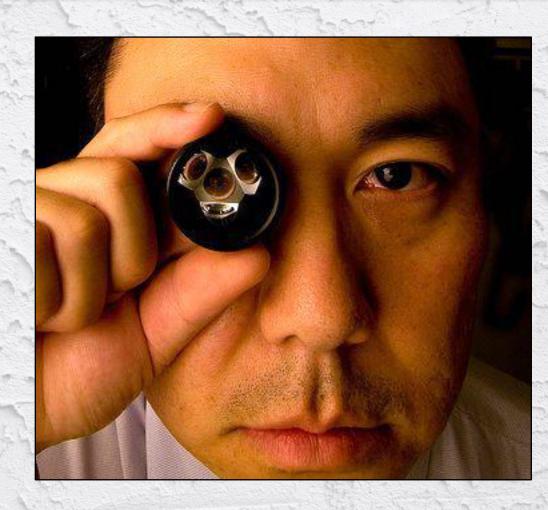
# Gonioscopy In Clinical Practice



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# Gonioscopy

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#### The Basics



# Indications for Gonioscopy

Reasons for performing gonio....
My experience:

80% -- VanHerick Grade 2 or Less

15% -- OAG Suspect

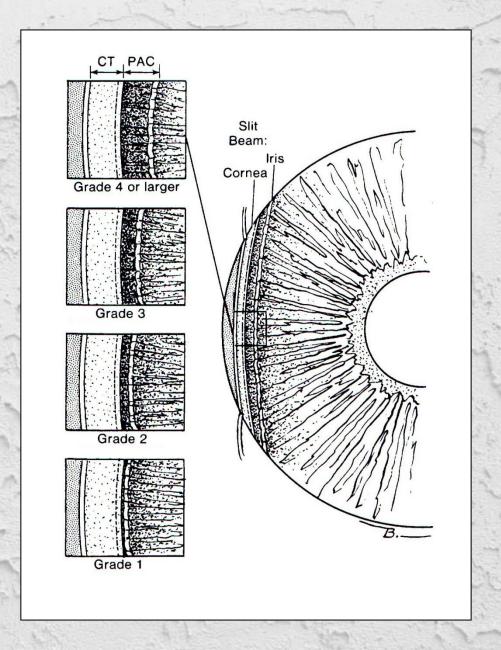
5% -- ACG Suspect

<1% -- "It ain't rare if it's in your chair"

# VanHerick Angle Estimation

| Grade | ACD : CT         | Interpretation   |
|-------|------------------|------------------|
| 1     | <1:4             | Closure likely   |
| 2     | =1:4             | Closure possible |
| 3     | >1 : 4<br><1 : 1 | Closure unlikely |
| 4     | ≥1:1             | Wide open        |

Gonio is indicated if the peripheral anterior chamber is one-fourth the corneal thickness or less



| Foster, et al<br>BJO, 2000 |     | GOLD STANDARD (Gonioscopy) |                               |  |
|----------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|                            |     | (+)                        | (-)                           |  |
| Van                        | (+) | 128                        | 519                           |  |
| Herick                     | (-) | 1                          | 984                           |  |
|                            |     | Sensitivity TP / (TP + FN) | Specificity<br>TN / (FP + TN) |  |

