

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Glaucoma Care

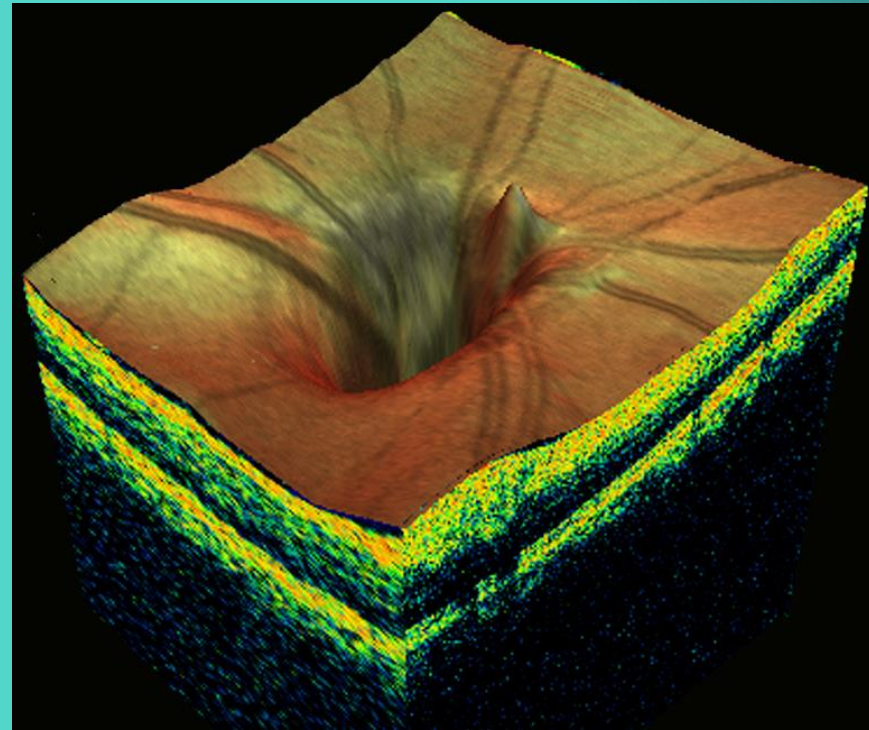
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## Welcome to the Iowa Glaucoma Curriculum



### 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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[iowaglaucoma.org](http://iowaglaucoma.org)

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Glaucoma Care

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- Evaluation Procedures
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- Patient Care





# Self Assessment Quiz

Are you attending this CE course?

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

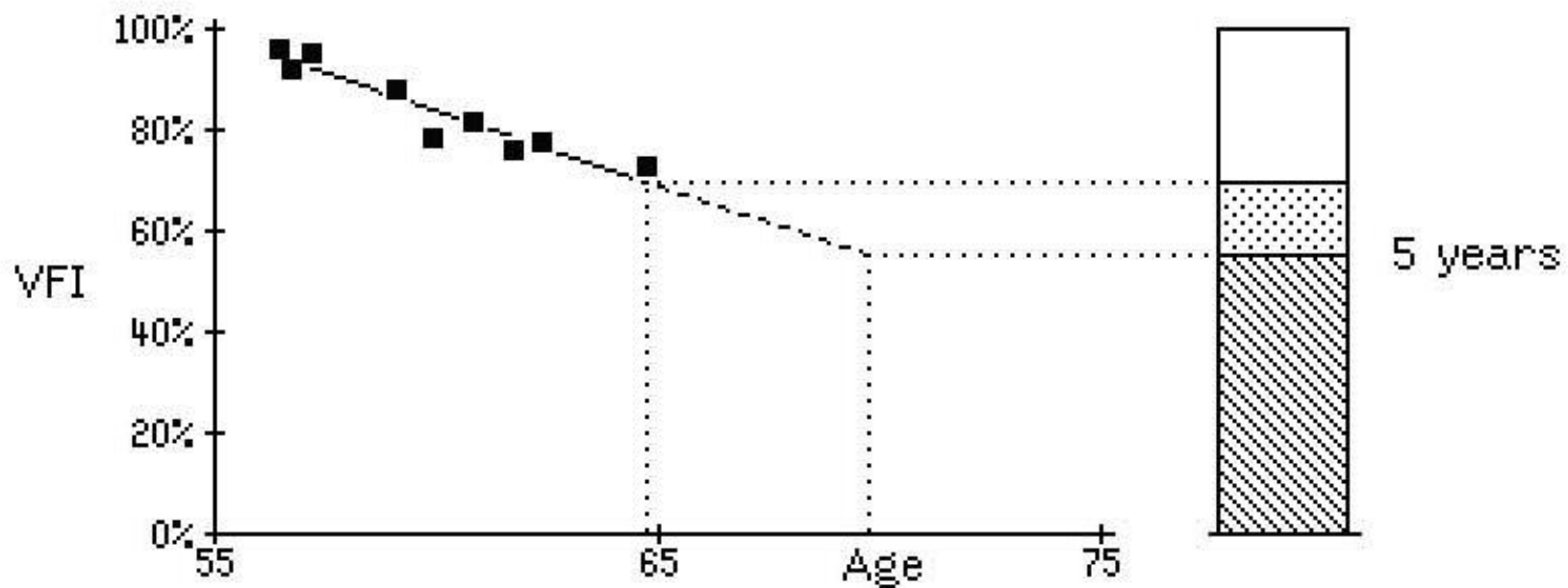
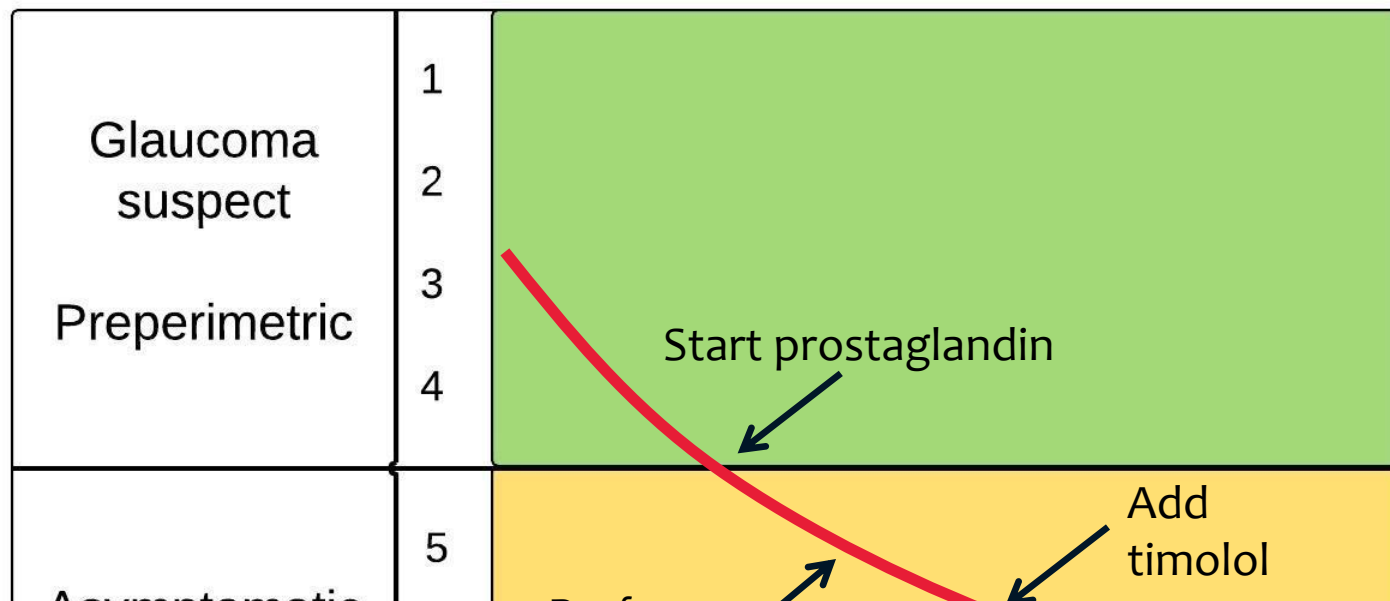
# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Glaucoma Care

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



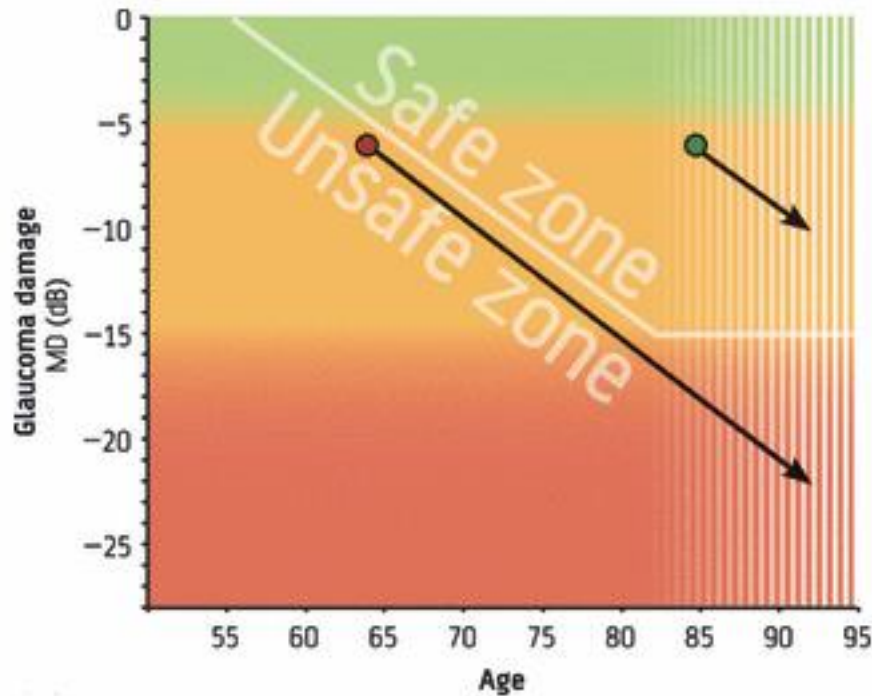
**The Spaeth Glaucoma Graph.** Glaucoma patients remain asymptomatic until the disease is advanced. Prior to that point, from the patient's perspective the *treatment is often worse than the disease*

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



Rate of Progression:  $-3.0 \pm 0.9 \text{ \%/year}$  (95% confidence)

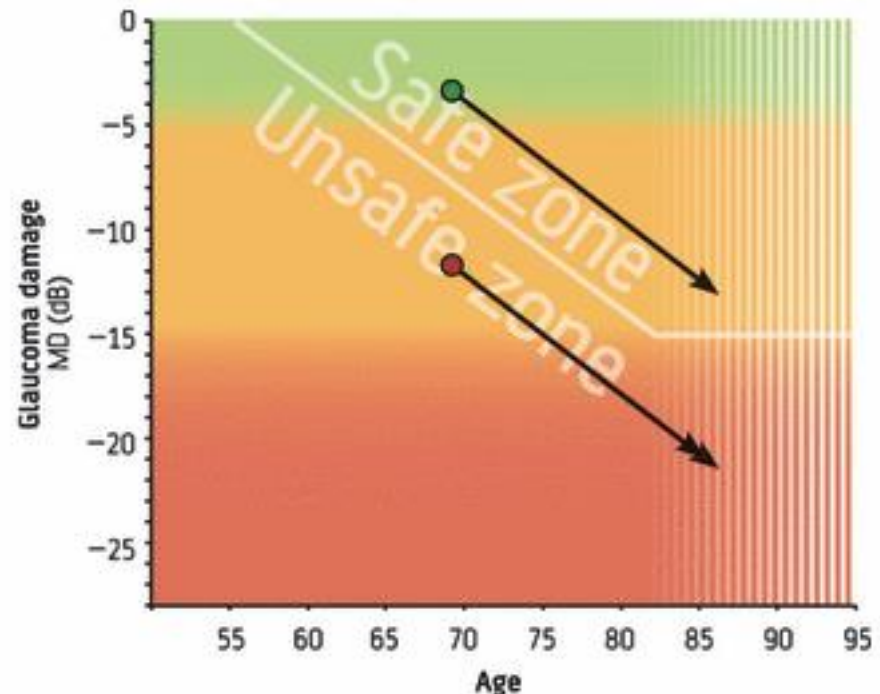
Slope significant at  $P < 0.1\%$



Safe zones on the  
glaucoma graph

In general...

- Younger patients are treated more aggressively than older patients
- More severe disease is treated more aggressively than mild disease



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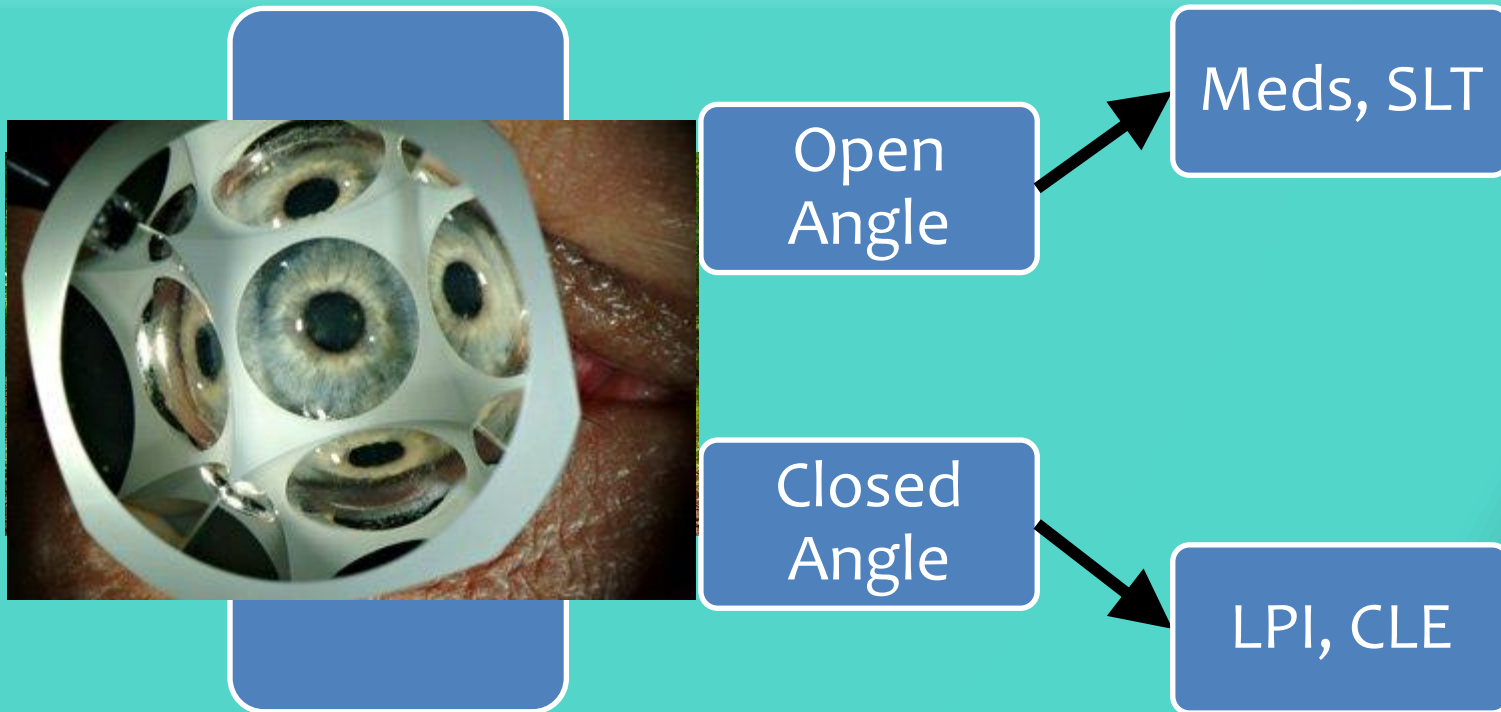


# History & Risk Factors

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



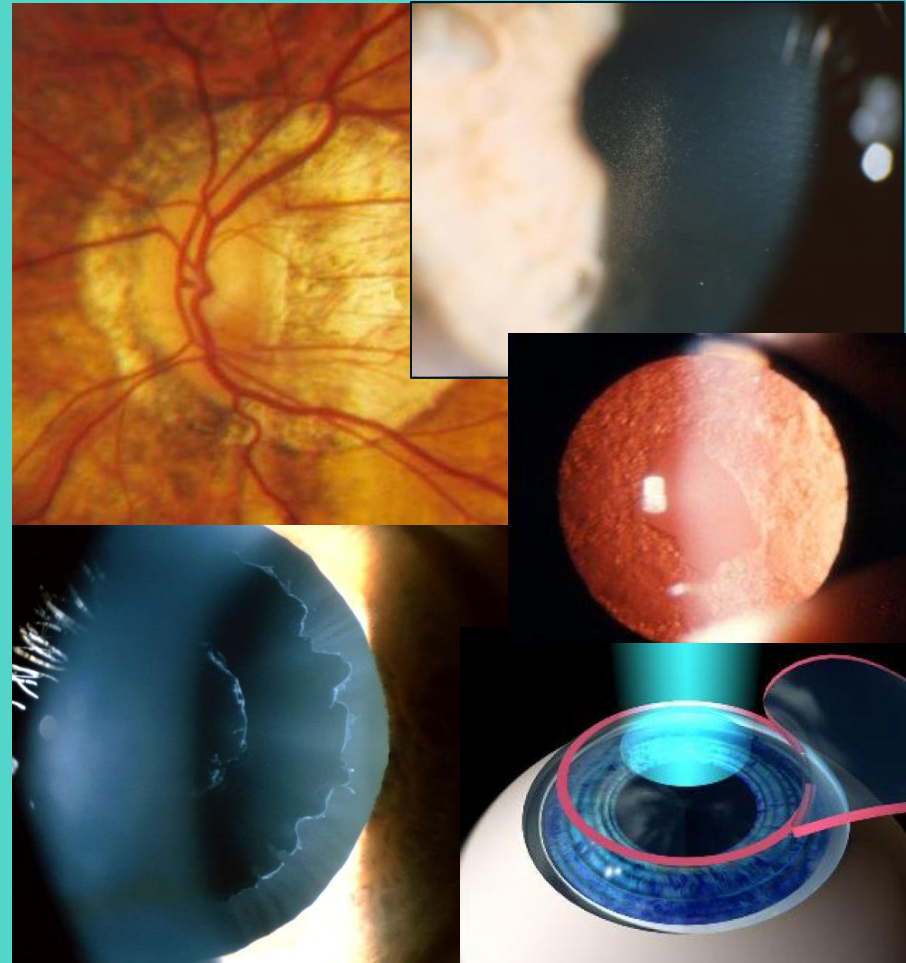
# History & Risk Factors



Job #1 at the initial presentation  
Is angle-closure contributing to the disease process?

# History & Risk Factors

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



# History & Risk Factors

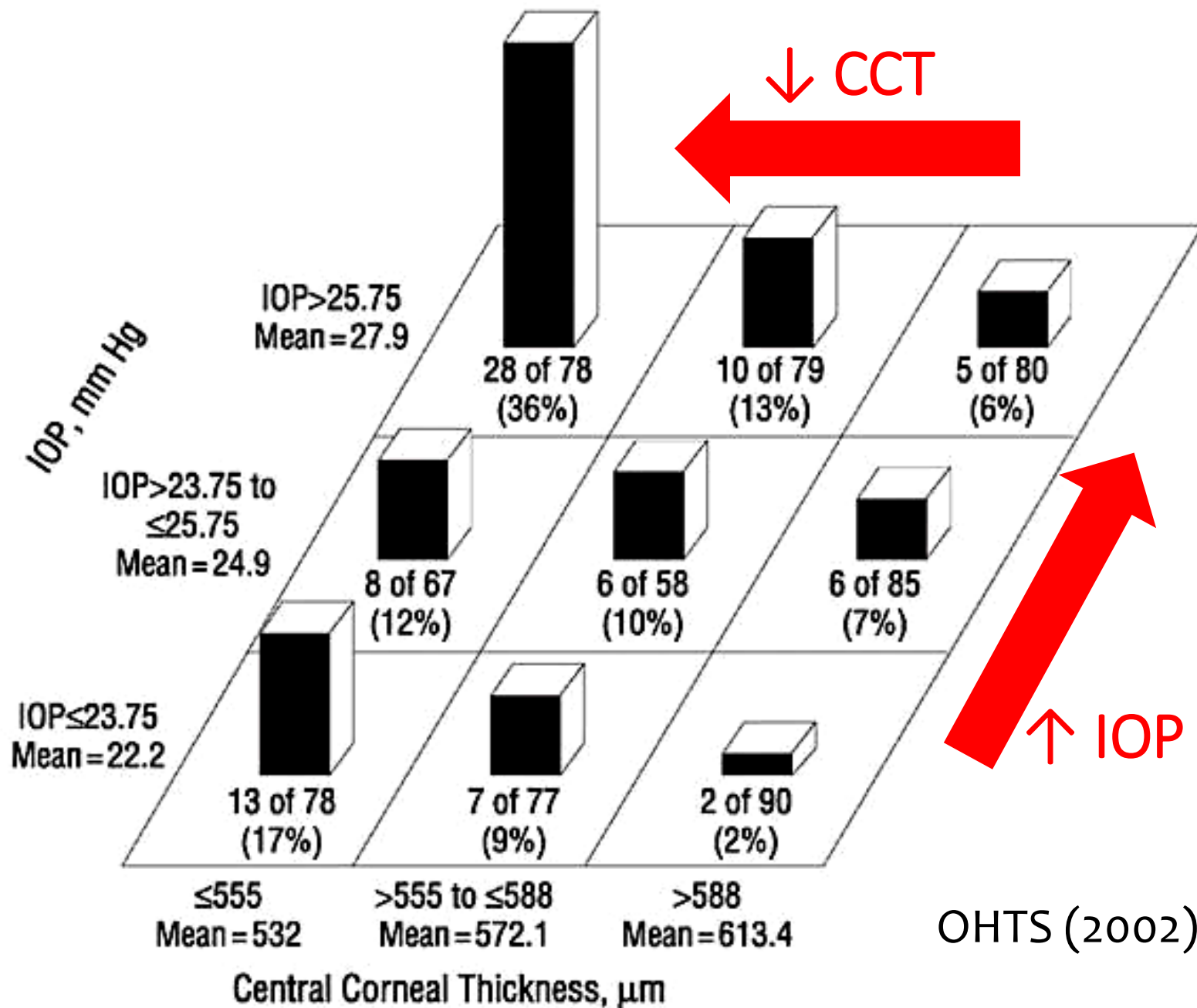
- OHTS: Rule of Fives
  - Risk factors for converting from OHT to POAG

IOP  
> 25  
mmHg

CCT  
< 555  
 $\mu\text{m}$

vCDR  
> 0.5

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



# History & Risk Factors

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

The screenshot shows a mobile application titled "Glaucoma Calc" with a "Reset" button and an information icon. It contains a table for inputting five risk factors, each with a checked checkbox, a numerical value, and a range. Below the table, it calculates the "Vertical Cup/Disc Ratio" as the average of the C/D Ratio (0.4) and the PD (0.7), resulting in 0.55. The "Glaucoma Risk in 5 Years" is calculated as 22%, and the "Risk Assessment" is "High". A red banner at the bottom states "Treatment recommended".

