

# HOW AND WHY TO CLASSIFY:

AMD / CATARACTS / DM RET / GLAUCOMA



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# KNOW YOUR POPULATION

**TABLE IV.** Frequency of Nonrefractive Ocular Diagnoses

Diagnosis	Frequency	Percent
Glaucoma	168	25.5
Suspect	133	20.2
Primary Open Angle	27	4.1
Angle Closure	4	0.6
Pseudoxfoliation	1	0.2
Traumatic	3	0.5
Diabetes	91	13.8
No Retinopathy	68	10.3
Nonproliferative	16	2.4
Macular Edema	2	0.3
Proliferative	5	0.8
AMD	31	4.7
Nonexudative	21	3.2
Drusen	8	1.2
Exudative	2	0.3
Other	139	21
Blepharitis	43	6.5
Cataract	39	5.9
Retinal Vascular Disease	22	3.3
Severe Dry Eye	14	2.1
Optic Neuropathy	11	1.7
Peripheral Retinal Disease (Lattice, Retinal Break, Detachment)	10	1.5

VETERAN EYE DISEASE AFTER ELIGIBILITY REFORM:  
PREVALENCE AND CHARACTERISTICS

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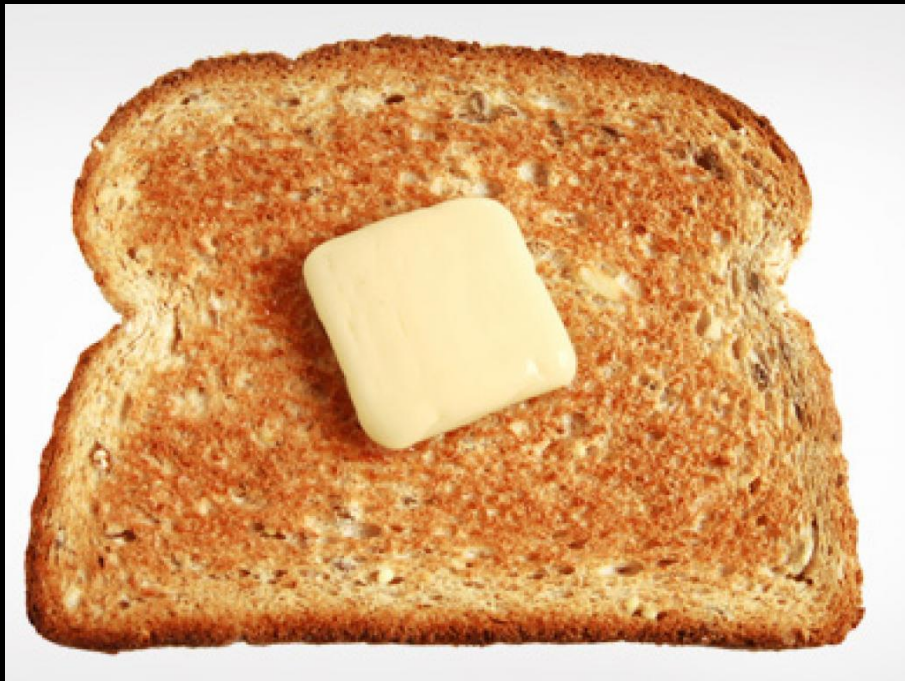
**TABLE 2.** Ocular Diagnoses in Veterans in the Veterans Affairs Capitol Health Care Network from Fiscal Year 2007 to Fiscal Year 2011

Variable	Fiscal Year					$\beta$	P Value
	2007 (N = 130,709)	2007 (N = 130,709)	2007 (N = 130,709)	2007 (N = 130,709)	2007 (N = 130,709)		
Disease category, n (%)							
Disorders of refraction and accommodation	11,067 (8.5)	12,046 (9.2)	14,150 (10.3)	16,078 (11.4)	18,854 (13.1)	1.13	<.01
Glaucoma	8815 (6.7)	9003 (6.9)	9494 (6.9)	9921 (7.0)	10,431 (7.4)	0.14	.03
Ophthalmic complications of diabetes	2896 (2.2)	3180 (2.4)	3065 (2.2)	2952 (2.1)	2908 (2.0)	-0.07	.148
Cataract	9215 (7.1)	8827 (6.7)	11,292 (8.2)	12,050 (8.5)	13,529 (9.6)	0.68	.02
Any ophthalmic diagnosis	26,804 (20.5)	27,552 (21.1)	29,677 (21.5)	31,460 (22.2)	33,611 (23.3)	0.67	<.01

TRENDS IN PREVALENCE OF DIAGNOSED OCULAR  
DISEASE AND UTILIZATION OF EYE CARE SERVICES IN  
AMERICAN VETERANS

(MD, DC, AND PARTS OF VA, WV, PA)

# WHY THESE DISORDERS?



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IS IT ENOUGH TO JUST SAY...

THE PATIENT HAS...

“MACULAR DEGENERATION”

“CATARACTS”

“DIABETIC RETINOPATHY”

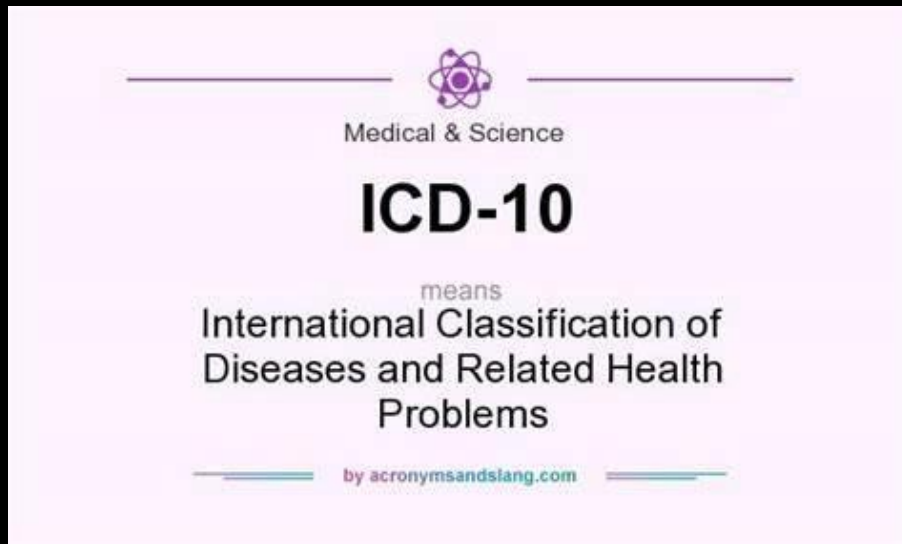
“GLAUCOMA”

MAYBE...BUT



ICD-10 WAGS THE DOG

# WHAT IS ICD-10?



10<sup>TH</sup> REVISION  
FIRST USED WORLDWIDE 1994  
USA STARTED USING 2015

- The global standard for health data, clinical documentation, and statistical aggregation
- Multiple uses, including primary care
- Scientifically up-to-date
- Designed for use in a digital world
- State-of-the-art technology reduces the costs of training and implementation
- Multilingual design facilitates global use
- Proposal platform allows stakeholder participation in keeping ICD–11 up-to-date.
- 17,000 categories, 80,000 concepts, 120,000 terms, >1.6 million clinical terms interpreted
- **EXAMPLES OF RARE CODES**
  - STRUCK BY COW, INITIAL
  - BURN DUE TO WATER-SKIS ON FIRE, INITIAL
- **ICD-11 EXPECTED 1/01/22**
  - WHEN WILL USA ADOPT IT?

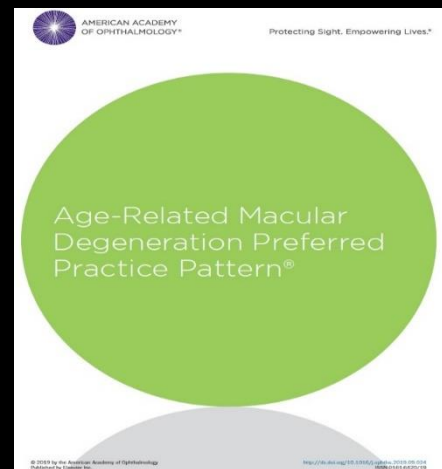
# AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION (AMD)

“...a disorder of the macula characterized by one or more of the following:

Presence of at least intermediate-size drusen ( $>63\ \mu\text{m}$  in diameter),

Retinal pigment epithelium (RPE) abnormalities such as hypopigmentation or hyperpigmentation, Presence of any of the following features:

geographic atrophy of the RPE, choroidal neovascularization (CNV: exudative, wet), polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy (PCV), reticular pseudodrusen, or retinal angiomatous proliferation”



# AMD

## RISK FACTORS

- MAIN
  - AGE
  - ETHNICITY
    - CAUCASIAN, FAMILY HISTORY
- CONSISTENTLY IDENTIFIED
  - SMOKING
    - DOSE DEPENDENT
      - RECOMMEND STOPPING
    - PASSIVE (2<sup>ND</sup> HAND) INCREASES RISK
  - LOW LEVELS OF ANTIOXIDANTS
    - VITAMIN C, E
    - CAROTENOIDS (LUTEIN, ZEAXANTHIN)
    - ZINC
- ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS
  - DIET HIGHER IN
    - SATURATED FAT, CHOLESTEROL
  - HIGHER BMI
  - INCREASED MALE WAIST/HIP RATIO
- CONFLICTING RESULTS
  - ASPIRIN
    - PTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO USE THIS
  - GENETICS
    - COMPLEMENT FACTOR H (CFH)
      - GENETIC TESTING NOT RECOMMENDED
  - HYPERTENSION
  - CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
- INCONCLUSIVE
  - HORMONAL STATUS
  - SUNLIGHT EXPOSURE
  - ALCOHOL USE
  - VITAMIN B AND D STATUS
- OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
  - C-REACTIVE PROTEIN
    - INFLAMMATORY MARKER FOR PROGRESSION

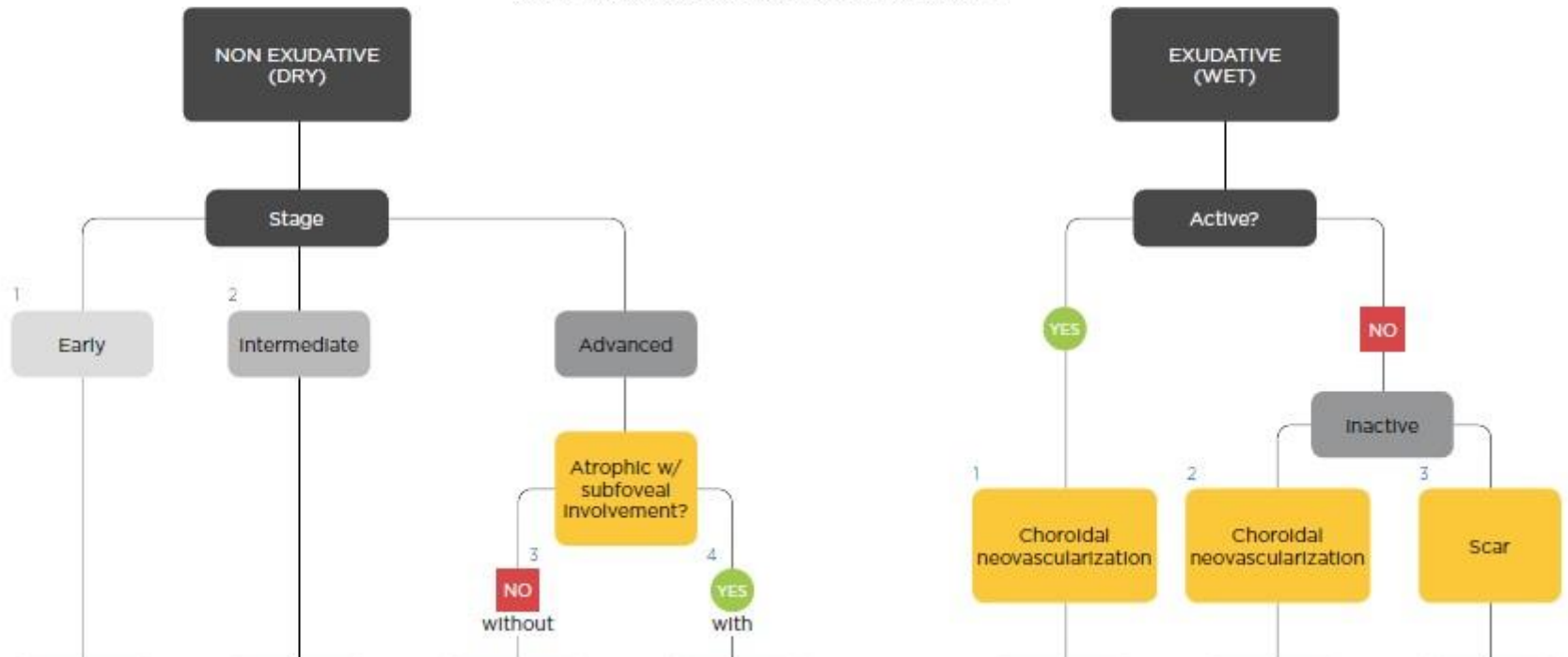


# AMD SUB-TYPES



AMERICAN ACADEMY™  
OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

## AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION



# HOW TO CLASSIFY AMD...

## Nonexudative Age-Related Macular Degeneration

### ▲ Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral

- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, advanced atrophic with subfoveal involvement
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, advanced atrophic without subfoveal involvement
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, early dry stage
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, intermediate dry stage
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, stage unspecified

### ▲ Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye

- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, advanced atrophic with subfoveal involvement
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, advanced atrophic without subfoveal involvement
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, early dry stage
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, intermediate dry stage
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, stage unspecified

### ▲ Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye

- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, advanced atrophic with subfoveal involvement
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, advanced atrophic without subfoveal involvement
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, early dry stage
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, intermediate dry stage
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, stage unspecified

### ▲ Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye

- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, advanced atrophic with subfoveal involvement
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, advanced atrophic without subfoveal involvement
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, early dry stage
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, intermediate dry stage
- Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, stage unspecified

## Exudative Age-Related Macular Degeneration

### ▲ Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral

- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, stage unspecified
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, with active choroidal neovascularization
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, with inactive choroidal neovascularization
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, with inactive scar

### ▲ Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye

- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, stage unspecified
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, with active choroidal neovascularization
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, with inactive choroidal neovascularization
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, with inactive scar

### ▲ Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye

- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, stage unspecified
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, with active choroidal neovascularization
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, with inactive choroidal neovascularization
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, with inactive scar

### ▲ Exudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye

- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, stage unspecified
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, with active choroidal neovascularization
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, with inactive choroidal neovascularization
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, with inactive scar

# EARLY NONEXUDATIVE AMD (AREDS 2)

- SIGNS

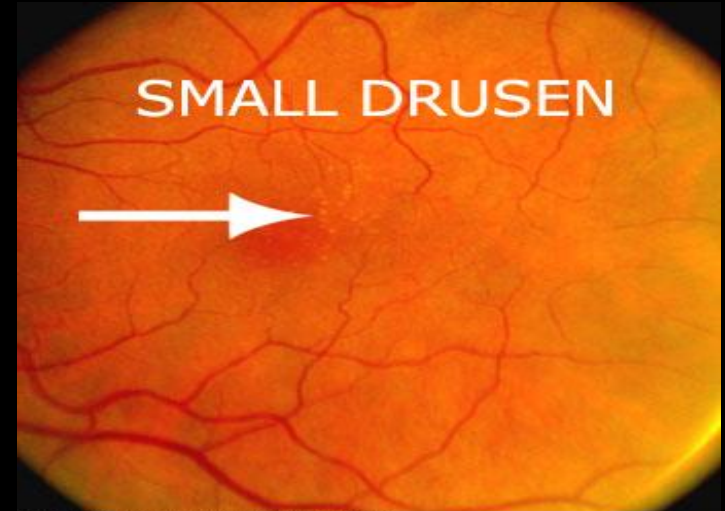
- MULTIPLE SMALL DRUSEN
  - < 63  $\mu\text{m}$  IN DIAMETER
- FEW MEDIUM DRUSEN
  - 63-124  $\mu\text{m}$  IN DIAMETER
    - ( $\geq 125 \mu\text{m}$  = WIDTH OF VEIN AT DISC MARGIN)

AND / OR

- RPE ABNORMALITIES

- PROGRESSION

- NO OR SMALL DRUSEN
  - 15% DEVELOP LARGE DRUSEN IN 10 YRS
- MEDIUM DRUSEN
  - ONE EYE
    - 37% DEVELOPED LARGE DRUSEN
  - BOTH EYES
    - 71% DEVELOPED LARGE DRUSEN
  - 14% DEVELOP ADVANCED AMD IN 10YRS



*Photograph courtesy of the AREDS Research Group.*



# INTERMEDIATE NONEXUDATIVE AMD (AREDS 3)

- SIGNS

- EXTENSIVE MEDIUM DRUSEN 63-124  $\mu\text{m}$   
IN DIAMETER

OR

- ONE OR MORE LARGE DRUSEN ( $\geq 125$   
 $\mu\text{m}$  = WIDTH OF VEIN AT DISC MARGIN)

