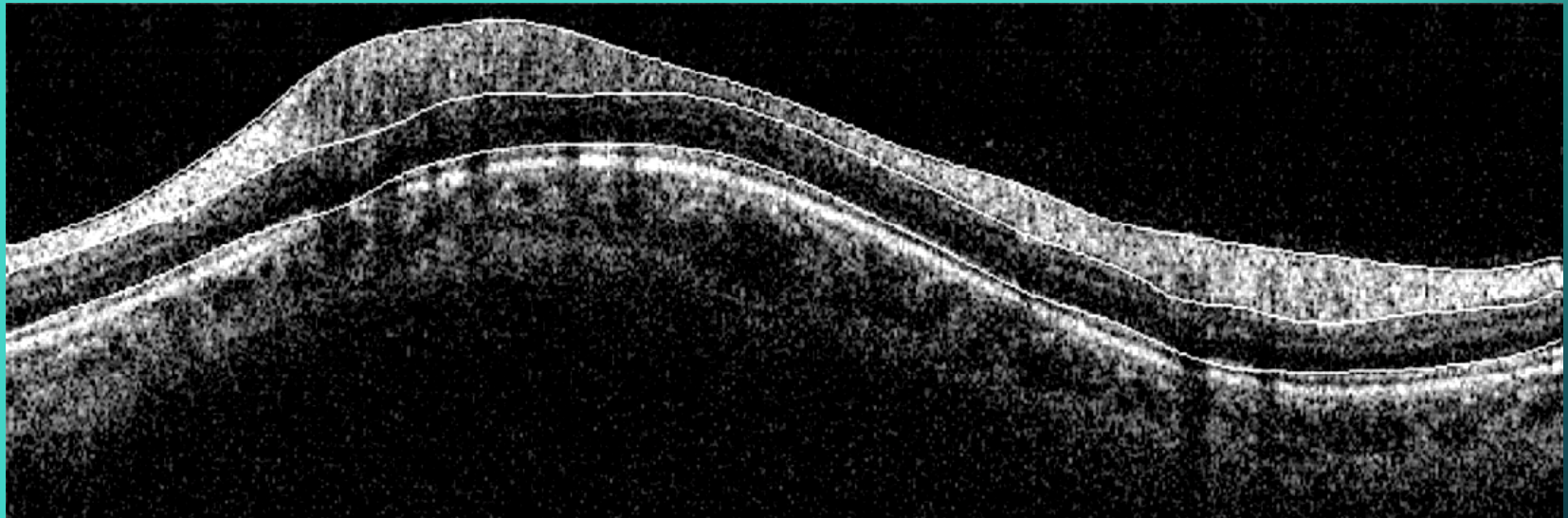
- Glaucoma management requires gonioscopy
- There is no alternative
 - Pentacam and AS-OCT do not replace gonioscopy
- Learn how to perform gonioscopy if you wish to manage glaucoma



Evaluation Procedures

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)

- Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer (RNFL)
- Optic Nerve Head (ONH) Topography
- Macular Thickness



Evaluation Procedures

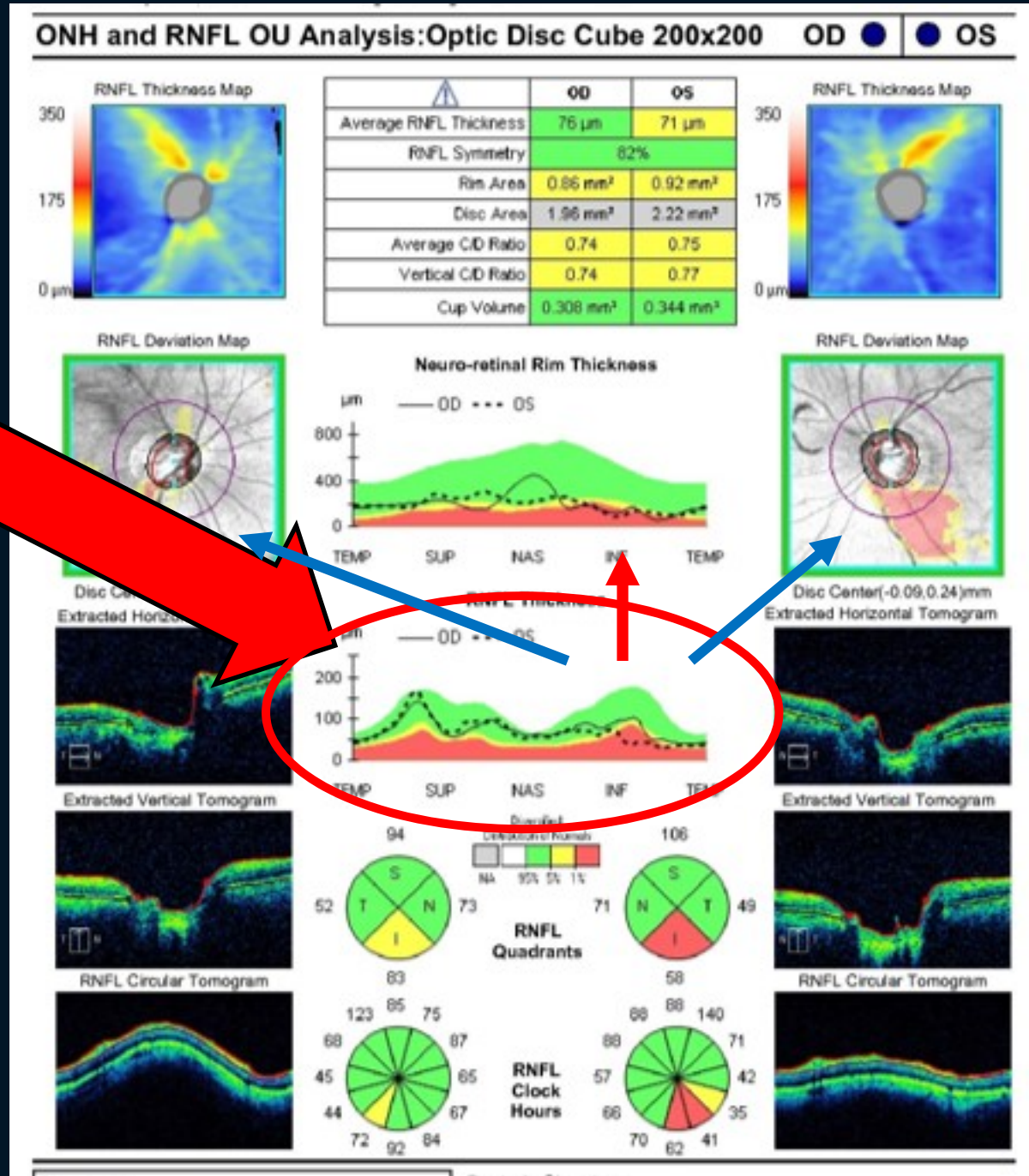
Method #1: Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer Thickness

- 3.4mm diameter measurement circle
- Segmentation of RNFL from other layers
 - Accuracy dependent upon signal strength
- Compare to norms and **fellow eye**
 - Within 10 μ m between eyes, compare TSNIT's
- **Floor effect** in advanced glaucoma

ONH OCT 4Q's

This is where most of the action is!

1. Is the superior (less common) or inferior (more common) hump depressed?
2. Is there RE/LE symmetry?
3. Is there evidence of rim loss corresponding to the RNFL loss?
4. Does the deviation map show evidence of a NFL defect?



Evaluation Procedures

Method #2. Optic Disc Morphology

	OD	OS
Average RNFL Thickness	73 μm	61 μm
RNFL Symmetry	55%	
Rim Area	1.12 mm^2	0.72 mm^2
Disc Area	1.58 mm^2	1.72 mm^2
Average C/D Ratio	0.53	0.75
Vertical C/D Ratio	0.49	0.77
Cup Volume	0.036 mm^3	0.220 mm^3

Rim Area

<1.0 mm^2 is
always
suspicious

Always gray
b/c it's not
compared to
normals!

<1.75 mm^2 = sm
>2.75 mm^2 = lg

ONH morphology

NOTE: Asymmetric size may account for
asymmetry in CDR and RNFL

Evaluation Procedures

Method #3: Macular Thickness

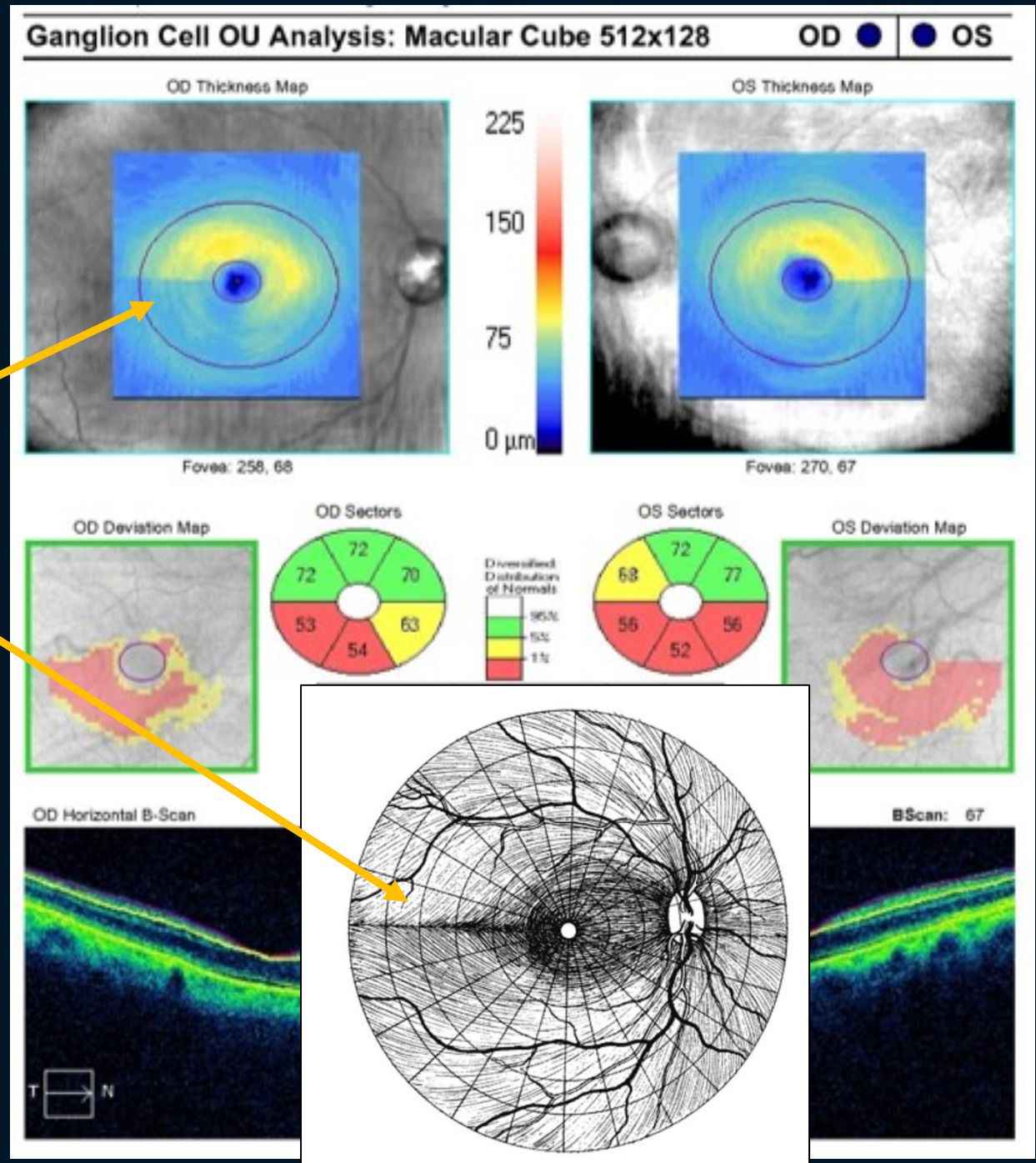
- Death of ganglion cells leads to macular thinning
- **Ganglion Cell Complex (GCC)**
 - $GCC = RNFL + \text{Ganglion cells} + \text{Inner plexiform (RTVue)}$
 - NOTE: Cirrus does not include RNFL in its analysis

GCC Thickness

Look for temporal step defect in thickness map and sectors

“Windshield wiper defect”

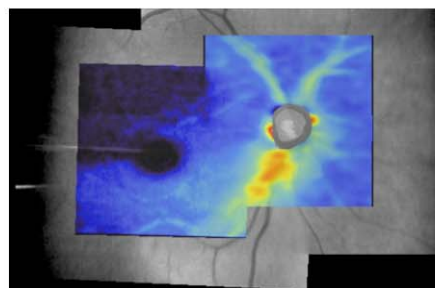
Are the GCC findings consistent with the RNFL findings?



