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# Ocular Disease Interpretation and Utilization of New and Old Technologies

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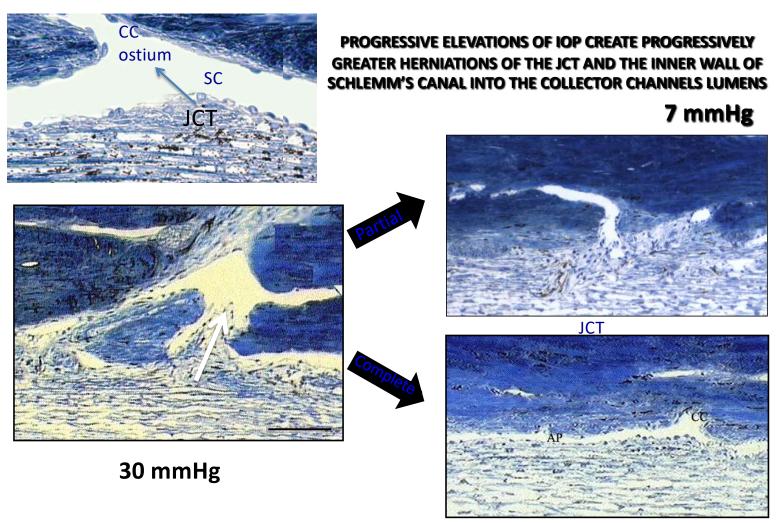
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# My Goal – Today

To be able to do something better in patient care



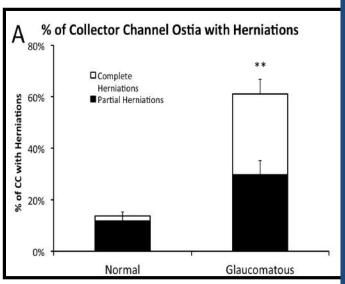


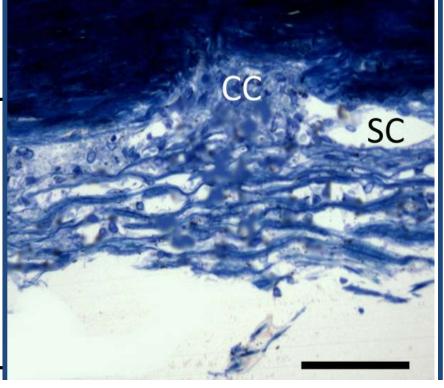
The pressure-induced herniations observed at 30 mmHg were either partially or completely reversible after the IOP was decreased to 7 mmHg in enucleated bovine eyes. So, in normal eyes, these herniations slide in and out with regular rise and fall of IOP.

# Human eyes with POAG even at 0mmHg, exhibit herniations and many more than in age-matched normal eyes

A: Significantly more herniations of the TM into CC ostia were found in POAG eyes (33 of 54), than in normal eyes (7 of 51) (61% vs. 14%, p<0.0001). In normal eyes, herniations that were present were predominantly partial (86%) rather than complete (14%). In POAG eyes, over half of the larger total number of herniations were complete (52%).

Battista SA, Lu Z, Hofmann S, **Freddo TF**, Overby DR, Gong H: Acute IOP elevation reduces the available area for aqueous humor outflow and induces meshwork herniations into collector channels of bovine eyes. Invest. Ophthalmol. Vis. Sci., 49:5346-52, 2008.

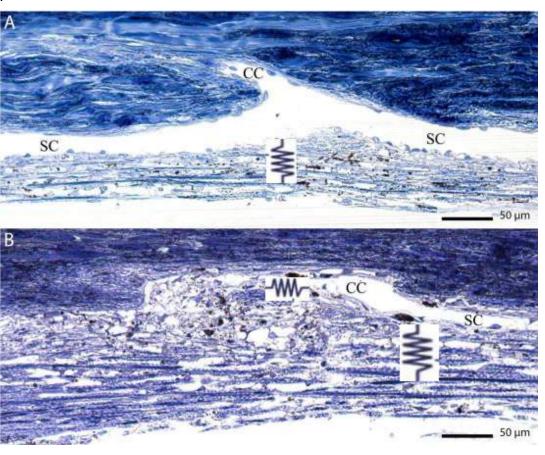




#### PRINCIPAL NEW FINDING

The presence of herniations, at O mm Hg, suggests they were permanent *in-vivo* obstructions in the ostia of CC, whether partial or complete. These are the only exits from Schlemm's canal. If enough of these 30 channels are fully or even partially blocked, IOP MUST go up.