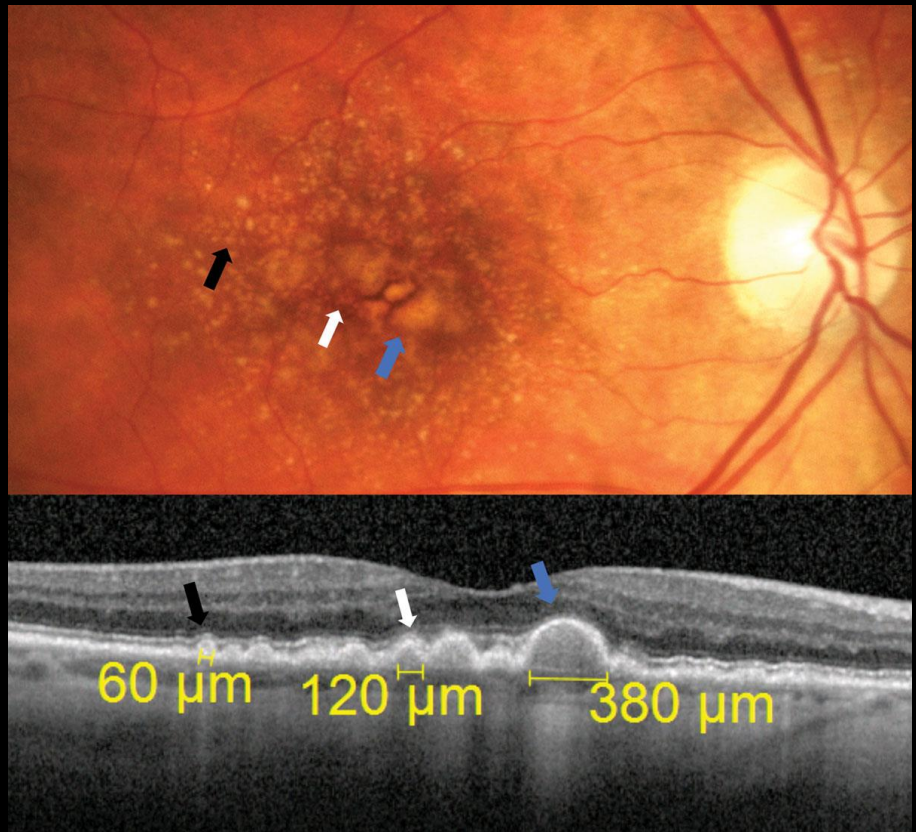
- RETICULAR PSEUDODRUSEN
  - = SUBRETINAL DRUSENOID DEPOSITS

- PROGRESSION

- 18% RISK OF PROGRESSING TO  
ADVANCED AMD IN 5YRS

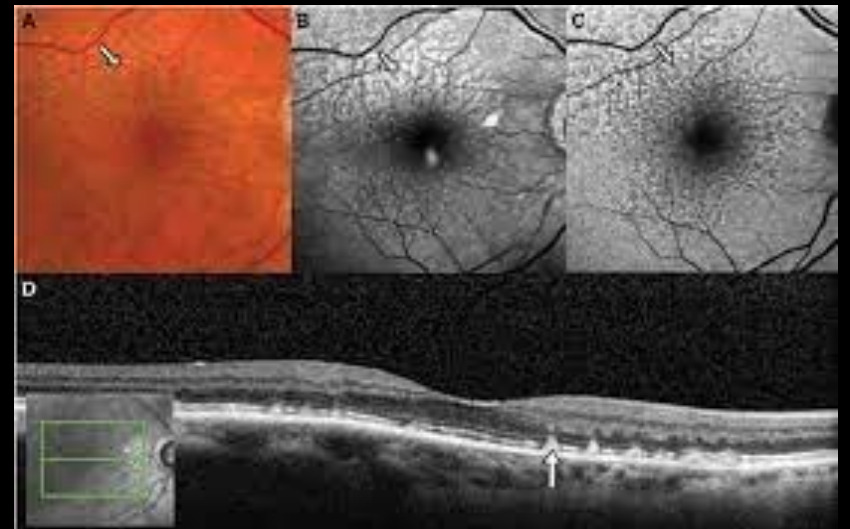
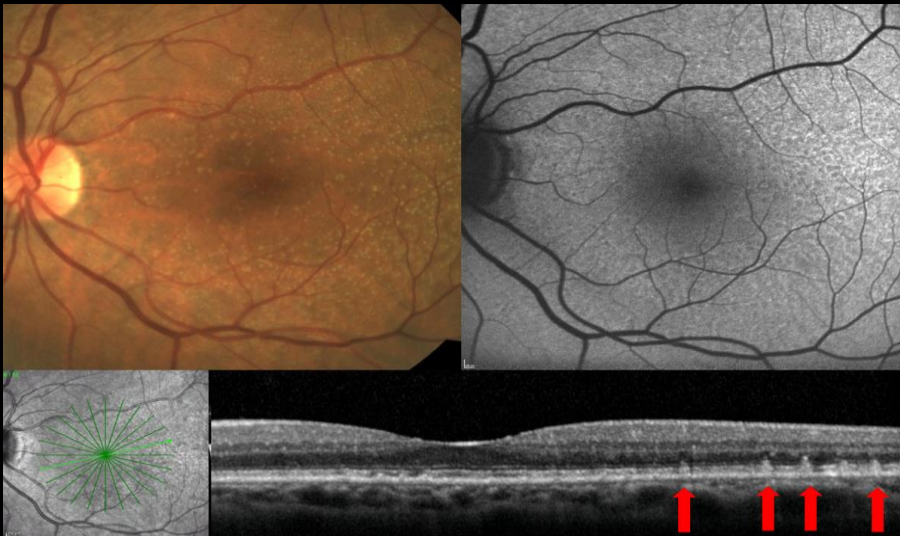
- RISK ASSESSMENT

- ONE EYE WITH LARGE DRUSEN
  - 6.3% RISK OF PROGRESSION TO  
ADVANCED AMD IN 5 YEARS
- BOTH EYES, MULTIPLE LARGE DRUSEN
  - 26% RISK OF PROGRESSION TO  
ADVANCED AMD IN 5 YEARS



# RETICULAR PSEUDODRUSEN

- APPEARANCE
  - SMALL HYPERREFLECTIVE DEPOSITS ON TOP OF RPE
  - CONE SHAPED
- ASSOCIATION
  - INCREASED RISK OF
    - CNVM
    - ADVANCED NONEXUDATIVE AMD (GEOGRAPHIC ATROPHY)
  - POSSIBLY POORER VISUAL FUNCTION



# ADVANCED NONEXUDATIVE AMD

- TYPES

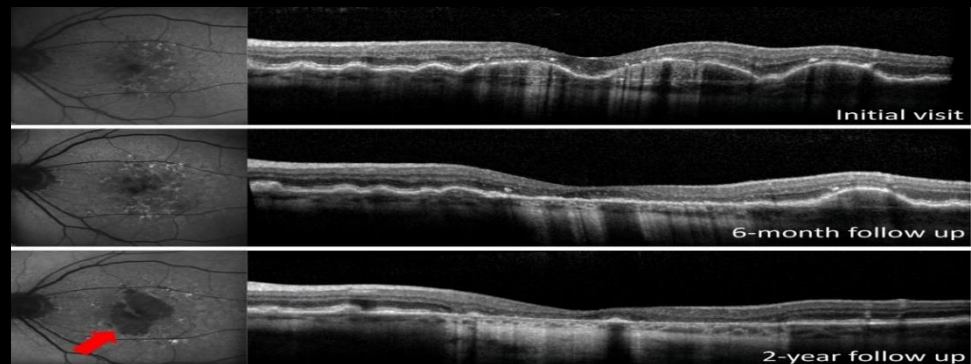
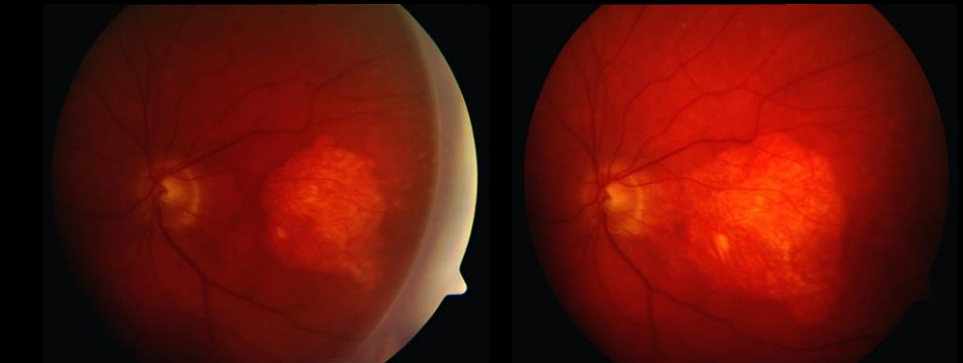
- ATROPHIC NONSUBFOVEAL
- ATROPHIC SUBFOVEAL
- BOTH ARE GEOGRAPHIC ATROPHY
  - BUT THERE'S NO CODE FOR THAT

- SIGNS

- WELL-DEMARCATED RPE AND / OR CHORIOCAPILLARIS ATROPHY
- DRUSEN AND RPE CHANGES POSSIBLE

- PROGRESSION

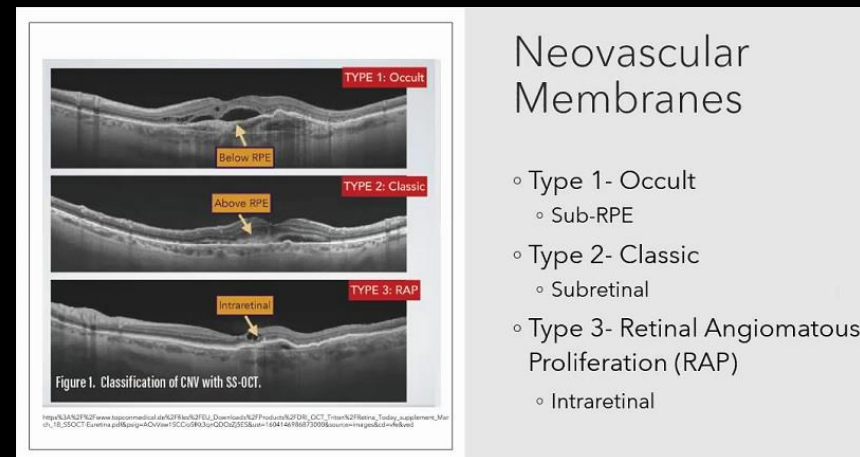
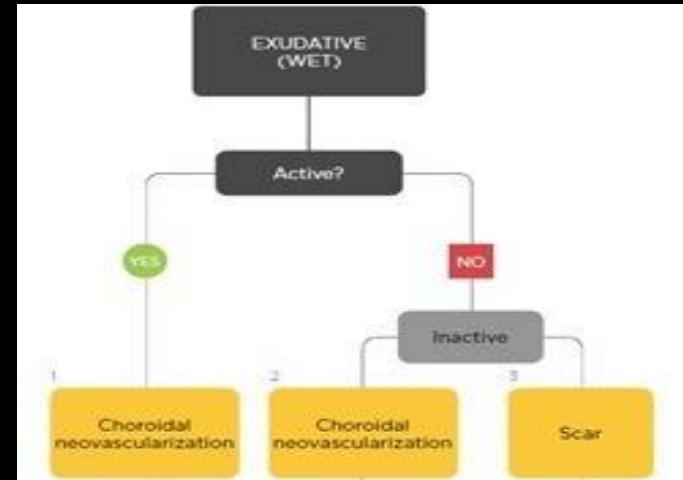
- 50% HAVE DOUBLING OF VISUAL ANGLE OVER 2 YEARS
- BEAVER DAM
  - 22% DEVELOPED ADVANCED IN OTHER EYE OVER 5 YEARS
- AREDS
  - 35-50% DEVELOPED ADVANCED IN OTHER EYE OVER 5 YEARS
- CNVM MAY STILL OCCUR



# EXUDATIVE AMD

## SUB-TYPES

- EXUDATIVE **ACTIVE**
  - NEW OR ACTIVELY BEING TREATED
  - CNVM TYPES
    - OCCULT (TYPE 1)
      - CNVM BELOW RPE
      - FIBROVASCULAR PED
      - LATE LEAKAGE OF UNDETERMINED SOURCE
    - CLASSIC (TYPE 2)
      - CNVM THROUGH / ABOVE RPE IN THE SUBRETINAL SPACE
      - TYPES:
        - » PREDOMINANTLY CLASSIC
        - » MINIMALLY CLASSIC
    - MIXED LESIONS
  - OTHER SUBTYPES / FEATURES
    - RETINAL PED
    - IDIOPATHIC POLYPOIDAL CHOROIDAL VASCULOPATHY (SUBTYPE 1)
    - RETINAL ANGIOMATOUS PROLIFERATION (RAP = TYPE 3), GROWS FROM RETINA TO SUBRETINA SPACE = POSTERIORLY
- EXUDATIVE **INACTIVE**
  - ESTABLISHED / NOT BEING TREATED
  - CNVM
    - STABLE
  - SCAR



# CNVM

- WHAT IS IT?
  - PATHOLOGIC ANGIOGENESIS ORIGINATING FROM THE CHOROIDAL VASCULATURE THAT EXTENDS THROUGH A DEFECT IN BRUCH'S MEMBRANE TO THE NEUROSENSORY RETINA
- WHAT CAUSES IT?
  - MULTIFACTORIAL
  - ALTERATIONS IN BRUCH'S MEMBRANE
  - MIGRATION OF MACROPHAGES
  - PRODUCTION OF VASCULAR ENDOTHELIUM GROWTH FACTOR (VEGF)
- CAUSES OF CNVM
  - AMD
  - MYOPIC DEGENERATION
  - POHS
  - ANGIOID STREAKS
  - CHOROIDAL RUPTURE
  - PRIOR RETINAL LASER
  - CHRONIC CSC
  - MAC TEL 2
  - WHITE DOT SYNDROMES
  - UVEITIS
  - CHOROIDAL TUMORS
  - ETC.
  - IDIOPATHIC



# EXUDATIVE AMD

## ACTIVE

- SIGNS

- **ACTIVE** CNVM

- SEROUS (**FLUID**) AND / OR HEMORRHAGIC (**BLOOD**) DETACHMENT OF
      - NEUROSENSORY RETINA
      - OR
      - RPE
    - RETINAL HARD **EXUDATES**

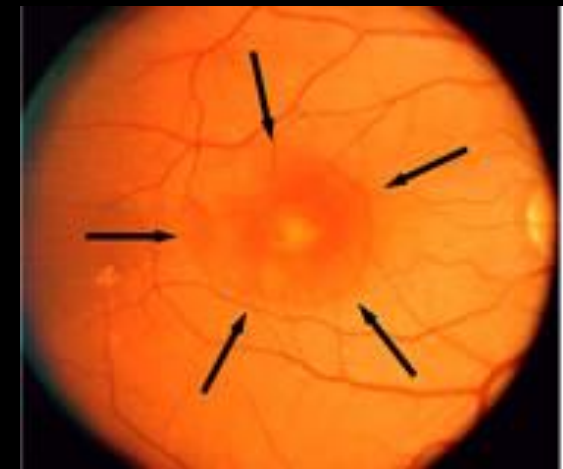
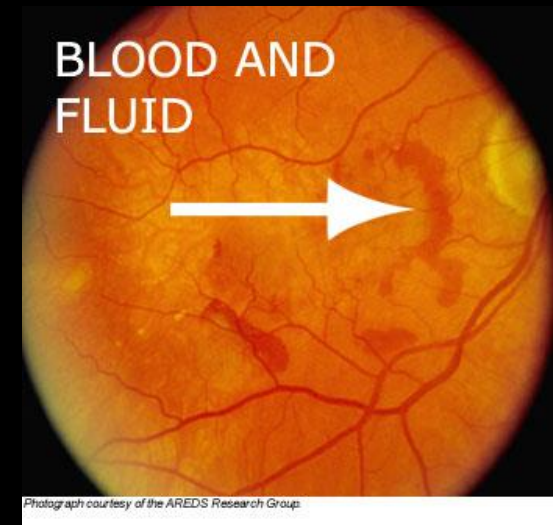
- SIGNS OF PROGRESSION