Factor	Value	Range
✓ 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

**Vertical Cup/Disc Ratio**  
Average of one measurement on both eyes

**Glaucoma Risk in 5 Years** 22%

**Risk Assessment** High

**Treatment recommended**



# Evaluation Procedures

## Thin Cornea

- $\leq 555 \mu\text{m}$
- IOP reads low
- Glc 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)	$16.7 \pm 3.5$	$17.5 \pm 3.0$	$17.47 \pm 3.0$	$18.07 \pm 3.0$	$17.32 \pm 3.0$
GAT (mmHg)	$11.2 \pm 2.7$	$13.18 \pm 3.2$	$14.10 \pm 2.9$	$16.30 \pm 3.3$	$19.49 \pm 2.3$
$\Delta DCT/GAT$	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

8.3 mmHg difference

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

*Jordao, 2009*

# History & Risk Factors

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

Large ONH  $\rightarrow$  Large optic cup

Thin CCT  $\rightarrow$  Under-estimate IOP

# Editorial

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## Is Corneal Thickness an Independent Risk Factor for Glaucoma?

Felipe A. Medeiros, MD, PhD - *La Jolla, California*

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 developing glaucoma. In the OHTS, the mean CCT was 555  $\mu\text{m}$  in the non-glaucoma group and 588  $\mu\text{m}$  in the glaucoma group. Intraocular pressure (IOP), age, and family history (cup-to-disk ratio) were also significant predictors of glaucoma development, with a hazard ratio of 1.82 for each 40  $\mu\text{m}$  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 risk factor for glaucoma. However, the OHTS cannot conclude that CCT is an independent risk factor for glaucoma. It is entirely possible that the association between CCT and glaucoma is due to other factors. It is important to note that the OHTS was not designed to evaluate the role of CCT as a risk factor 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 OHTS data shows that the association between CCT and glaucoma is not independent of IOP.

*“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?**

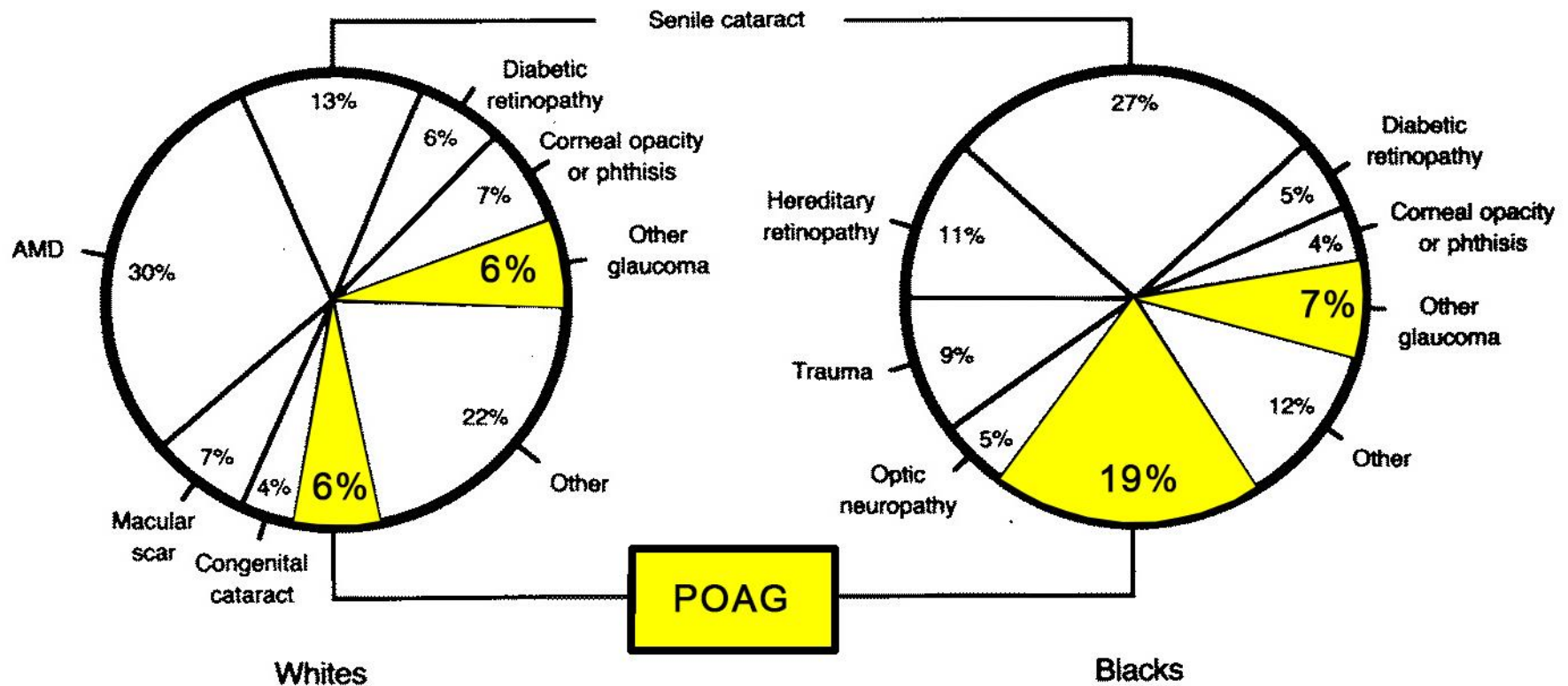
- If so, award yourself 1 point
- If not, award yourself 0 points

# 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







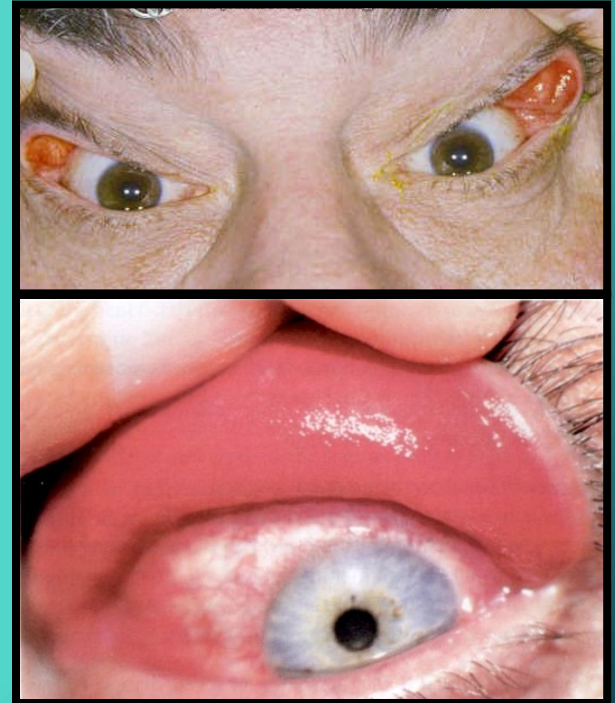
## Causes of Legal Blindness in the Baltimore Eye Survey

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 (FES) is associated with glaucoma in patients with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA).

**Materials and Methods:** A retrospective study of 52 patients with OSA and FES; and 25 patients with OSA without FES. The patients were diagnosed by easy upper eyelid eversion and retinal tomography.

**Results:** The prevalence of glaucoma in OSA patients with FES was 23.07% (12/52). Six patients had normal-tension glaucoma, 5 had primary open-angle glaucoma and one patient had previously diagnosed glaucoma. None of the 25 patients without OSA had glaucoma. The difference

most consistently reported associations of FES is with obstructive sleep apnea syndrome (OSA).<sup>3,4</sup> The prevalence

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

of FES is characterized by frequent eye closures, associated with obstructive sleep apnea is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease. The prevalence of FES is 1% to 5% in patients with OSA. The prevalence of FES in patients with OSA varies from 1% to 16%.<sup>11–16</sup> Only 2

studies<sup>3,7</sup> have previously examined the association between FES and glaucoma. McNab<sup>3</sup> reported 1 in 8 patients (12.5%) with FES and OSA having normal-tension glaucoma.

# 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.”



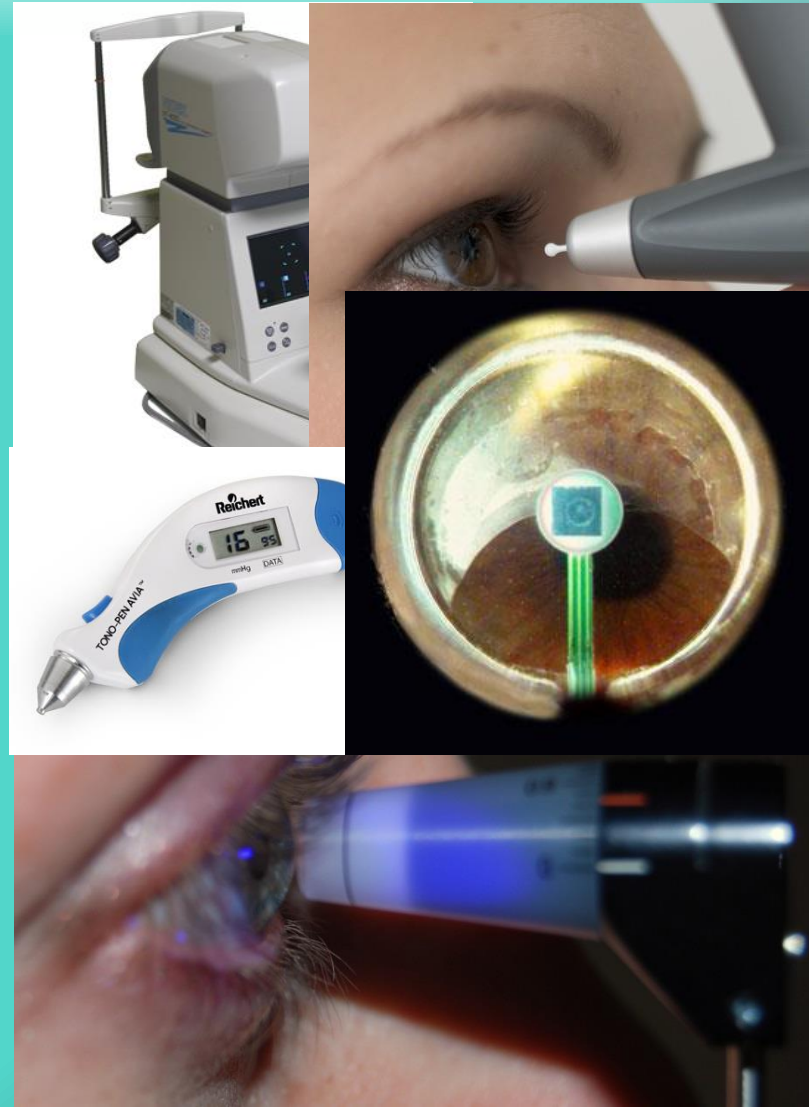
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# Evaluation Procedures

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



# Evaluation Procedures

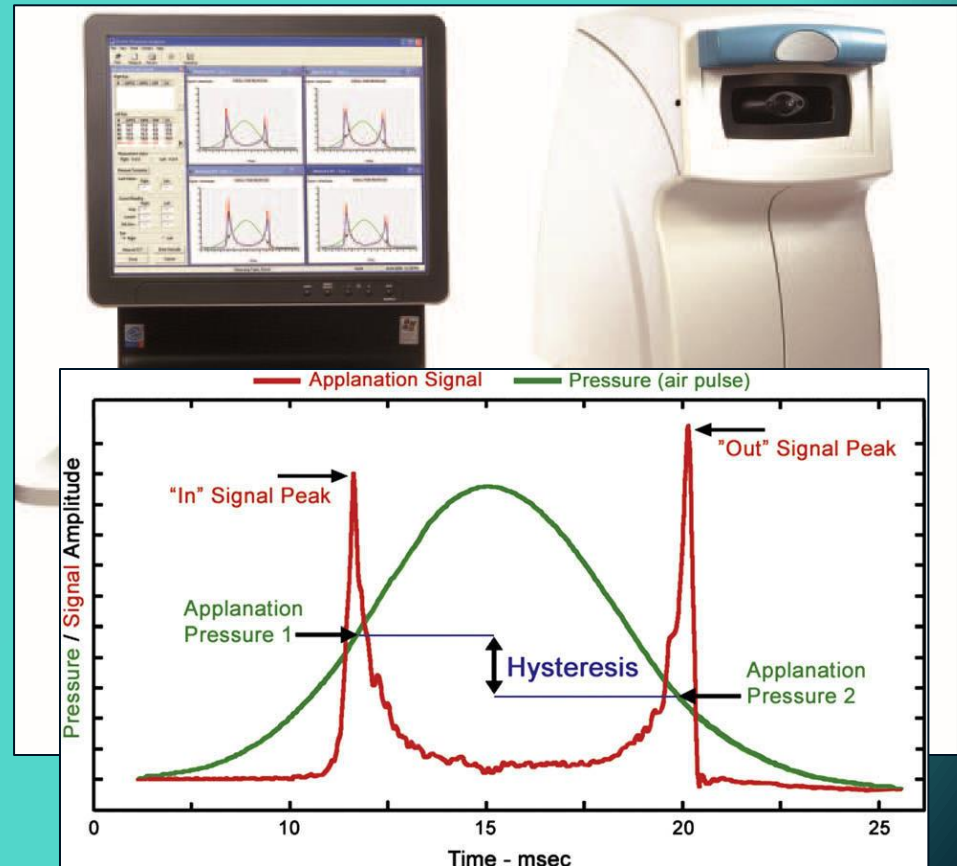
- NCT
  - Pros: No anesthesia, Minimal technician training
  - Cons: Variability (avg 3 readings), **discomfort**
  - Clinical value: Great for screenings
  - What's new: Analysis of **corneal biomechanics** (Ocular response analyzer, Corvis ST)

# 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





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



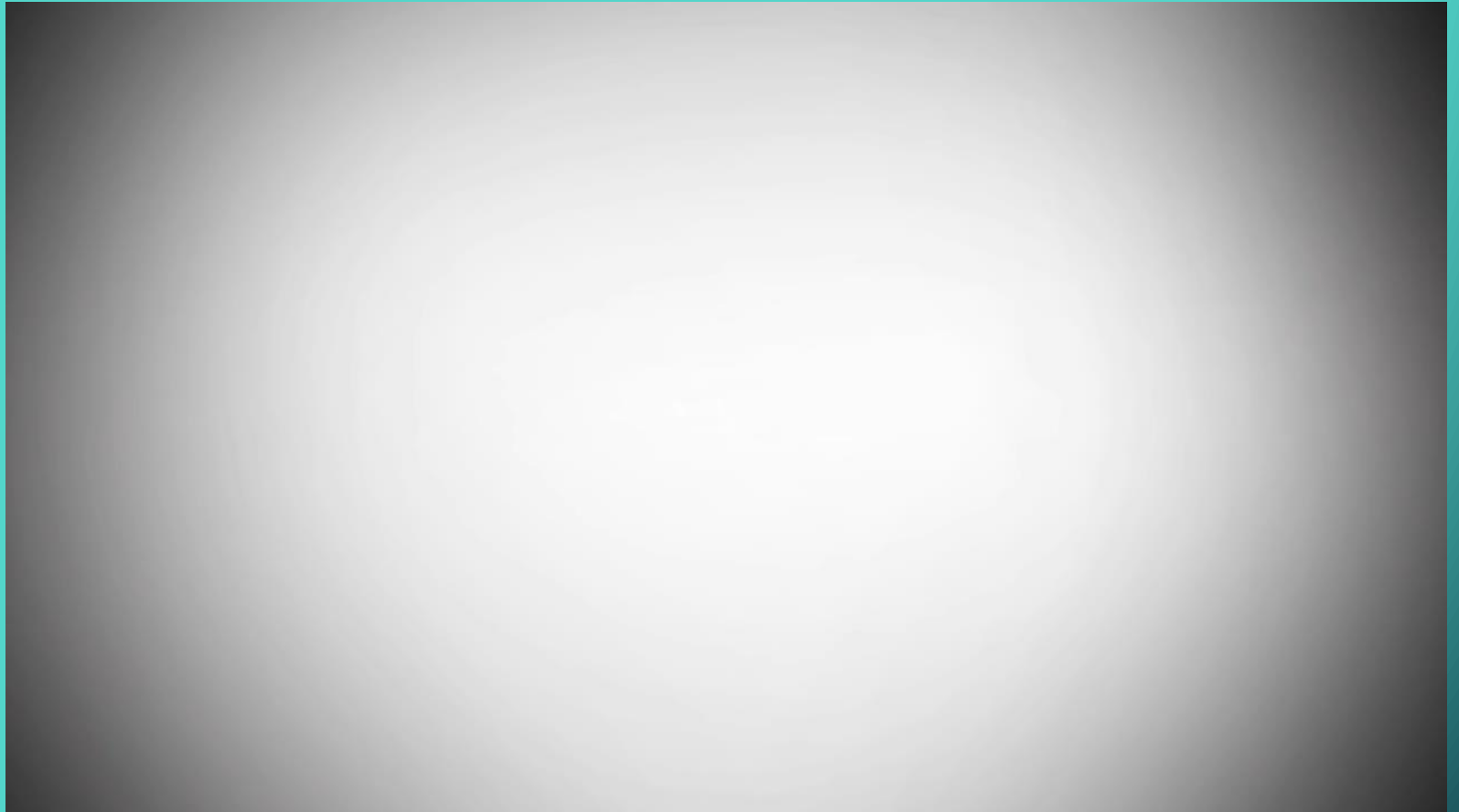
RALEIGH, NC, March 21, 2017—Icare USA, a subsidiary of Icare Finland, the original developer and global leader in handheld tonometry, announces that the Icare® HOME tonometer has been cleared by the FDA and is now available for use in the United States.

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.



# Evaluation Procedures






<https://www.icare-usa.com>

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

This article was published in the following Dove Press journal:  
*Clinical Ophthalmology*

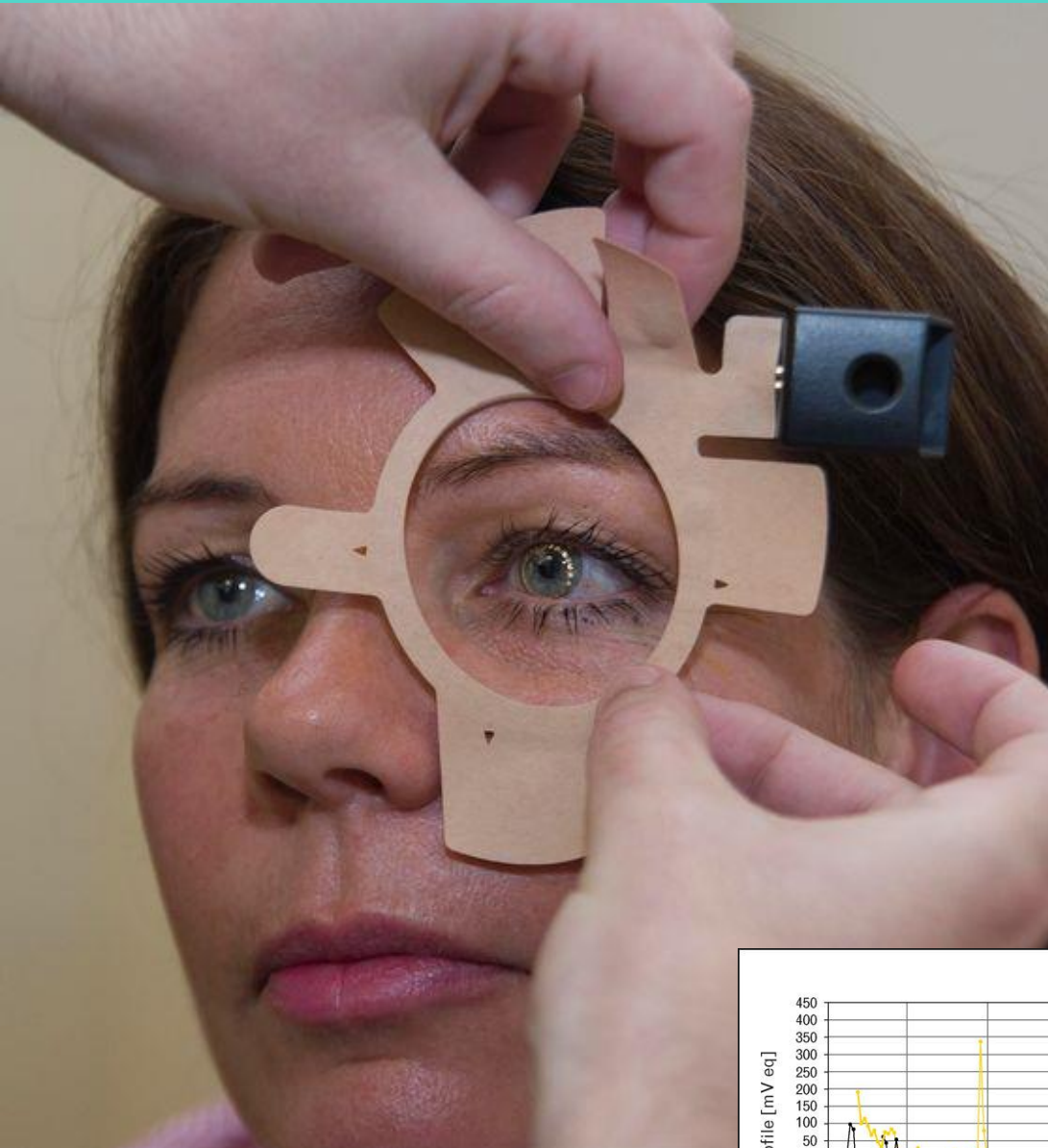
Barbara Cvenkel <sup>1,2</sup>  
Makedonka Atanasovska  
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University Medical Centre Ljubljana.