This study is the first to document the existence of permanent herniations into CC ostia in POAG. Since resistances in series are additive, it could be that these previously unreported permanent herniations, which obstruct CC ostia, represent an additional source of resistance, distal to the trabecular meshwork, in POAG.

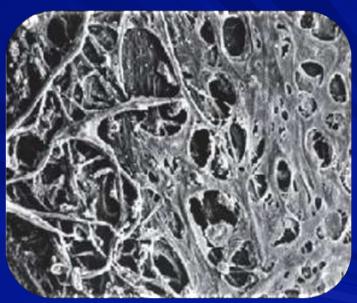


## Disease at the TM is responsible for elevated IOP in glaucoma<sup>1,2</sup>

Healthy TM **Normal IOP**  **POAG TM Stiffness Elevated IOP** 



Cellular Damage (eg, Oxidative Stress)



<sup>2.</sup> Saccà et al. J Cell Physiol. 2015;230:510.

# The goal is to increase outflow Glaukos iStent Inject

# Aqueous Angiography Before and After Stenting

Alex Huang, MD, PhD

# Blanching Confirms Reliable Access to Multiple Collector Channels – Hydrus Microstent



# Pachymetry Ultrasonic versus Optical

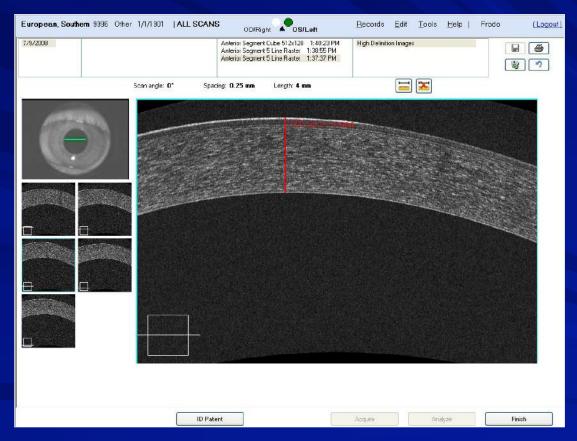






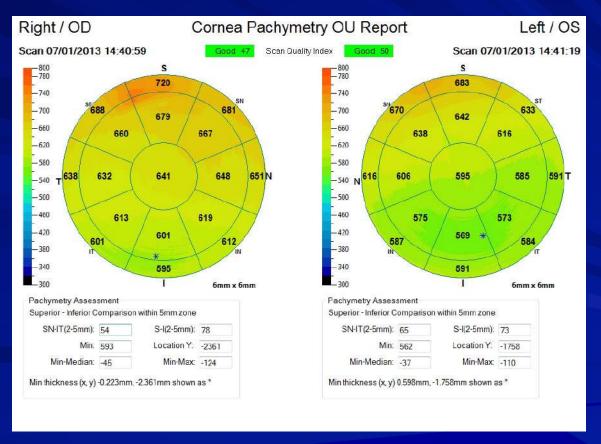


# Anterior Segment Imaging Pachymetry

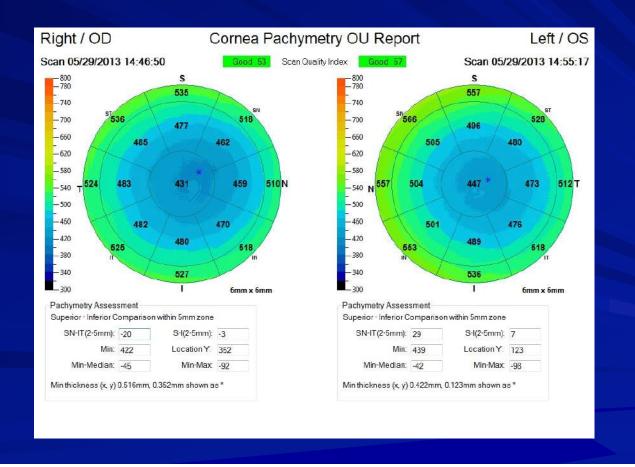


**CCT** measurement caliper

# Anterior Segment Imaging with OCT Pachymetry



#### Post-LASIK



# Corneal Hysteresis Ocular Response Analyzer G3

Evidence - Key findings from over 800 peer-reviewed publications

A Impact of corneal biomechanics on IOP





# Key Concepts Elasticity, Viscosity, & Damping



Good Shock Absorber Same (good) Spring Both Sides

Bad Shock Absorber

Spring (elastic) JOB: Return Energy



(aka: Damper) (viscous) JOB: Dissipate Energy

The Spring is not the problem here. Its the **Bad Shock Absorber** (*damper*) that cannot dissipate the energy and delivers a harsh ride