- CLINICALLY

- NEW HEMORRHAGE
    - NEW SUBRETINAL FLUID
    - NEW EXUDATE

- OCT

- INCREASED THICKENING / FLUID ON OCT MACULA CENTRAL SCAN OR CUTS



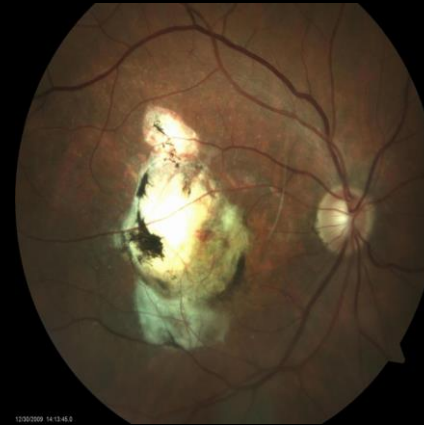
# EXUDATIVE AMD

## INACTIVE

- SIGNS

- **INACTIVE**

- H/O CNVM
      - MONITORED ONLY, NO CURRENT TX
    - SCAR
      - SUBRETINAL FIBROVASCULAR TISSUE
      - MORE FIBROUS WITHIN A FEW YRS
      - END RESULT OF CNVM
        - » CNVM WITHOUT TREATMENT
        - » CNVM WITH TREATMENT
      - MOST OFTEN LEGALLY BLIND IF OU



- SIGNS OF PROGRESSION

- CLINICALLY

- NEW / RECURRENT HEMORRHAGE (CNVM)
    - ENLARGEMENT OF SCAR

- FAF

- ENLARGEMENT OF HYPOAUTOFLUORESCENCE (BLACK AREAS)

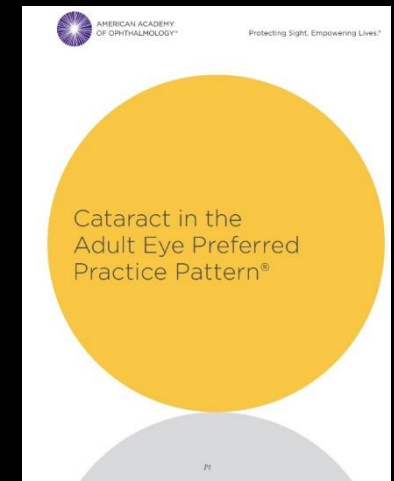


# NEED TO KNOW

- CLINICAL SIGNS
  - NONEXUDATIVE
  - EXUDATIVE
- TESTING REQUIRED
  - VA, AMSLER
  - OCT, FAF IMAGES, FA, OCTA
- STAGES OF AMD / FOLLOW-UP
  - NONEXUDATIVE
    - EARLY
      - YEARLY, PHOTOS / FAF / OCT?
    - INTERMEDIATE
      - 6 MOS, PHOTOS ? / FAF ? / OCT
    - ADVANCED
      - 6 MOS / YEARLY, PHOTOS / FAF / OCT
  - ALL STAGES, LOOK FOR / DOCUMENT
    - +/- HEME / SRF / EXUDATE
  - EXUDATIVE
    - ACTIVE – TO RETINA
    - INACTIVE – RETINA MONITORS THEN OD
    - SCAR – RETINA MAY RETURN TO OD
- PATIENT EDUCATION
  - REVIEWED AMD
  - NO / STOP SMOKING
  - INCREASE FRUIT / VEGETABLES
    - SPECIFICALLY GREEN LEAFY VEGETABLES
  - TAKE OTC MULTIVITAMIN
    - AREDS 2 VITAMIN
      - IF INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED / MONOCULAR)
  - HOME AMSLER QD, RTC STAT IF CHANGES
- TREATMENT
  - AREDS 2 VITAMINS / MINERALS
  - CURRENTLY
    - INTRAVITREAL INJECTIONS FOR CNVM
      - ANTI-VEGF
        - » AVASTIN, LUCENTIS, EYELEA, BEOVU, VABYSMO (UP TO 4 MOS)
      - STEROIDS
    - COMPLEMENT C3 INHIBITOR FOR GA
      - SYFOVRE
  - HISTORICALLY AND STILL USED PRN
    - FOCAL LASER
    - PDT

# CATARACT

“...a degradation of the optical quality of the crystalline lens that affects vision. Most cataract development is related to aging, and it can occur in one or both eyes.”



# CATARACT RISK FACTORS

TABLE 1 FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED RISK OF CATARACT DEVELOPMENT\*

Cataract Type	Associated Risk Factors
Cortical	Diabetes <sup>19, 20, 31, 32, 36-40</sup>
	Family history <sup>20, 41-45</sup>
	Hypertension <sup>19, 39, 46, 47</sup>
	Ionizing radiation (low and high dose) <sup>48</sup>
	Myopia (>1 D) <sup>32, 49, 50</sup>
	Obesity <sup>33, 34, 39</sup>
	Systemic corticosteroid use <sup>51</sup>
	Trauma <sup>52</sup>
	Ultraviolet-B light exposure <sup>21, 32, 41, 53, 54</sup>
Nuclear	Diabetes <sup>32, 39</sup>
	Family history <sup>41, 44, 55, 56</sup>
	Hypertension <sup>57, 58</sup>
	Myopia <sup>19, 20, 32, 59-62</sup>
	Obesity <sup>63</sup>
	Prior PPV <sup>29, 64, 65</sup>
	Smoking <sup>19, 32, 49, 66-72</sup>
	Tobacco (smokeless) <sup>73</sup>
	Ultraviolet-B light exposure <sup>54, 74</sup>
Posterior subcapsular	Diabetes <sup>19, 20, 31, 36, 39</sup>
	Hypertension <sup>19, 57, 75, 76</sup>
	Corticosteroids (inhaled orally) <sup>77</sup>
	Ionizing radiation (low and high dose) <sup>48, 78, 79</sup>
	Myopia <sup>19, 32, 59, 60, 62, 75</sup>

TABLE 1 FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED RISK OF CATARACT DEVELOPMENT\* (CONTINUED)

Cataract Type	Associated Risk Factors
Posterior subcapsular (continued)	Obesity <sup>33, 63</sup>
	Ocular trauma <sup>52</sup>
	Prior PPV <sup>29</sup>
	Retinitis pigmentosa <sup>80, 82</sup>
	Smoking <sup>71, 72</sup>
	Systemic corticosteroid use <sup>83</sup>
	Topical corticosteroid use <sup>64</sup>
Trauma <sup>52</sup>	
Mixed	Diabetes <sup>38, 39</sup>
	Hypertension <sup>19</sup>
	Inactivity <sup>85, 86</sup>
	Inhaled corticosteroid use <sup>87-90</sup>
	Intravitreal corticosteroids <sup>91, 92</sup>
	Ionizing radiation (low and high dose) <sup>78, 79, 93-96</sup>
	Lower education <sup>20, 31, 97, 98</sup>
	Ocular inflammatory disease <sup>99</sup>
	Prior PPV <sup>29</sup>
	Smoking <sup>72, 100, 101</sup>
Tobacco use (smoking and smokeless) <sup>73</sup>	
Trauma <sup>102</sup>	
Ultraviolet-B light exposure <sup>21</sup>	

# HOW TO CLASSIFY CATARACTS

Search for Diagnosis:

CATARACT

Select from one of the following items:

Term

- ▷ Age-related cataract, morgagnian type
- ▷ Age-related incipient cataract
- ▷ Age-related nuclear cataract
- ▷ Cataract extraction status
- ┆ Cataract in Diseases classified elsewhere
- ▷ Complicated cataract
- ┆ Congenital cataract
- ▷ Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with ophthalmic complications
- ▷ Disorders of the eye following cataract surgery
- ▷ Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with ophthalmic complications
- ▷ Drug-induced cataract
- ▷ Infantile and juvenile cataract
- ▷ Other age-related cataract
- ┆ Other specified Cataract
- ▷ Other specified diabetes mellitus with ophthalmic complications
- ▷ Secondary cataract
- ▷ Traumatic cataract
- ▷ Type 1 diabetes mellitus with ophthalmic complications
- ▷ Type 2 diabetes mellitus with ophthalmic complications
- ┆ Unspecified Age-Related Cataract
- ┆ Unspecified Cataract

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CATARACT

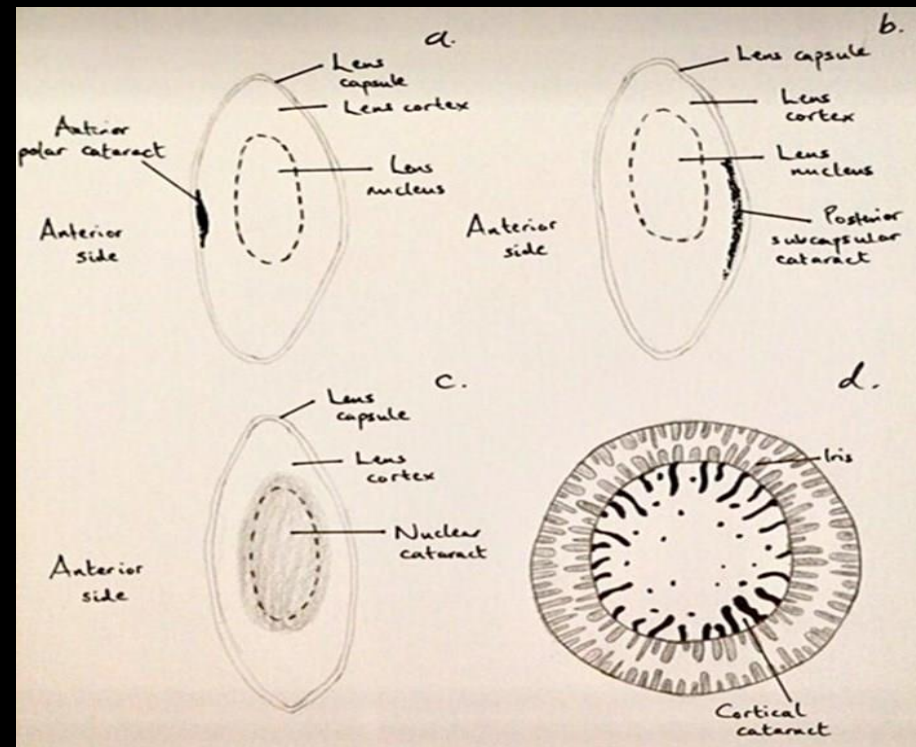
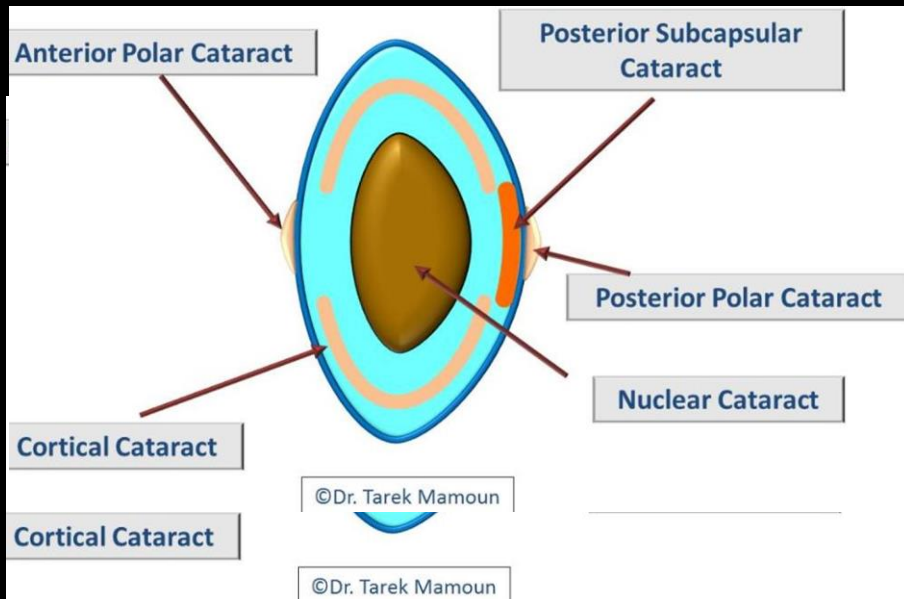
Select from one of the following items:

Term

- ▷ Age-related cataract, morgagnian type
- ▲ Age-related incipient cataract
  - ┆ Anterior Subcapsular Polar Age-Related Cataract, Bilateral
  - ┆ Anterior Subcapsular Polar Age-Related Cataract, left Eye
  - ┆ Anterior Subcapsular Polar Age-Related Cataract, right Eye
  - ┆ Anterior Subcapsular Polar Age-Related Cataract, unspecified Eye
  - ┆ Cortical Age-Related Cataract, Bilateral
  - ┆ Cortical Age-Related Cataract, left Eye
  - ┆ Cortical Age-Related Cataract, right Eye
  - ┆ Cortical Age-Related Cataract, unspecified Eye
  - ┆ Other Age-Related Incipient Cataract, Bilateral
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  - ┆ Other Age-Related Incipient Cataract, unspecified Eye
  - ┆ Posterior Subcapsular Polar Age-Related Cataract, Bilateral
  - ┆ Posterior Subcapsular Polar Age-Related Cataract, left Eye
  - ┆ Posterior Subcapsular Polar Age-Related Cataract, right Eye
  - ┆ Posterior Subcapsular Polar Age-Related Cataract, unspecified Eye
- ▷ Age-related nuclear cataract
- ▷ Cataract extraction status
- ┆ Cataract in Diseases classified elsewhere

# STEP 1

## DETERMINE LOCATION OF LENS OPACITY



Evaluate / document the lens from front to back.

As needed: 1-4 ACC / 1-4 NS / 1-4 PCC / +/- PSC central/diffuse

As needed: add if cortical or PSC into visual axis or not

# STEP 2

## GRADE THE CATARACT

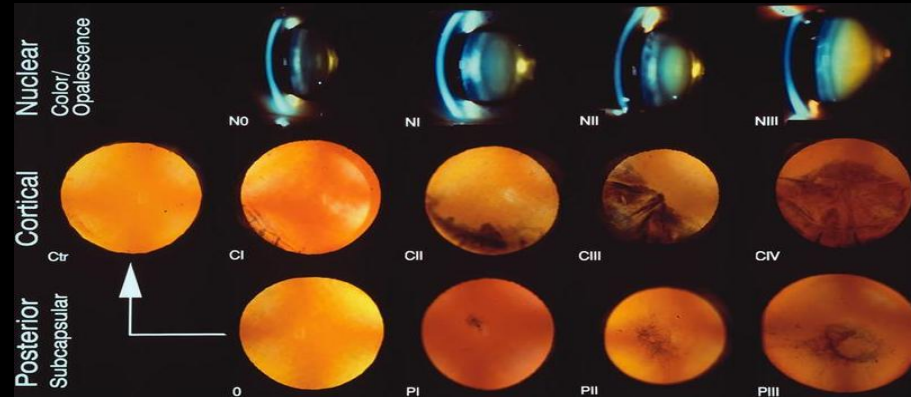
Grading the Three Common Types of Cataracts\*

Cataract Type	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
<b>Nuclear</b> Yellowing and sclerosis of the lens nucleus	Mild	Moderate	Pronounced	Severe
<b>Cortical</b> Measured as aggregate percentage of the intrapupillary space occupied by the opacity	Obscures 10% of intrapupillary space	Obscures 10%-50% of intrapupillary space	Obscures 50%-90% of intrapupillary space	Obscures more than 90% of intrapupillary space
<b>Posterior subcapsular</b> Measured as aggregate percentage of the posterior capsular area occupied by the opacity	Obscures 3% of the area of the posterior capsule	Obscures 30% of the area of the posterior capsule	Obscures 50% of the area of the posterior capsule	Obscures more than 50% of the area of the posterior capsule

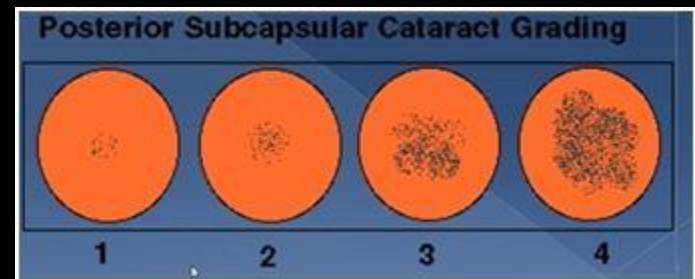
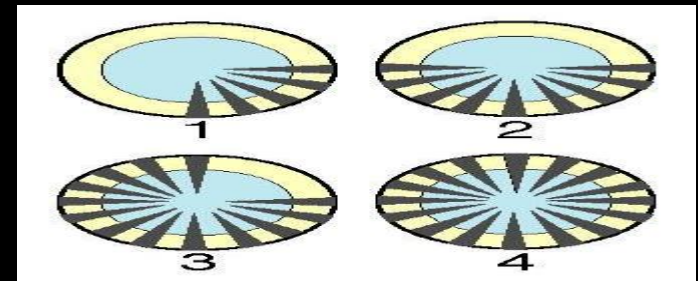
\* Designation of cataract severity that falls between grade levels can be made by addition of a + sign (e.g., 1+, 2+). Grading of cataracts is usually done when the pupil is dilated.

### AOA CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

- MY OPINION...
  - CORTICAL IS EASY = HOW MANY QUADS? TR-4, IN VISUAL AXIS?
  - NS = POOR AGREEMENT, VERY SUBJECTIVE, TR-4 (4 = NO VIEW)
  - PSC = IS IT REALLY THERE OR NOT? +FOCAL PSC OR DIFFUSE
- GRADE IS NOT FOR CODING
  - IS FOR CORRELATING WITH VISION, MONITORING FOR CHANGE, ETC.