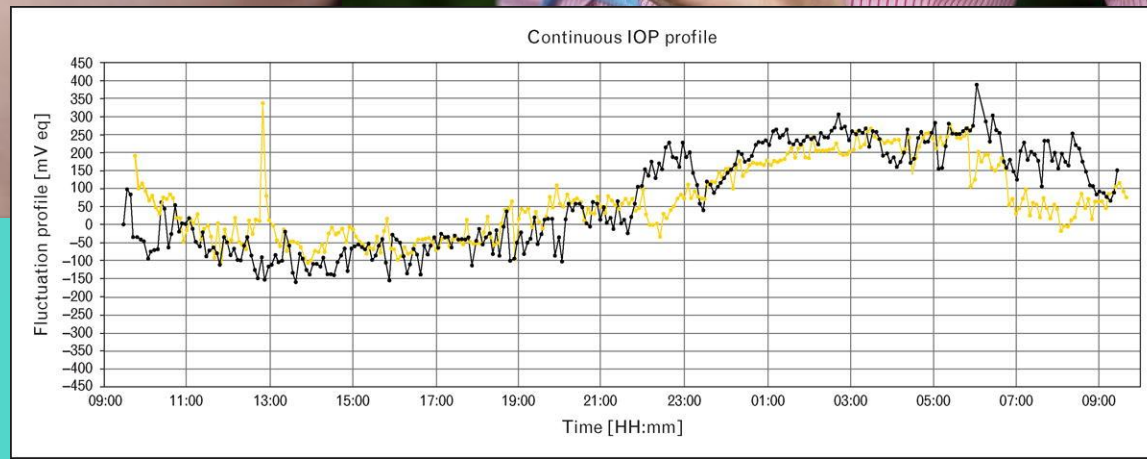
**Purpose:** To determine the value of self-monitoring of diurnal intraocular pressure (IOP) by Icare Home rebound tonometer in patients with glaucoma and ocular hypertension.

**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







# Journal of Optometry

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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...



## Review

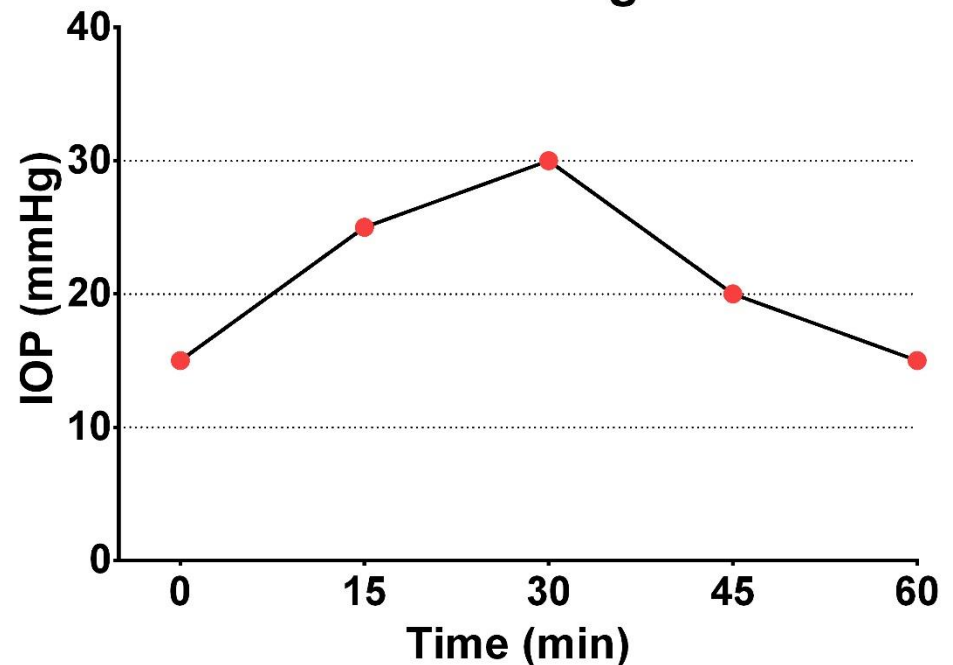
# Applications of the water drinking test in glaucoma management

Remo Susanna Jr, MD,<sup>1</sup> Colin Clement PhD FRANZCO,<sup>2,3,4</sup>  Ivan Goldberg AM FRANZCO<sup>2,3,4</sup> and Marcelo Hatanaka MD<sup>1</sup>

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

## Water Drinking Test



# Evaluation Procedures

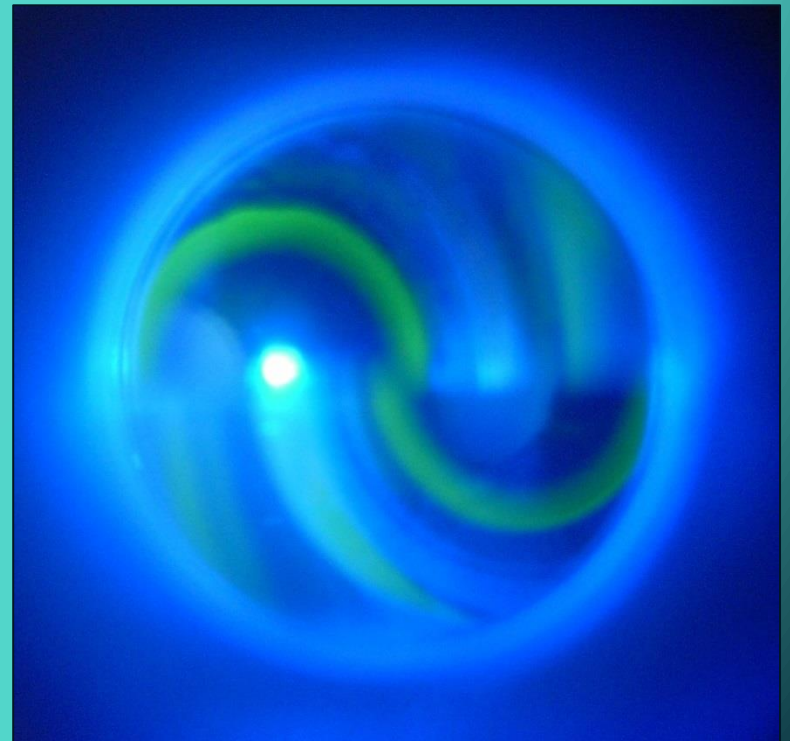
- Tonopen
  - Pros: Handheld, irregular corneas
  - Cons: Anesthesia, variability (avg 6 readings), **consumable tip covers**
  - Clinical Value: **Irregular corneas**, bedside/wheelchair exams





# Evaluation Procedures

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

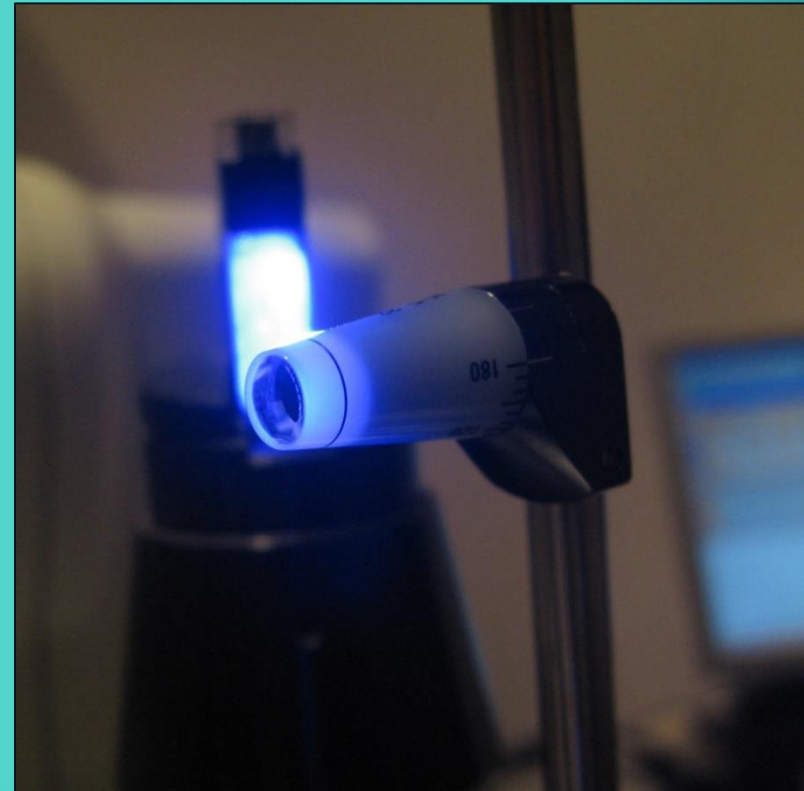
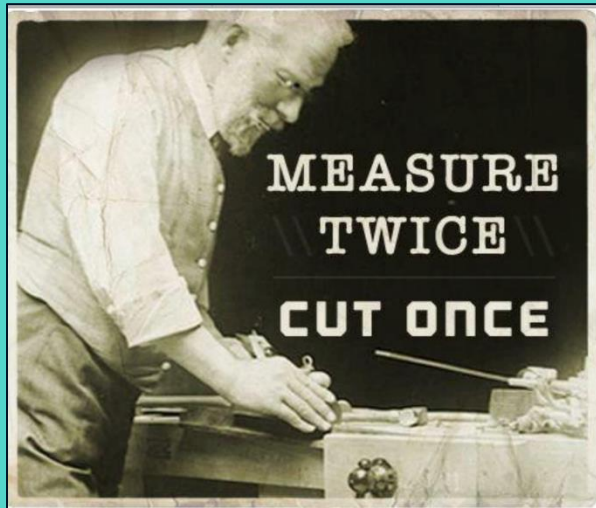


# QUESTION

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

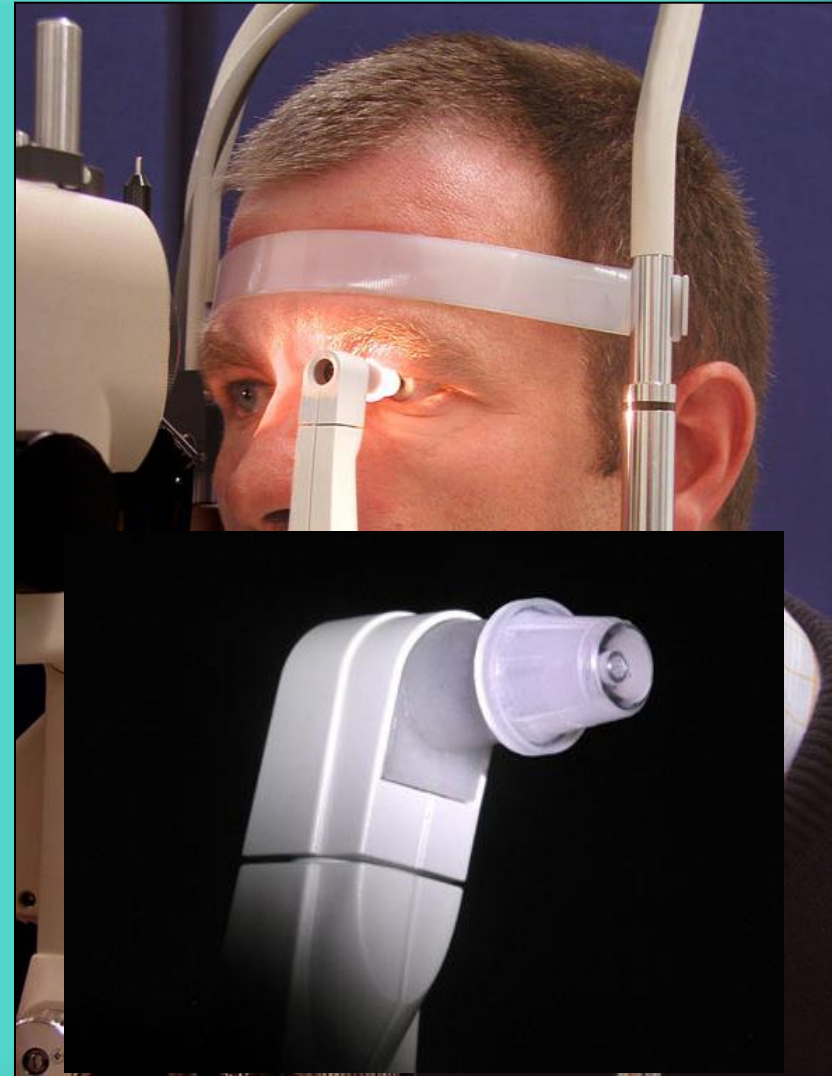
ANSWER:

***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



# TONOMETRY ADVICE

If you only  
have NCT,  
get  
**Goldmann**

If you  
already have  
GAT, get  
**hand-held**

If you  
already have  
tonopen, get  
**iCare**

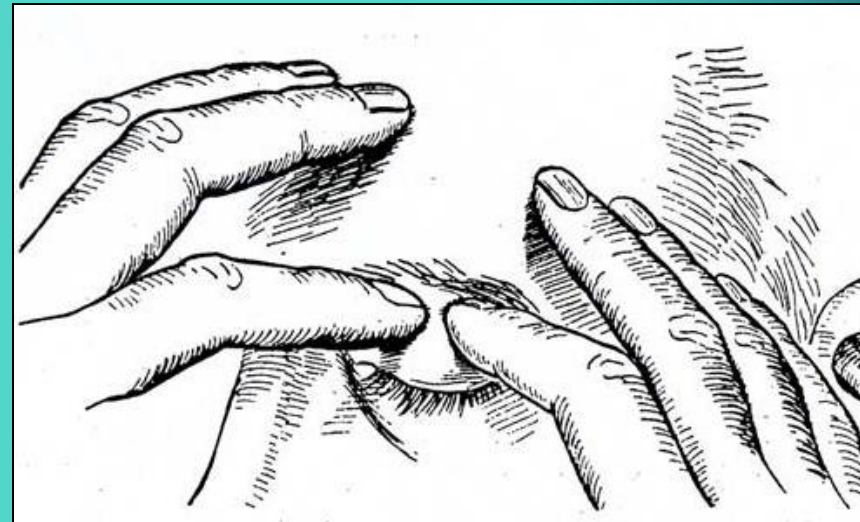
# Evaluation Procedures

- 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



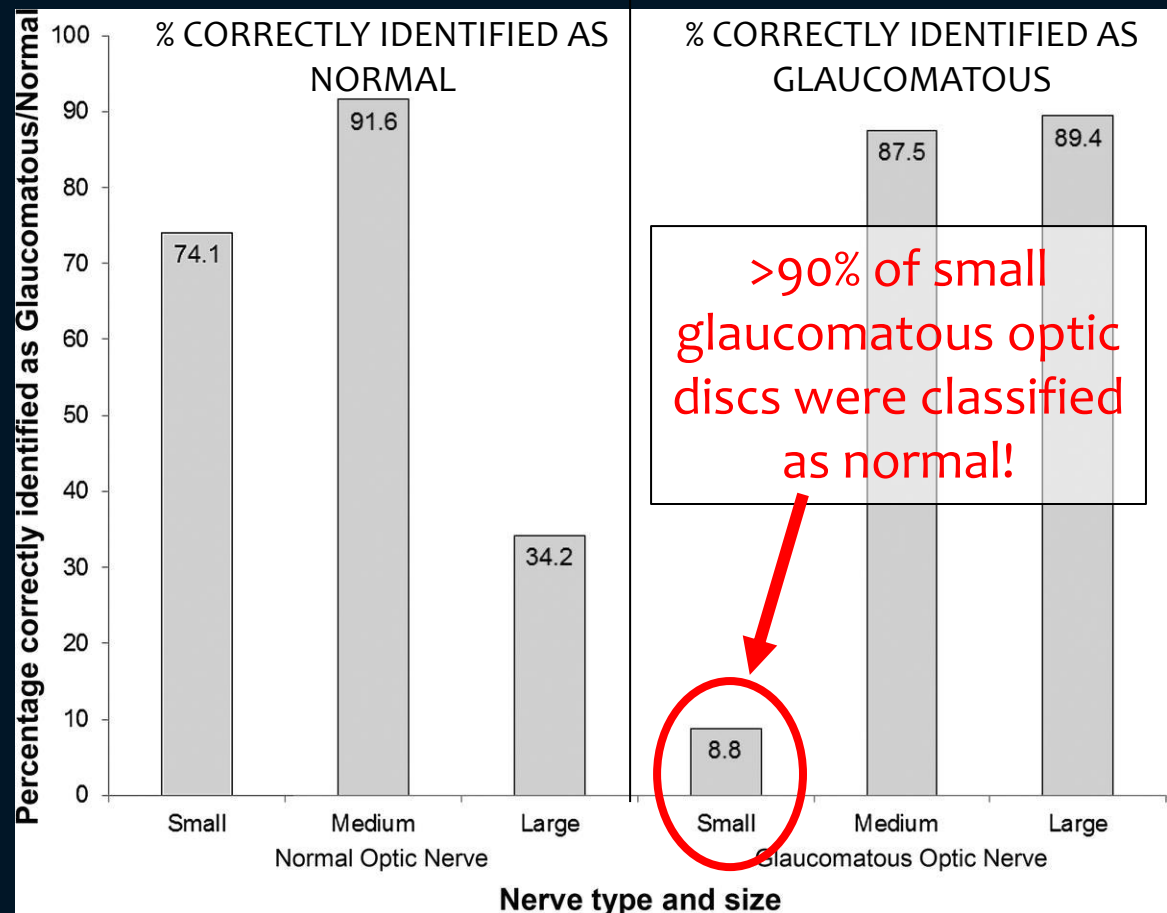
# Evaluation Procedures

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



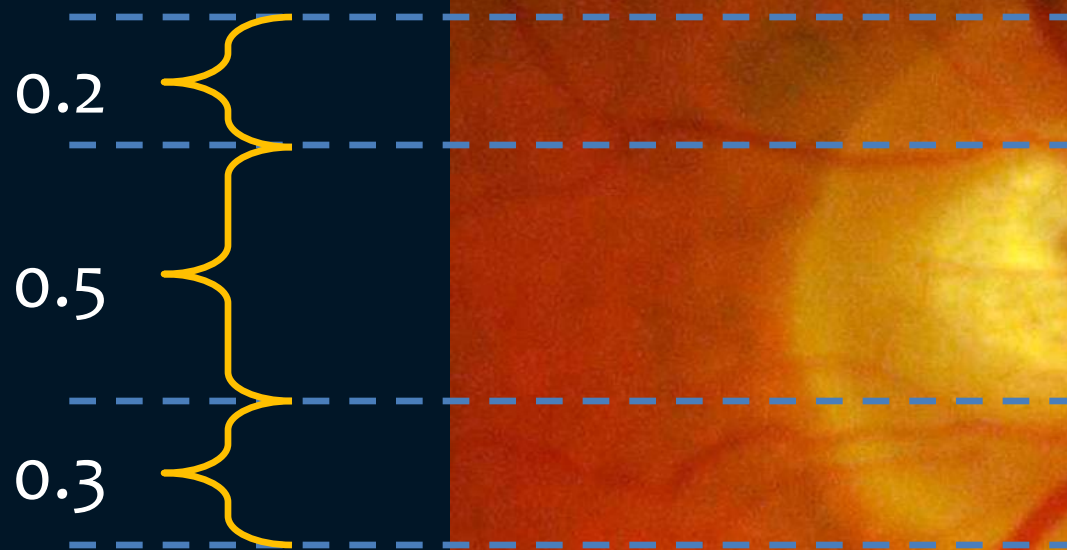
Numerous studies have documented the **difficulty of correctly identifying glaucomatous damage in small optic discs**