**Sensitivity**: 128/129 = 99% High sensitivity = few FN errors

**Specificity**: 984/1503 = 65% Low specificity = many FP errors

#### Case

61yo WM presents for routine exam

BCVA: 20/20 OD, 20/40 OS

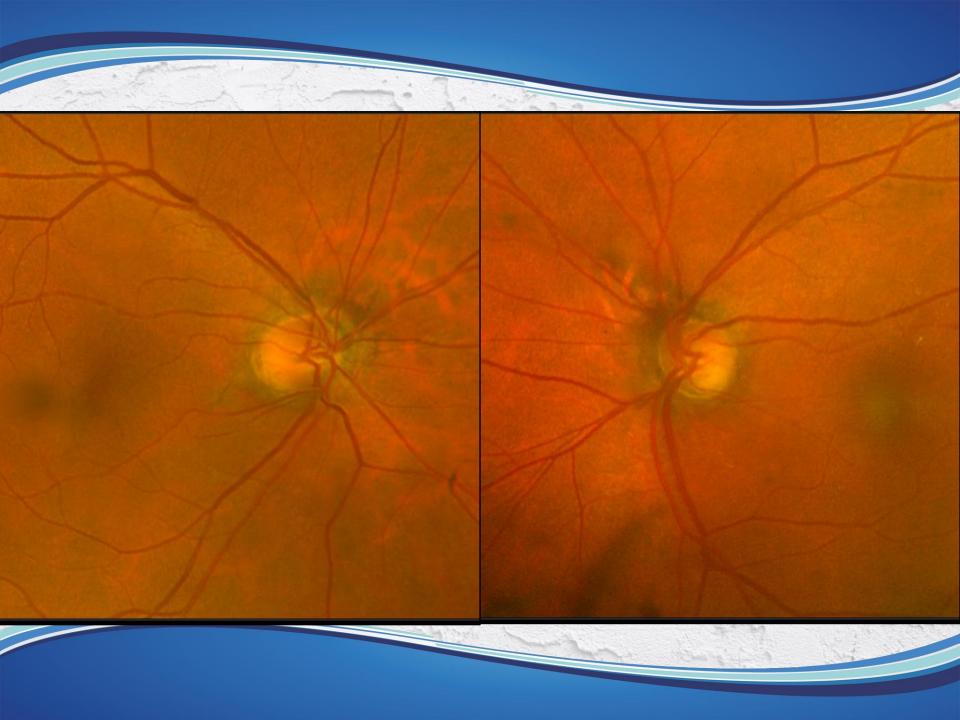
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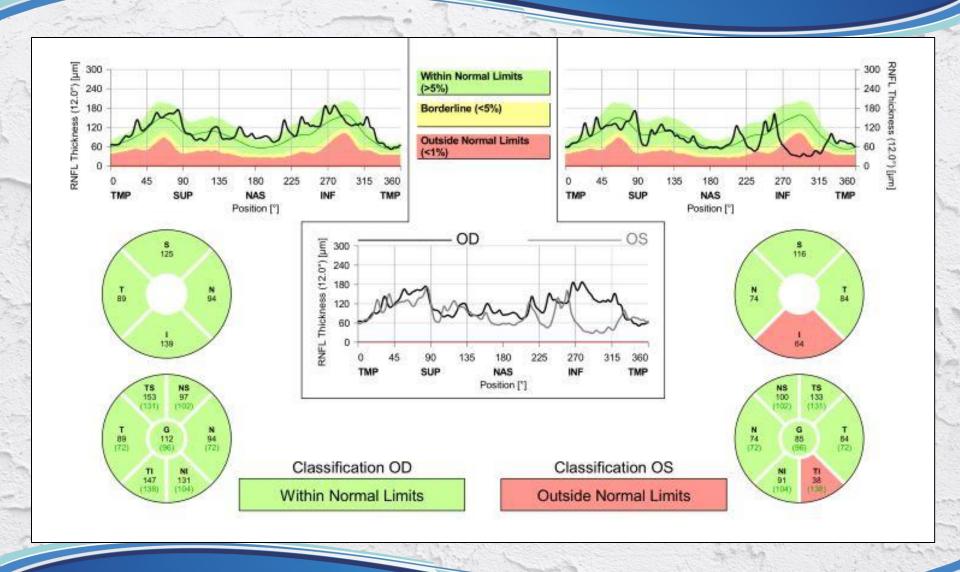
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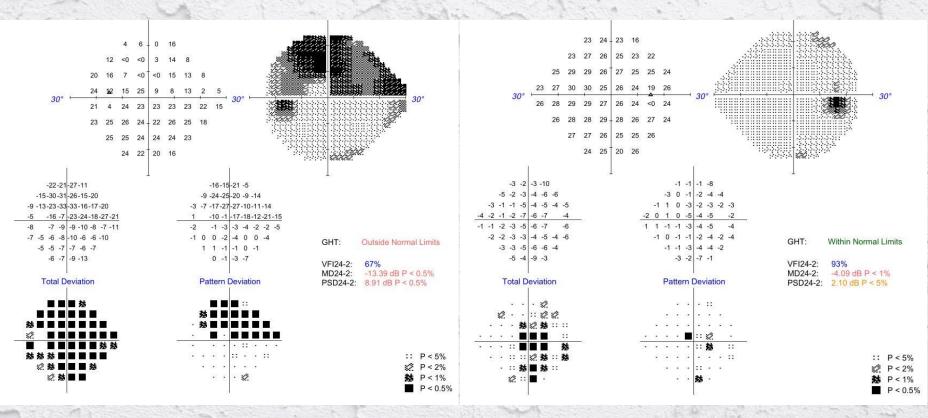
SLE: Mild nuclear sclerosis OU. VH: 2+ OU