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 Technician: Operator, Cirrus Signal Strength: 10/10 9/10

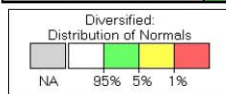
PanoMap Analysis: Right Eye

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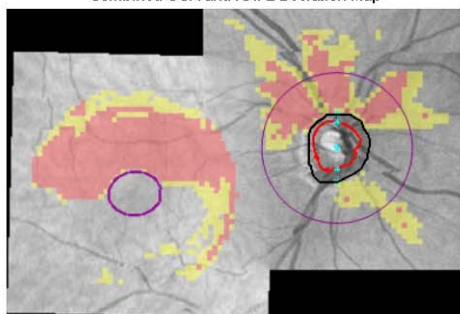


Combined GCA and RNFL Deviation Map

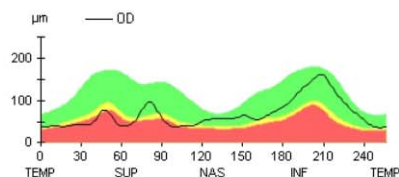
Disc Area	1.81 mm ²
Rim Area	0.81 mm ²
Average C/D Ratio	0.73
Vertical C/D Ratio	0.72
Cup Volume	0.307 mm ³
Average RNFL Thickness	68 μm
Superior RNFL Thickness	61 μm
Inferior RNFL Thickness	110 μm



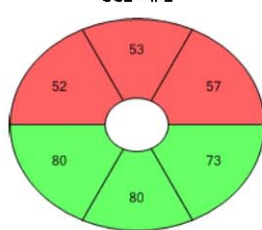
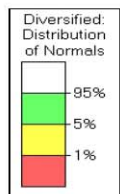
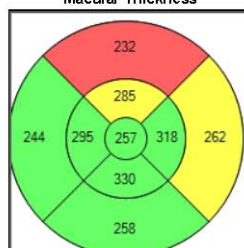
RNFL Thickness



GCL + IPL



Macular Thickness

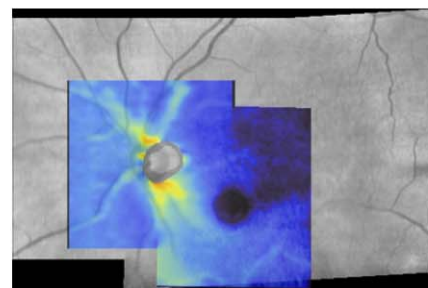


Average GCL + IPL Thickness	66
Minimum GCL + IPL Thickness	51

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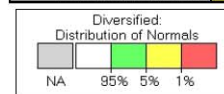
PanoMap Analysis: Left Eye

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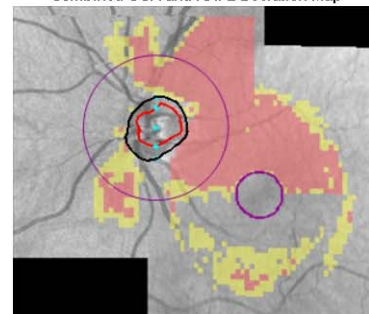


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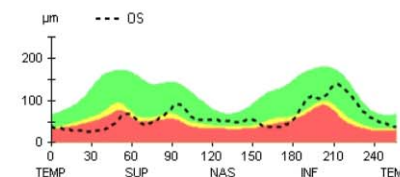
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Rim Area	0.62 mm ²
Average C/D Ratio	0.69
Vertical C/D Ratio	0.67
Cup Volume	0.192 mm ³
Average RNFL Thickness	62 μm
Superior RNFL Thickness	55 μm
Inferior RNFL Thickness	88 μm



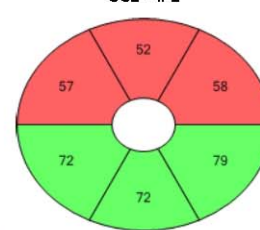
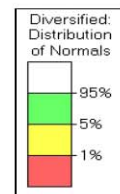
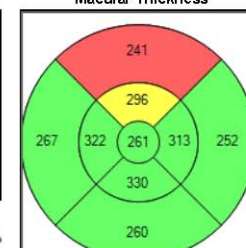
RNFL Thickness



GCL + IPL



Macular Thickness



Average GCL + IPL Thickness	65
Minimum GCL + IPL Thickness	52

PanoMap Analysis: PRO: See correlation between RNFL and GCC damage. **CON:** Loss of right-left eye comparisons

Glaucoma versus red disease: imaging and glaucoma diagnosis

Gabriel T. Chong and Richard K. Lee

“Clinicians need to understand the limitations of the imaging technologies they use and to apply that knowledge to the interpretation of testing results or they will be managing false-positive ‘**red disease**’ and possibly over-treating patients.”

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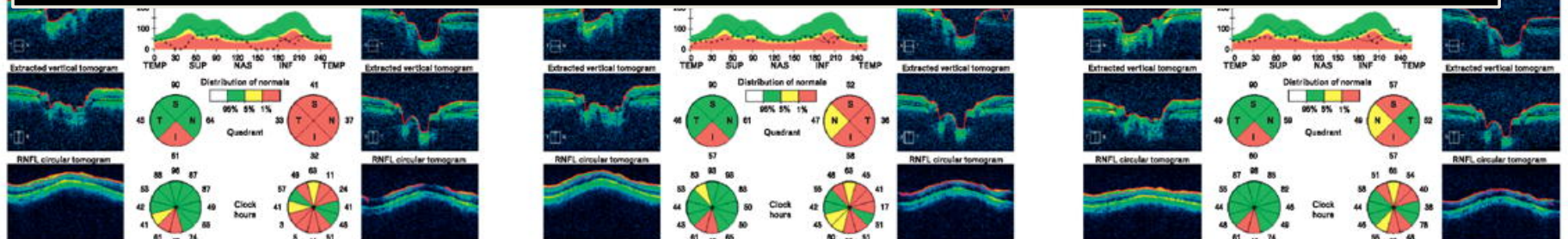
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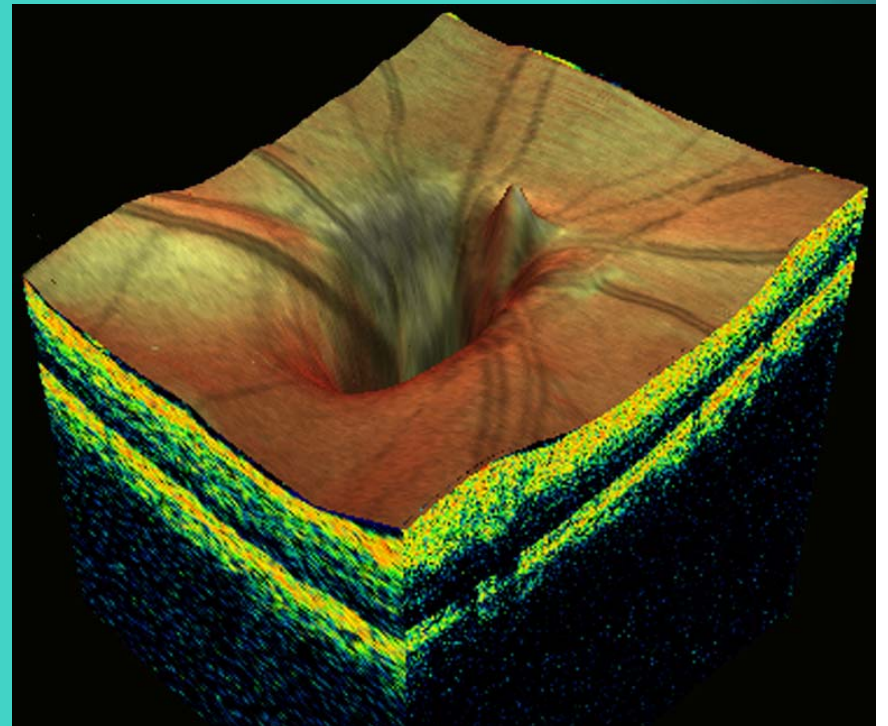
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Evaluation Procedures

- Factors affecting OCT detection of glaucoma
 - **Optic disc size**
 - Signal strength / Errors / Artifacts
 - **Axial length**
 - Blood vessel position