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

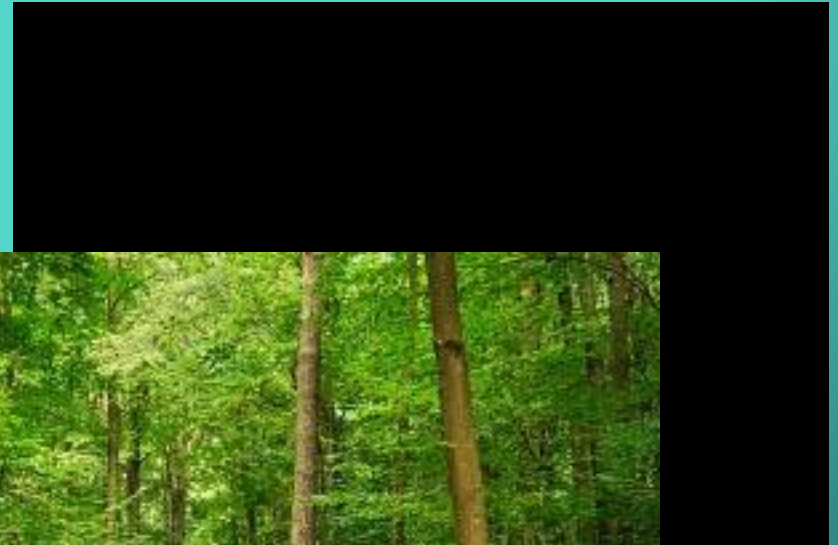


The sum of the  
parts should add  
up to 1.0



# Evaluation Procedures

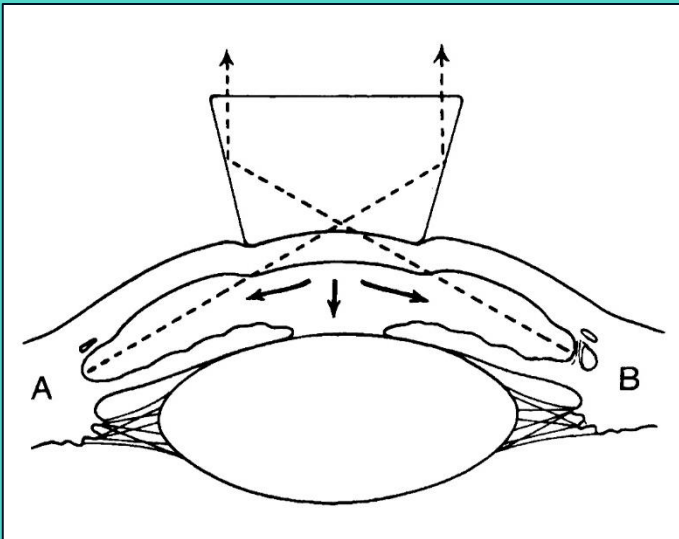
- Gonioscopy
  - When to perform



# Evaluation Procedures

## Indentation Gonioscopy

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



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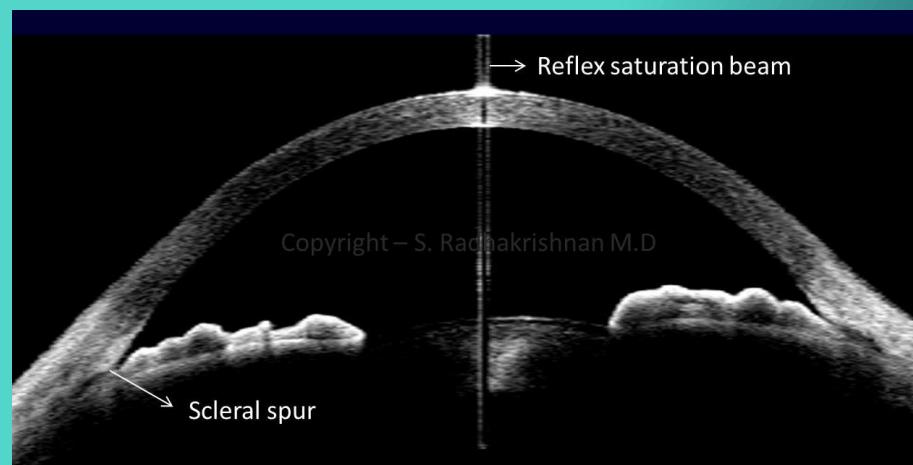
**Do you perform gonioscopy  
as part of your glaucoma work-up?**

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

NEW!

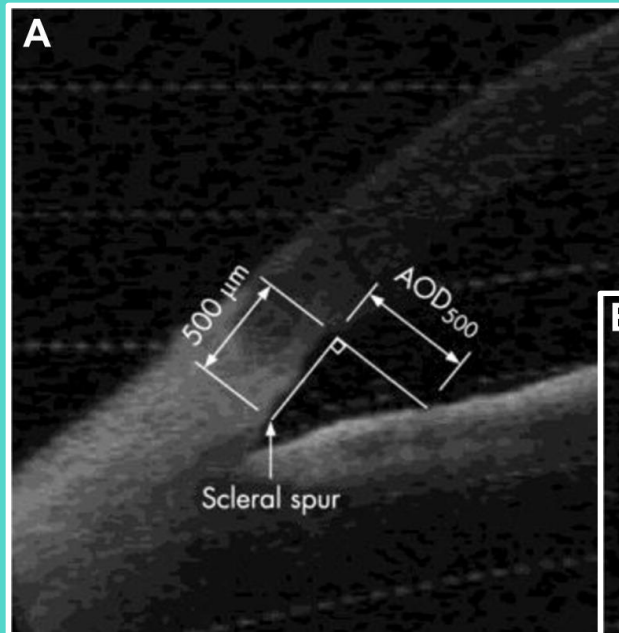
# Evaluation Procedures

- 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

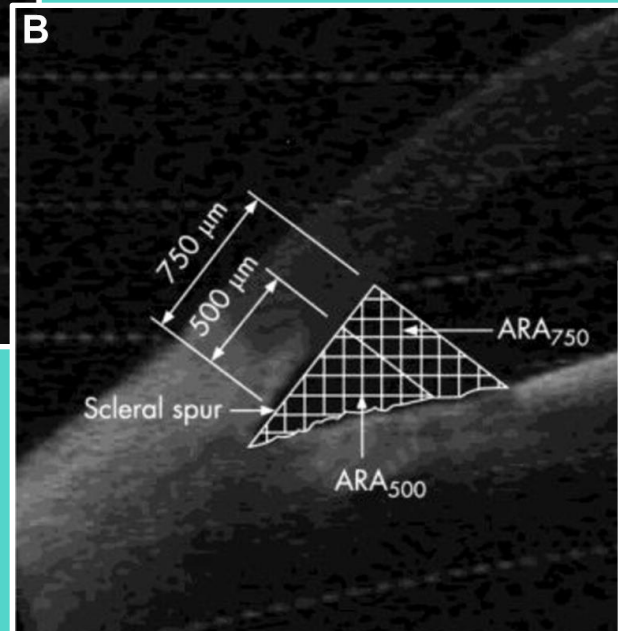




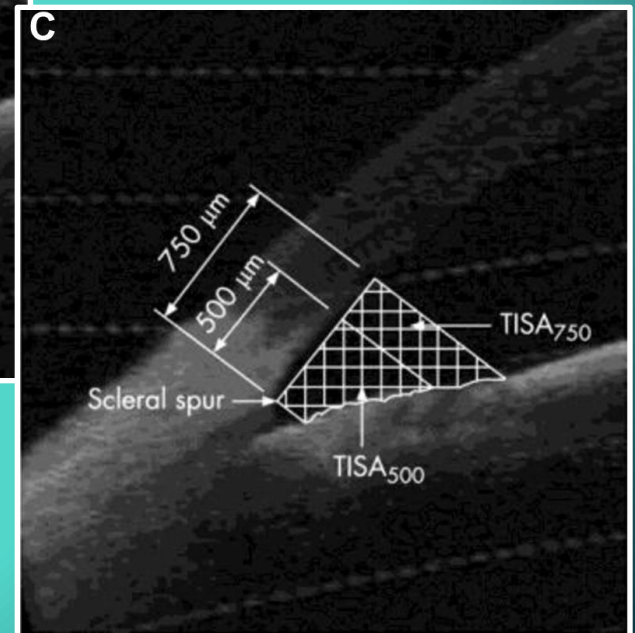
## Angle Opening Distance (AOD)



## Angle Recess Area (ARA)

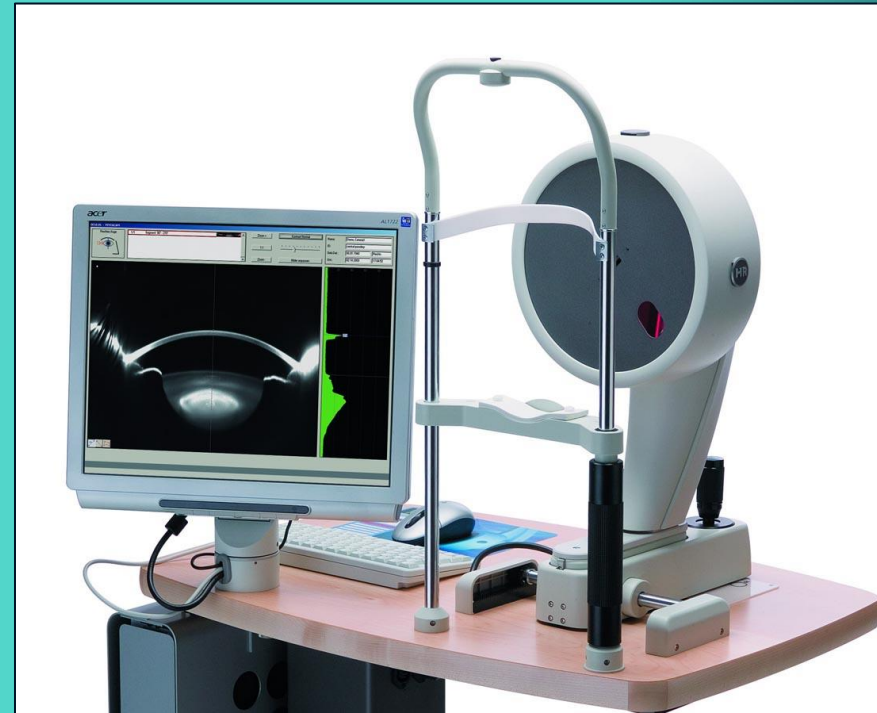


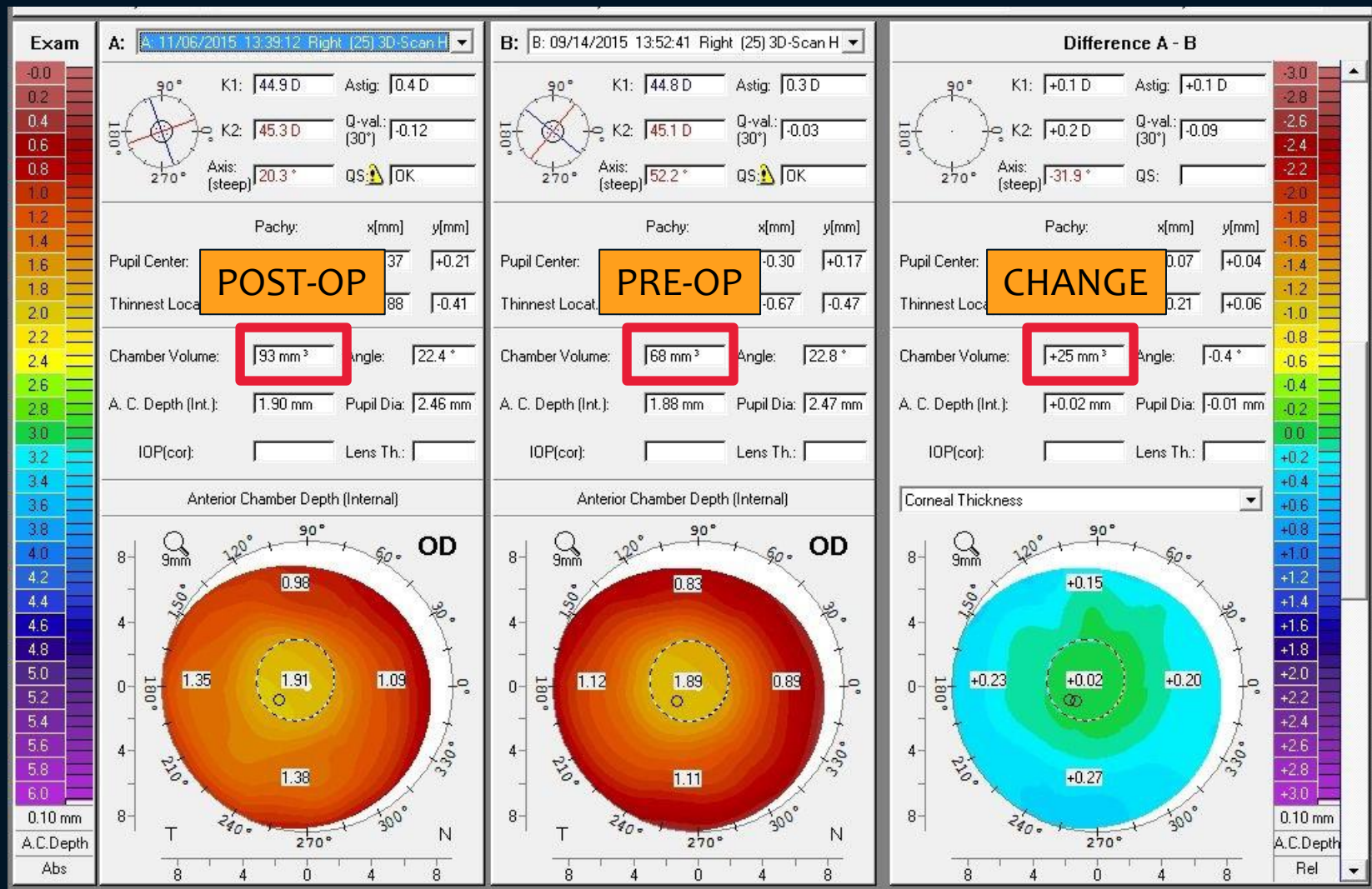
## Trabecular-Iris Space Area (TISA)



# 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

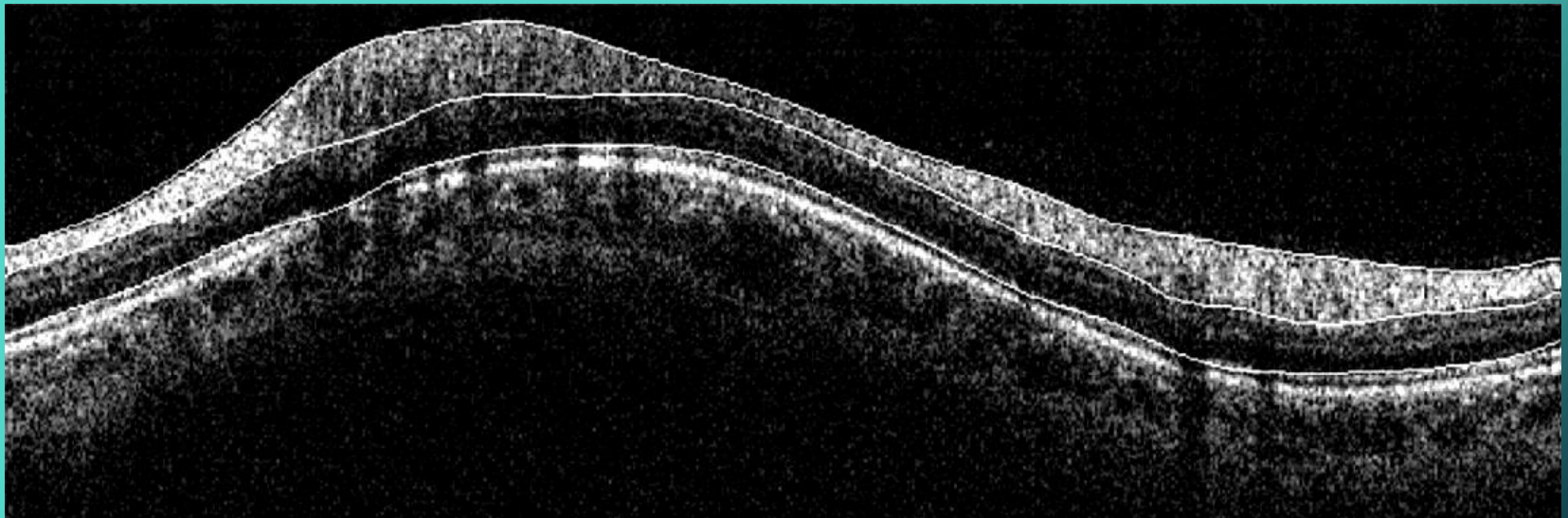




# Evaluation Procedures

## 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

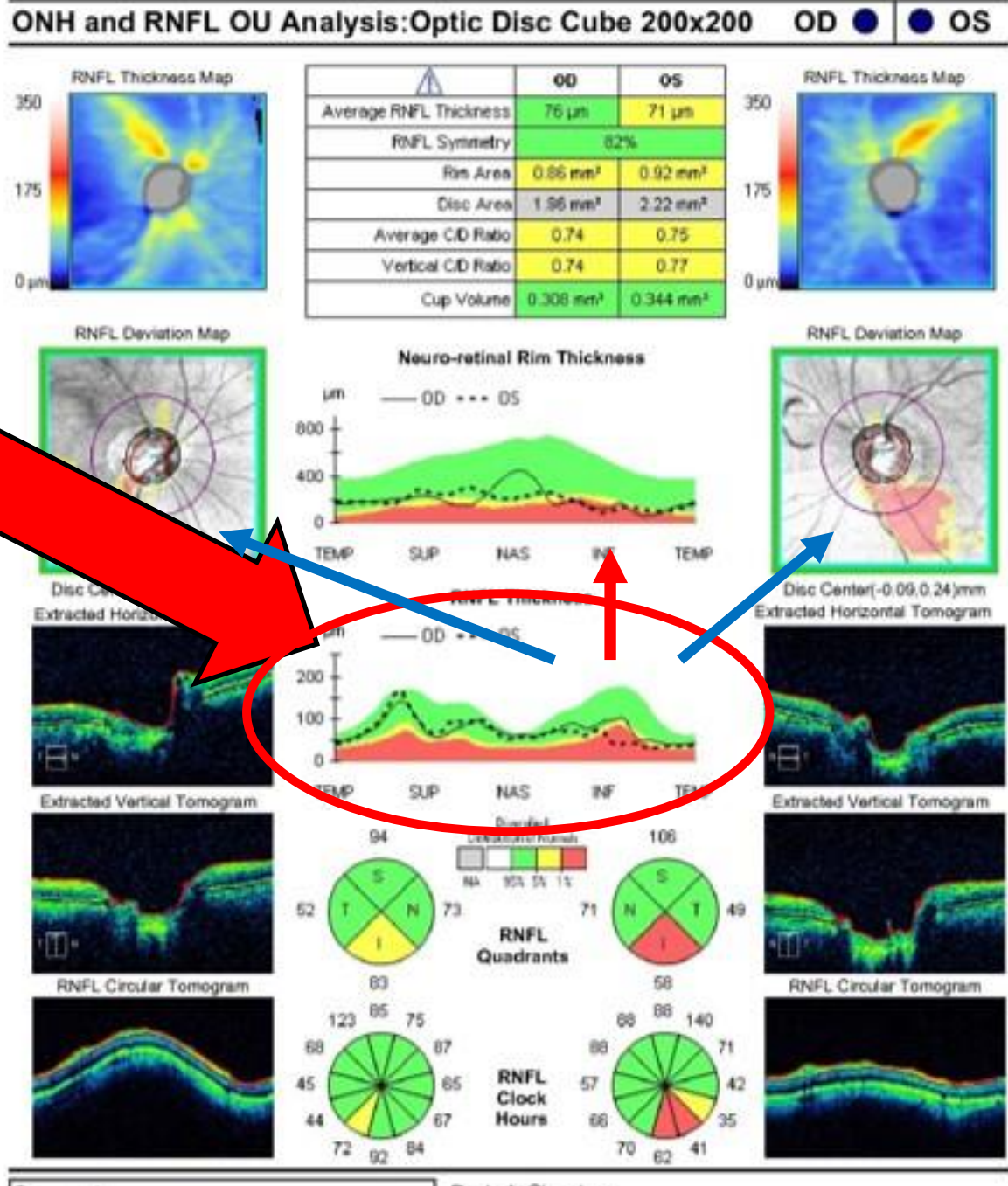
- 3.4mm diameter measurement circle
- Segmentation of RNFL from other layers
  - Accuracy dependent upon signal strength
- Compare to norms and **fellow eye**
  - Within 10 $\mu$ m between eyes, compare TSNIT's
- **Floor effect** in advanced glaucoma



# 4 Questions

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 $\mu\text{m}$	61 $\mu\text{m}$
RNFL Symmetry	55%	
Rim Area	1.12 $\text{mm}^2$	0.72 $\text{mm}^2$
Disc Area	1.58 $\text{mm}^2$	1.72 $\text{mm}^2$
Average C/D Ratio	0.53	0.75
Vertical C/D Ratio	0.49	0.77
Cup Volume	0.036 $\text{mm}^3$	0.220 $\text{mm}^3$

### Rim Area

<1.0 $\text{mm}^2$  is  
always  
suspicious

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

<1.75 $\text{mm}^2$  = sm  
>2.75 $\text{mm}^2$  = 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)**
  - $GCC = RNFL + \text{Ganglion cells} + \text{Inner plexiform}$
  - Cirrus does not include RNFL in its analysis, so cannot compare across instruments