CDR: 0.3 OD, 0.4 OS

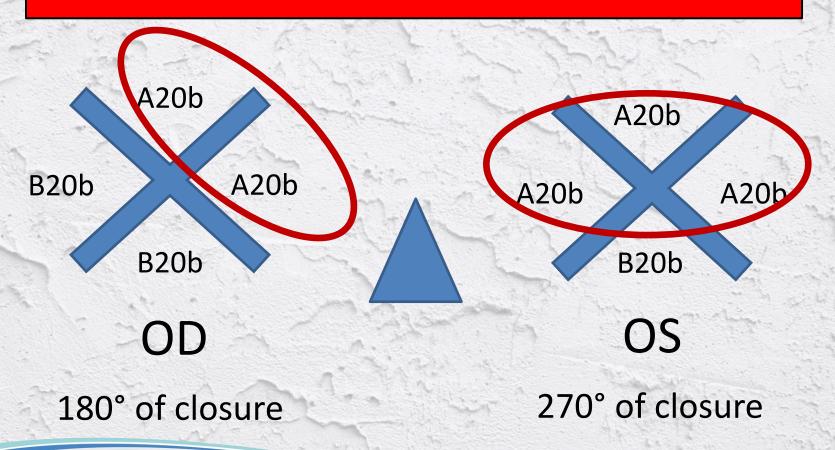




OS OD



# DX: CHRONIC ANGLE CLOSURE GLAUCOMA



#### **TABLE 4. SPAETH GONIOSCOPIC GRADING SYSTEM\***

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<sup>\*</sup> Evaluating iris insertion, angular approach, peripheral iris configuration, and degree of trabecular meshwork pigmentation.

#### Case

#### **Assessment & Plan**

#### DX:

- Chronic angle-closure glaucoma OU
- Mild nuclear cataract OU

#### TX:

- Start PGA HS OU
- Refer for cataract extraction

#### Case

69yo WF presents for annual exam

BCVA: 20/25 OD, 20/20 OS

Ta 27/28 @ 12PM



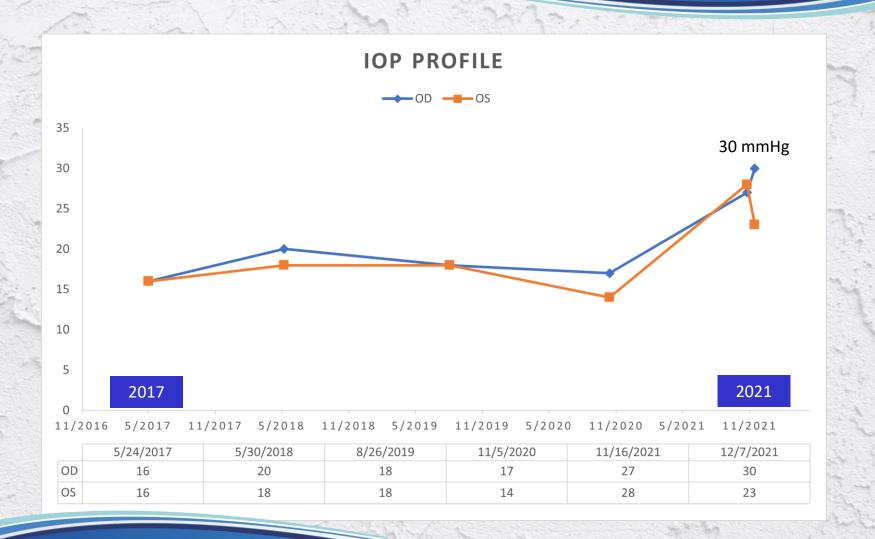
10mmHg increase from 1yr ago!