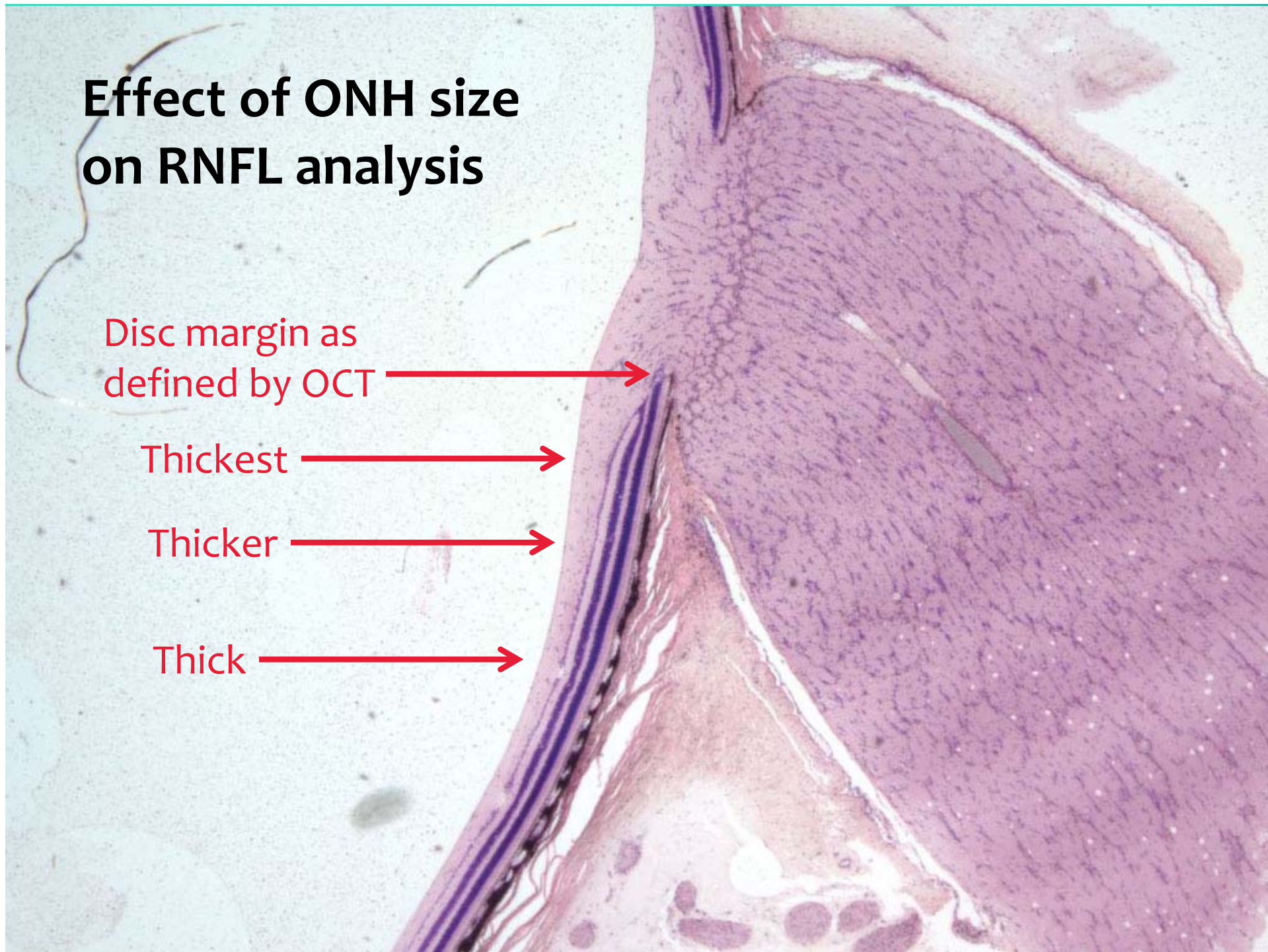
Effect of ONH size on RNFL analysis

Disc margin as
defined by OCT

Thickest

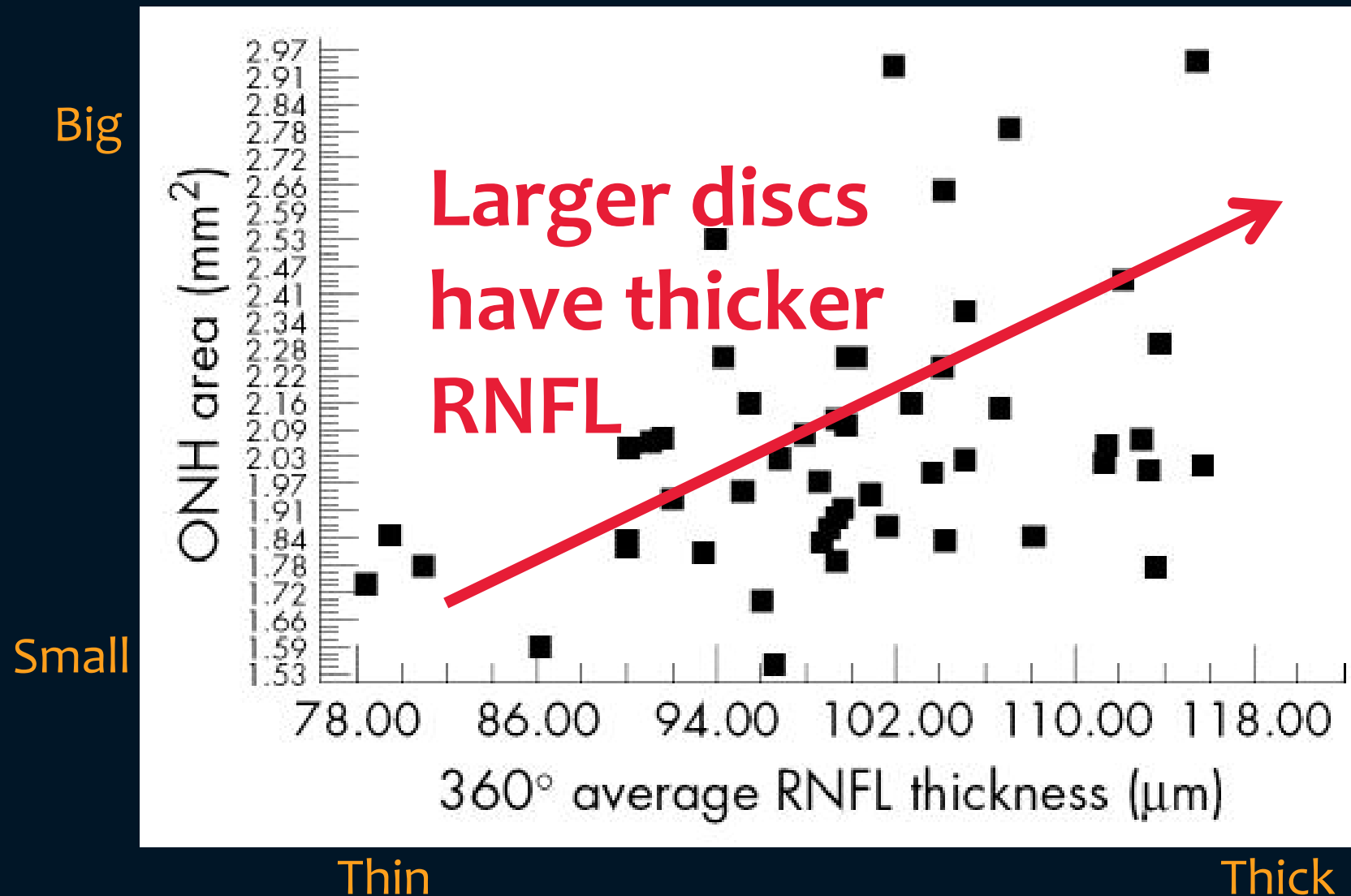
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Thick



Relationship between ONH size and RNFL thickness

Savini, BJO. 2005;89:489



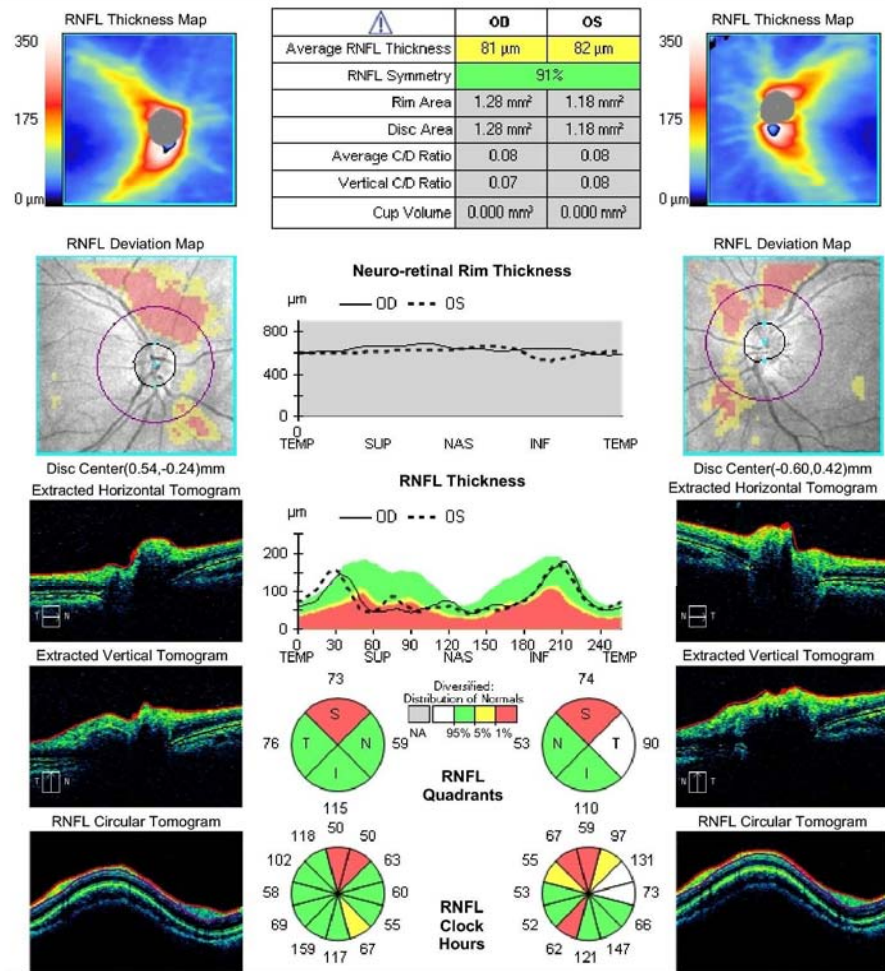
Normal small ONH

Normal large ONH

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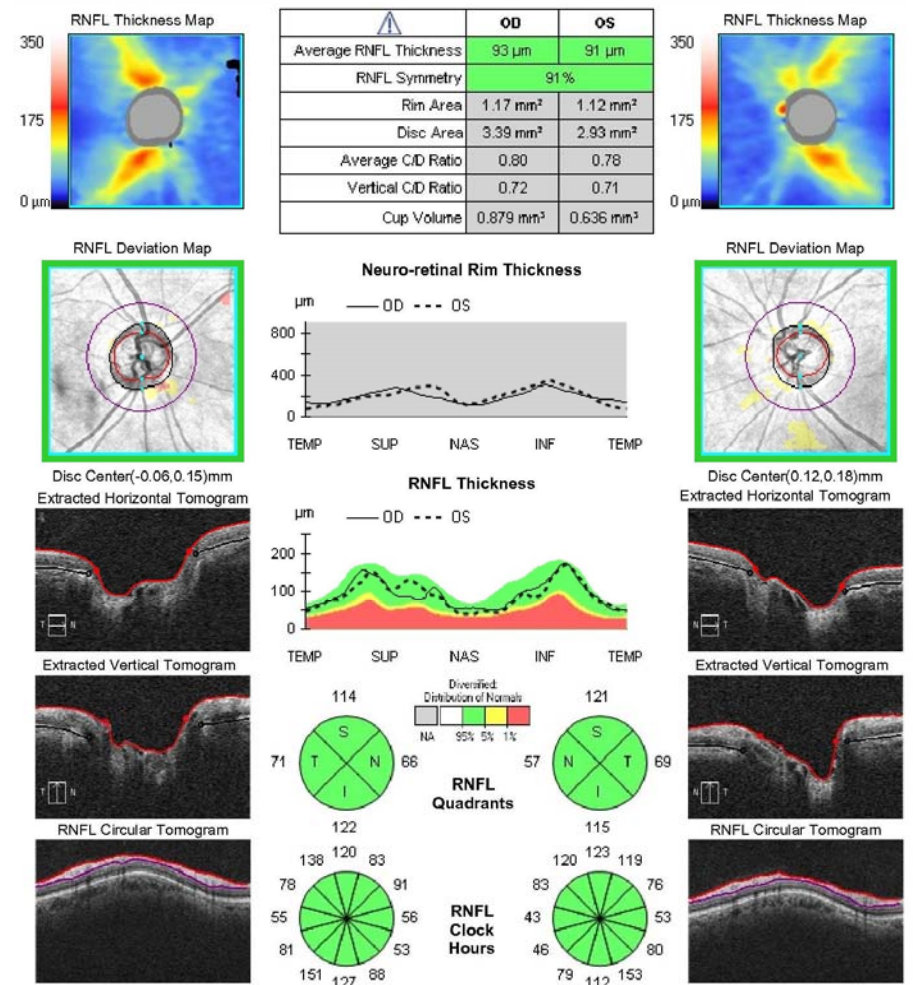
ONH and RNFL OU Analysis: Optic Disc Cube 200x200 OD OS



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ONH and RNFL OU Analysis: Optic Disc Cube 200x200 OD OS



Evaluation Procedures

Small
ONH

- $<1.75 \text{ mm}^2$
- Thin RNFL
- False Positive

Large
ONH

- $>2.75 \text{ mm}^2$
- Thick RNFL
- False Negative

Evaluation Procedures

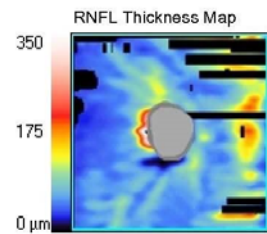
- Axial Length (Myopia)
 - 1mm \uparrow axial length \rightarrow 2.2 μ m \downarrow RNFL thickness
 - Risk of OCT **false positive**
 - **Lateral shifts** in the RNFL arcuate bundles



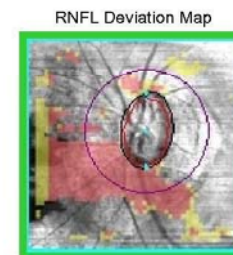
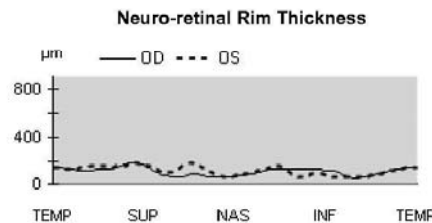
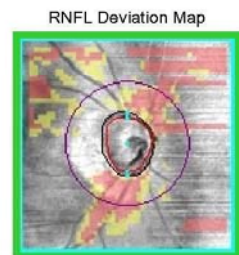
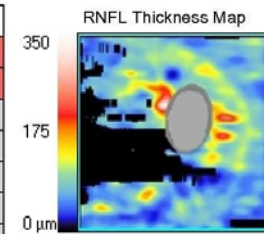
Pathologic Myopia