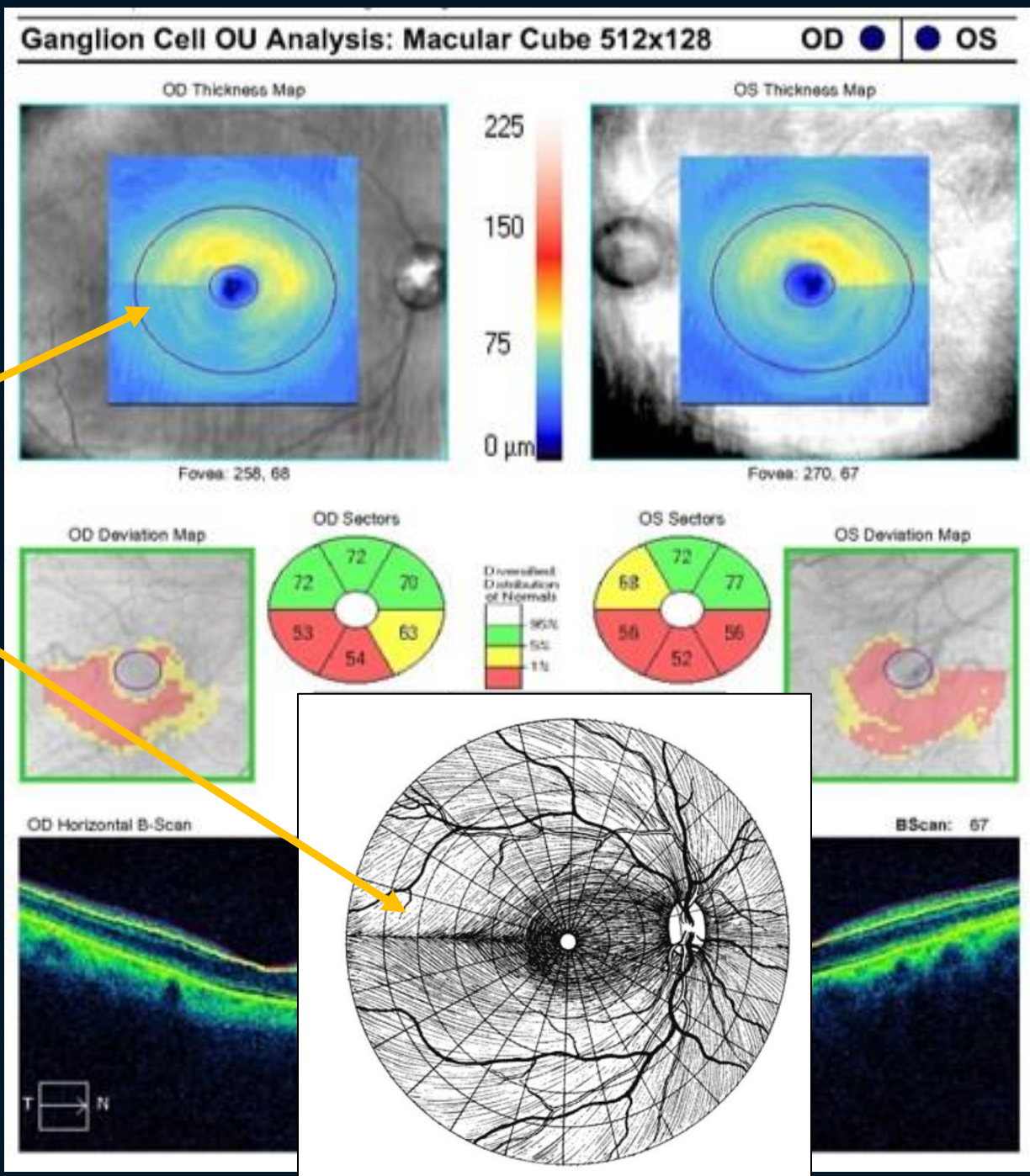


# GCC Thickness

Look for temporal step defect in thickness map and sectors

“Windshield wiper defect”

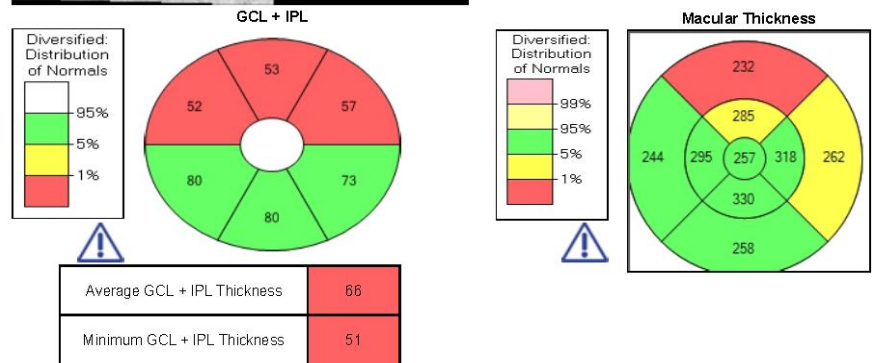
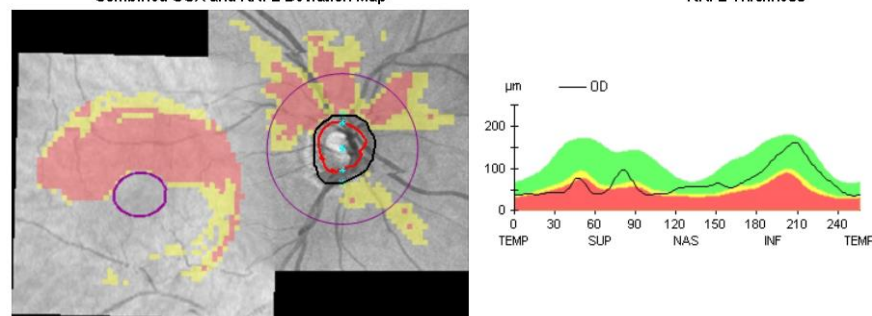
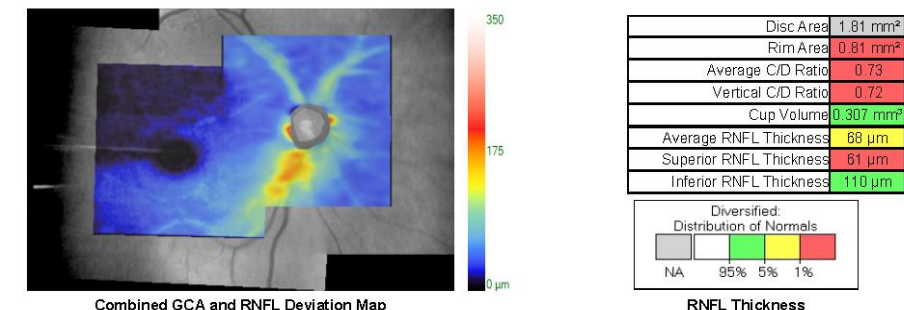
Are the GCC findings consistent with the RNFL findings?



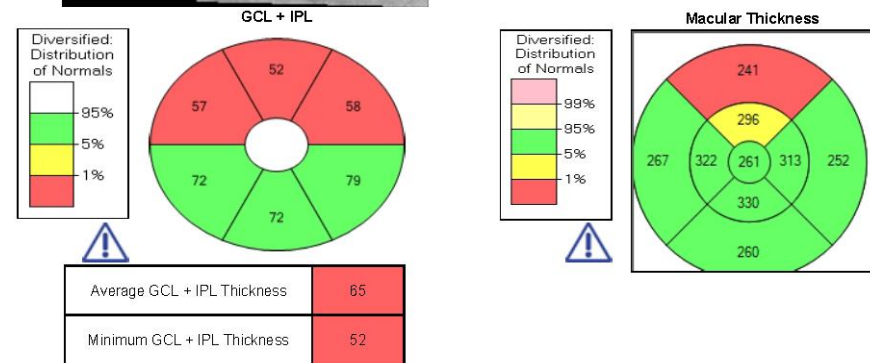
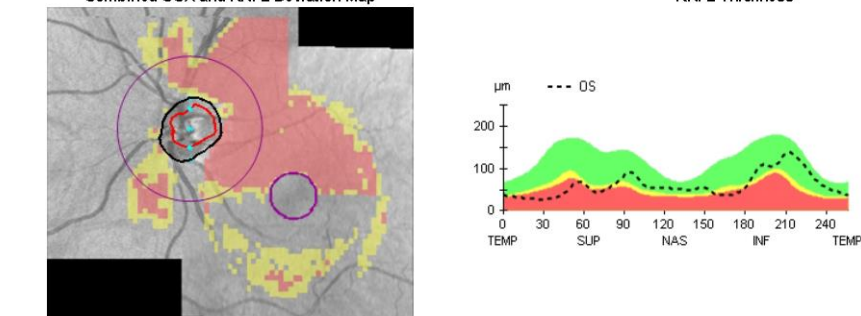
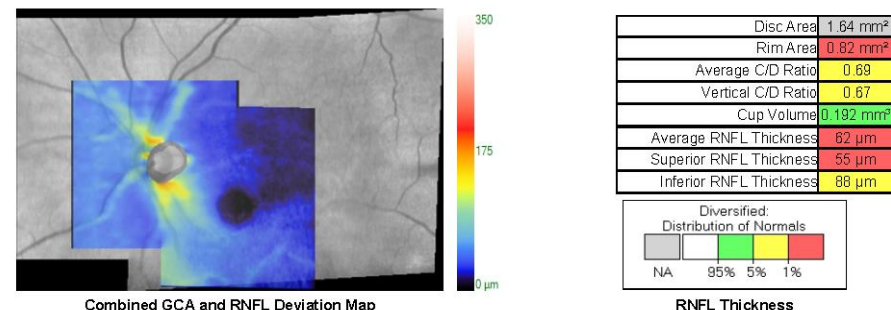
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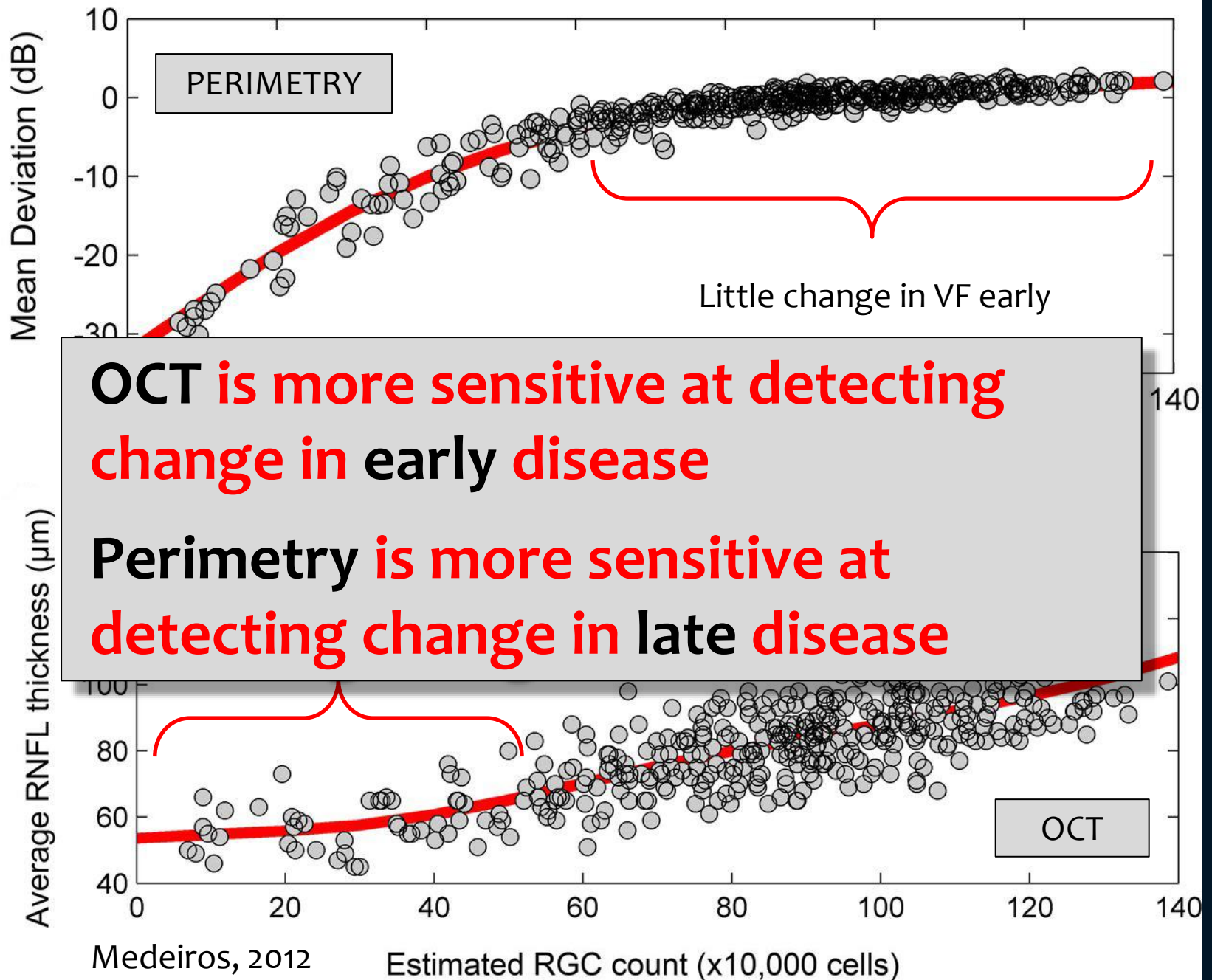
## PanoMap Analysis: Right Eye OD ☒ OS



## PanoMap Analysis: Left Eye OD ☐ OS ☒



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

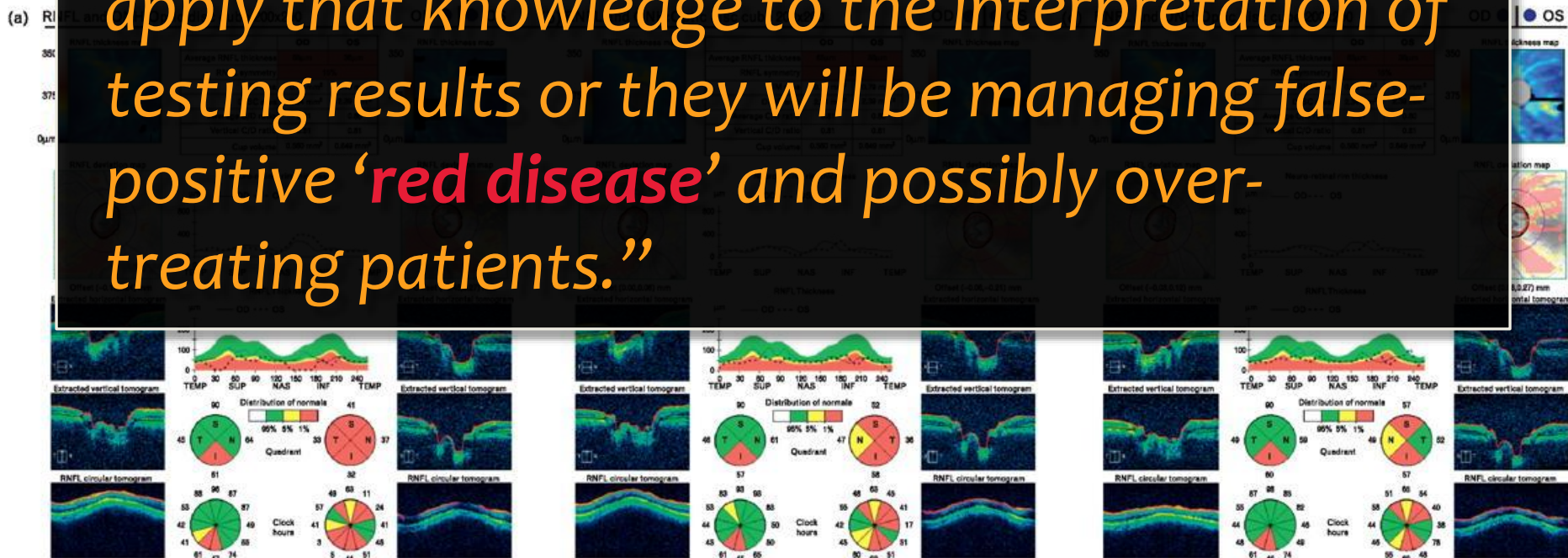




# Glaucoma versus red disease: imaging and glaucoma diagnosis

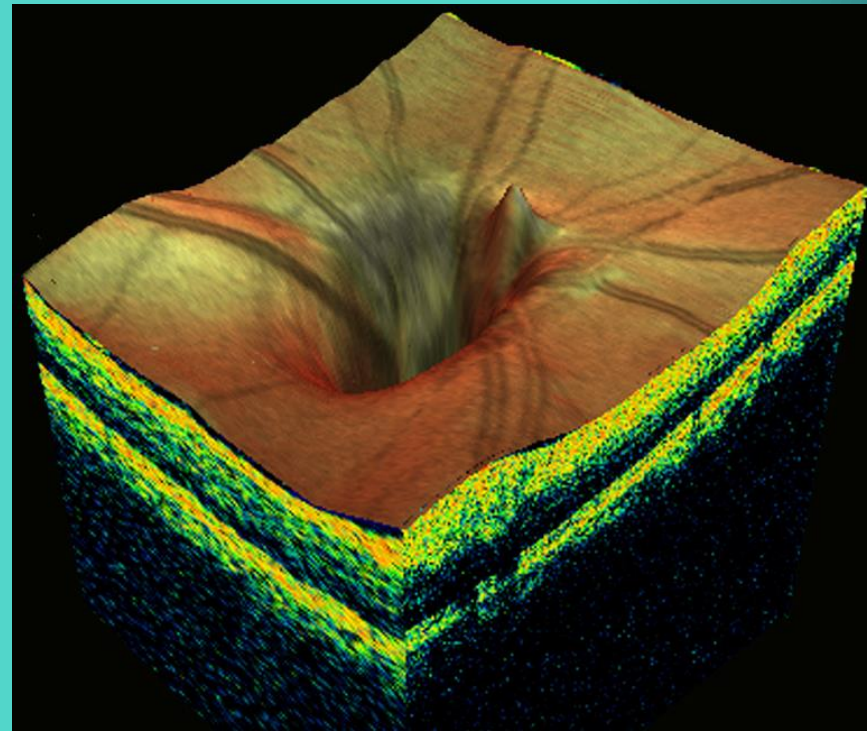
Gabriel T. Chong and Richard K. Lee

“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.”