The Lens Opacity Classification System II (LOCS II) photographic grading standards.





# NEED TO KNOW

- **CLINICAL SIGNS**
  - **STAGES OF CATARACTS**
    - **CORTICAL**
      - IS EASY
    - **NUCLEAR**
      - HARDER TO AGREE ON
      - DO NOT “OVER STAGE” THE LENS
    - **TRACE – 4**
      - ACC / NS / PCC / PSC
        - » RECORD FRONT TO BACK
  - **DOES APPEARANCE CORRESPOND TO VA OR IS IT SOMETHING ELSE?**
    - **IF NOT SURE**
      - EVALUATE SCAN MACULA / ONH
    - **CONSIDER LUBRICATION**
      - RTC TO REPEAT REFRACTION
    - **CONSIDER VF OR REFER FOR FA / OCTA**
- **TESTING**
  - VA / PINHOLE, REFRACTION
  - **WHEN TO USE**
    - BAT, BSCAN
- **FOLLOW-UP IF MONITORING**
  - 1 or 2 YRS IF 20/20 CATARACTS
  - 6 MOS IF VA IS DECREASING
- **IS PATIENT ELIGIBLE TO REFER?**
  - 20/40 AND IF ADLS IMPACTED
  - 20/30 COMPLAINING OF GLARE
  - **HAVE TO BE HEALTHY ENOUGH**
    - A1C < 9, HEART SURGERY > 6 M, CVA > 9 M
- **PATIENT EDUCATION**
  - **REVIEWED CATARACTS**
    - **BASICS OF SURGICAL PROCEDURE**
      - PHACO VS FEMTOSECOND LASER
    - **POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS**
      - INFECTION, INFLAMMATION, RD, ETC.
    - **IOL OPTIONS**
      - STANDARD / TORIC / MULTIFOCALS
    - **POST-OP FOLLOW-UP**
      - VA: 1 DAY, 1 MONTH, BACK TO OD
      - ANTIBIOTIC X 1 WEEK
      - STEROID X 1 MO W TAPER
      - KNOW WORRISOME SIGNS / SYMPTOMS
      - WHEN TO DO DFE (THAT DAY OR IF SYMPTOMS)

# DM RETINOPATHY

“...the most common early clinically visible manifestations of diabetic retinopathy include microaneurysm formation and intraretinal hemorrhages. Microvascular damage leads to retinal capillary nonperfusion, cotton wool spots, an increased number of hemorrhages, venous abnormalities, and intraretinal microvascular abnormalities (IRMA). During this stage, increased vasopermeability can result in retinal thickening (edema) and/or exudates that may lead to a loss in central visual acuity. The proliferative stage results in proliferation of new vessels on the disc, retina, and iris, and in the filtration angle. These new vessels then lead to traction retinal detachments and neovascular glaucoma, respectively.”



# RISK FACTORS

- **DURATION OF DIABETES** (ask how long your patient has been a diabetic!)
  - TYPE 1:
    - 25% AT 5 YRS, 60% AT 10YRS, 80% AT 15YRS HAVE RET
    - PDR IN 50% AT 20 YRS
  - TYPE 2:
    - 40% AT 5 YRS IF INSULIN (84% 19 YRS)
    - 24% AT 5 YRS IF NO INSULIN HAVE RET (53% 19 YRS)
    - PDR IN 2% AT 5 YRS, 25% AT 25 YRS
- **SEVERITY OF HYPERGLYCEMIA** (pull in last A1c or ask pt if done privately what last A1c was or at least last BS reading)
  - ONCE RETINOPATHY PRESENT, THIS IS THE MORE IMPORTANT RISK FACTOR
  - TARGET A1C IS 7% OR LOWER (SOME NEED < 6.5%)
  - INCREASED A1C ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED RISK OF DME
- **INCONCLUSIVE**
  - INTENSIVE MANAGEMENT OF HYPERTENSION
  - MANAGEMENT OF SERUM LIPID LEVELS
- **OTHERS WITH LESS AGREEMENT**
  - AGE
  - TYPE OF DIABETES
  - CLOTTING FACTORS
  - RENAL DISEASE
  - PHYSICAL INACTIVITY
  - INFLAMMATORY BIOMARKERS
  - USE OF ACE INHIBITORS
- **TO BE CONSIDERED**
  - METABOLIC SYNDROME
  - RAPID REDUCTION IN A1C ON OWN OR FROM NEWER MEDS (OZEMPIC, ETC.)

# DIABETIC CAUSES OF VISION LOSS

- MACULAR EDEMA
- BLEEDING
  - VITREOUS HEMORRHAGE
  - PRERETINAL HEMORRHAGE
- TRACTIONAL RETINAL DETACHMENT
- NEOVASCULAR GLAUCOMA
- BUT ALSO...
  - MACULAR ISCHEMIA
    - CAPILLARY NONPERFUSION CANNOT BE VISUALIZED
    - NEED IV FLUORESCEIN OR OCTA

# HOW TO CLASSIFY DM RETINOPATHY

## RETINA - DM / VASCULAR

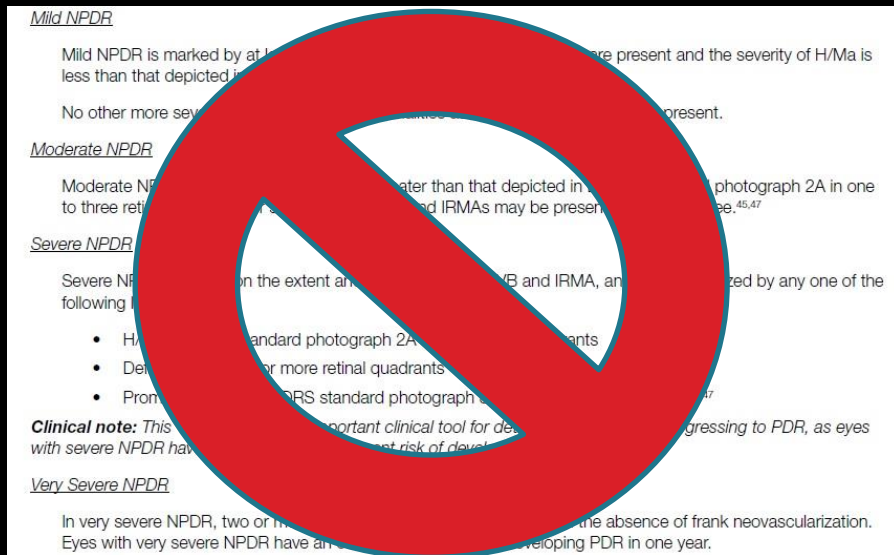
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# HOW TO CLASSIFY NPDR?

## AOA CPG 2019 vs AAO PPP 2019



**TABLE 1 DIABETIC RETINOPATHY DISEASE SEVERITY SCALE AND INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL DIABETIC RETINOPATHY DISEASE SEVERITY SCALE**

Disease Severity Level	Findings Observable upon Dilated Ophthalmoscopy
No apparent retinopathy	No abnormalities
Mild NPDR (see Glossary)	Microaneurysms only
Moderate NPDR (see Glossary)	More than just microaneurysms but less than severe NPDR
<b>Severe NPDR</b>	
U.S. definition	Any of the following (4-2-1 rule) and no signs of proliferative retinopathy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe intraretinal hemorrhages and microaneurysms in each of 4 quadrants</li> <li>• Definite venous beading in 2 or more quadrants</li> <li>• Moderate IRMA in 1 or more quadrants</li> </ul>
International definition	Any of the following and no signs of proliferative retinopathy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 20 intraretinal hemorrhages in each of 4 quadrants</li> <li>• Definite venous beading in 2 or more quadrants</li> <li>• Prominent IRMA in 1 or more quadrants</li> </ul>
PDR	One or both of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neovascularization</li> <li>• Vitreous/preretinal hemorrhage</li> </ul>

IRMA = intraretinal microvascular abnormalities; NPDR = nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy; PDR = proliferative diabetic retinopathy

NOTES:

- Any patient with two or more of the characteristics of severe NPDR is considered to have very severe NPDR.

ETDRS  
USED BY: AOA CPG, KANSKI, ETC.

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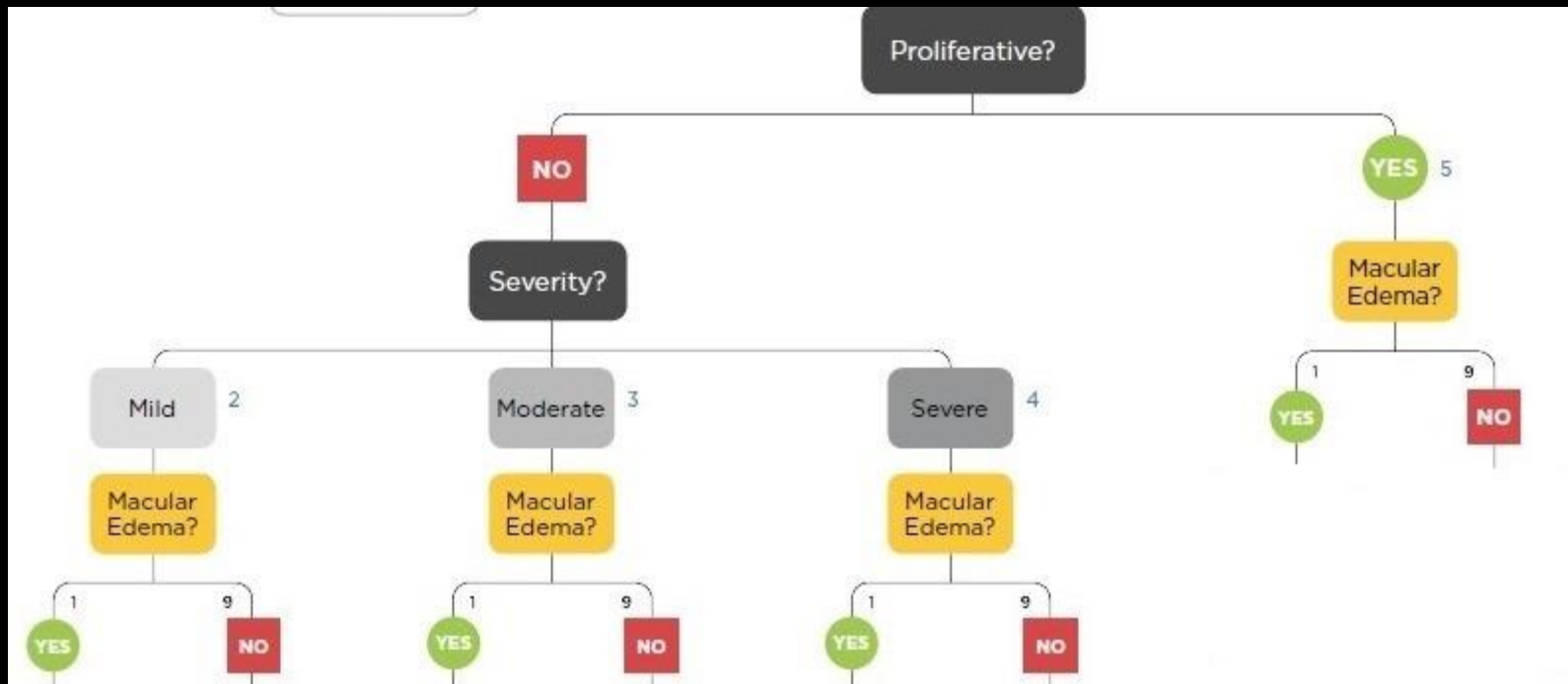
INTERNATIONAL SCALE  
USED BY: AAO PPP, WILLS EYE MANUAL, ETC.

# THERE ARE A FEW SLIGHT DIFFERENCES

Diabetic Retinopathy Grade	Simplified ETDRS Scale	International Scale
No apparent DR		No abnormalities
Mild NPDR	At least one MA but no H/IRMA or standard photo 2A	MA only
Moderate NPDR	More than one standard photo 2A but no 2B, 2C, 2D, 3, 4, or 5. DT or any critical area of severe NPDR	More than just MA but less than severe NPDR
Severe NPDR	Any of the following (4-2-1 rule): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe H in each quadrant</li> <li>IRMA in at least 2 quadrants</li> <li>MA <math>\geq</math> standard photo 2A in at least 1 quadrant</li> </ul>	Any of the following (4-2-1 rule) and no PDR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe H in each quadrant</li> <li>VB in 2 or more quadrants</li> <li>IRMA in 1 or more quadrants</li> </ul>

THEN...

NON-PROLIFERATIVE OR PROLIFERATIVE?





# MILD NPDR

- APPEARANCE

- ETDRS

- AT LEAST 1 MICROANEURYSM (<125  $\mu$ m)
      - HEMES < STANDARD PHOTO 2A
    - SMALL RETINAL HEMES (>125  $\mu$ m)
    - HARD EXUDATES

- OR

- INTERNATIONAL

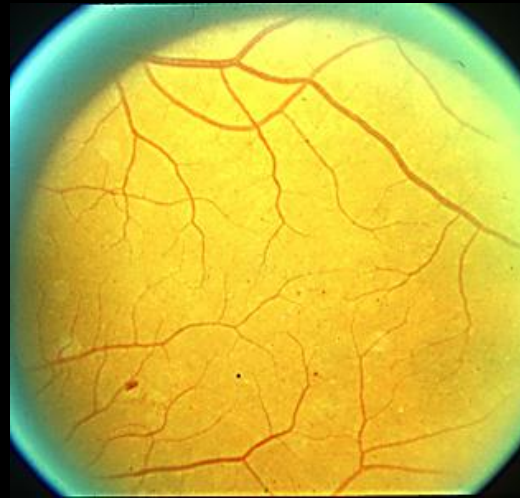
- MICROANEURYSMS ONLY
      - RED SPOTS < 125  $\mu$ m

- MACULAR EDEMA

- MAY OR MAY NOT BE PRESENT

- FOLLOW-UP

- < 2A = 1 YR
  - $\geq$  2A = 6 MOS
    - WOULD WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PATIENT
      - HOW ARE A1C / BP / CHOL DOING?
      - IS A1C GOING DOWN OR UP?
      - DO THEY TAKE THEIR MEDS, ETC.?
      - ON INSULIN VS OTHER?
        - » OZEMPIC < 1YR?



< STANDARD PHOTO 2A

MAs / Hemes < 125  $\mu$ m



STANDARD PHOTO 2A

MAs / Hemes  $\geq$  125  $\mu$ m

# MODERATE NPDR

- APPEARANCE

- ETDRS

- HEMES / MAS  $\geq$  PHOTO 2A
      - > 20 HEMORRHAGES
    - COTTON WOOL SPOTS
    - MILD VENOUS BEADING
    - MILD IRMA

OR

- INTERNATIONAL

- GREATER THAN MILD BUT LESS THAN SEVERE

- MACULAR EDEMA

- MAY OR MAY NOT BE PRESENT

- FOLLOW-UP

- 6 MONTHS



STANDARD PHOTO 2A



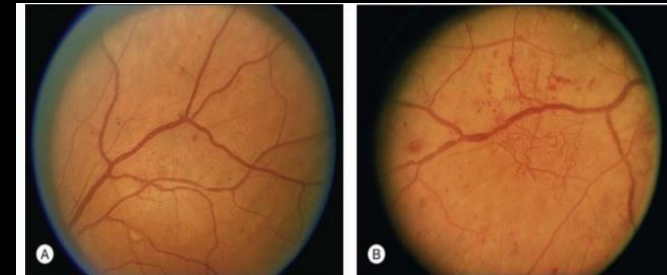
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Table 2. Risk of Progression to Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy (PDR)<sup>22</sup> and High-Risk PDR<sup>24</sup> in the Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study.

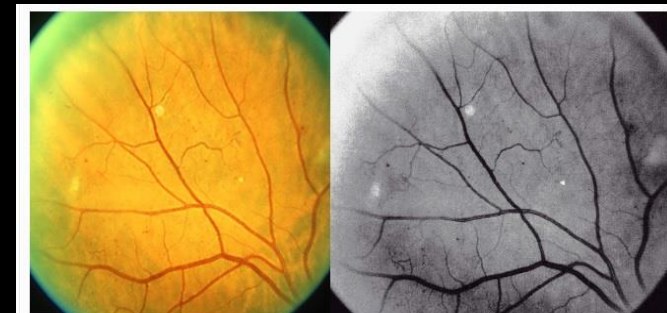
DRSS Level	1-y. Any PDR	5-y. Any PDR
→ (moderate NPDR)	12%	44%
47 (moderately severe NPDR)	26%	66%
53a to d (severe NPDR)	44% - 51%	75% - 81%
53e (very severe NPDR)	75%	90%
61 (mild PDR)	-	-
$\geq$ 65 (moderate PDR)	-	-

# INTERNATIONAL / ETDRS SEVERE NPDR

- APPEARANCE
  - 4 QUADS OF HEMES (vs > 2A)
    - > 20 HEMORRHAGES IN EACH QUADRANT
  - OR
  - 2 QUADS OF VENOUS BEADING (vs > 6A)
  - OR
  - 1 QUAD OF IRMA (vs > 8A)
- MACULAR EDEMA
  - MAY OR MAY NOT BE PRESENT
- FOLLOW-UP
  - RETINA CONSULT
    - CONSIDER ANTI-VEGF
      - PER PANORAMA / RISE / RIDE STUDIES
        - » REDUCES STAGE OF RETINOPATHY



Standard photographs 6A and 6B, less and more severe standards for venous beading. ETDRS extension of the Modified Airle House classification of diabetic retinopathy. (A) Less severe standard (6A). Two branches of the superior temporal venule show beading that is definite but not severe. (B) More severe standard (6B). Most large and small venule branches show severe beading. You should also note the presence of IRMA in both photos (discussed next).