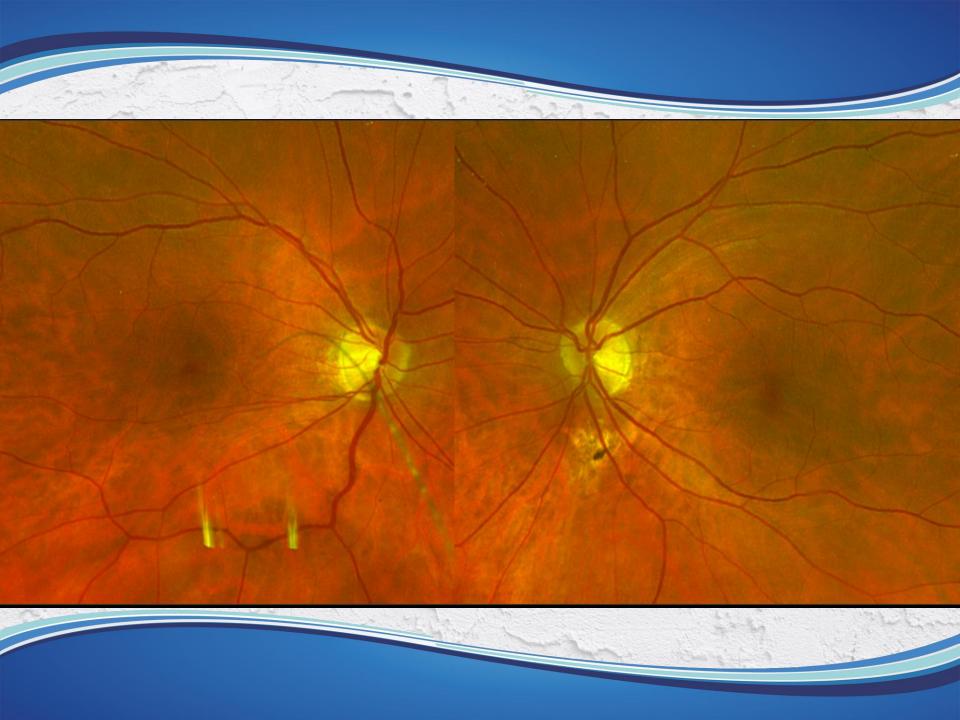
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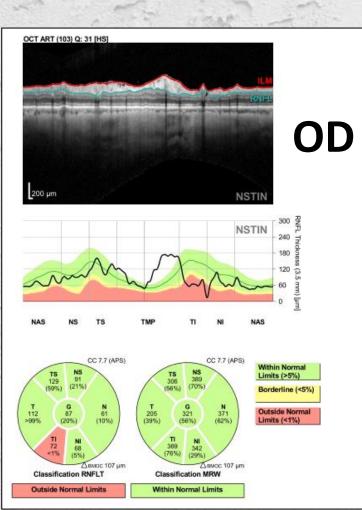
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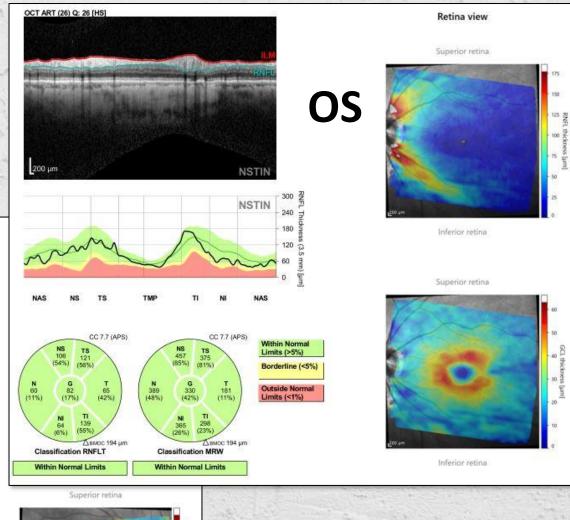
CDR: 0.6 OD, 0.5 OS; Mild ERM OD