# Evaluation Procedures

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





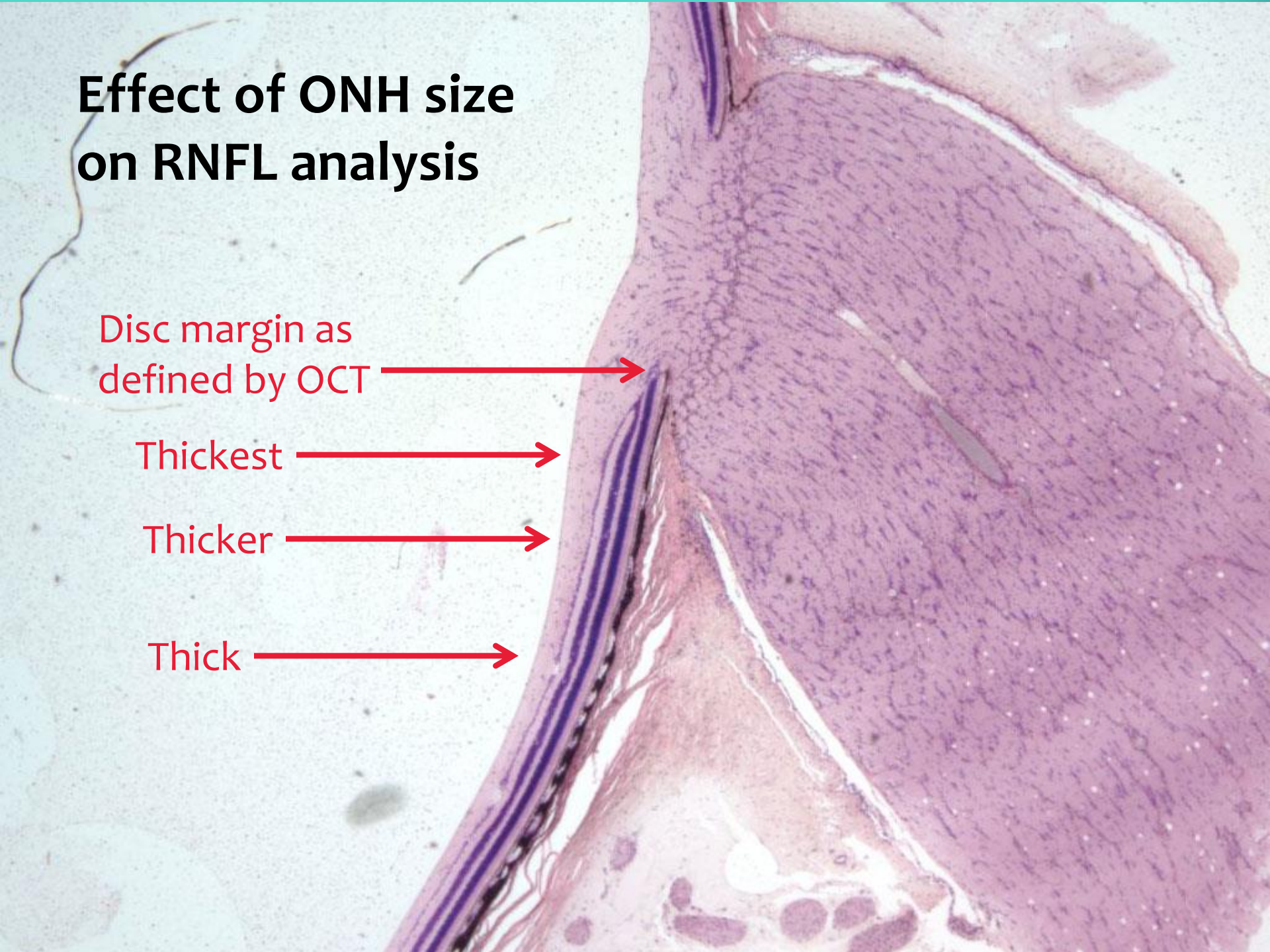
# Effect of ONH size on RNFL analysis

Disc margin as  
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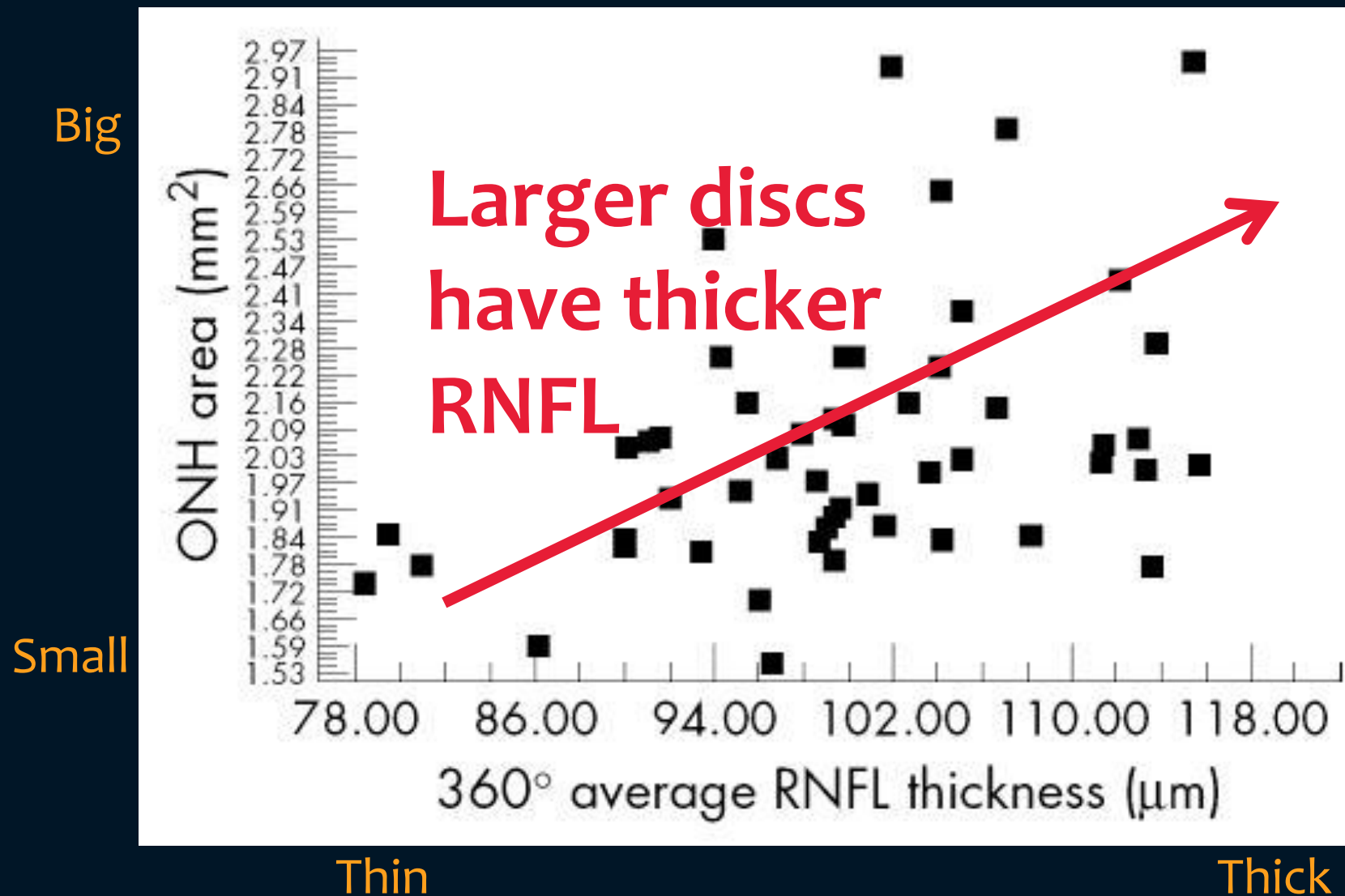
Thicker

Thick



# Relationship between ONH size and RNFL thickness

Savini, BJO. 2005;89:489





# Normal small ONH

# Normal large ONH

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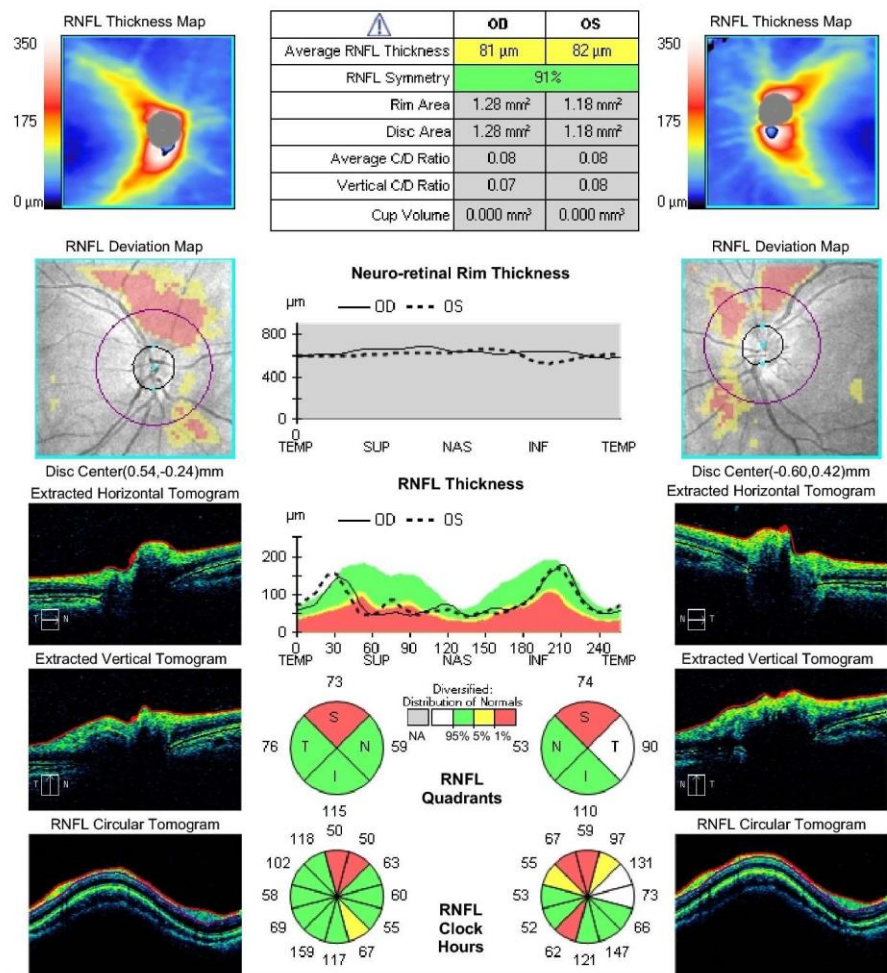
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## ONH and RNFL OU Analysis: Optic Disc Cube 200x200 OD OS



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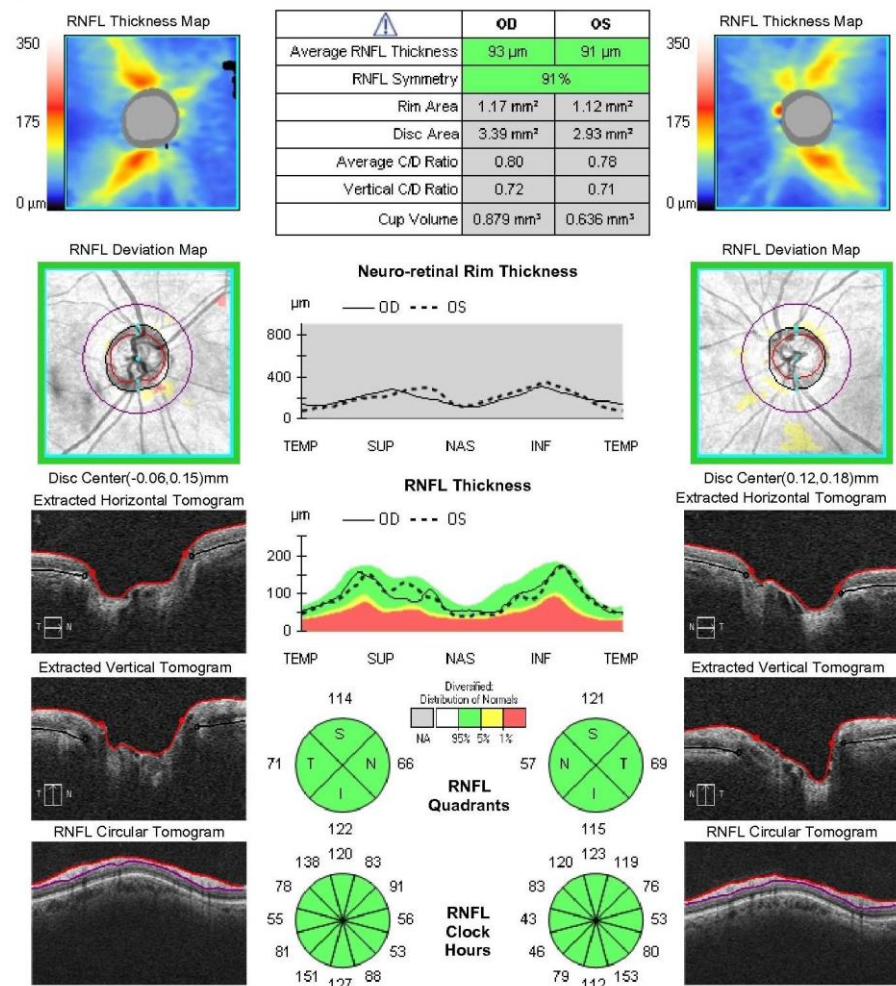
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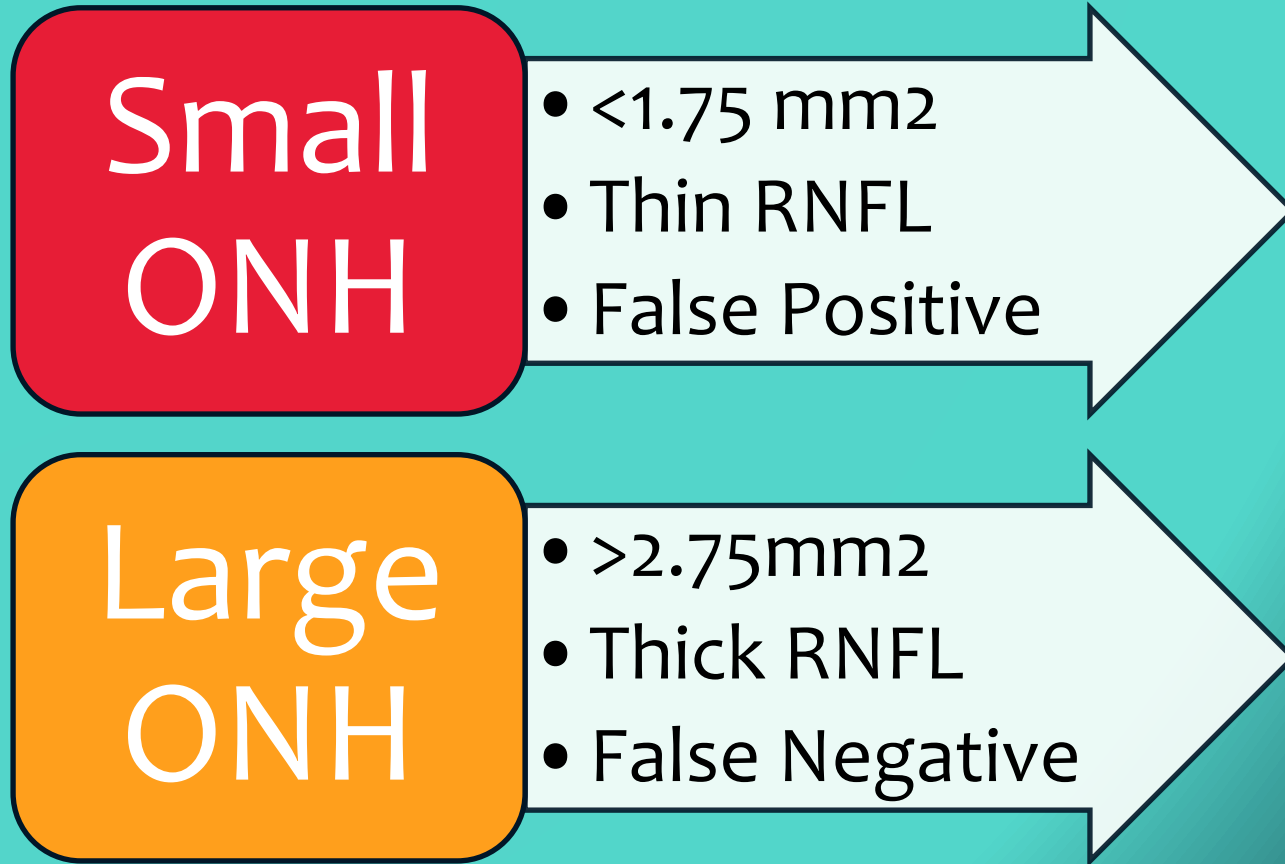
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## ONH and RNFL OU Analysis: Optic Disc Cube 200x200 OD OS



# Evaluation Procedures





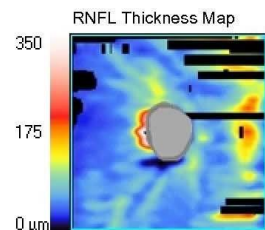
# Evaluation Procedures

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

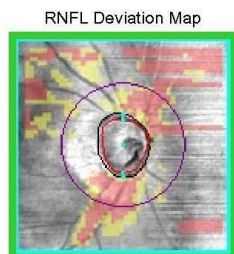
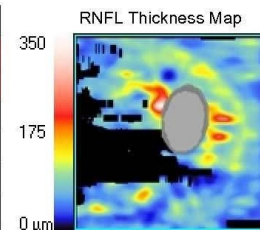


# Pathologic Myopia

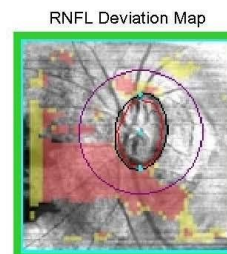
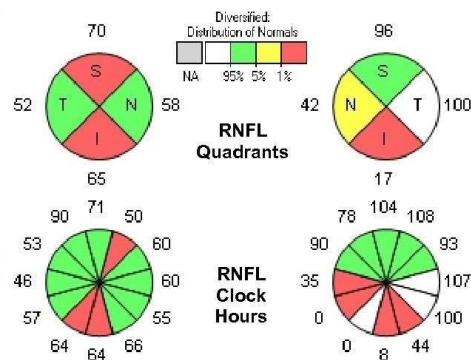
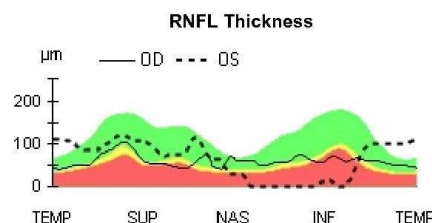
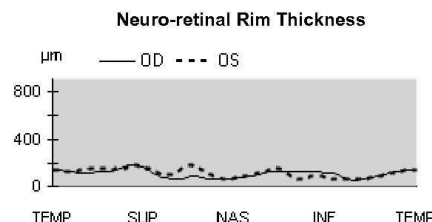
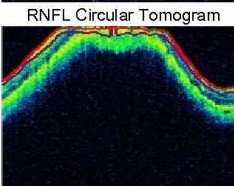
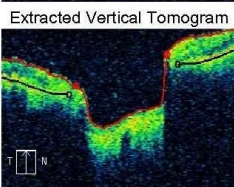
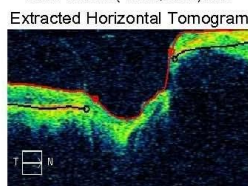
ONH and RNFL OU Analysis: Optic Disc Cube 200x200 OD ● OS ●



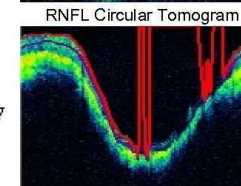
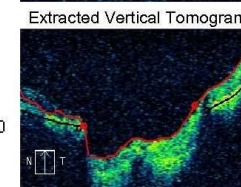
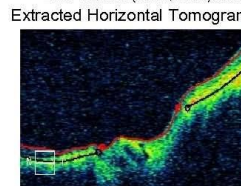
	OD	OS
Average RNFL Thickness	61 $\mu\text{m}$	64 $\mu\text{m}$
RNFL Symmetry	5%	
Rim Area	0.57 $\text{mm}^2$	0.65 $\text{mm}^2$
Disc Area	2.27 $\text{mm}^2$	2.61 $\text{mm}^2$
Average C/D Ratio	0.87	0.86
Vertical C/D Ratio	0.85	0.89
Cup Volume	0.785 $\text{mm}^3$	0.621 $\text{mm}^3$



Disc Center(-0.03,0.06)mm



Disc Center(0.33,0.42)mm



# 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



NEW!

# Evaluation Procedures

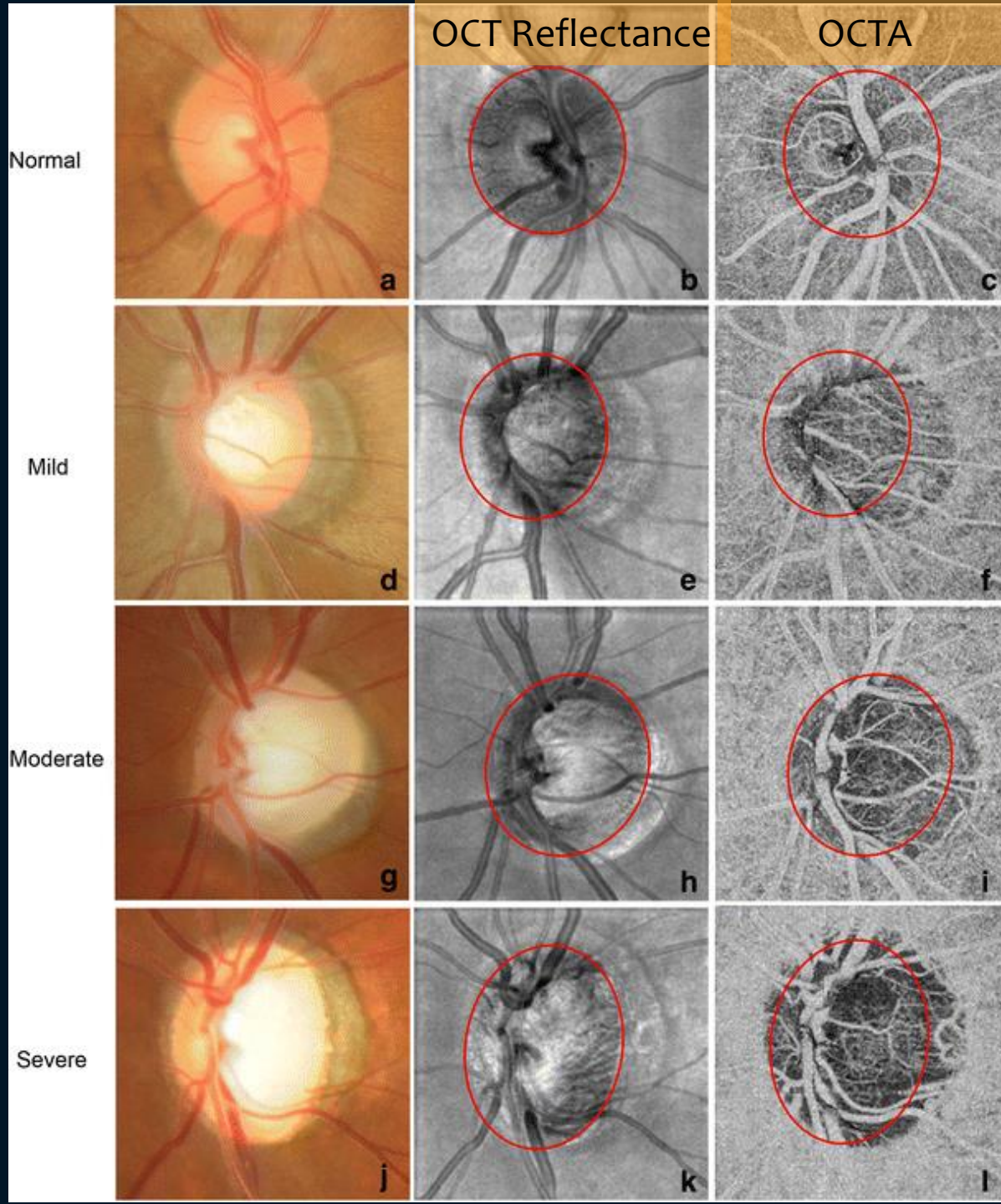
- OCT Angiography
  - OCTA detects decreased ONH blood flow and vascularization in glaucoma
  - OCTA changes in glaucoma have been correlated with both structural (RNFL) and functional (VF) alterations
  - May have value as an objective means of detecting and monitoring glaucoma



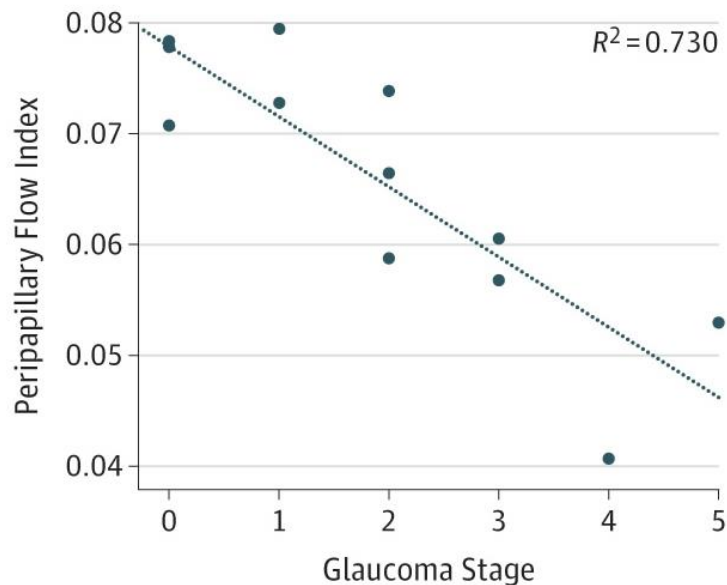
Disc margins are marked by the red elliptical outlines.