ONH and RNFL OU Analysis: Optic Disc Cube 200x200

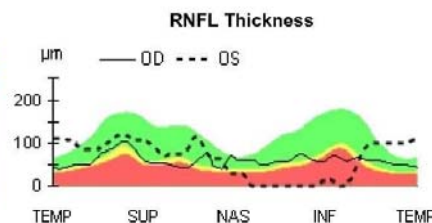
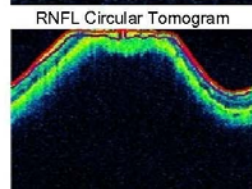
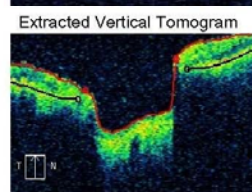
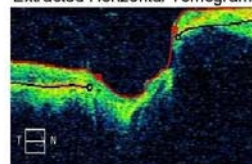
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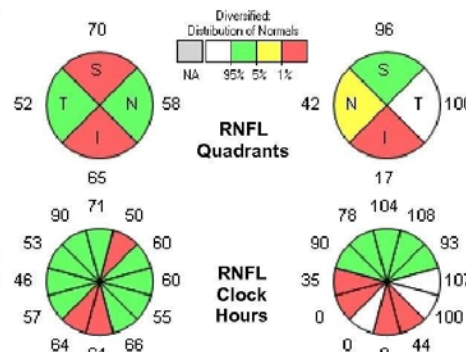
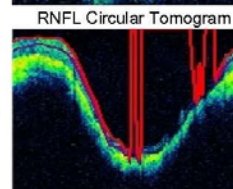
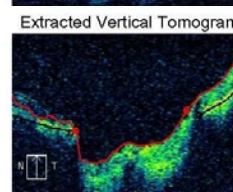
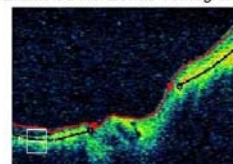
	OD	OS
Average RNFL Thickness	61 μm	64 μm
RNFL Symmetry	5%	
Rim Area	0.57 mm ²	0.65 mm ²
Disc Area	2.27 mm ²	2.61 mm ²
Average C/D Ratio	0.87	0.86
Vertical C/D Ratio	0.85	0.89
Cup Volume	0.785 mm ³	0.621 mm ³



Disc Center(-0.03,0.06)mm
Extracted Horizontal Tomogram



Disc Center(0.33,0.42)mm
Extracted Horizontal Tomogram



Self Assessment Quiz

Do you have an OCT in your office?

- If so, award yourself 1 point
- If not, award yourself 0 points

BONUS: Does your OCT interpretation consist solely of looking at the colors?

- If so, award yourself -1 point
- If not, award yourself 1 point

What if I don't have an OCT?

- Glaucoma management requires careful ONH inspection, but OCT is not required
- Stereo disc examination (eg. 78D or 90D) is required
- ONH photography is highly recommended
- Consider co-managing with colleague that has OCT



Evaluation Procedures



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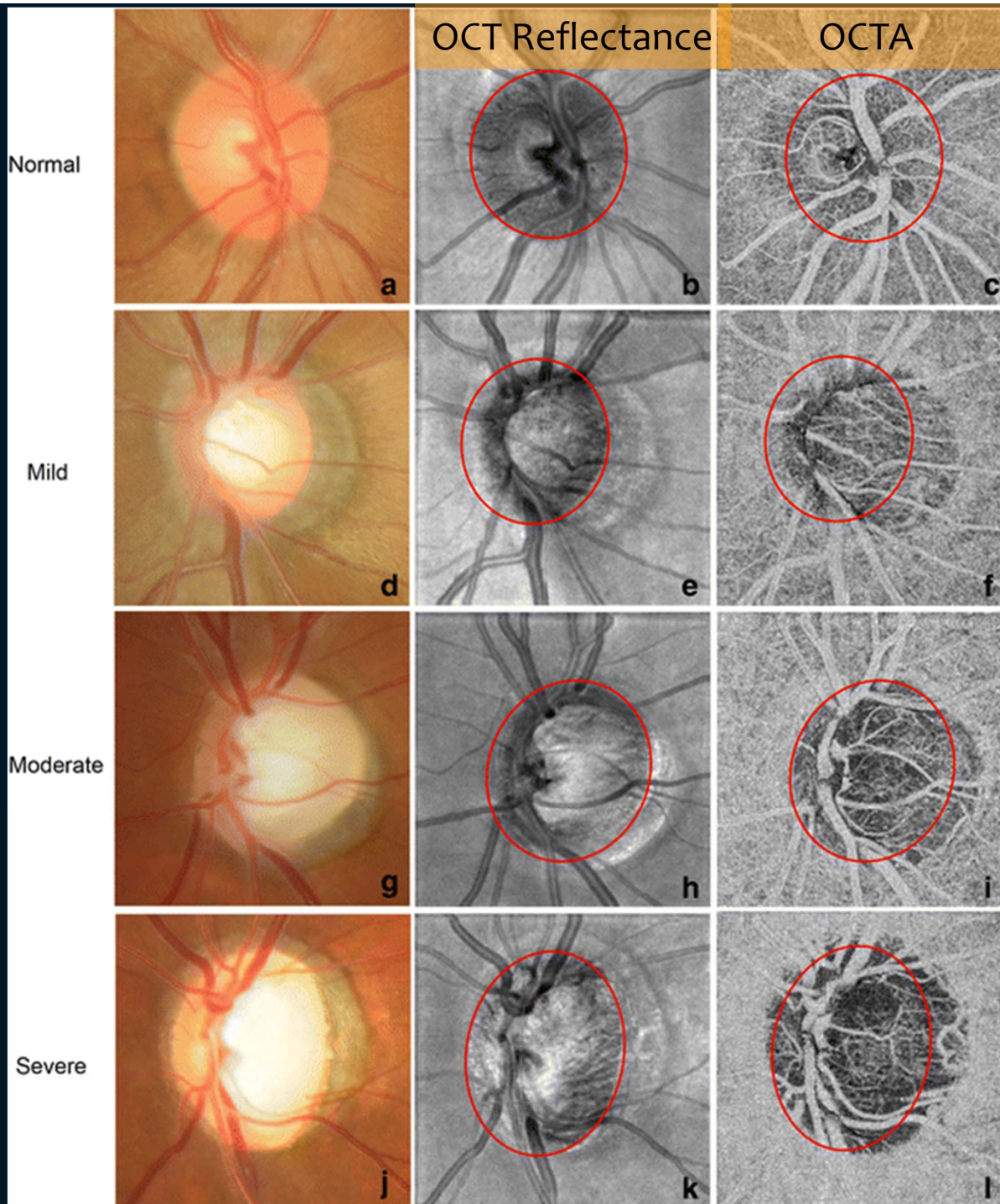
Evaluation Procedures

- OCT Angiography
 - OCTA detects decreased ONH blood flow and vascularization in glaucoma
 - OCTA changes in glaucoma have been correlated with both structural (RNFL) and functional (VF) alterations
 - May have value as an objective means of detecting and monitoring glaucoma

Disc margins are marked by the red elliptical outlines.

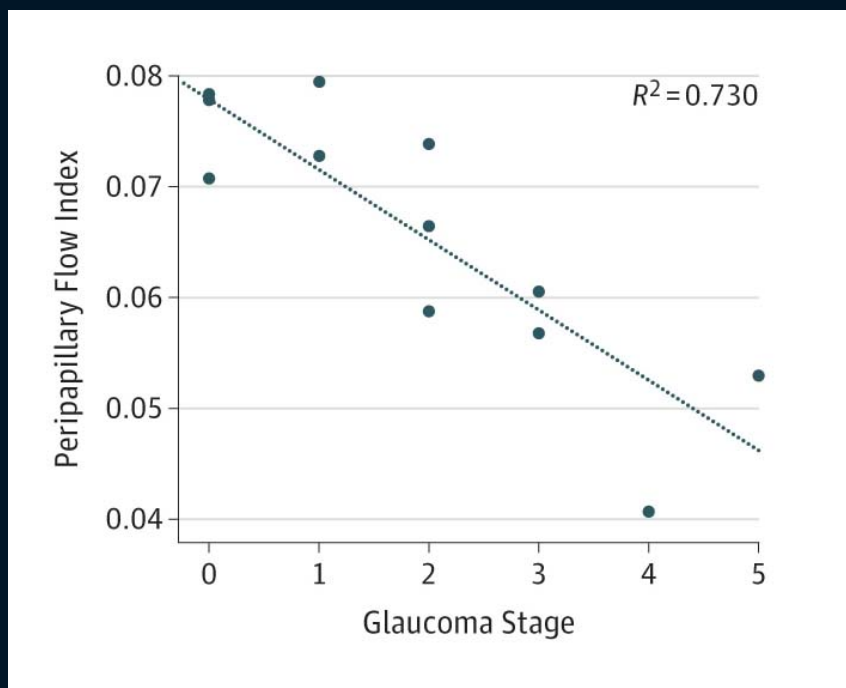
A dense microvascular network was visible on the OCTA of the normal disc (c). This network was greatly attenuated from mild to severe in the glaucomatous disc

Graefe's Arch
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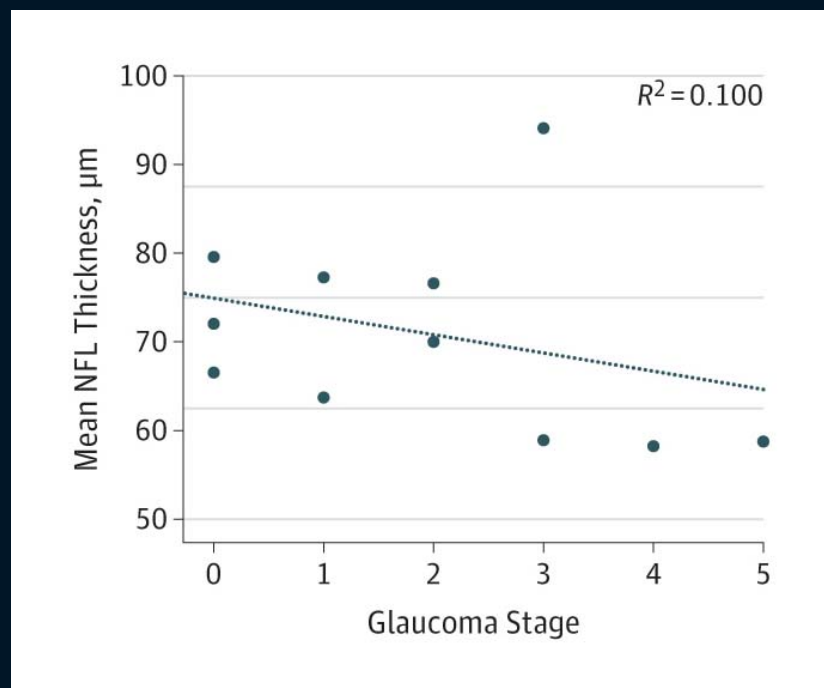


Decreased ONH Blood Flow

OCTA vs Glaucoma Severity




RNFL vs Glaucoma Severity



“These data suggest that blood peripapillary flow indexes measured by OCT may be more meaningful indicators of glaucoma severity than structural measures.”

JAMA Ophthalmol. 2015;4197: 1045–1052.

A Review of OCT Angiography in Glaucoma

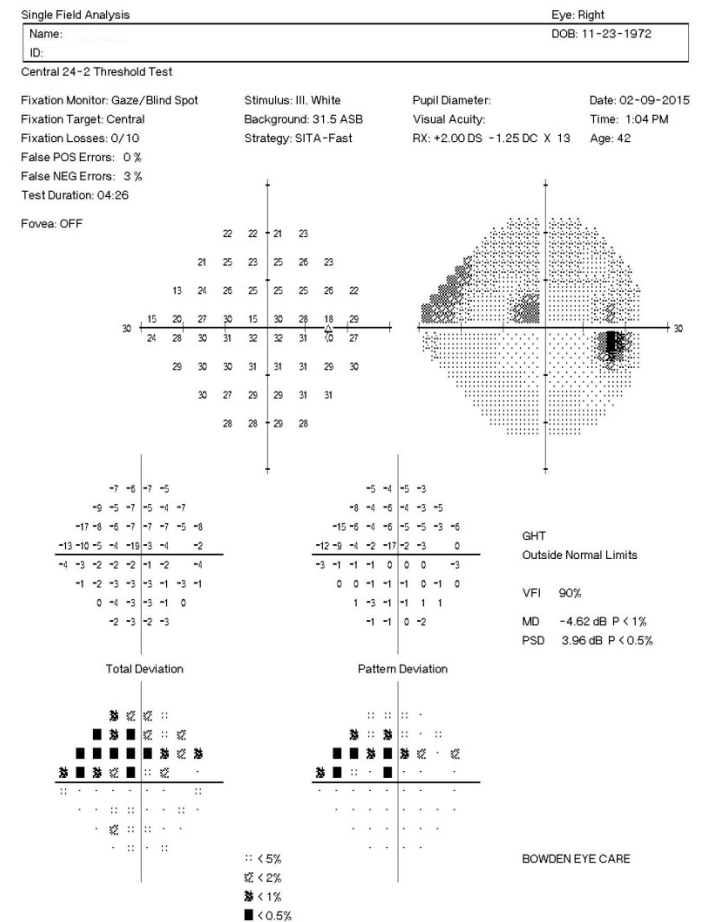
Astrid C. Werner and Lucy Q. Shen 

Department of Ophthalmology, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, USA

There is early evidence that OCTA may be of particular use in **very early or very late stage disease** where our current functional or structural diagnostic modalities fall short, however, its superiority to existing technology has not been confirmed.