Standard photo 8A showing the presence of Intraretinal microvascular abnormalities. Also note the cotton wool spots.

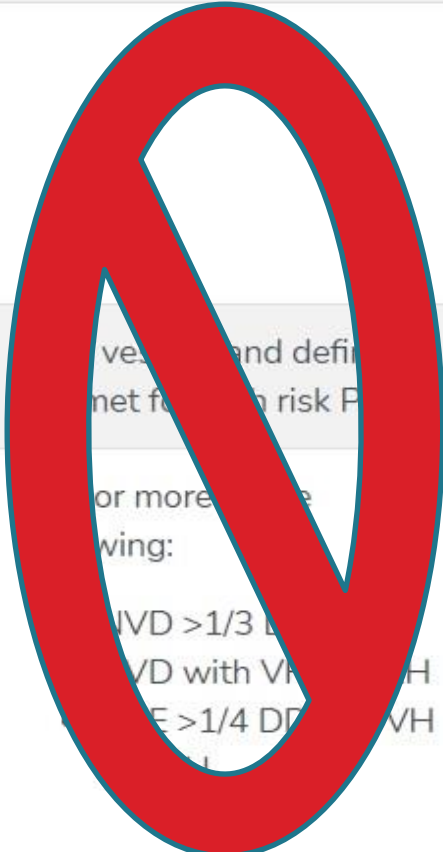
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53 (severe NPDR)	44% - 51%	75% - 81%
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61 (mild PDR)	-	-
≥ 65 (moderate PDR)	-	-

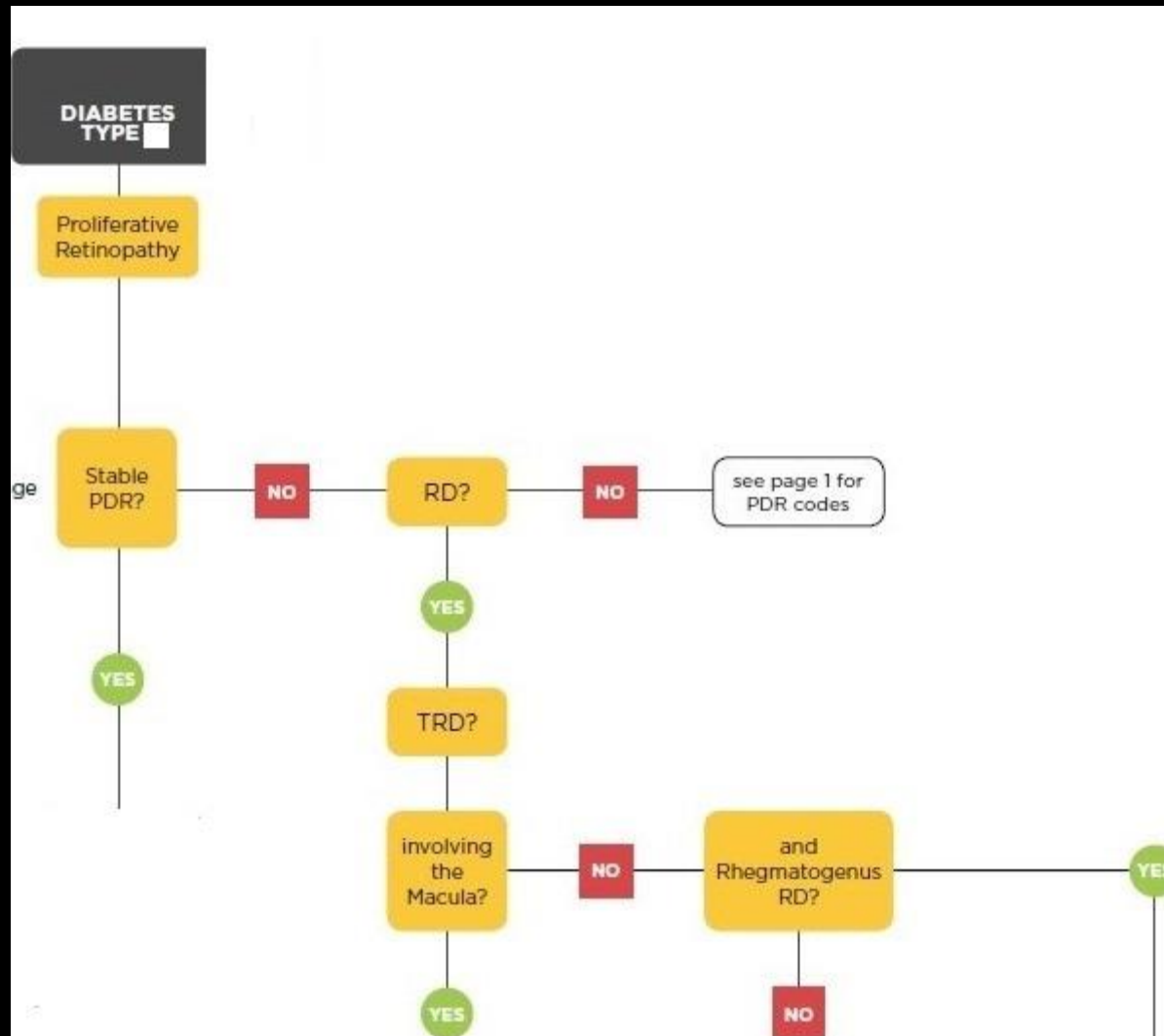
# HOW TO CLASSIFY PDR

## THERE ARE SLIGHT DIFFERENCES

Diabetic Retinopathy Grade	Simplified ETDRS Scale	International Scale
PDR		One or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neovascularization</li><li>• VH or PRH</li></ul>
Early PDR	vesicles and definite microaneurysms net for high risk PDR	
High risk PDR	or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IVD &gt;1/3 DR</li><li>• IVD with VH or PRH</li><li>• IVD &gt;1/4 DR with VH</li></ul>	

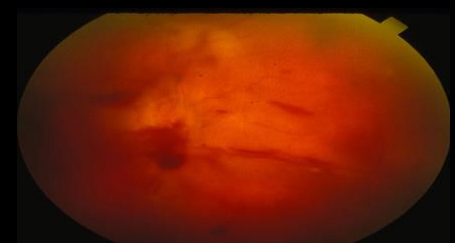
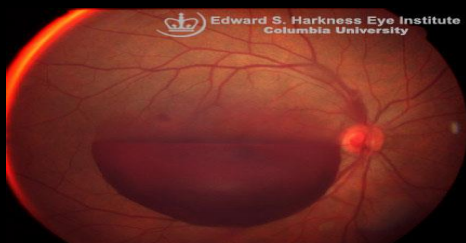
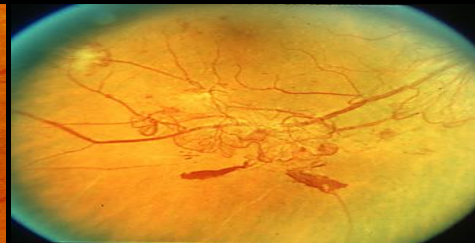
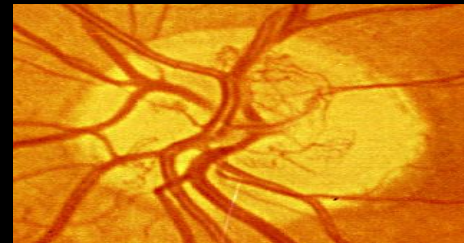


# PROLIFERATIVE RETINOPATHY



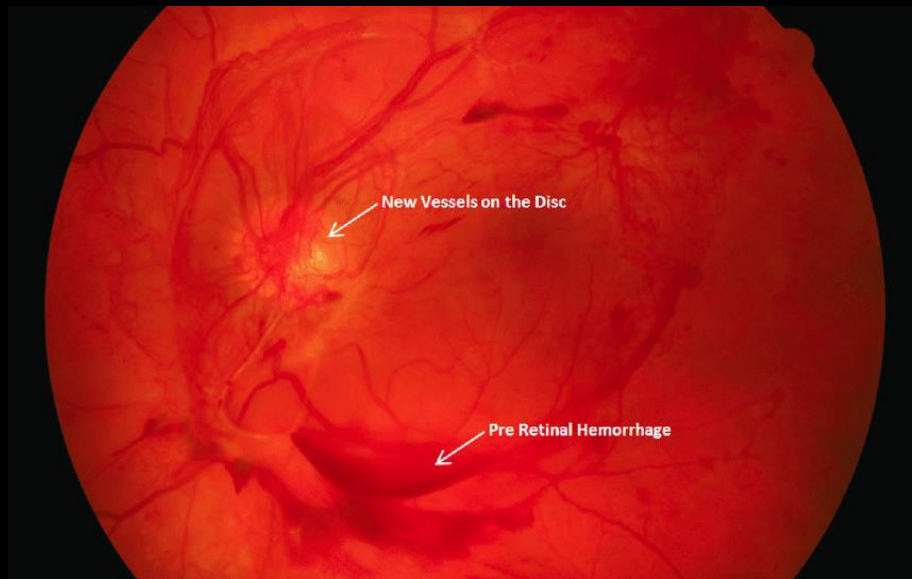
# PROLIFERATIVE DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

- SIGNS
  - NVD, NVE, NVI, NVA
  - PRE-RETINAL HEME
  - VITREOUS HEME
  - TRACTIONAL RD
- LOOK FOR
  - MACULAR EDEMA



# HIGH RISK PDR

- NOT FOR CODING
  - BUT USED FOR RISK OF VISION LOSS / URGENCY OF REFERRAL
- APPEARANCE
  - NVD (W/I 1DD) > PHOTO 10A (1/4 TO 1/3DD)
  - NVD (W/I 1DD) IF FRESH VIT HEME OR PRE-RETINAL HEME
  - NVE > PHOTO 7 IF FRESH VIT HEME OR PRE-RETINAL HEME

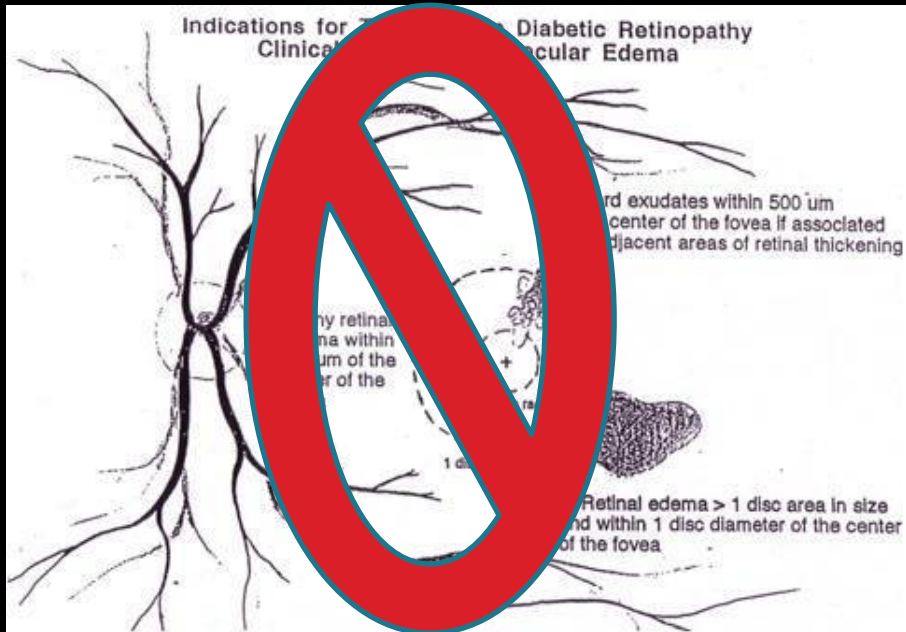


# HOW TO CLASSIFY DIABETIC MACULAR EDEMA

Diabetic Macular Edema Grade	ETDRS Scale	International Scale
No DME		No retinal thickening or hard exudates in the macula
Noncentral-involved DME		Retinal thickening in the macula that does not involve the central 1mm
Central-involved DME		Retinal thickening in the macula involving the central 1mm
CSME	<p>the outer part of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Retinal thickening with a minimum of 500 μm of central macular thickness</li><li>• HE with a minimum of 100 μm of the central macula in the zone of thickening adjacent to the center of the macula</li></ul> <p>A zone or zone of retinal thickening is defined as a disc area in which the thickest part of the macula is within one disc diameter of the center of the macula.</p>	



# TIMES HAVE CHANGED



## Classification

ICO guidelines for diabetic eyes care 2017

Diabetic Macular Edema	Findings Observable on Dilated Ophthalmoscopy*
No DME	No retinal thickening or hard exudates in the macula
Noncentral-involved DME	Retinal thickening in the macula that does not involve the central subfield zone that is 1mm in diameter
Central-involved DME	Retinal thickening in the macula that does involve the central subfield zone that is 1mm in diameter

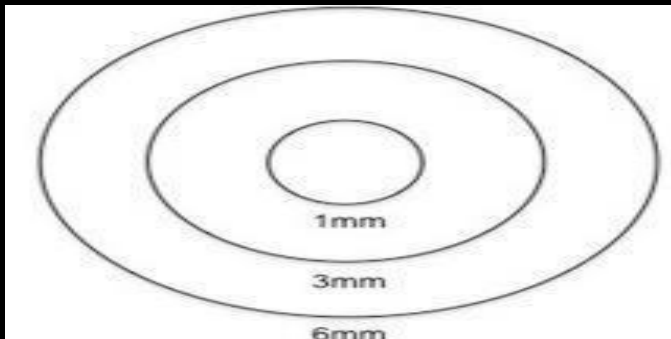
\*Hard exudates are a sign of current or previous macular edema. DME is defined as retinal thickening, and this requires a three-dimensional assessment that is best performed by a dilated examination using slit-lamp biomicroscopy and/or stereo fundus photography.

**LATEST**

DME

# DIABETIC MACULAR EDEMA

- PER THE AAO PPP 2019
  - Because the risk of visual loss is greatest if macular edema is at the center of the macula DME is now subdivided as either
    - center involved (CI-DME)
    - OR
    - noncenter-involved (NCI-DME)
  - OCT is the best way to detect and quantitate CI-DME and recent clinical trials have required CI-DME as inclusion criteria.



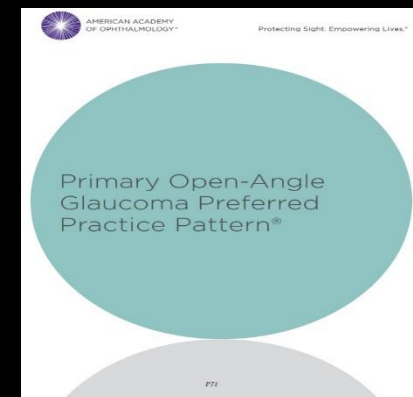
- USING THE OCT
  - IS THERE DME?
    - NO
      - MEANS NO RETINAL THICKENING OR EXUDATES IN THE MACULA
    - YES, IS IT...
      - CENTER INVOLVED
        - » THICKENING IN THE MACULA THAT INVOLVES CENTRAL SUBFIELD ZONE = 1 mm
      - OR
      - NON-CENTER INVOLVED
        - » THICKENING IN THE MACULA THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE THE CENTRAL SUBFIELD ZONE = 1 mm
  - RECORD THE CST
    - = CENTRAL SUBFIELD THICKNESS
    - MONITOR FOR CHANGE
    - REFER IF VA < 20/20 OR EDEMA WORSENS

# NEED TO KNOW

- CLINICAL SIGNS OF DM RET
- TESTING REQUIRED
  - LABS FOR DIAGNOSIS, MONITORING
  - ROLE OF: PHOTOS, OCT, FA
- STAGES / FOLLOW-UP
  - NONPROLIFERATIVE
    - MILD 1 YR
    - MODERATE 6 MOS OR YEARLY?
    - SEVERE SEND TO RETINA
      - MAY / SHOULD GET ANTI-VEGF
        - » PANORAMA STUDY
  - PROLIFERATIVE
    - TO RETINA
    - BACK TO OD YEARLY OR AS NEEDED DUE TO OTHER CONDITIONS
  - IF OZEMPIC (VA)
    - NO RET, RTC 6 MOS
    - MILD WITHOUT DME, RTC 3-4 MOS
      - IF STABLE X 2 VISITS, RTC 6 MOS
    - MODERATE / SEVERE, RTC 3 MOS
    - SEVERE, RETINA
    - PDR RETINA
- PATIENT EDUCATION
  - REVIEWED DM RET OR NOT
  - KEEP BP/BS/CHOL ALL CONTROLLED DUE TO RISK OF VISION LOSS IF NOT
- MONITOR VS TREATMENT
  - NON-CI DME (> 1 mm FROM FOVEA)
    - MONITOR 3-4 MOS
      - RETINA IF SEVERE NPDR OR PDR
  - CI-DME (WITHIN 1 mm OF FOVEA)
    - OPTOM TO RX NSAID QID
      - RTC 2 MOS, REPEAT OCT (UNDILATED ?)
    - IF NO IMPROVEMENT / WORSENING
      - E-CONSULT / SEND TO RETINA FOR
        - » INTRAVITREAL INJECTIONS
          - » ANTI-VEGF
            - » AVASTIN, LUCENTIS, EYELEA, BEOVU, VABYSMO
          - » OTHER OPTIONS
            - » STEROID, FOCAL LASER
  - PDR
    - SEND TO / E-CONSULT / CC RETINA FOR
      - PRP (SCATTER, ETC.)
      - ANTI-VEGF
      - VITRECTOMY

# PRIMARY OPEN-ANGLE GLAUCOMA

“...a chronic, progressive optic neuropathy in adults in which there is a characteristic acquired atrophy of the optic nerve and loss of retinal ganglion cells and their axons. This condition is associated with an open anterior chamber angle by gonioscopy.”