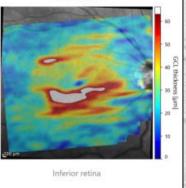


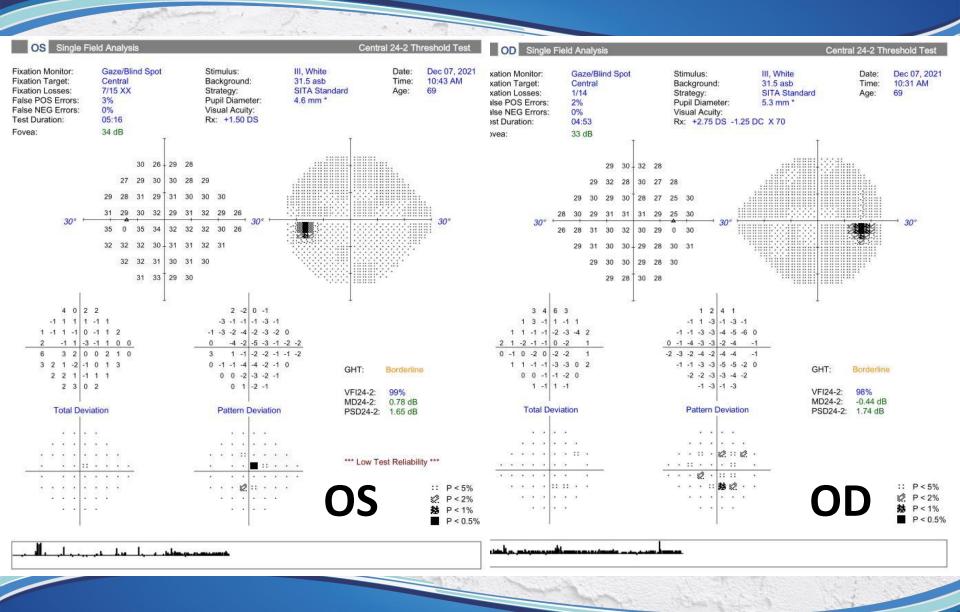


# Hood report reveals effect of epiretinal membrane OD







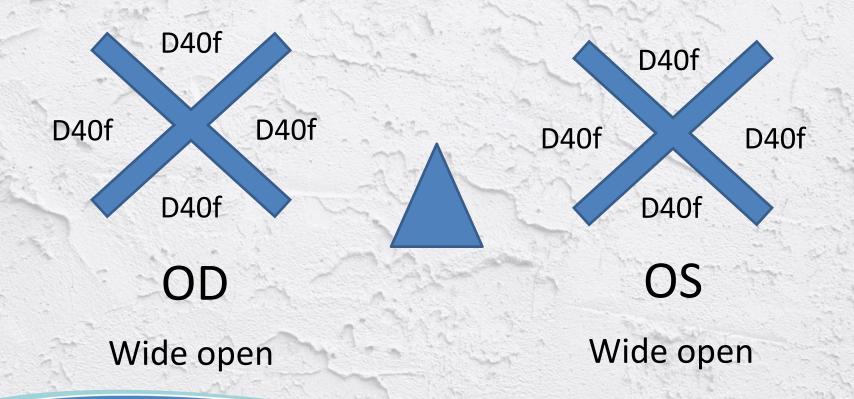


#### Case

#### <u>Differential diagnosis of clinically significant</u> <u>increase in IOP</u>

- Angle closure
- Start on steroid medication
- Previously undetected large diurnal variation
- Discontinuation of systemic beta-blocker
- Influence of other drugs or medications (eg caffeine)