#### Hysteresis

#### What it is – What it is NOT

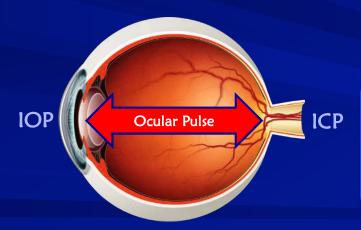
Hysteresis characterizes the response to application and removal of force in materials that <u>dissipate a portion of applied energy</u><sup>1</sup>

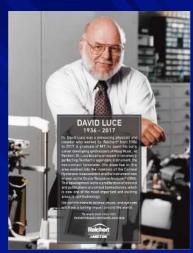
- Not a new concept (term defined in 1890)
- 13,000+ medical publications on hysteresis in a variety of fields<sup>2</sup>

#### Corneal Hysteresis (CH)

Reflects cornea's ability to *absorb and dissipate energy* 

- An indication of "damping" capacity of the ocular tissue
  - · NOT an indication of "stiffness" or "rigidity"





David Luce PhD 1935-2017 Pioneered Corneal Hysteresis

"The eye is under a constant assault"

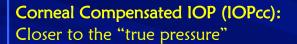
Hysteresis tells us "How good of a shock absorber" the eye is.

Vincent J. Basic elasticity and viscoelasticity. In: Vincent J., ed. Structural Biomaterials. 3rd ed. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press; 2012:1-28.

PubMed Search for "hysteresis" on Mach 11, 2021 returned 13,766 results. Luce DA. *J Cataract Refract Surg.* 2005;31:156-162.

# Ocular Response Analyzer G3 Measurement Values, Range, and Interpretation

- Average Normal CH is 10.5 mmHg
- Standard dev 1.5 mmHg
- Fairly stable diurnally and with age



Corneal Hysteresis: Normal average 10.5 Typical Range is 8-14 (low = risk)

IOPg: "Goldmann equivalent" reference

Waveform Score: signal reliability (0-10)

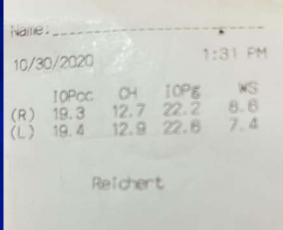


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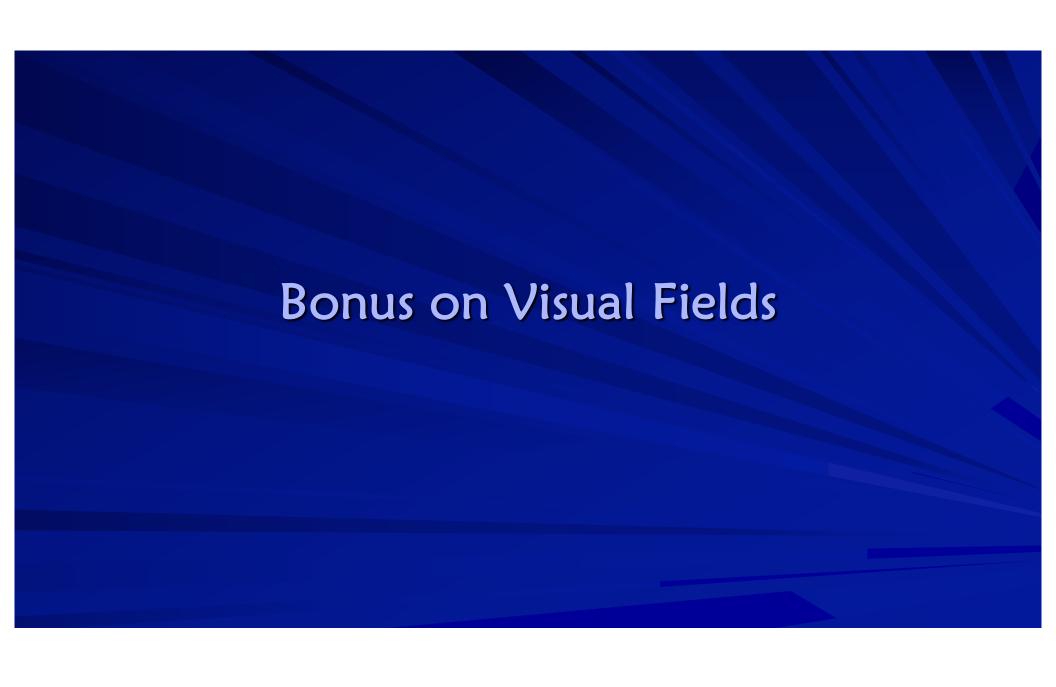
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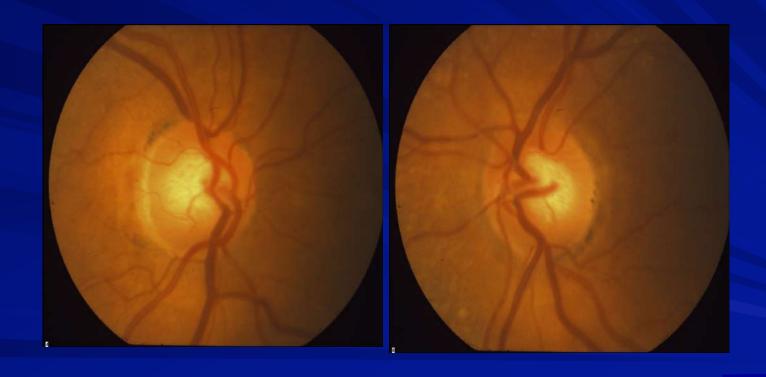