Evaluation Procedures

- Perimetry
 - Improving reliability
 - Recognizing glaucomatous loss
 - Staging visual field loss



Evaluation Procedures

- Reliability
 - Beware **false positive errors!**
 - False Negatives: Associated with VF damage and fatigue
 - Fixation Losses: May be caused by blind spot mislocation or poor cooperation

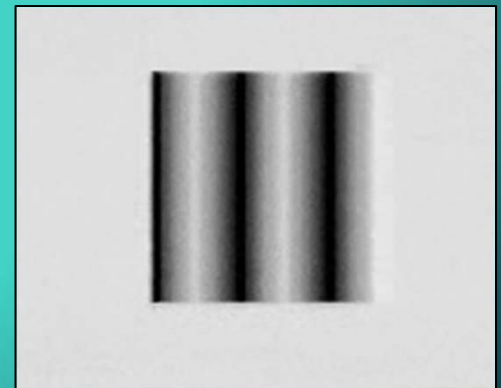


Evaluation Procedures

- How to improve reliability
 - Dark, quiet room without distractions
 - Proper patient instruction
 - Perimetrist monitoring & encouragement
 - Realignment, Rest breaks & Reinstruction
 - **Decrease test duration**
 - Address specific problems
 - Lid taping for dermatochalasis, pillows for back support, fixation target for low vision, etc...

Evaluation Procedures

- Frequency Doubling Technology
 - When a sinusoidal grating undergoes rapid counterphased flickering the apparent spatial frequency of the grating doubles
 - Humphrey Matrix perimeter
 - **Detects VF defects earlier than standard perimetry**
 - More variable than SAP
 - Harder to detect progression



NEW!

A New SITA Perimetric Threshold Testing Algorithm: Construction and a Multicenter Clinical Study



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- **PURPOSE:** To describe a new time-saving threshold visual field-testing strategy—Swedish Interactive Thresholding Algorithm (SITA) Faster, which is intended to replace SITA Fast—and to report on a clinical evaluation of this new strategy.
- **DESIGN:** Description and validity analysis for modifications applied to SITA Fast.
- **METHODS:** Five centers tested 1 eye of each of 126

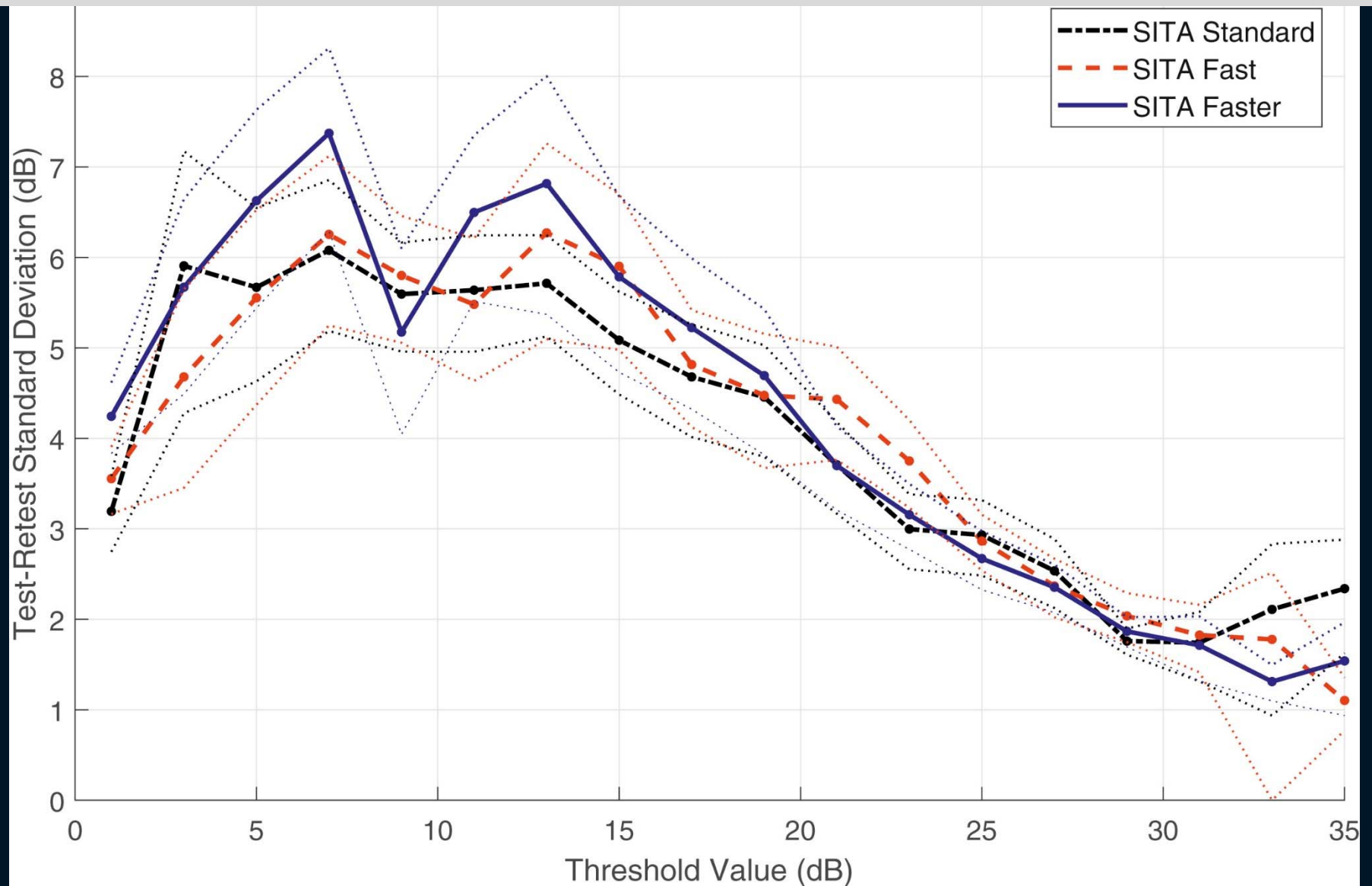
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COMPUTERIZED PERIMETRY STARTED IN THE EARLY 1970s. Careful theoretical calculations and pilot

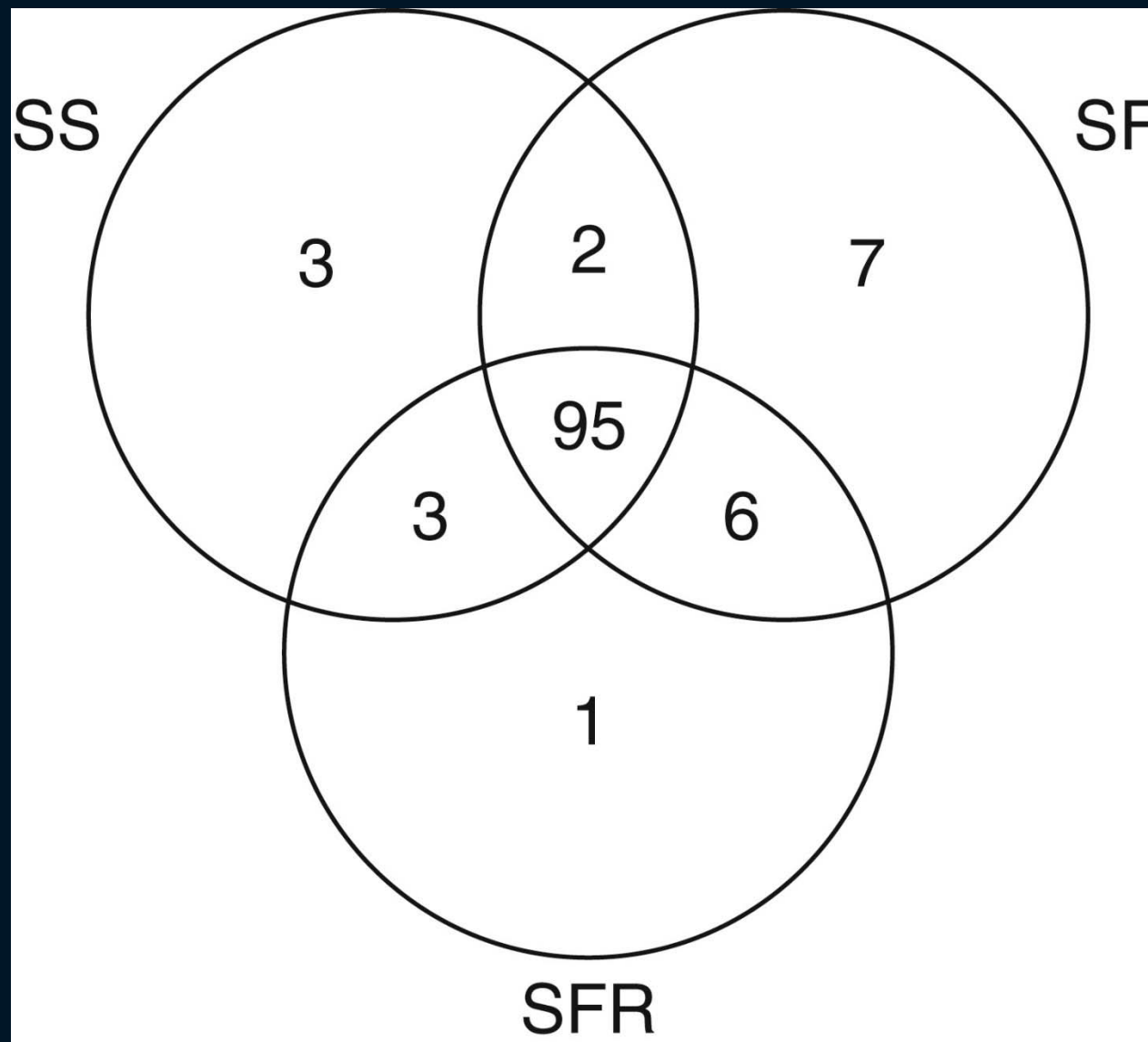
SITA Faster saved considerable test time. SITA Faster and SITA Fast gave **almost identical results.**

Am J Ophthalmol. 2019;198:154

Mean pointwise test-retest threshold variability and 95% confidence intervals



Agreement in eyes with the Glaucoma Hemifield Test classifications of “Outside Normal Limits”



Self Assessment Quiz

**You perform automated perimetry
in your office.**

- If so, award yourself 1 point
- If not, award yourself 0 points

What if I don't have a perimeter?