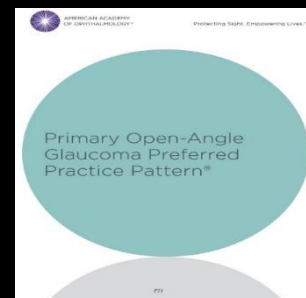


# RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH OPEN-ANGLE GLAUCOMA

- IN NUMEROUS STUDIES
  - ELEVATED IOP
  - OLDER AGE
  - FAMILY HISTORY OF GLAUCOMA
  - AFRICAN RACE OR LATINO / HISPANIC ETHNICITY
  - THIN CENTRAL CORNEA
  - LOW OCULAR PERFUSION PRESSURE
  - TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS
  - MYOPIA
  - LOWER SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE
  - **HYPOTHYROIDISM\***
  - **MALE\***
  - ---
  - DISC HEMORRHAGE
  - LARGER CUP-TO-DISC RATIO
  - HIGHER PSD ON THRESHOLD VF
- OTHER FACTORS
  - MIGRAINES
  - SLEEP APNEA\*
  - PERIPHERAL VASOSPASM
  - CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
  - LOW CORNEAL HYSTERESIS\*
  - SYSTEMIC HTN
  - TRANSLAMINAR PRESSURE GRADIENT
  - GENETIC FACTORS

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*Preferred Practice Pattern*

\* = *NEW AS OF 2020*



# HOW TO CLASSIFY GLAUCOMA

## GLAUCOMA - OPEN ANGLE

- Ocular Hypertension, Right Eye
- Ocular Hypertension, Left Eye
- Ocular Hypertension, Bilateral
- Glaucoma Suspect, Low Risk, Bilateral
- Glaucoma Suspect, High Risk, Bilateral
- Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma, Mild Stage, Right Eye
- Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma, Mild Stage, Left Eye
- Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma, Mild Stage, Bilateral
- Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma, Mod Stage, Right Eye
- Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma, Mod Stage, Left Eye
- Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma, Mod Stage, Bilateral
- Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma, Sev Stage, Right Eye
- Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma, Sev Stage, Left Eye
- Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma, Indeterminate, Right Eye
- Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma, Indeterminate, Left Eye
- Low-Tension Glaucoma, Mild, Right Eye
- Low-Tension Glaucoma, Moderate, Right Eye
- Low-Tension Glaucoma, Severe, Right Eye
- Low-Tension Glaucoma, Mild, Left Eye
- Low-Tension Glaucoma, Moderate, Left Eye
- Low-Tension Glaucoma, Severe, Left Eye
- Low-Tension Glaucoma, Mild, Bilateral
- Low-Tension Glaucoma, Mod, Bilateral
- Low-Tension Glaucoma, Severe, Bilateral
- Open Angle w/ Borderline Findings, Low Risk, Right Eye
- Open Angle w/ Borderline Findings, Low Risk, Left Eye
- Open Angle w/ Borderline Findings, High Risk, Right Eye
- Open Angle w/ Borderline Findings, High Risk, Left Eye

## GLAUCOMA - SECONDARY

- Pigmentary Glaucoma, Mild, Right Eye
- Pigmentary Glaucoma, Moderate, Right Eye
- Pigmentary Glaucoma, Severe, Right Eye
- Pigmentary Glaucoma, Mild, Left Eye
- Pigmentary Glaucoma, Moderate, Left Eye
- Pigmentary Glaucoma, Severe, Left Eye
- Pigmentary Glaucoma, Mild, Bilateral
- Pigmentary Glaucoma, Moderate, Bilateral
- Pigmentary Glaucoma, Severe, Bilateral
- Pseudoexfoliative Glaucoma, Mild, Right Eye
- Pseudoexfoliative Glaucoma, Moderate, Right Eye
- Pseudoexfoliative Glaucoma, Severe, Right Eye
- Pseudoexfoliative Glaucoma, Mild, Left Eye
- Pseudoexfoliative Glaucoma, Moderate, Left Eye
- Pseudoexfoliative Glaucoma, Severe, Left Eye
- Pseudoexfoliative Glaucoma, Mild, Bilateral
- Pseudoexfoliative Glaucoma, Moderate, Bilateral
- Pseudoexfoliative Glaucoma, Severe, Bilateral
- Steroid Responsive Glaucoma, Right Eye
- Steroid Responsive Glaucoma, Left Eye
- Steroid Responsive Glaucoma, Bilateral
- Glaucoma d/t Trauma, Mild, Right Eye
- Glaucoma d/t Trauma, Mild, Left Eye
- Glaucoma d/t Trauma, Mild, Bilateral
- Glaucoma d/t Trauma, Severe, Right Eye
- Glaucoma d/t Trauma, Severe, Left Eye
- Glaucoma d/t Trauma, Severe, Bilateral
- Glaucoma d/t Uveitis, Mild, Right Eye
- Glaucoma d/t Uveitis, Mild, Left Eye

## GLAUCOMA - CLOSED ANGLE

- Anatomical Narrow Angle, Right Eye
- Anatomical Narrow Angle, Left Eye
- Anatomical Narrow Angle, Bilateral
- Primary Angle Closure w/o Damage, Right Eye
- Primary Angle Closure w/o Damage, Left Eye
- Primary Angle Closure w/o Damage, Bilateral
- Angle-Closure Glaucoma, Primary, Mild Stage
- Angle-Closure Glaucoma, Primary, Moderate Stage
- Angle-Closure Glaucoma, Primary, Severe Stage
- Angle-Closure Glaucoma, Chronic, Mild, Right Eye
- Angle-Closure Glaucoma, Chronic, Mild, Left Eye
- Angle-Closure Glaucoma, Chronic, Mild, Bilateral
- Angle-Closure Glaucoma, Chronic, Severe, Right Eye
- Angle-Closure Glaucoma, Chronic, Severe, Left Eye
- Angle-Closure Glaucoma, Chronic, Severe, Bilateral
- Aqueous Misdirection, Right Eye
- Aqueous Misdirection, Left Eye
- Family Hx of Glaucoma

# HOW TO CLASSIFY GLAUCOMA?

## WHAT TYPE OF GLAUCOMA IS IT?

- PRIMARY OPEN-ANGLE

- A CHRONIC, PROGRESSIVE OPTIC NEUROPATHY IN ADULTS IN WHICH THERE IS CHARACTERISTIC ACQUIRED ATROPHY OF OPTIC NERVE AND LOSS OF RETINAL GANGLION CELLS AND THEIR AXONS.
- THIS CONDITION IS ASSOCIATED WITH AN OPEN ANTERIOR CHAMBER ANGLE BY GONIOSCOPY.

- SECONDARY DEFINITION

- THE PRESENCE OF ELEVATED IOP AND / OR GLAUCOMATOUS DAMAGE AS THE RESULT OF A SPECIFIC CAUSATIVE ETIOLOGY

## SECONDARY GLAUCOMA

- SECONDARY OPEN-ANGLE

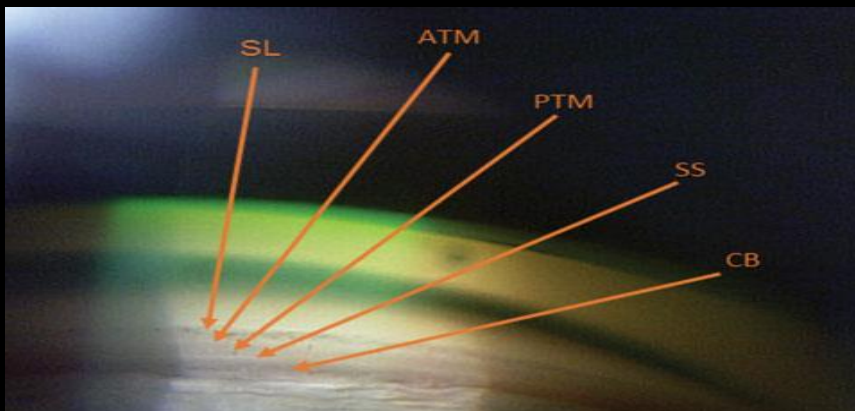
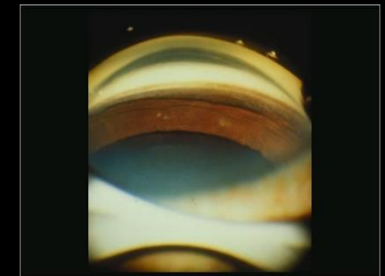
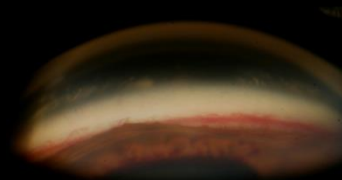
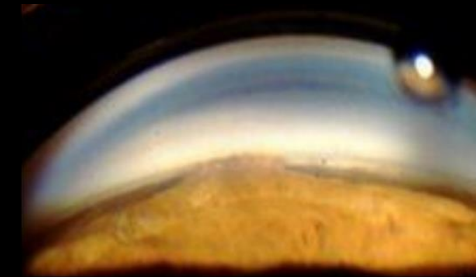
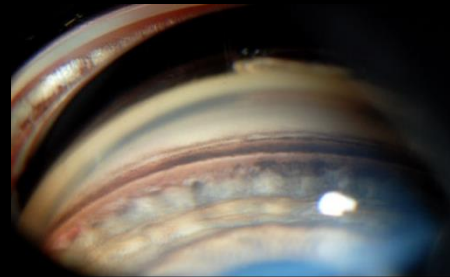
- PSEUDOEXFOLIATION
- PIGMENTARY
- UVEITIC
- STEROID INDUCED
- GLAUCOMATOCYCLITIC CRISIS
- FUCH'S HETEROCHROMIC IRIDOCYCLITIS
- LENS INDUCED
- TRAUMATIC
- ANGLE RECESSION
- GLAUCOMA WITH HYPHEMA
- GLAUCOMA WITH INTRAOCULAR HEMORRHAGE

- SECONDARY NARROW / CLOSED-ANGLE

- PUPILLARY BLOCK
  - PHACOMORPHIC
  - APHAKIC
  - UVEITIC
- NEOVASCULAR GLAUCOMA
- IRIDOCORNEAL ENDOTHELIAL SYNDROME
- INFLAMMATORY
- FORWARD DISPLACEMENT OF CILIARY BODY
  - CILIARY BLOCK
  - IRIS / CILIARY BODY CYSTS
  - INTRAOCULAR TUMOR
  - CILICHOVIDAL EFFUSION

# GONIOSCOPY

- SEVERAL GRADING SYSTEMS CAN BE USED
  - SHAFFER, SPAETH, SCHEIE (1957)
- 4-MIRROR IS PREFERRED
  - LESS INVASIVE, CAN COMPRESS
- WHAT TO LOOK FOR
  - MENTALLY NOTE
    - OPEN, SUSPICIOUSLY NARROW
    - ASYMMETRIC DIFFERENCES
  - SIMPLE METHOD...RECORD THE DEPTH
    - **MOST POSTERIOR STRUCTURE** VISUALIZED IN ALL QUADRANTS OD AND OS
    - IF NARROW, DOES ANGLE OPEN WITH COMPRESSION?
  - RECORD PRESENCE / ABSENCE OF
    - PIGMENT, PAS, RECESSION, NV





# CODING WITH UPDATED TERMINOLOGY

- GLAUCOMA SUSPECT

- “SOMEONE WHO, FOR ONE OR MORE REASONS, IS AT HIGHER THAN USUAL RISK OF DEVELOPING GLAUCOMATOUS OPTIC NERVE DAMAGE AND VISUAL DEFICIENCY AND THEREFORE WARRANTS CAREFUL FOLLOW-UP.”

- CLINICAL DECISIONS IN GLAUCOMA, 2<sup>ND</sup> ED

- “AN INDIVIDUAL WITH **CLINICAL FINDINGS** AND / OR A CONSTELLATION OF **RISK FACTORS** THAT INDICATE AN INCREASED LIKELIHOOD OF DEVELOPING PRIMARY OPEN-ANGLE GLAUCOMA.”

- AAO PPP

- PRE-GLAUCOMA

- a term used for patients with ocular hypertension (persons with elevated intraocular pressure but no detectable disc or visual field damage), and patients with large cup/disc ratios and normal visual fields who may or may not have early normal-tension glaucoma.

- IF GONIO HAS BEEN DONE...

- OPEN-ANGLE WITH BORDERLINE FINDINGS, LOW RISK ( $\leq 2$  RISK FACTORS)
- OPEN-ANGLE WITH BORDERLINE FINDINGS, HIGH RISK ( $\geq 3$  RISK FACTORS)

# HOW TO CLASSIFY OAG SUSPECTS (after gonio)

LOW ( $\leq 2$ ) OR HIGH RISK ( $\geq 3$ )

## Risk Factors for OAG Suspect Codes

- African American or Hispanic race
- Family history of glaucoma in 1st degree relative
- Thin central corneal thickness
- High IOP
- Pseudoexfoliation or pigment dispersion syndrome

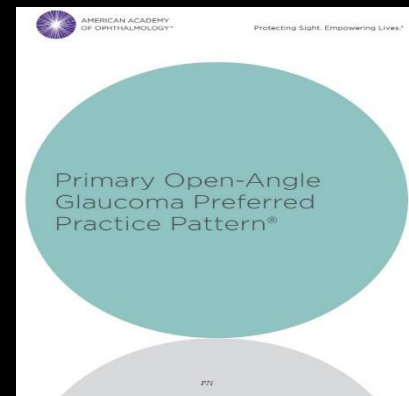
$\geq 3$  risk factors = high risk

$\leq 2$  risk factors = low risk

- CONSIDER THESE RISK FACTORS
  - HIGHER IOP
  - FAMILY HISTORY OF GLAUCOMA
  - AFRICAN RACE OR LATINO / HISPANIC
  - THINNER CENTRAL CORNEA
  - PSEUDOEXFOLIATION
  - PIGMENT DISPERSION
- JUST A GUIDE, IT IS NOT PERFECT
  - ARE SOME RISK FACTORS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHERS?
  - WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE OTHER RISK FACTORS?