### Gonioscopy



#### Case

#### Assessment & Plan

#### DX:

- Ocular hypertension
- Epiretinal membraneOD

#### TX:

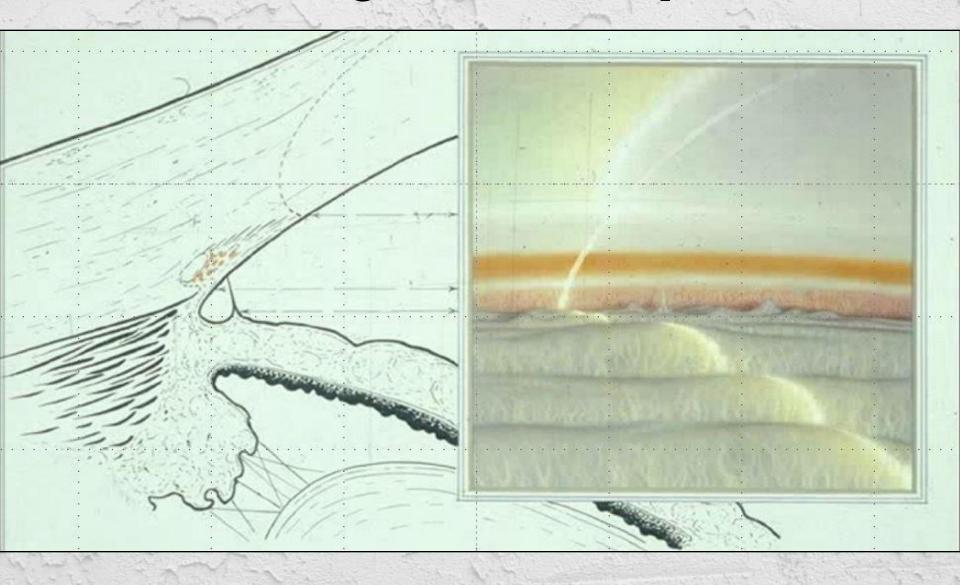
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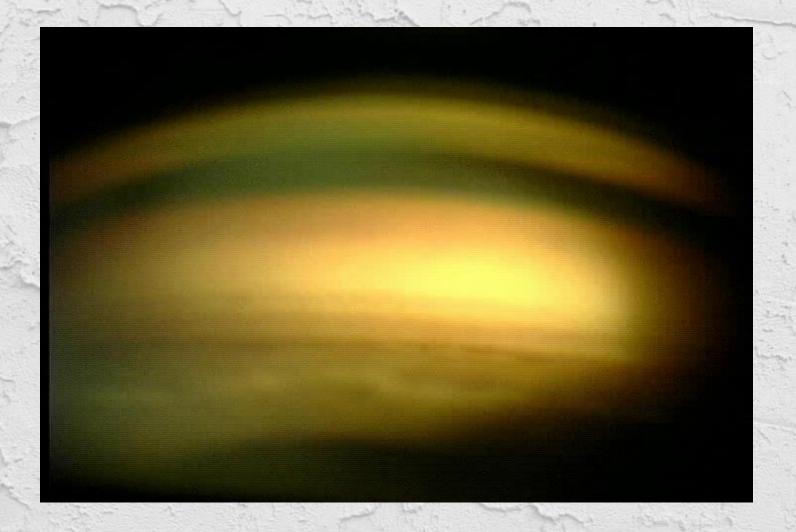
## It Ain't Rare If It's In Your Chair



# **Angle Anatomy**



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# Angle Anatomy

#### 1. Deepest Structure

- Iris Insertion

#### 2. Angle geometry

- Estimate geometric angle of iris insertion

#### 3. Iris contour

Convex, Concave, or Flat

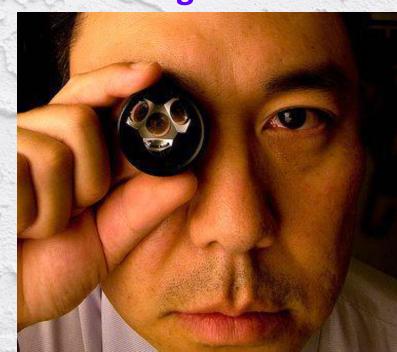
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# Gonioscopy Lens Designs

- Goldmann
  - Superior optics: Best view of angle anatomy
  - Less technically challenging: Best for beginners
  - Disadvantages
    - Gonio goo (inconvenient, degrades corneal clarity)
    - Need to rotate lens
    - Inability to perform indentation technique



# Gonioscopy Lens Designs

- Zeiss
  - Best for daily use: Fast and convenient
  - Indentation technique:
     Identify AC mechanism
  - Disadvantages
    - Technically challenging
    - Unstable, low quality image
    - Requires good patient cooperation



### **Key Points**

- Perform gonioscopy often
  - All patients with VH grade 2 or less
  - All glaucoma suspects
- Learn and use the Speath grading system
  - Evaluate the 3 key features of every angle
- Use both the Goldmann and Zeiss lenses as indicated
  - Zeiss → Angle closure
  - G3M → Angle structures