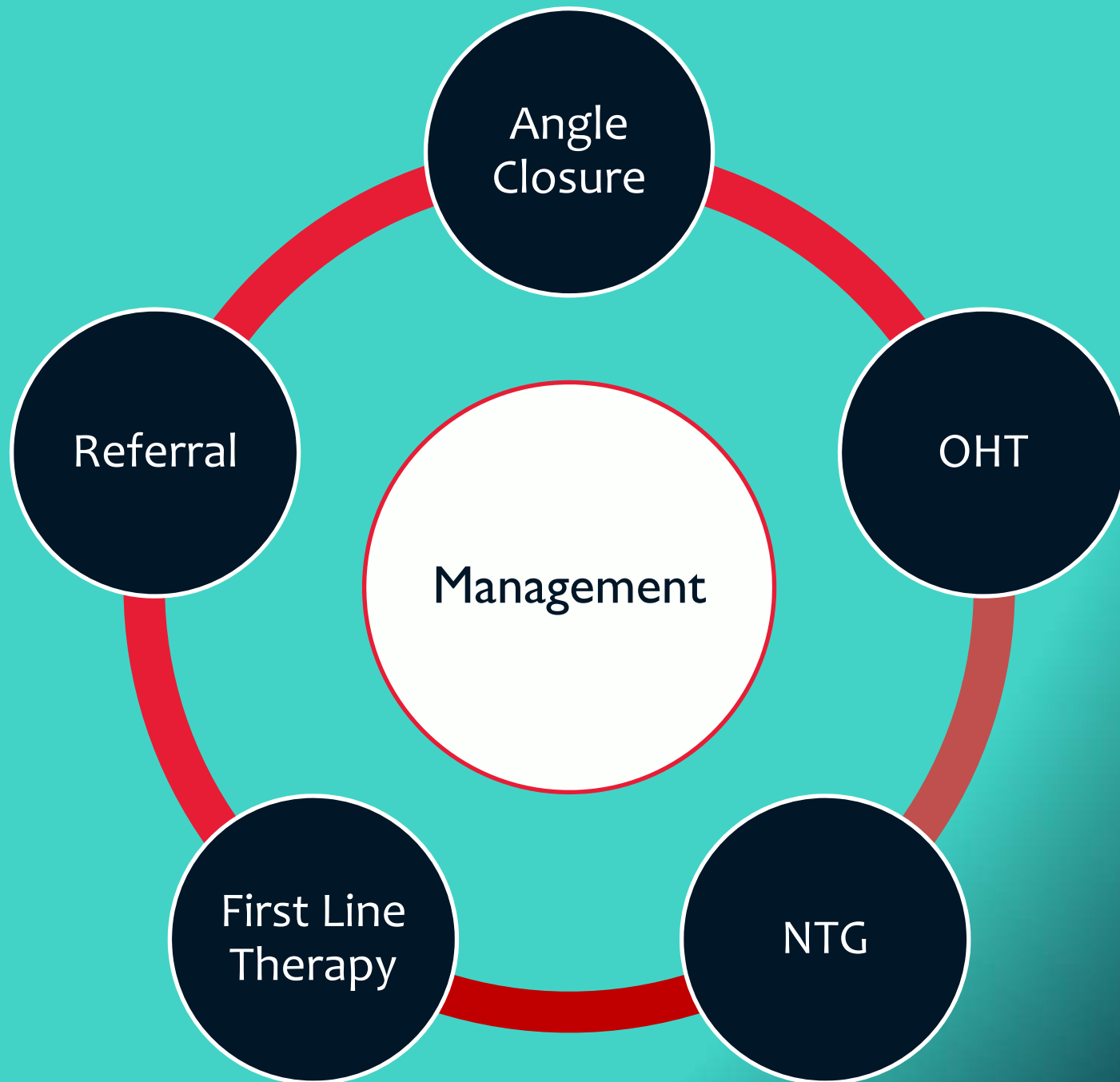
- Currently, there is no satisfactory alternative to full threshold standard automated perimetry for glaucoma management
- Screening devices (eg. FDT) are useful for detecting glaucoma, but are not ideal for management



21st Century Glaucoma Care

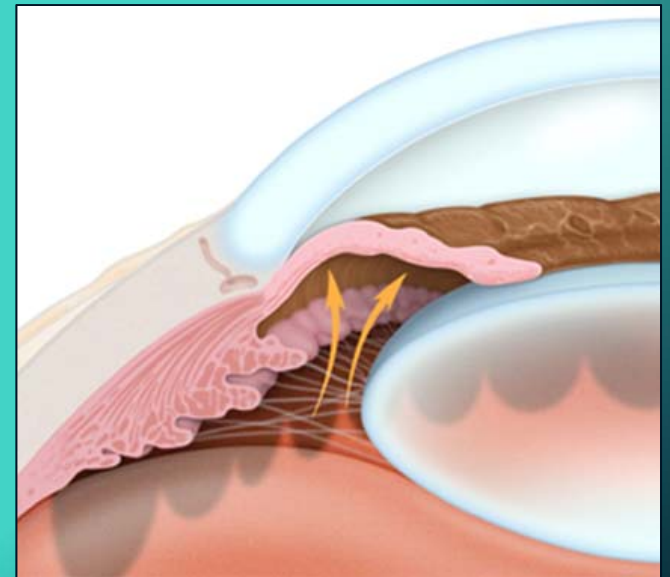
- History & Risk Factors
- Evaluation Procedures
- Management
- Communication





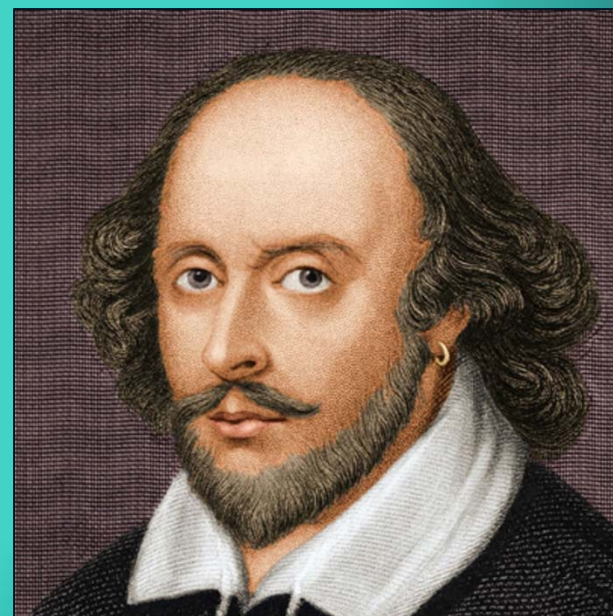
Management: ACG

- Recognizing Angle-closure Glaucoma
 - Many patients with OHT and glaucoma have chronic or intermittent angle-closure
 - **Periorbital headache**
 - Hyperopia
 - Asian descent
 - Narrow Van Herick angles
 - **Indentation gonioscopy**



Management: OHT

- To Treat, or Not To Treat. That is the Question
 - About 10% of all persons with OHT will convert
 - Use risk calculators: Treat if $\geq 20\%$ conversion risk
 - **Treat if IOP $\geq 30\text{mmHg}$**
 - Other factors to weigh
 - Monocular status
 - Extremes of age
 - Patient anxiety
 - VF reliability
 - Ocular comorbidity



Management: NTG

- NTG Suspect
 - Suspicious ONH &/or VF with normal IOP
 - Differential diagnosis
 - Active glaucoma
 - Inactive glaucoma
 - **Treatable non-glaucomatous conditions!**
 - Untreatable non-glaucomatous conditions
 - Normal variations
 - Testing artifact



The Cupped Disc

Who Needs Neuroimaging?

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Richard K. Parrish II, MD¹

Objective: To determine the incidence of positive neuroradiologic studies in consecutive patients with glaucoma associated with normal intraocular pressure and to compare the psychophysical and clinical characteristics of these eyes with eyes with disc cupping associated with intracranial masses.

Compare the characteristics of NTG patients with a control population of patients with **nonglaucomatous cupping associated with intracranial masses.**

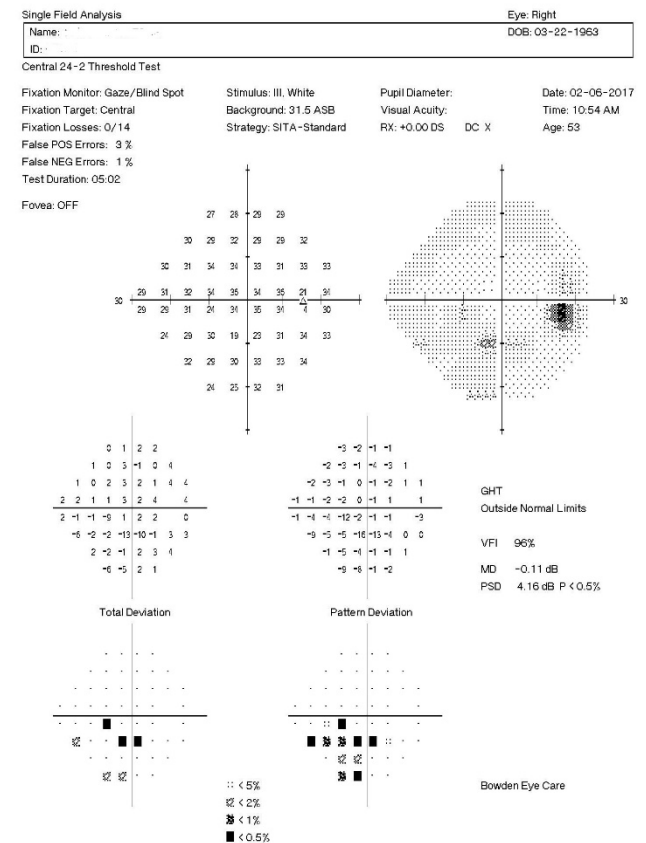
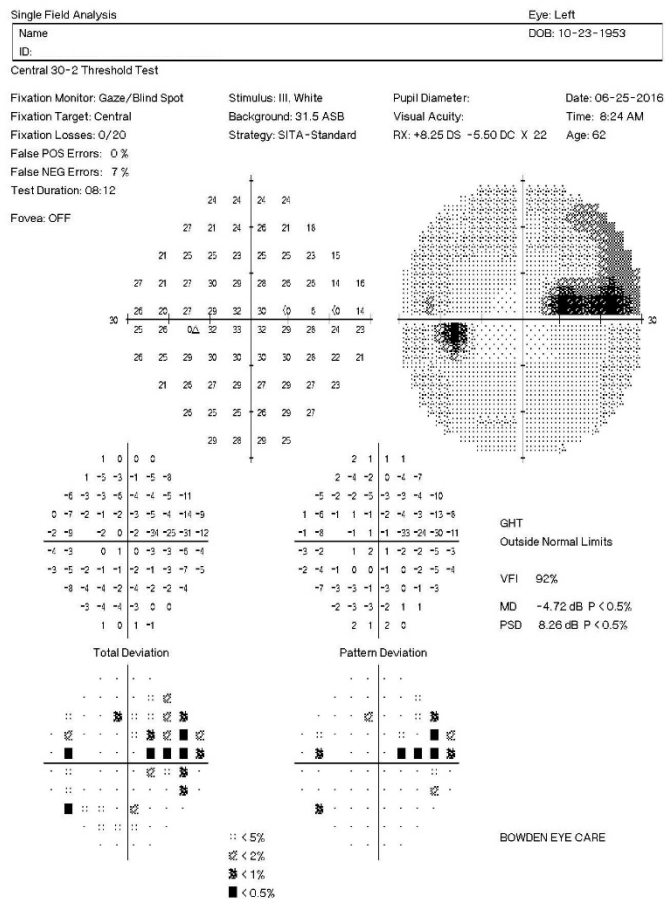
(1) Younger age, (2) lower levels of visual acuity, (3) vertically aligned visual field defects, and (4) neuroretinal rim pallor may increase the likelihood of identifying an intracranial mass lesion.

Ophthalmology 1998;105:1866

HOW DO YOU DEFINE MIDLINE “RESPECT”?

The 4dB Rule

A consistent
4dB difference
across the
midline
constitutes
“respect”



NEW!

Optical coherence tomography retinal ganglion cell complex analysis for the detection of early chiasmal compression

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Abstract

Purpose To report patients with sellar tumors and chiasmal compression with normal visual fields, who demonstrate damage to the retinal nerve fiber layer (RNFL) and ganglion cell complex (GCC) on optical coherence tomography (OCT).

Methods Seven patients with sellar tumors causing mass effect on the optic chiasm without definite visual field defect, but abnormal GCC are described. GCC/RNFL analyses using Cirrus-OCT were classified into centiles based on the manufacturer's reference range.

Results In seven patients with radiologic compression of the chiasm by a sellar tumor, OCT-GCC thickness detected compressive chiasmopathy before visual defects became apparent on standard automated visual field testing. Without OCT, our patients would have been labelled as having normal visual function and no evidence of compressive chiasmopathy. With only OCT-RNFL analysis, 3/7 patients would still have been labelled as having no compression of the anterior visual pathways.