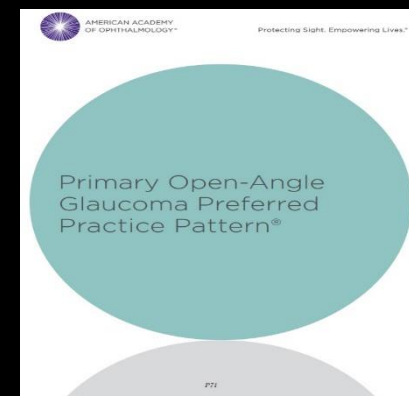
# CLINICAL FINDINGS CHARACTERISTIC OF POAG

- OPTIC DISC STRUCTURAL ABNORMALITIES
- RETINAL NERVE FIBER LAYER STRUCTURAL ABNORMALITIES
- RELIABLE AND REPRODUCIBLE VISUAL FIELD ABNORMALITY



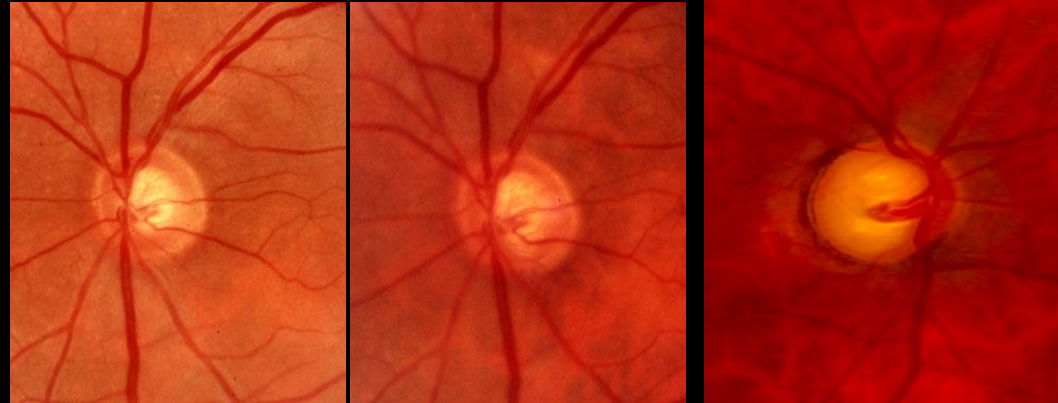
# OPTIC DISC STRUCTURAL ABNORMALITIES

- DISC RIM CHANGES AT SUPERIOR OR INFERIOR POLES
  - DIFFUSE THINNING OF RIM
  - FOCAL NARROWING OF RIM
  - NOTCHING OF RIM
- PROGRESSIVE NEURORETINAL RIM NARROWING / INCREASED CUPPING
- HEMORRHAGES AT DISC RIM, PERIPAPILLARY RNFL, LAMINA
- OPTIC DISC NEURAL RIM ASYMMETRY OF THE TWO EYES
  - CONSISTENT WITH LOSS OF NEURAL TISSUE
- LARGE EXTENT OF PARAPAPILLARY ATROPHY



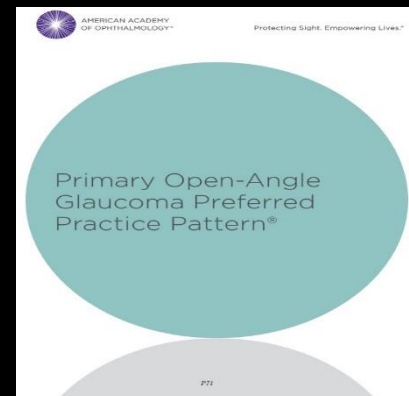
# CLINICAL OPTIC NERVE EVALUATION FOR SUSPECTING GLAUCOMA

- GLAUCOMATOUS ONH SIGNS
  - VERTICAL ELONGATION
  - DIFFUSE RIM LOSS
  - RIM NOTCH
  - PARAPAPILLARY ATROPHY
  - DISC HEMORRHAGES
  - PROGRESSIVE CHANGE
  - EXCAVATION OF THE CUP
  - C/D ASYMMETRY  $> 0.2$
  - ACQUIRED ONH PIT
  - NERVE FIBER LAYER DEFECTS
  - NASALIZATION OF CUP
  - BARING OF THE CIRCUMLINEAR VESSEL
  - ABSENCE OF NEURORETINAL RIM PALLOR



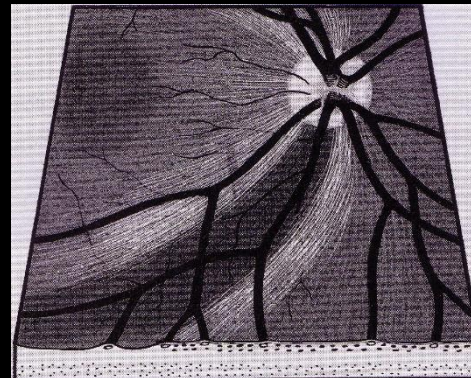
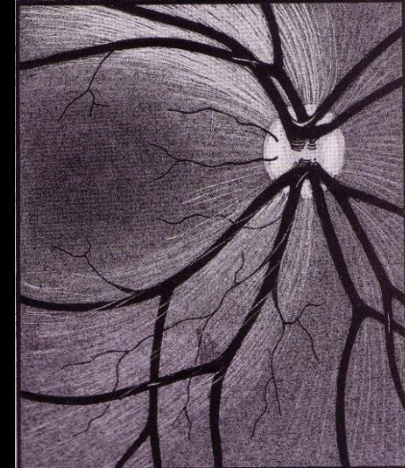
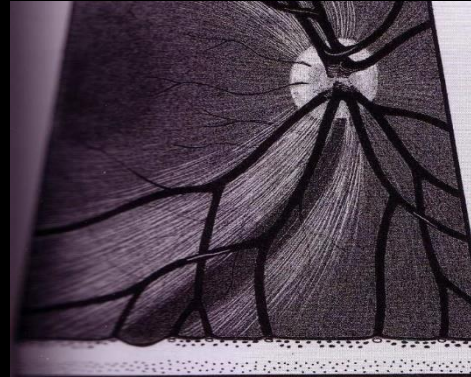
# RETINAL NERVE FIBER LAYER STRUCTURAL ABNORMALITIES

- ABNORMALITIES OF PARAPAPILLARY RNFL
  - DIFFUSE OR LOCALIZED
  - ESPECIALLY AT SUPERIOR / INFERIOR POLES



# CLINICAL RNFL EVALUATION FOR SUSPECTING GLAUCOMA

- RNFL SLIT DEFECT
  - EVIDENCE OF FOCAL DAMAGE
  - LARGER THAN ARTERIOLE WIDTH
  - TRAVELS ALL THE WAY TO ONH
- RNFL WEDGE DEFECT
  - EASIEST TO IDENTIFY LEAST COMMON
  - EXPANDING LOSS OF GANGLION CELLS
  - ASSOCIATED NOTCH, VF DEFECT, AFTER DISC HEME
- DIFFUSE RNFL LOSS
  - MOST COMMON
  - HARDEST TO IDENTIFY
  - LOSS OF STRIATIONS IN THE SUPERIOR AND INFERIOR ARCUATE BUNDLES
  - RAKED OR THINNED APPEARANCE
  - STRIATIONS ARE LESS BRIGHT
  - TEXTURE IS FINER
  - TERTIARY VESSELS ARE VISIBLE
  - COMPARE SUPERIOR TO INFERIOR
  - COMPARE RIGHT TO LEFT EYE



# MY OCT GUIDE FOR SUSPECTING GLAUCOMA

(IF YOU THINK THE CLINICAL ONH / RNFL LOOKS SUSPICIOUS...)

USING THE CIRRUS FOR THE ONH and RNFL  
(COMPILED FROM VARIOUS ARTICLES)

Vertical C/D or ONH Rim Area outside 95% CI (yellow <5% or red <1%)

OR

Average thickness outside 95% CI (yellow <5% or red <1%)

OR

1 quadrant (sup / inf) outside 95% CI (yellow <5% or red <1%)

OR

2 clock hours (not directly temporal, nothing nasal) outside 95% CI (yellow <5% or red <1%)

OR

Asymmetry between the R / L eyes' average thickness / quad / clock hr / sector > 9 um

*(Information can be loosely applied to Spectralis. I am unsure about other devices)*

*2 clock hours = 1 Spectralis sector*

- BE AWARE OF

- **RED** DISEASE (FALSE POSITIVES)

- SIGNAL / SCAN ERRORS, MEDIA OPACITIES / BLOCKING, OTHER DISORDERS

- **GREEN** DISEASE (FALSE NEGATIVES)

- LOOK FOR ASYMMETRY BETWEEN AVG / QUADS / SECTORS / CLOCK

- OTHER THINGS CAN CAUSE RNFL LOSS

- ANY RETINOPATHY, ANY RETINAL ABNORMALITY, ANY OPTIC NEUROPATHY, SYSTEMIC DISEASES



# GUIDE FOR SUSPECTING GLAUCOMA USING THE CIRRUS / SPECTRALIS FOR GCC

- GLAUCOMA **INITIALLY** DAMAGES TEMPORAL SIDE OF GANGLION CELL BODIES IN MACULA

– ASYMMETRICALLY DAMAGES BETWEEN SUPERIOR / INFERIOR GANGLION CELL BODIES

- “SQUEEGEE OR NAUTILUS SIGN”

– CIRRUS

– **MINIMUM OR INFEROTEMPORAL**

- BEST PERFORMANCE (2013 study)
- BEST PERFORMANCE (2012 study)

– RESULTS **NOT APPLICABLE** TO PATIENTS WITH CONCURRENT MACULAR DISEASE

- AMD, CSME/DME, CME, ERM, ETC

- SPECTRALIS

– COMPARISON

- SUPERIOR TO INFERIOR, OD VS OS

– HIGH DIAGNOSTIC SENSITIVITY (83.3%) AND SPECIFICITY (92.6%) WHEN USING 3

**CONSECUTIVE BLACK CELLS TO DETECT GLAUCOMA**

– THE DARKER THE SQUARE, THE LARGER THE DIFFERENCE IN THICKNESS BETWEEN OPPOSITE HEMISPHERES OR OPPOSITE EYES

## Glaucoma Diagnostic Accuracy of Ganglion Cell-Inner Plexiform Layer Thickness: Comparison with Nerve Fiber Layer and Optic Nerve Head

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**Purpose:** To determine the diagnostic performance of macular ganglion cell-nerve fiber layer (GCC-NFL) thickness measured with the Cirrus high-definition optical coherence tomography (HD-OCT) ganglion cell analysis (GCA) algorithm (Carl Zeiss Meditec, Dublin, CA) to discriminate normal eyes and eyes with early glaucoma and to compare it with that of peripapillary retinal nerve fiber layer (RNFL) thickness and optic nerve head (ONH) measurements.  
**Design:** Evaluation of diagnostic test of technology.  
**Participants:** Fifty-eight patients with early glaucoma and 50 age-matched normal subjects.  
**Methods:** Macular GCCs and peripapillary RNFL thickness and ONH parameters were measured in each participant, and their diagnostic abilities were compared.  
**Main Outcome Measure(s):** Area under the curve (AUC) of the receiver operating characteristic.  
**Results:** The GCA parameters with the best AUCs were the minimum  $\beta$  slope, inferotemporal  $\beta$  slope, average  $\beta$  slope, superior  $\beta$  slope, and inferior sector  $\beta$  slope. There were no significant differences between these AUCs and those of the sector  $\beta$  slope, average  $\beta$  slope, and superior  $\beta$  slope (P > 0.05).  
**Conclusions:** The ability of macular GCCs parameters to discriminate normal eyes and eyes with early glaucoma is high and comparable to that of the best peripapillary RNFL and ONH parameters.  
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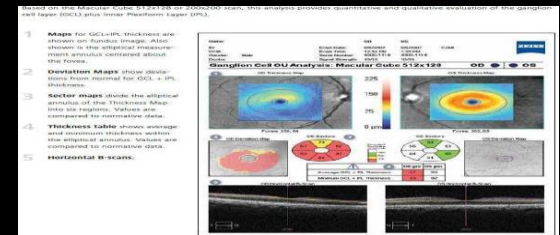
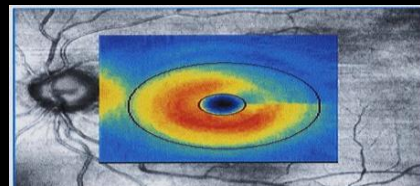
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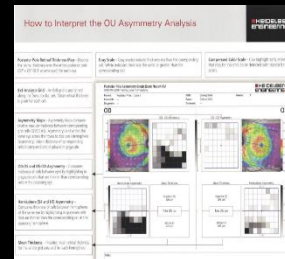


**NEW FINDING!**  
**Novel Software Strategy for Glaucoma Diagnosis**  
Asymmetry Analysis of Retinal Thickness  
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The benefits of high-resolution, detailed retinal thickness measurement by spectral-domain optical coherence tomography to glaucoma diagnosis have not been fully realized. We have created the first software protocol for such analysis that can be applied at four different stages of glaucoma. Using the SPECTRALIS 343 C (Heidelberg) fundus imaging method, we have constructed the retinal thickness protocol of an asymmetric detailed retinal thickness measurement of the central 50° of the posterior pole. These custom maps are displayed in a color-coded color scale that reveals small losses in retinal thickness. A novel asymmetry analysis protocol was created to highlight differences between the eyes and the 2 hemispheres within each eye. We present one example illustrating the ability of this strategy to detect glaucomatous defects, showing the premise of the protocol in the diagnosis and management of glaucoma.

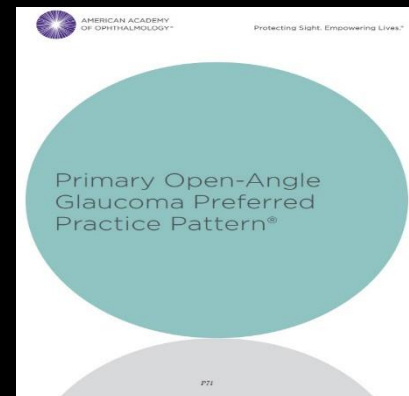
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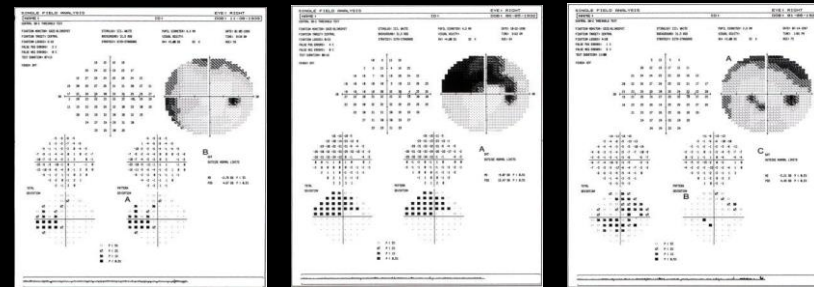
# RELIABLE AND REPRODUCIBLE VISUAL FIELD ABNORMALITY

- CONSISTENT WITH RETINAL NERVE FIBER LAYER DAMAGE
  - NASAL STEP
  - ARCUATE DEFECT
  - PARACENTRAL DEPRESSION IN CLUSTERS OF TEST SITES
- VISUAL FIELD LOSS ACROSS HORIZONTAL MIDLINE IN ONE HEMIFIELD EXCEEDS LOSS IN THE OPPOSITE HEMIFIELD (IN EARLY / MODERATE CASES)
- ABSENCE OF OTHER EXPLANATIONS



# GLAUCOMATOUS VISUAL FIELDS

- VF LOSS = MODERATE OR SEVERE DAMAGE
- **EARLY** IN DISEASE
  - BASELINE VF
  - FOLLOW OPTIC NERVE / RNFL FOR CHANGES
- **LATE** IN DISEASE
  - FOLLOW VISUAL FIELD FOR CHANGES
    - MAY HAVE TO CONSIDER 10-2 OR MACULA VF
    - SIZE V TARGET 24-2 OR 10-2
    - ESTERMAN FOR DRIVING
    - KINETIC III4e FOR LEGAL BLINDNESS
- IS IT GLAUCOMATOUS?
  - OBVIOUS DEFECTS
    - THE NASAL STEP
    - THE ARCUATE DEFECT
    - THE PARACENTRAL / CENTRAL DEFECT
  - DIFFUSE VISUAL FIELD LOSS ?
    - TYPICALLY NOT GLAUCOMA
- EARLIEST DEFECTS COULD BE
  - CENTRAL, MID-PERIPHERAL, PERIPHERAL



Control 24-2 Threshold Test

Fixation Monitor: Good/Good Spot  
 Fixation Target: Central  
 Fixation Losses: 2/19  
 False POG Errors: 1/5  
 False NDI Errors: 0/5  
 Test Duration: 08:39  
 Fixure: 34.48

Stimulation: 30 White  
 Background: 31 R ASB  
 Strategy: SITA-Standard  
 Pupil Diameter: 4.0 mm  
 Visual Acuity: 20/20  
 MD: +4.19 DB P < 0.05  
 PSD: 11.02 DB P < 0.05

Date: 12-04-2018  
 Time: 9:05 AM  
 Age: 63

Pattern Deviation: not relevant for severely depressed fields. Refer to Total Deviation.

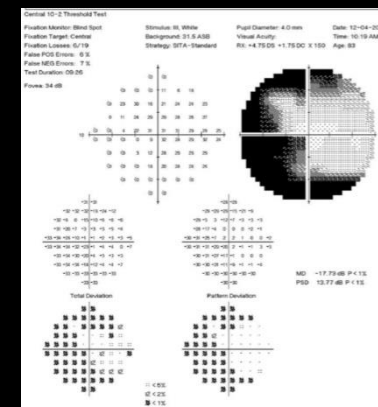
Global  
 Outside normal limits

VFI: 34%

MD: -25.76 DB P < 0.05  
 PSD: 11.02 DB P < 0.05

Total Deviation

Legend:  
 □ < 4.00  
 □ 4.01-8.00  
 □ 8.01-12.00  
 ■ > 12.00



24-2 VS 10-2 OF THE SAME PATIENT

## REMEMBER:

- RARE BUT FUNCTIONAL DAMAGE MAY PRECEDE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE
- VISUAL FIELD MUST MATCH THE OPTIC NERVE / RNFL / GCC

# MINIMUM DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR A GLAUCOMATOUS VISUAL FIELD

- IN THE ABSENCE OF OTHER CAUSES FOR FIELD ABNORMALITY AND IN THE PRESENCE OF SUSPICION FOR GLAUCOMA

– CLINICAL DECISIONS IN GLAUCOMA, 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION

- TWO “OUTSIDE NORMAL LIMITS” ON GHT

– CLINICAL DECISIONS IN GLAUCOMA, 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION

OR

- **CLUSTER OF THREE OR MORE POINTS IN A LOCATION TYPICAL FOR GLAUCOMA**, ALL DEPRESSED ON PATTERN DEVIATION PLOT AT A  $P < 5\%$  AND ONE DEPRESSED AT A  $P < 1\%$  **ON TWO CONSECUTIVE FIELDS** (24-2 COUNTS EDGE POINTS, 30-2 ONLY COUNTS 2 NASAL PTS), ALL PTS RESPECT HORIZONTAL MERIDIAN

– KATZ, ET AL. ARCH OPHTHAL 1991.