# Gonioscopy Clinical Tips



## Gonio Tips

#### 1. Dark room gonioscopy

 Perform gonio in a dark room and keep the SL beam out of the patient's pupil

#### 2. Inferior quadrant first

Deepest and most pigmented quadrant

#### 3. Look "Over the Hill"

Learn how to use lens tilting to get the best views

# Dark Room Gonioscopy



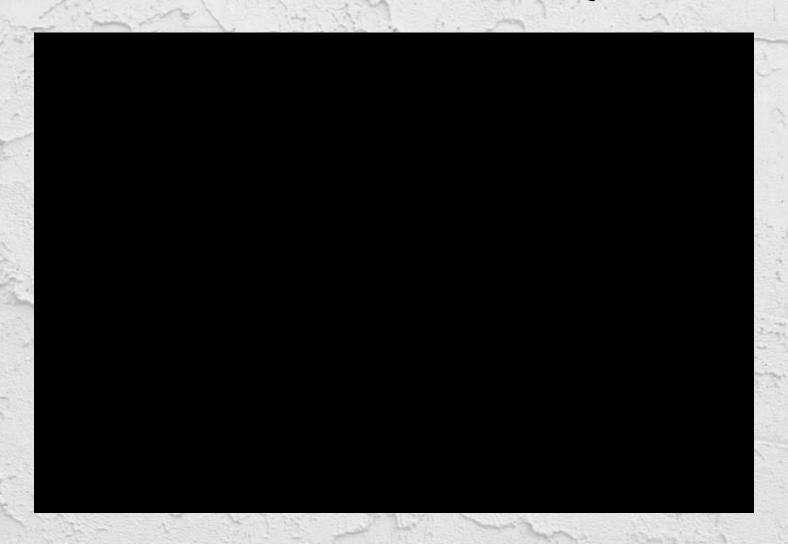
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# Gonio Tips

#### **Examine the inferior quadrant first**

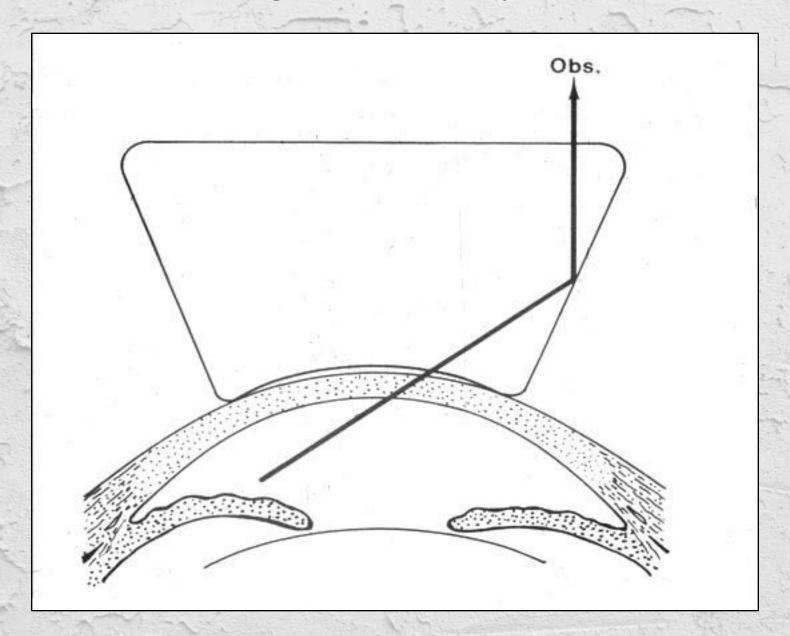
- Inferior quadrant is usually deepest
  - Superior quadrant is usually the narrowest
- Inferior quadrant is usually the most pigmented
  - Superior quadrant usually has the least pigment