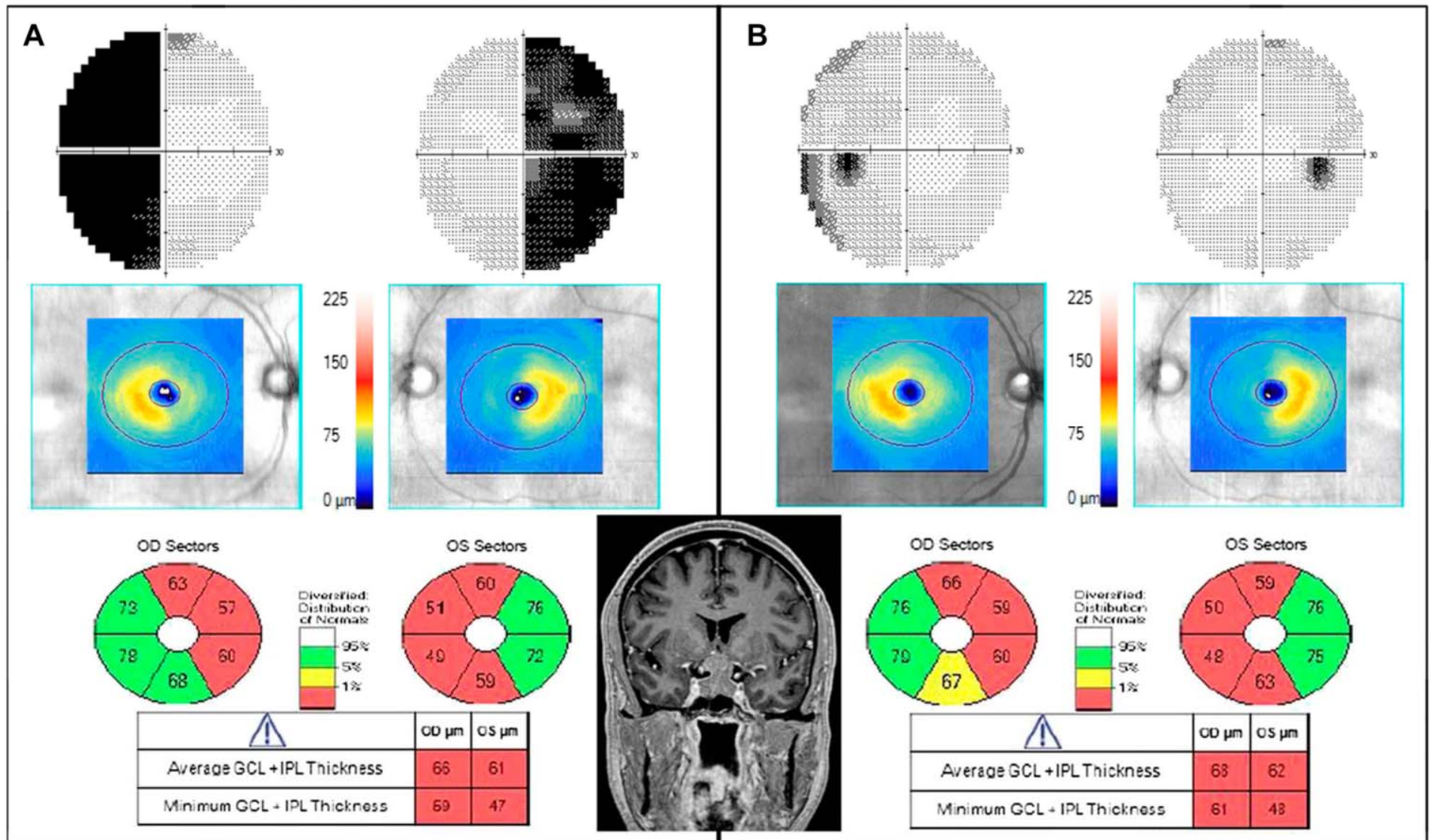
Conclusions These patients show that OCT-GCC analysis is more sensitive than visual field testing with standard automated perimetry in the detection of compressive chiasmopathy or optic neuropathy. These cases and previous studies suggest that OCT-GCC analysis may be used in addition to visual field testing to evaluate patients with lesions compressing the chiasm.

OCT can detect chiasmal compression
before VF loss occurs

Pituitary 2018;21:515

Pre-Op

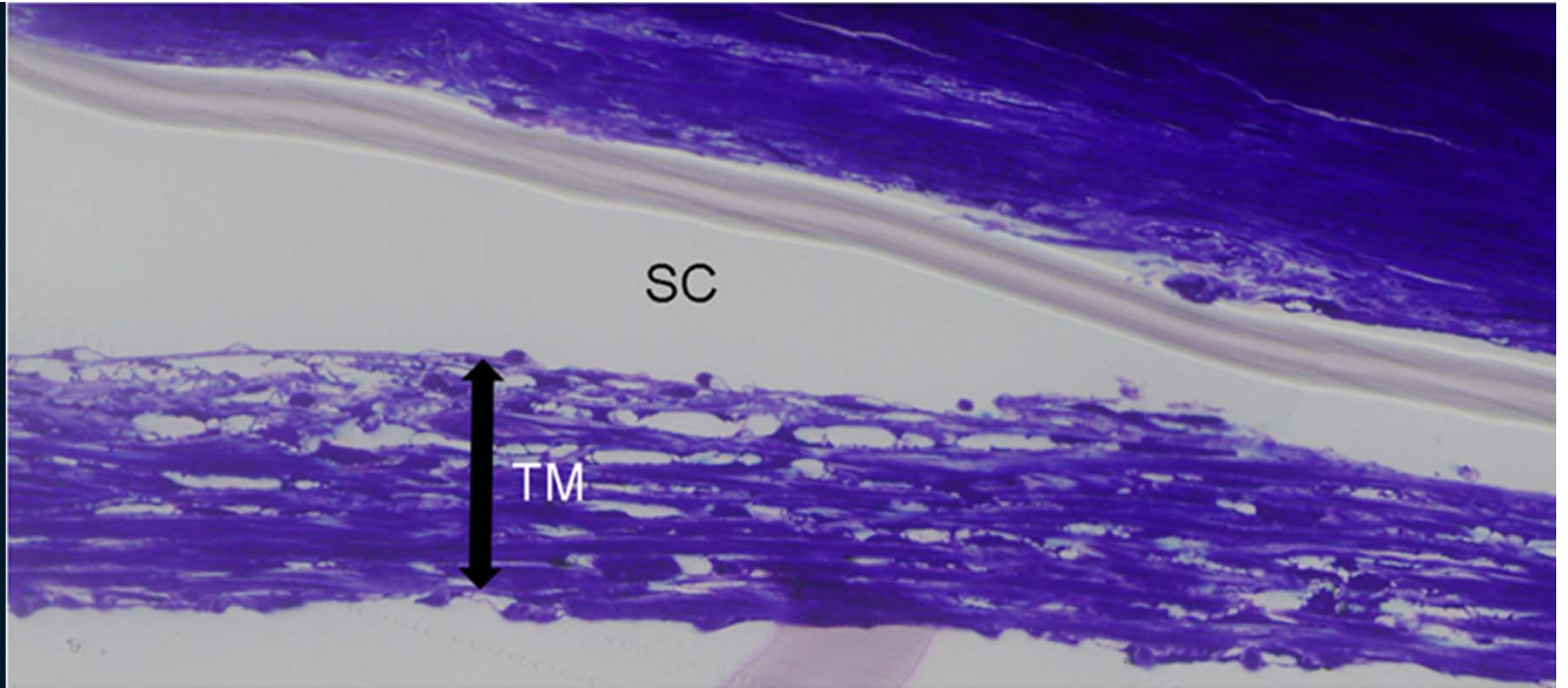
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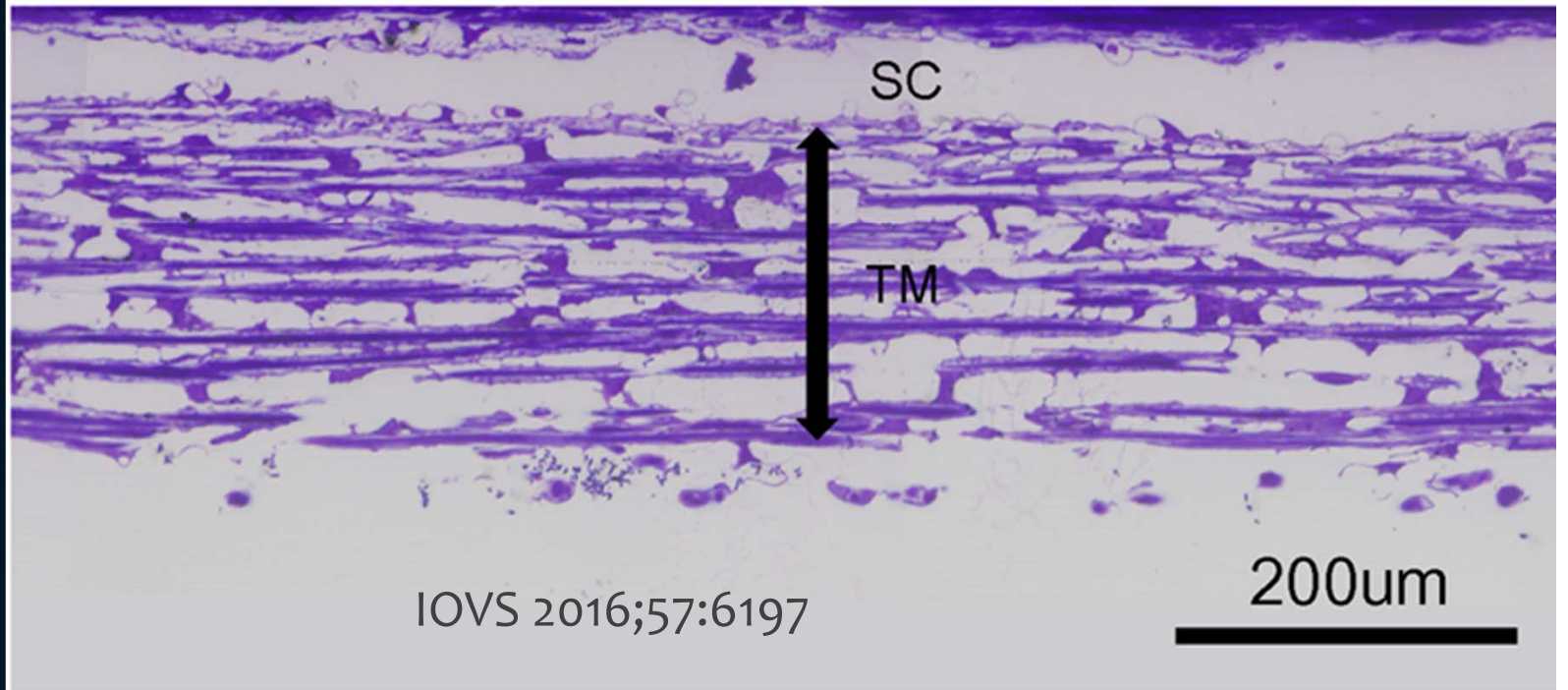
Management

- Rho-kinase Inhibitors
 - First new glaucoma drug class in >20 years
 - **Netarsudil (Rhopressa®) FDA approved 2017**
 - Lowers IOP primarily by improving outflow through the TM via relaxation of the contractile properties of the tissue
 - QHS dosing lowers IOP 20-25% (similar to timolol)
 - Ocular adverse effects: hyperemia, corneal verticillata and conjunctival hemorrhage