– CLINICAL DECISIONS IN GLAUCOMA, 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION

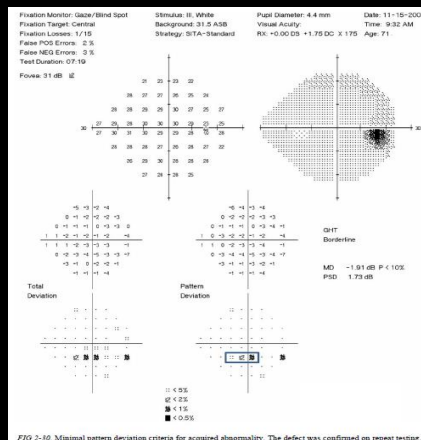
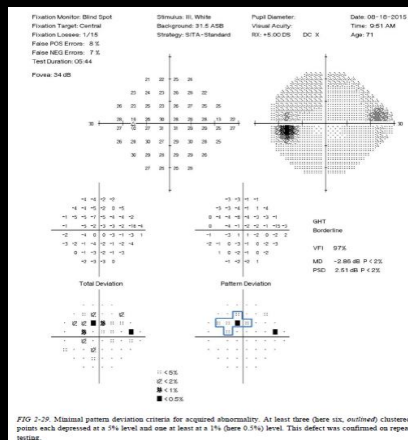
OR

- **PSD  $P < 5\%$**  (SUMMARIZES EXTENT OF LOCALIZED LOSS, NOT AFFECTED BY GENERALIZED DEPRESSION)

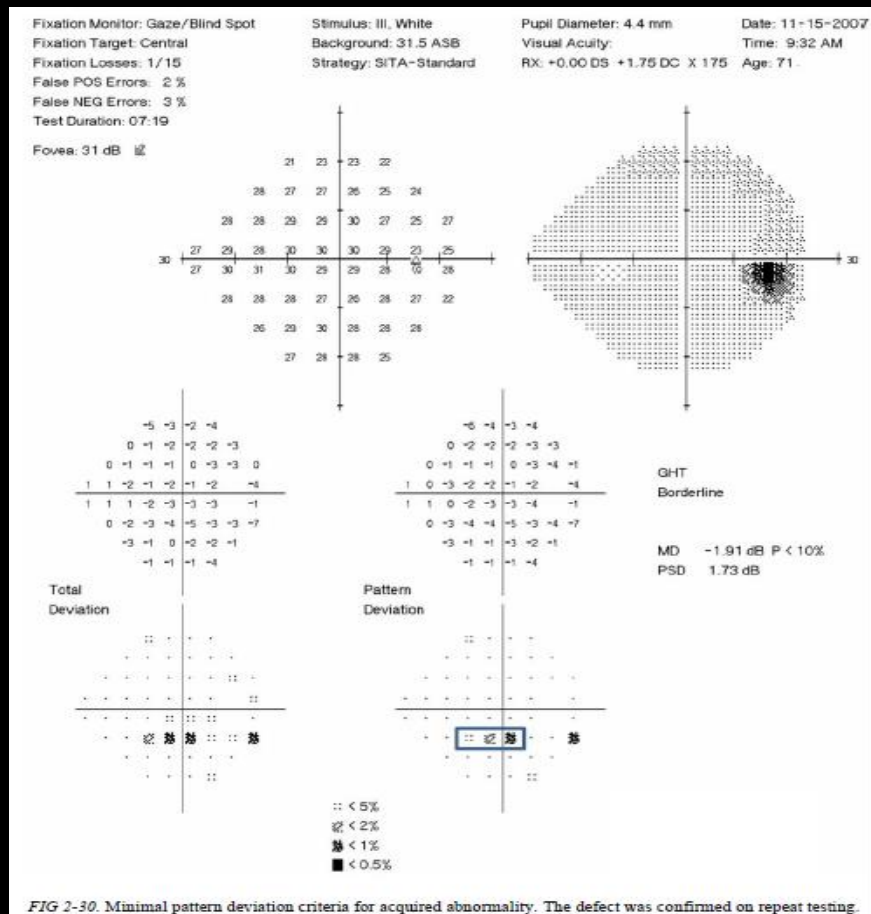
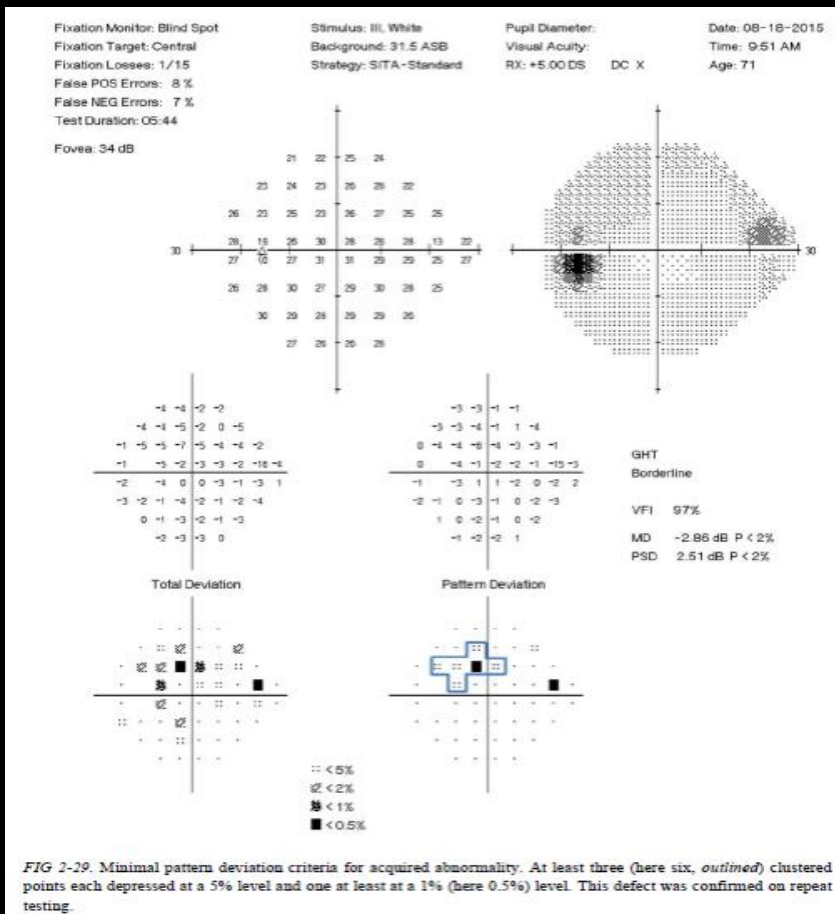
– CLINICAL DECISIONS IN GLAUCOMA, 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION

- **IF REPEATABLE**

– BUDENZ D. AFRICAN GLAUCOMA SUMMIT. 8/06/10



# WHAT MEETS THE MINIMUM CRITERIA?



THE VF DEFECT STILL MUST CORRELATE WITH  
 THE OPTIC NERVE APPEARANCE AND RNFL APPEARANCE / OCT

# REMINDER

- EACH PATIENT IS DIFFERENT
- ALL RESULTS SHOULD MAKE SENSE AND CORRELATE
  - ONH
  - CLINICAL RNFL / OCT RNFL SCAN
  - GANGLION CELL SCAN
  - VISUAL FIELD
    - 24-2 / 10-2
- **NO ONE TEST IS SUFFICIENT FOR ALL PATIENTS**
  - IF SUSPECTING GLAUCOMA YOU NEED TO HAVE EVALUATED / DOCUMENTED
    - OPTIC NERVE
    - RETINAL NERVE FIBER LAYER
    - GANGLION CELLS
    - VISUAL FIELD
- REGARDLESS OF YOUR OPINION OF THE DATABASES OR LACK THEREOF...
  - YOU CAN NOW MONITOR YOUR PATIENT FOR CHANGE

# HOW TO CLASSIFY POAG?

OLD DETAILED

vs

NEW (AGS / AAO PPP)

Minimum criteria for diagnosing acquired glaucomatous damage

A Glaucoma Hemifield Test outside normal limits on at least two fields; OR

A cluster of three or more non-edge points in a location typical for glaucoma, all of which are depressed on the pattern deviation plot at a  $p < 5\%$  level and one of which is depressed at a  $p < 1\%$  level on two consecutive fields; OR

A corrected pattern standard deviation that occurs in less than 5% of normal fields on two consecutive fields

Classification of defects

Early defect:

- MD less than -6 dB
- Less than 25% of the points (18) are depressed below the 5% level and less than 10 points are depressed below the 1% level on the pattern deviation plot
- All point in the central 5° must have a sensitivity of at least 15 dB

Moderate defect:

- MD less than -12 dB
- Less than 50% of the points (37) are depressed below the 5% level and less than 20 points are depressed below the 1% level on the pattern deviation plot,
- No points in the central 5° can have a sensitivity of 0 dB
- Only one hemifield may have a point with sensitivity of <15 dB within 5° of fixation

Severe defect (any of the following results):

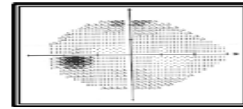
- MD greater than -12 dB
- More than 50% of the points (37) are depressed below the 5% level or more than 20 points are depressed below the 1% level on the pattern deviation plot
- At least one point in the central 5° has a sensitivity of 0 dB
- Points within the central 5° with sensitivity <15 dB in both hemifields

Hoddap-Parrish-Anderson criteria.

## Mild or Early Stage Glaucoma

ICD-9 365.71; ICD-10 7th digit "1"

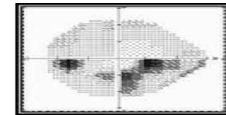
- Optic Nerve abnormalities consistent with glaucoma
- but NO visual field abnormalities on any visual field test
- OR abnormalities present only on short-wave-length automated perimetry or frequency doubling perimetry



## Moderate Stage Glaucoma

ICD-9 365.72; ICD-10 7th digit "2"

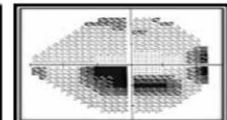
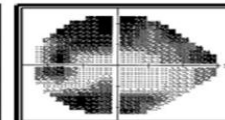
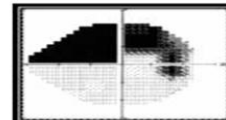
- Optic nerve abnormalities consistent with glaucoma
- AND glaucomatous visual field abnormalities in ONE hemifield and
- NOT within 5 degrees of fixation (note: 5 degrees = involvement of spots nearest fixation)



## Advanced, Late, Severe Stage

ICD-9 365.73; ICD-10 7th digit "3"

- Optic nerve abnormalities consistent with glaucoma
- AND glaucomatous visual field abnormalities in BOTH hemifields
- AND/OR loss within 5 degrees of fixation in at least one hemifield.



MD

0 TO -6

-6 TO -12

-12 and/or  
central

- IN PRESENCE OF A GLAUCOMATOUS OPTIC NERVE AND/OR CLINICAL RNFL / OCT RNFL OR OCT GCC
- IF ONH / OCT APPEAR WORSE THAN VISUAL FIELD...**GRADE UP** ON SEVERITY

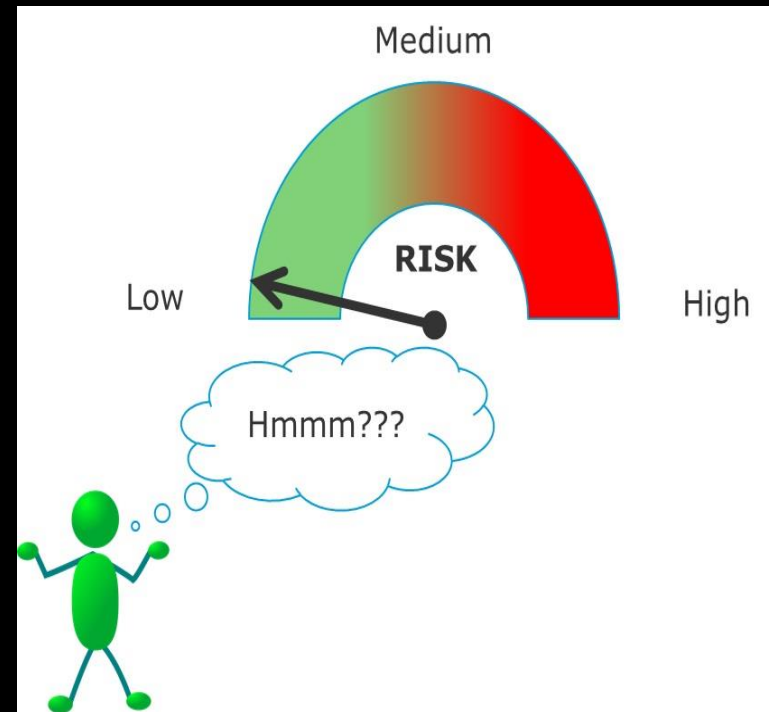
# NEED TO KNOW

- **CLINICAL SIGNS**
  - ONH, RNFL / OCT, VF
- **TESTING REQUIRED**
  - PACHYM, PHOTOS, GONIO, ORA
  - OCT RNFL / GCC, VF
- **POAG VS SECONDARY**
  - STAGES (MILD, MOD, SEVERE) / FOLLOW-UP
- **PATIENT EDUCATION**
  - REVIEWED GLAUCOMA
  - RECOMMENDATIONS
    - MONITOR VS TREATMENT
      - LOWER IOP BY MEDS / LASER / SURGERY
    - MUST COME BACK
  - NEED FOR 100% COMPLIANCE WITH MEDS/APPTS TO MONITOR FOR CHANGE DUE TO RISK OF ONH DAMAGE / VF LOSS / BLINDNESS IF NOT
- **TREATMENT**
  - **TOPICAL IOP LOWERING AGENTS**
    - GENERICS, NAME BRANDS, EFFICACY, DOSING, OCULAR SIDE EFFECTS, SYSTEMIC SIDE EFFECTS, CONTRAINDICATIONS
    - KNOW THE NEW ONES AND VA SPECIFIC
    - KNOW THE BOTTLE SIZES !
  - **ORAL IOP LOWERING AGENTS**
    - GENERICS, NAME BRANDS, SYSTEMIC SIDE EFFECTS, CONTRAINDICATIONS
  - **LASER**
    - ALT / SLT
      - MECHANISM, EFFICACY, SIDE EFFECTS, CONTRAINDICATIONS
  - **SURGERY**
    - TRABECULECTOMY
    - TUBE / SHUNT / GLAUCOMA DRAINAGE DEVICE
    - MIGS OPTIONS WITH / WITHOUT CE/IOL
    - CYCLODESTRUCTION, MICROPULSE
    - EXPRESS SHUNT
    - ETC.



# WHY DO WE CLASSIFY?

- ALLOWS YOU TO ASSESS RISK
  - RISK OF PROGRESSION
  - RISK OF VISION LOSS
- DETERMINES
  - MONITORING / FOLLOW-UP INTERVAL
  - NEED FOR REFERRAL / TREATMENT
  - PATIENT EDUCATION
- PROPER CODING AND BILLING



# AS OF 6/21/23

- **AMD**

- NONEXUDATIVE (DRY)
  - EARLY
  - INTERMEDIATE
  - ADVANCED
    - NONSUBFOVEAL
    - SUBFOVEAL
- EXUDATIVE (WET)
  - ACTIVE
  - INACTIVE
  - SCAR

- **DM RETINOPATHY**

- NONPROLIFERATIVE
  - MILD
  - MODERATE
  - SEVERE
- PDR
  - WITH / WITHOUT TRACTIONAL RD
- FOR ALL ABOVE...
  - IS THERE DIABETIC MAC EDEMA?
    - YES / NO
  - PROVIDER WITH OCT DECIDES
    - CENTER INVOLVED
    - NONCENTER INVOLVED

- **OPEN-ANGLE GLAUCOMA**

- OC HTN
- PREGLAUCOMA
- IF GONIO DONE
  - OAG SUSPECT
    - LOW RISK
    - HIGH RISK
- POAG / NTG
  - MILD
  - MODERATE
  - SEVERE

**THINGS CHANGE. STAY UP TO DATE!**