# Start with the Inferior Quadrant

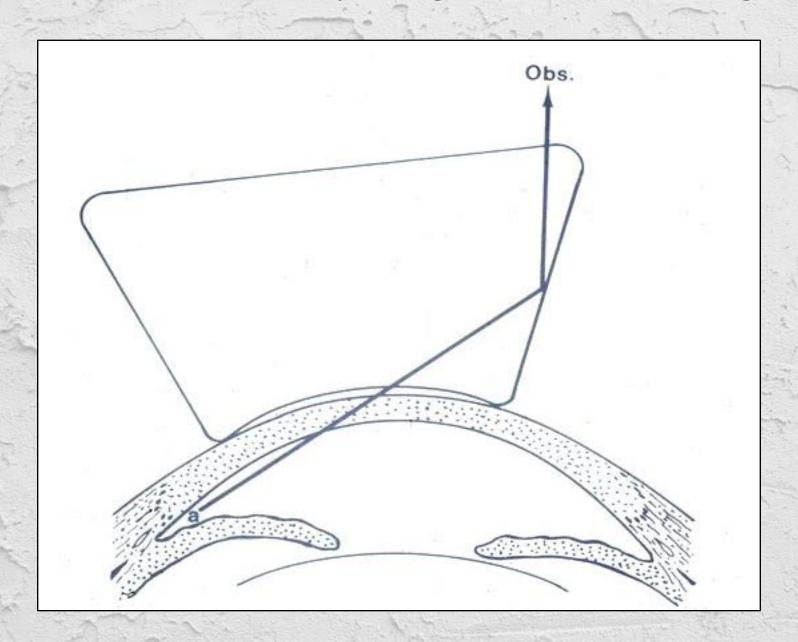


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#### View of angle is blocked by convex iris



#### Look "over the hill" by tilting lens toward the angle



# Look Over The Hill



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### **Key Points**

- Avoid constricting the pupil during gonio
  - Keep room lights down
  - Keep slitlamp beam out of the patient's pupil
- Examine the inferior quadrant first
  - It is the deepest and most pigmented
- Use lens tilting to look over a convex iris
  - Avoid false impressions of angle closure



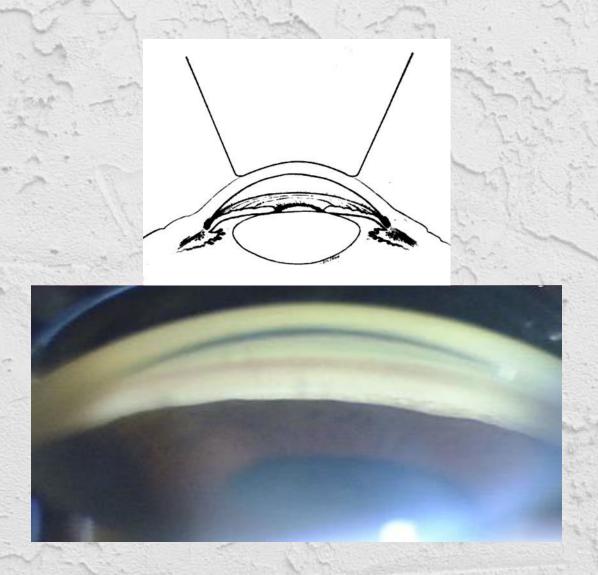


#### What is indentation gonioscopy?

 Pressure applied to the cornea with a Zeissstyle lens will push the iris backward

#### Why perform indentation gonioscopy?

- Identify angle closure mechanism: pupil block, phacomorphic or plateau iris
- Differentiate appositional from synechial angle closure



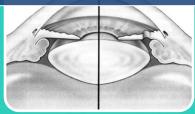


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# Primary Angle Closure Mechanisms

#### NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE







Pupil block

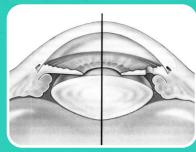
Iridotomy Lens removal Plateau iris

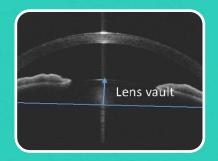
Iridotomy Iridoplasty Lens vault

**Lens Removal** 

# Indentation Gonioscopy Findings







Pupil block

Large posterior displacement

Plateau iris

Double hump

Lens vault

Minimal posterior displacement

# Plateau Iris



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### **Key Points**

- Three mechanisms of primary angle closure
  - Pupil block, plateau iris, phacomorphic
  - Not mutually exclusive
- Utilize indentation to help guide treatment decisions
  - Identify mechanism of angle closure & PAS

# Thank you!

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