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

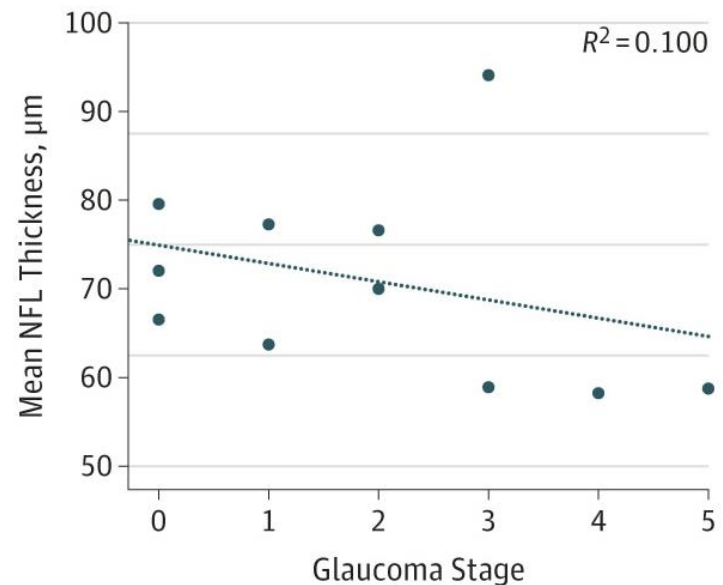
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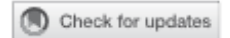
## OCTA vs Glaucoma Severity




## 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.”*



# A Review of OCT Angiography in Glaucoma

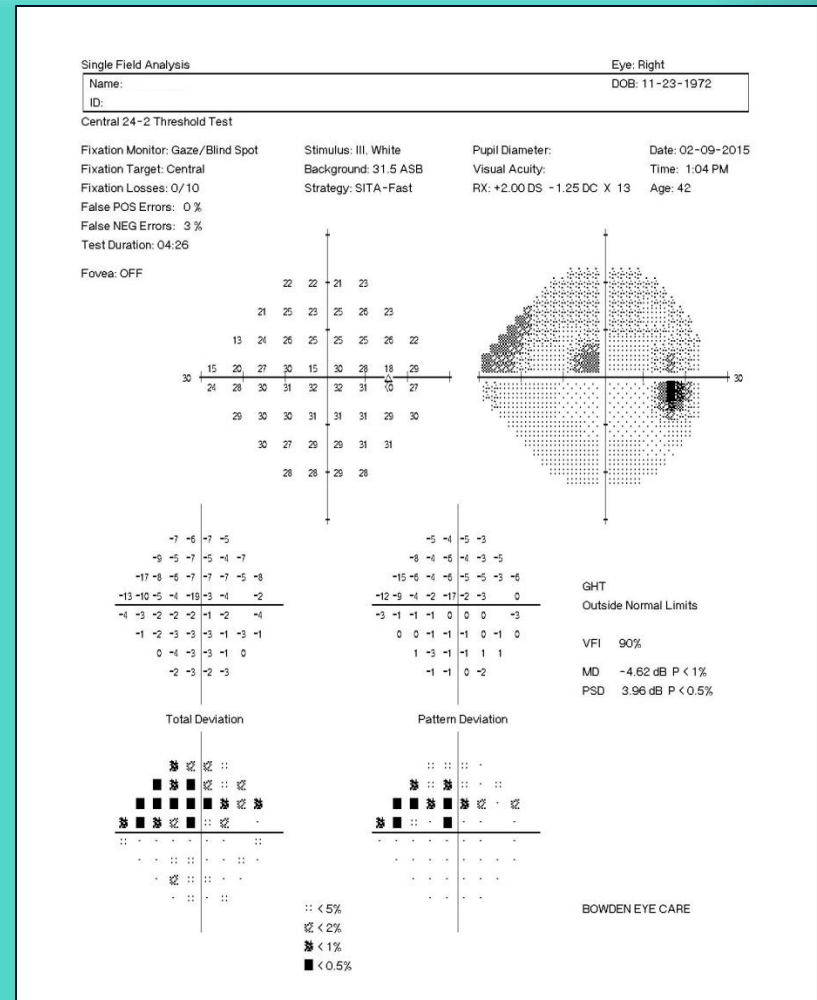
Astrid C. Werner and Lucy Q. Shen 

*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



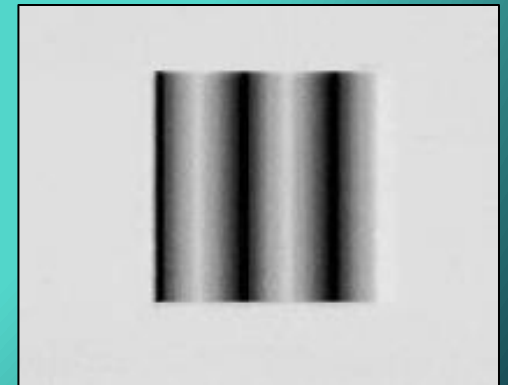


# Evaluation Procedures

- 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



ANDERS HEIJL, VINCENT MICHAEL PATELLA, LUKE X. CHONG, AIKO IWASE, CHRISTOPHER K. LEUNG, ANJA TUULONEN, GARY C. LEE, THOMAS CALLAN, AND BOEL BENGTSSON

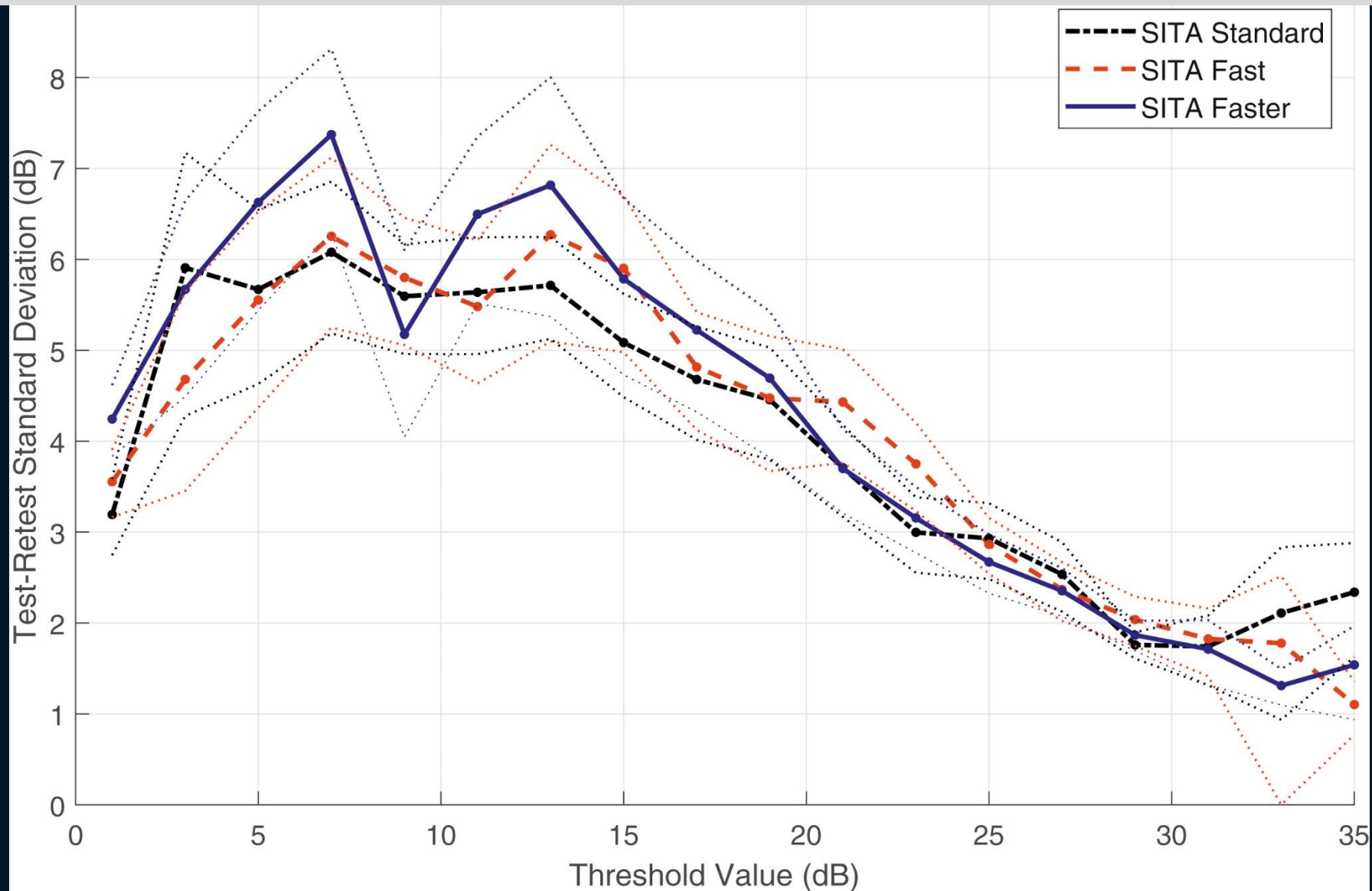
- **PURPOSE:** To describe a new time-saving threshold visual field-testing strategy—Swedish Interactive Thresholding Algorithm (SITA) Faster, which is intended to replace SITA Fast—and to report on a clinical evaluation of this new strategy.
- **DESIGN:** Description and validity analysis for modifications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

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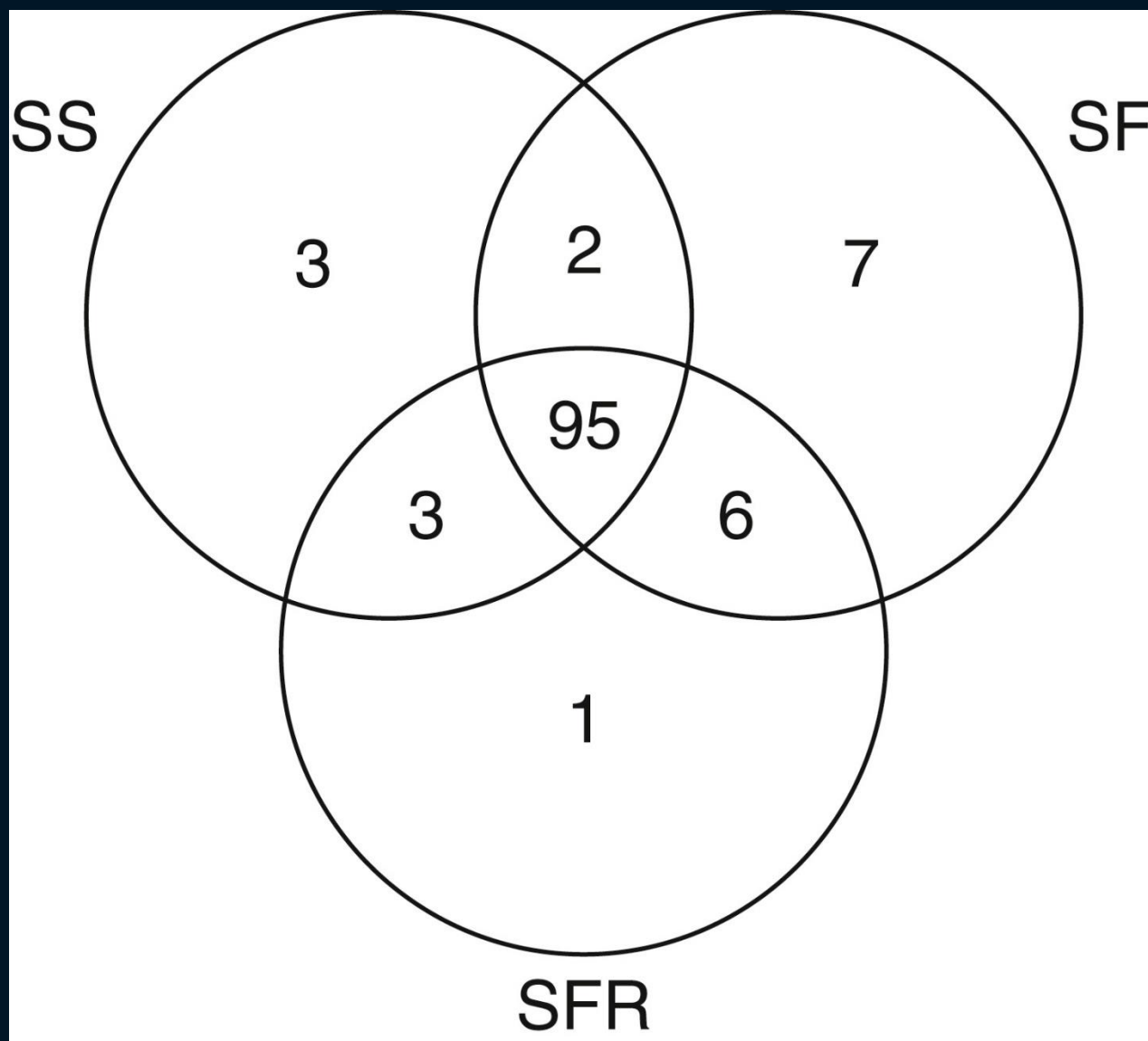
**C**OMPUTERIZED PERIMETRY STARTED IN THE EARLY 1970s. Careful theoretical calculations and pilot

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

# 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 perimeter  
in your office.**

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

# What if I don't have a perimeter?

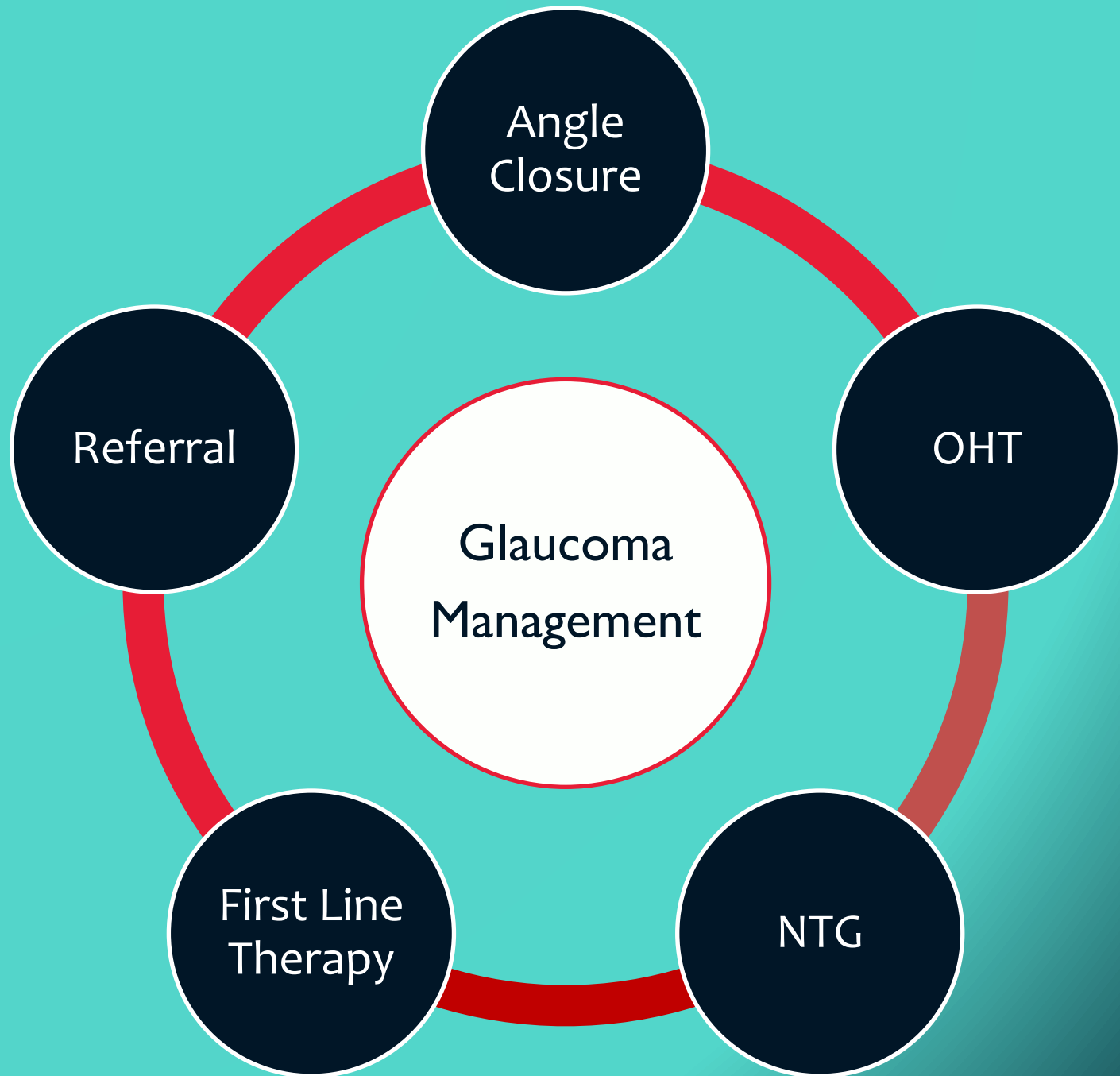
- Currently, there is no satisfactory alternative to full threshold standard automated perimetry for glaucoma management
- Screening devices (eg. FDT) are useful for detecting glaucoma, but are not ideal for management



# 21st Century Glaucoma Care

- History & Risk Factors
- Evaluation Procedures
- Management
- Patient Care





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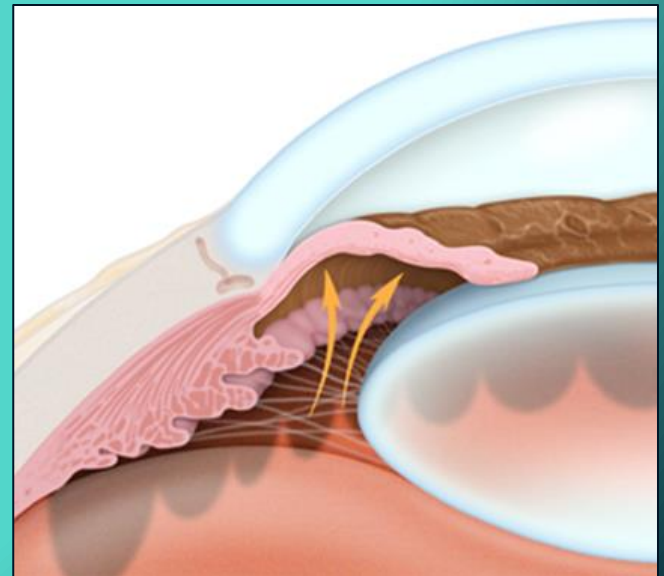
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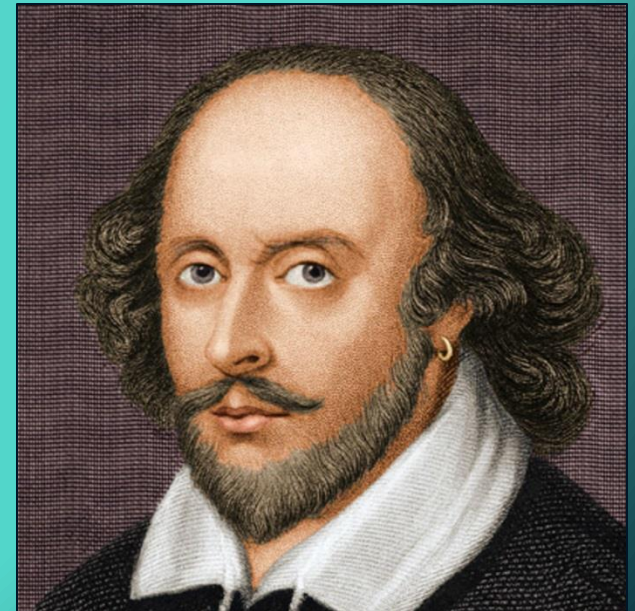
# Gonio is Job 1.