CONTROL



NETARSUDIL



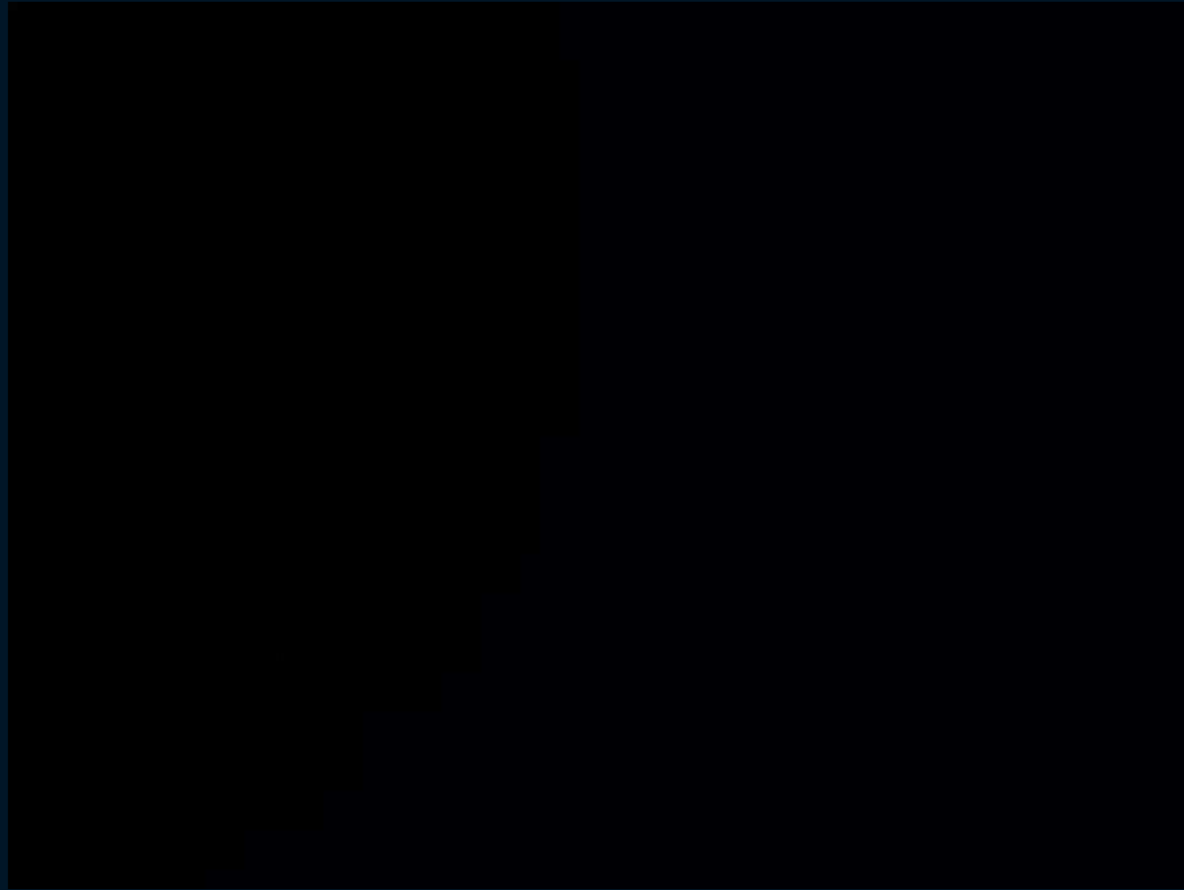
Management

- Latanoprostene bunod (Vyzulta®)
 - Unique **dual-action drug**: PGA + nitric oxide
 - Drug molecule dissociates into latanoprost and nitric oxide after instillation
 - **Nitric oxide**: Increases trabecular outflow
 - Achieves an additional 1-2 mmHg of IOP reduction over latanoprost alone
 - Same dosing and safety profile as PGA
 - **Most effective ocular hypotensive agent!**

Management: POAG

- First Line Therapy: Surgery or Drops?
 - **SLT is an appropriate first-line therapy** for mild-moderate POAG
 - SLT lowers IOP by about 20% in most people
 - **Advantages:** Cost (over time), Compliance, Risk (avoid side effects), Repeatable (PRN)
 - **Disadvantages:** Failure to sufficiently lower IOP, Patients lost to follow-up care

Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty



NEW!

Selective laser trabeculoplasty versus eye drops for first-line treatment of ocular hypertension and glaucoma (LiGHT): a multicentre randomised controlled trial



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Summary

Background Primary open angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension are habitually treated with eye drops that lower intraocular pressure. Selective laser trabeculoplasty is a safe alternative but is rarely used as first-line treatment. We compared the two.

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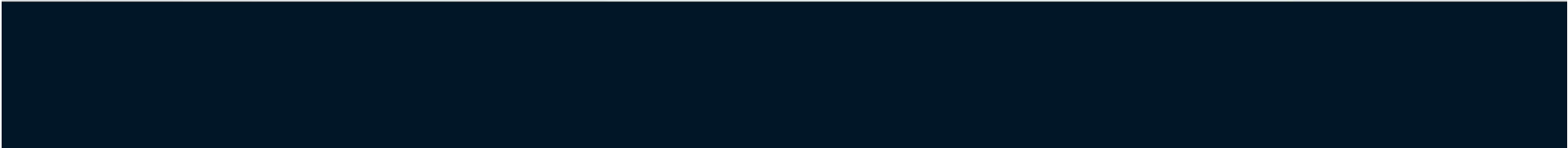
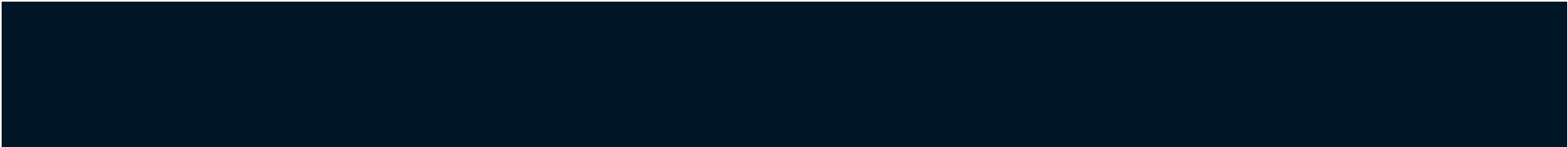
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Laser-first gave **drop-free disease control** at stringent target IOPs, lower trabeculectomy rates, **less glaucoma progression**, and lower cost in $\frac{3}{4}$ of patients at 3 years

Lancet 2019;393:1505

Management

- What are MIGS, and Why Should I care?
 - MIGS: Micro-Invasive Glaucoma Surgery
 - Surgery for mild-moderate glaucoma
 - Effectiveness varies with procedure, but may decrease need for 1-2 medications
 - **Advantages:** Compliance
 - **Disadvantages:** Risk (surgical), Cost
 - iSTENT, XEN Gel Stent, others





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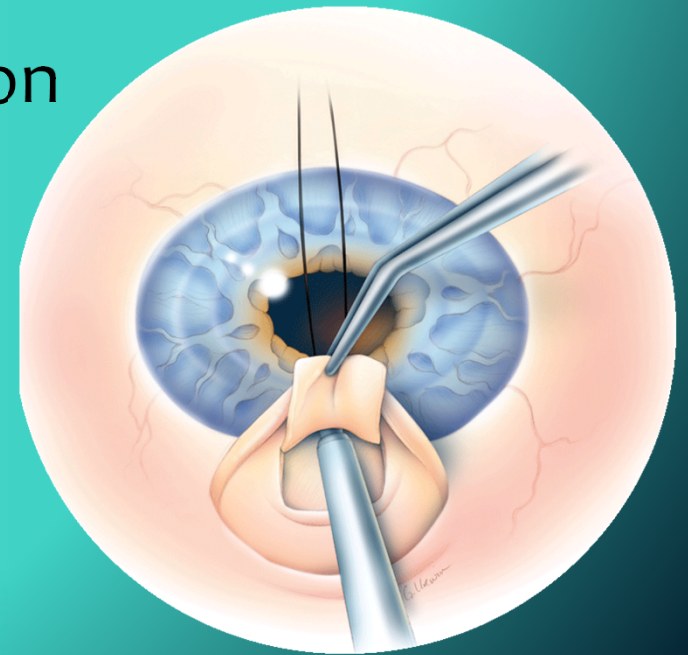
The Cypass micro-stent was voluntarily recalled by Alcon in August 2018 due to corneal endothelial cell loss at 5 yrs following implantation

Management

- When to Hold and When to Fold

Indications for glaucoma specialist referral

- Failure to achieve target pressure
- Failure to control progression
- Inability to accurately assess VF, ONH, or IOP
- Surgical intervention indicated (eg. fixation threatened)



Self Assessment Quiz

Glaucoma referrals only occur if you are unable to manage the condition yourself.

- If so, award yourself 1 point
- If you refer all glaucoma suspects, award yourself -1 points

21st Century Glaucoma Care

- History & Risk Factors
- Evaluation Procedures
- Management
- Communication



Why Do Some People Go Blind from Glaucoma?

W. MORTON GRANT, MD, JOSEPH F. BURKE, JR., MD

Abstract: Retrospective analysis of patients blinded by glaucoma has revealed a need to educate patients to the significance of premonitory symptoms, to investigate a higher incidence of blindness from open-

Three main reasons why people go blind from glaucoma:

33%
were undiagnosed
prior to blindness

33%
had not been
treated properly

33%
noncompliant
with therapy

Ophthalmology 1982;89:991

Perspective

Why Do People (Still) Go Blind from Glaucoma?

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further functional loss or blindness. Forchheimer et al.⁴ investigated the relationship between baseline visual field damage, IOP, and rate of progression and found that among eyes with more severe functional damage (mean deviation [MD] worse than -12 dB), those with mean follow-up IOP < 14 mmHg progressed more slowly than those with higher pressures. Kotecha et al.⁵ found that following

“Thirty years later, despite meaningful improvements in technology, therapeutic tools, and knowledge of the disease, patients continue to go blind from glaucoma.”

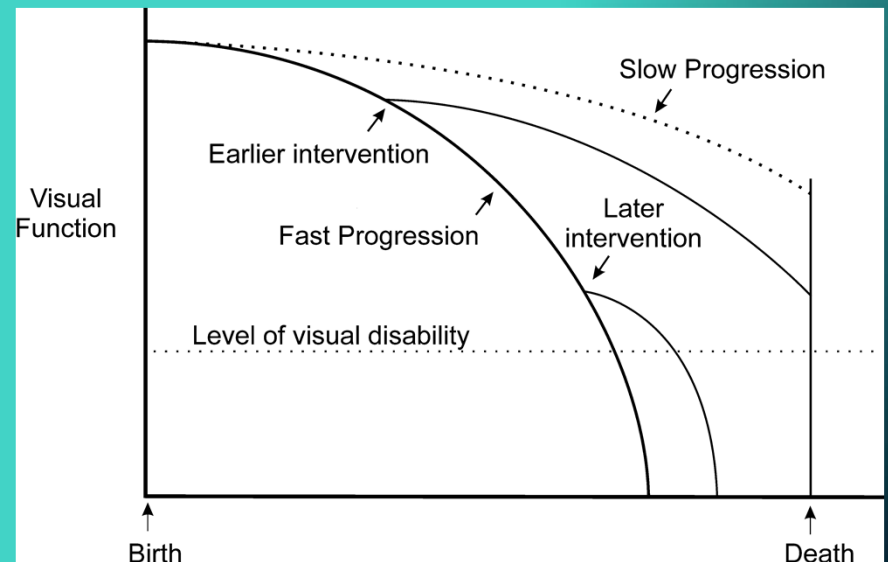
Effective Patient Communication

- Undiagnosed glaucoma
 - Over half of all glaucoma cases in the US remain undiagnosed
 - Reasons for large numbers of undiagnosed glaucoma patients:
 - Inability to recognize glaucomatous discs or fields
 - Failure of surveillance or referral
 - **Inability to recognize glaucomatous optic disc and RNFL damage** is an important reason glaucoma is not diagnosed early.

Effective Patient Communication

- Improper Treatment of Glaucoma
 - **Failure to adhere to practice guidelines**
 - Insufficient IOP reduction
 - Inadequate assessment of the rate of progression

Rate of progression cannot be reliably assessed when few VFs are performed



Effective Patient Communication

- Poor Compliance
 - **Poor adherence is associated with inadequate patient education** about glaucoma, especially the potential for permanent vision loss.
 - Ways to improve compliance
 - Simplify treatment regimens
 - Reduce side effects
 - Reduce medication costs

Effective Patient Communication



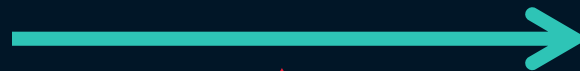
Effective Patient Communication

KNOWLEDGE

Disease process
& severity

Benefits of
treatment

Eyedrop
instillation
technique



BARRIERS

Forgetfulness

Cost

Side effects

Complexity

BEHAVIOR

Improved
glaucoma
medication
adherence

Self Assessment Quiz

Have you paid attention to what I was saying for the past 10 min?

- +1 point if you know what I was talking about
- -10 points if you were sleeping for the past 10 minutes

Self Assessment Quiz

SCORE

0-2	1980's
3-5	1990's
6-8	Early 2000's
>8	I need a new OD, are you accepting new patients?

21st Century Glaucoma Care

THANK YOU