# 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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David S. Greenfield, MD,<sup>1</sup> R. Michael Siatkowski, MD,<sup>1</sup> Joel S. Glaser, MD,<sup>1,2</sup> Norman J. Schatz, MD,<sup>1,2</sup>  
Richard K. Parrish II, MD<sup>1</sup>

**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.**

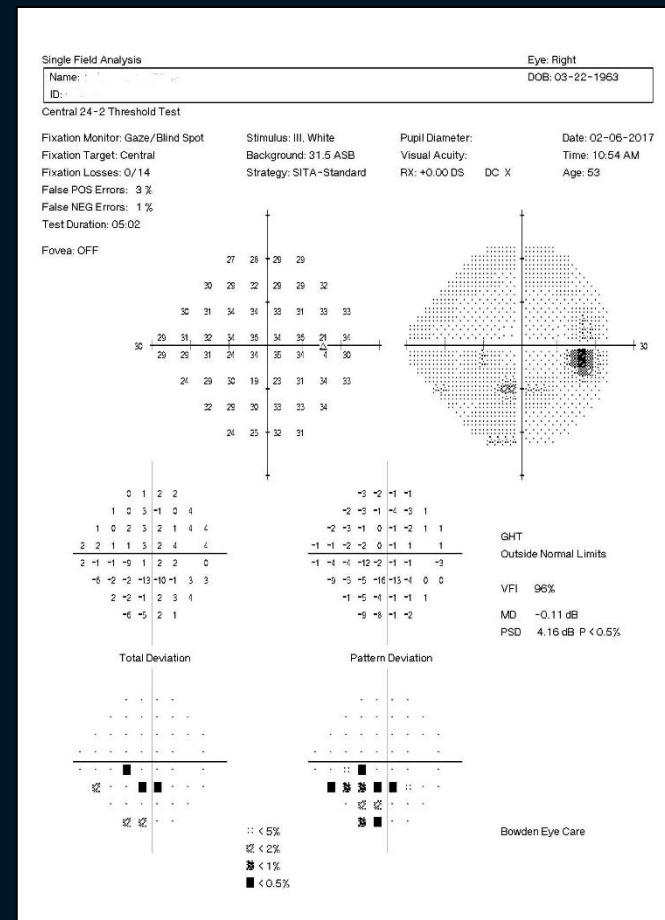
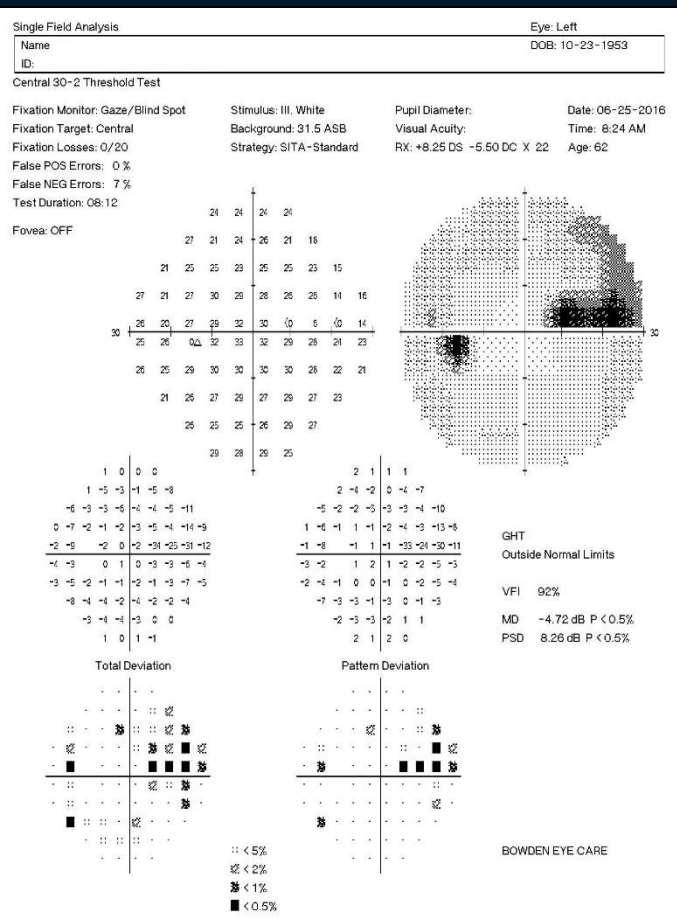
(1) Younger age, (2) lower levels of visual acuity, (3) vertically aligned visual field defects, and (4) neuroretinal rim pallor may increase the likelihood of identifying an intracranial mass lesion.

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.

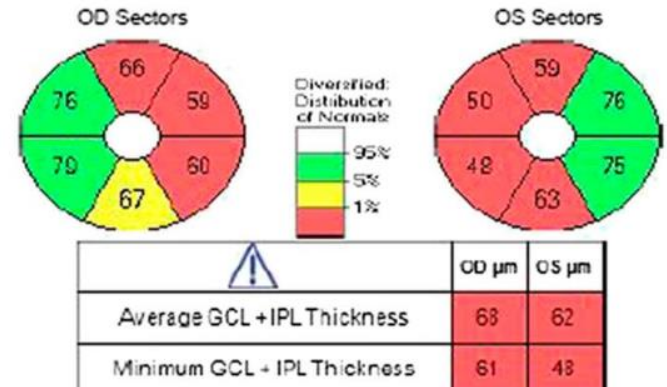
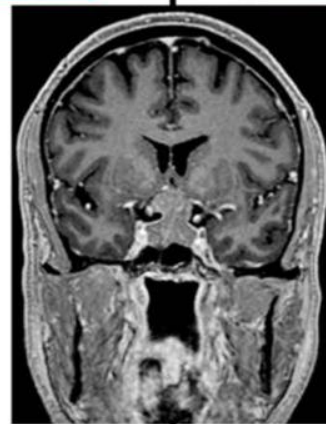
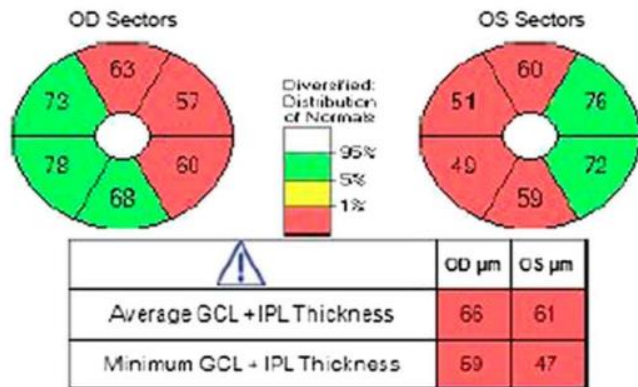
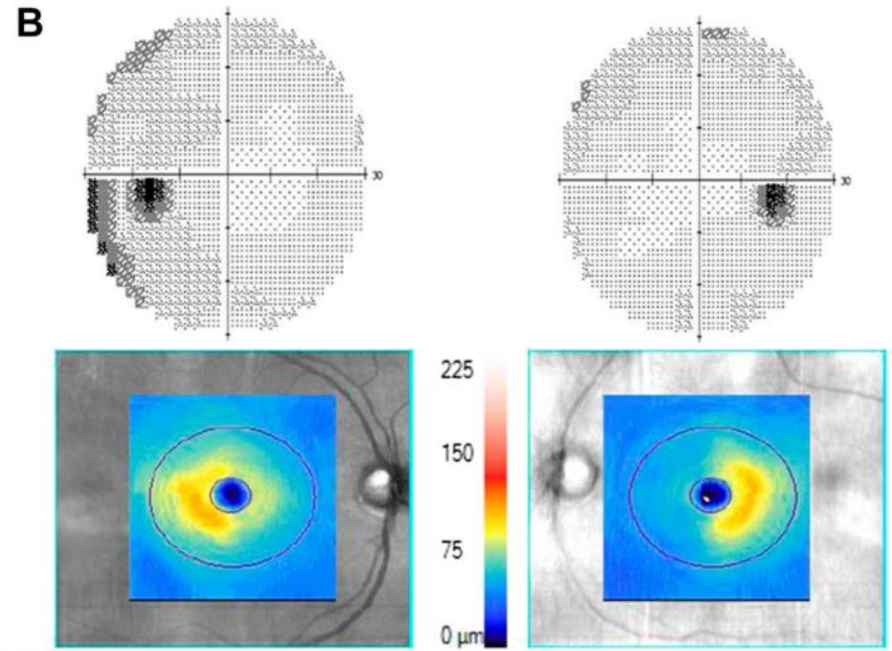
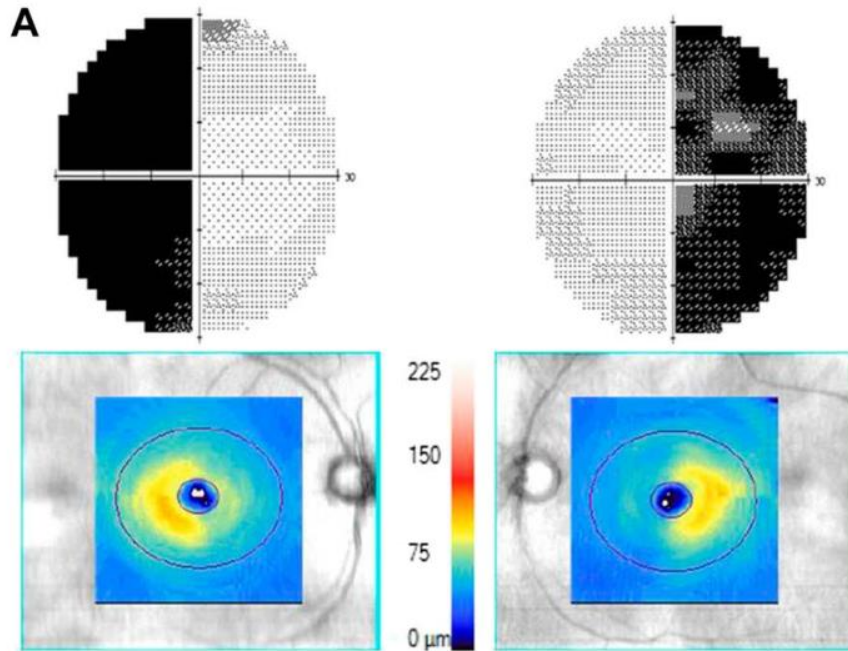
OCT can detect chiasmal compression  
**before VF loss occurs**

Pituitary 2018;21:515



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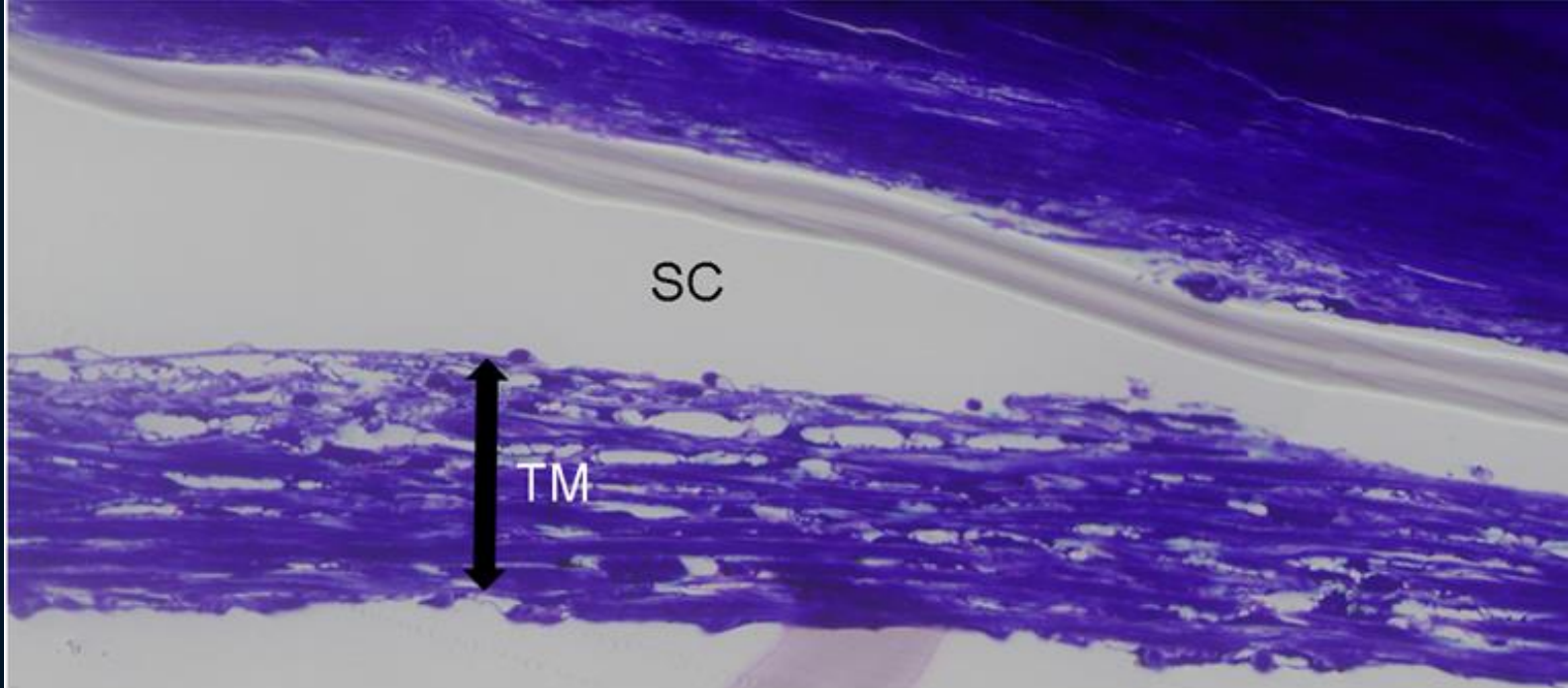
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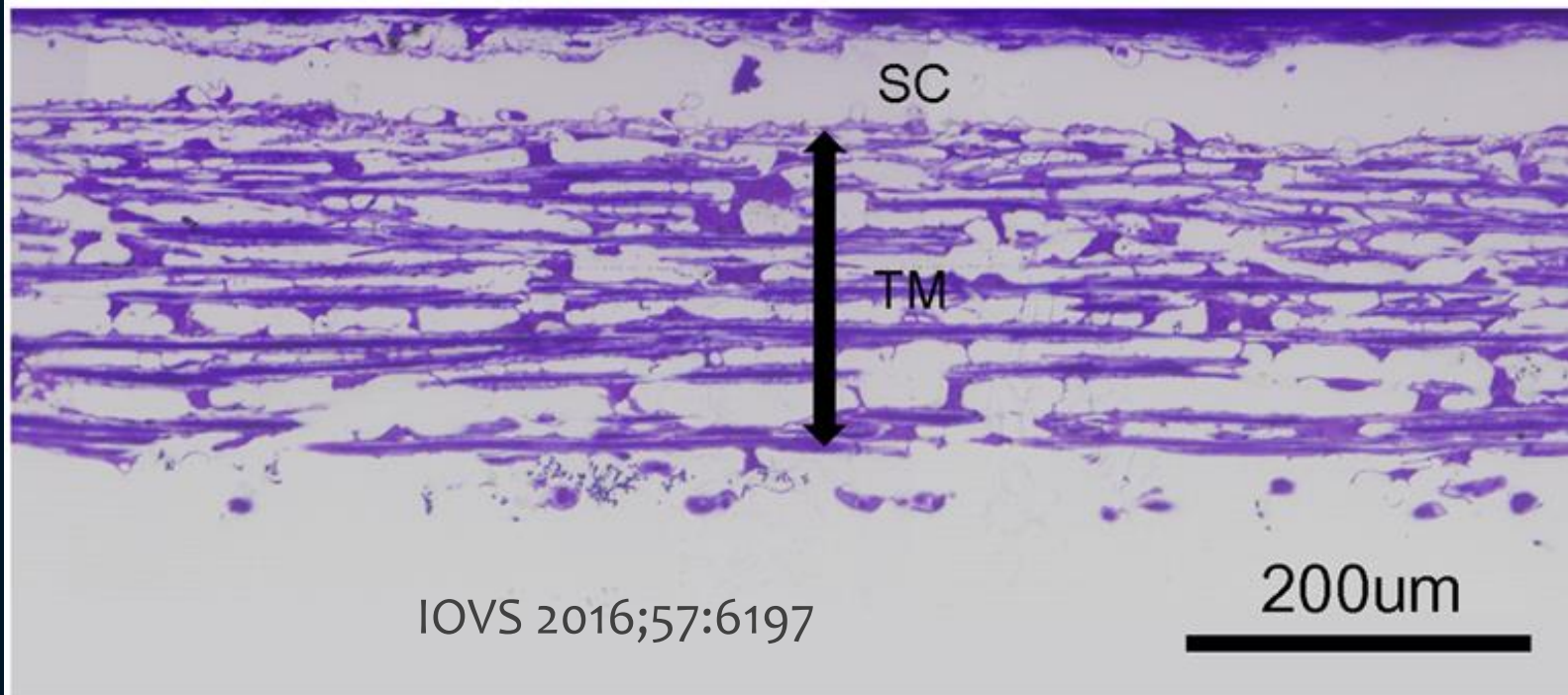
# Management

- 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
  - 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

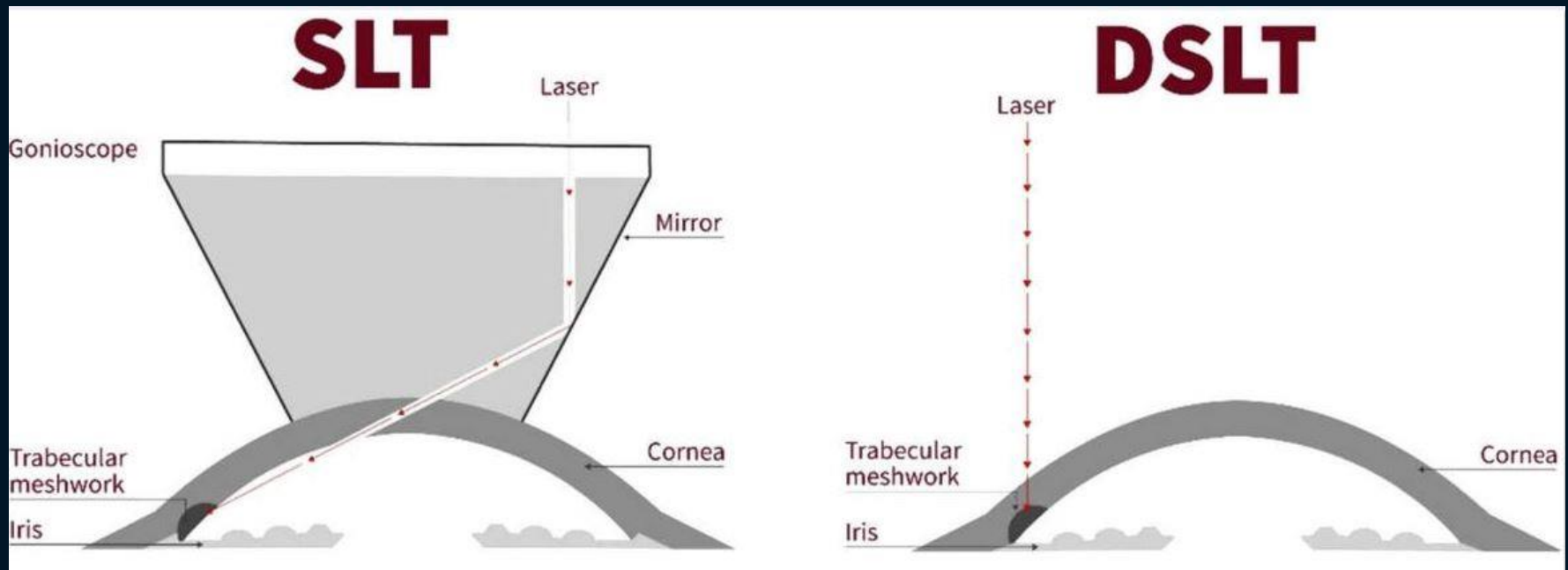


# Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty



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## “Direct” 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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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

# Management

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



# RECALLED

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

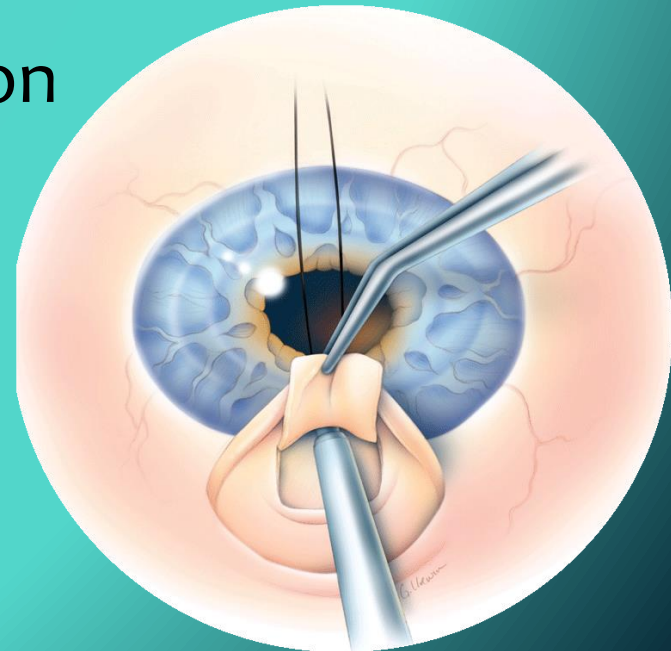


# Management

- 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
- Patient Care



# Why Do Some People Go Blind from Glaucoma?

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**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

## Perspective

# Why Do People (Still) Go Blind from Glaucoma?

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further functional loss or blindness. Forchheimer et al.<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup> 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.”*



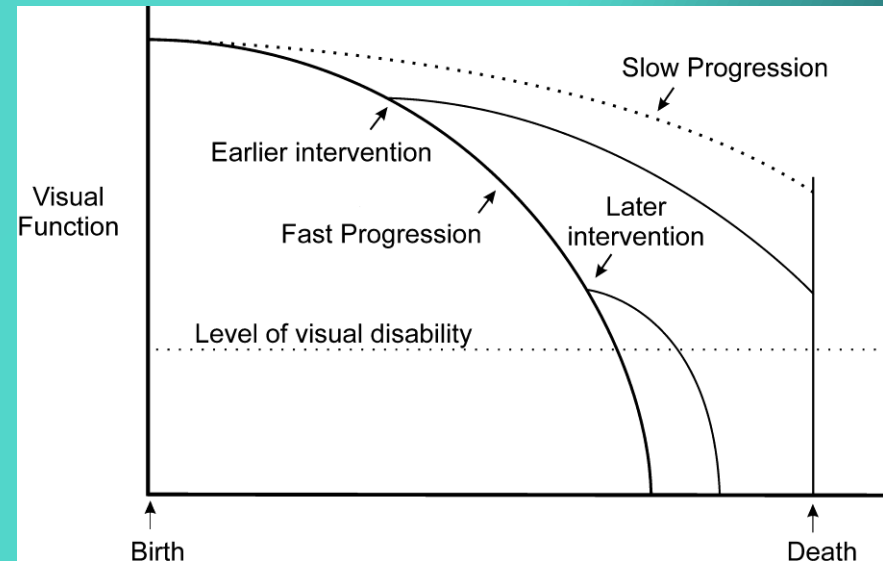
# Effective Patient Communication

- Undiagnosed glaucoma
  - Over half of all glaucoma cases in the US remain undiagnosed
  - **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 progression

Rate of progression cannot be reliably assessed when only a 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
    - Educate about potential for blindness



# Effective Patient Communication



# Effective Patient Communication





# 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*