## 50-year-old woman

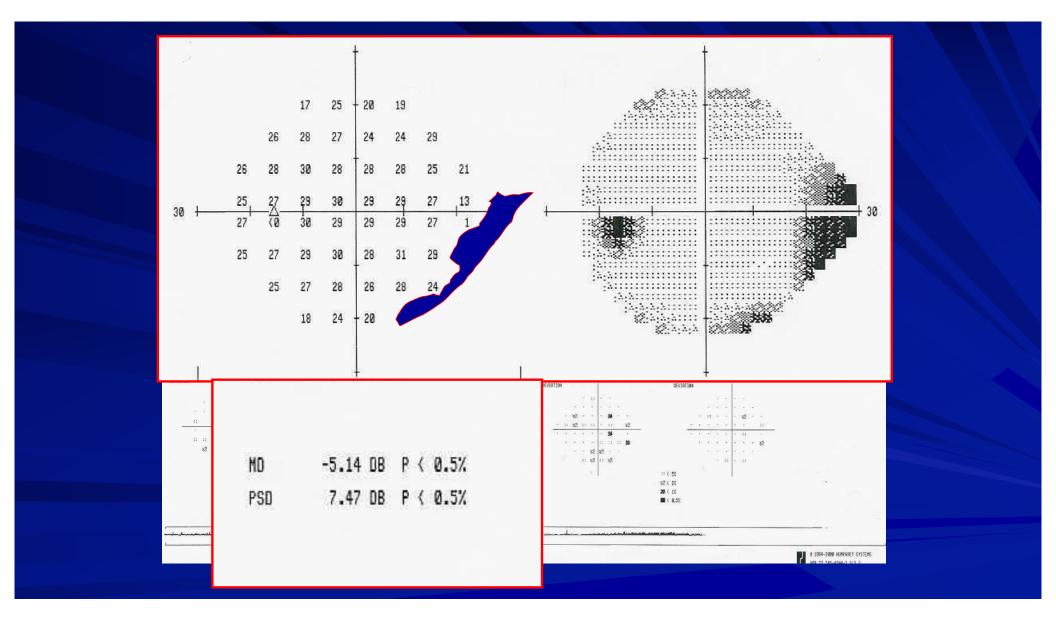
- Recently has moved to the area and needs followed for her "ocular hypertension"
- ← Diagnosed 18 months ago
- Currently is using Travatan qd OU (PM)
- & VA 20/15 OU
- Externals: unremarkable
- & SLE: slight hyperemia OU
- ←/IOP: 13 OD and 14 OS @ 8:30 AM

# ONH Appearance



#### Review of Records

- & Diurnal IOP without medication
  - **★**OD 16-19 8:00 AM thru 5:30 PM
  - **\***OS 17-20 8:00 AM thru 5:30 PM
- & Pachs
  - **★OD** 505
  - **★OS** 505



#### MD and PSD

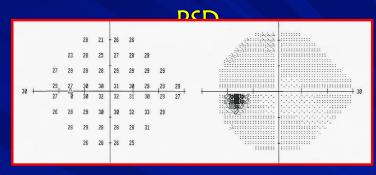
-1.20 DB

1.68 DB

PSD

#### <u>MD</u>

- €√54 spots on 24-2
  - \* All 54 spots reduced by 1 DB (54DB)
  - **★ MD 1DB**
- €~54 spots on 24-2
  - \* 27 spots reduced by 2 DB (54 DB)
  - \* MD 1 DB
- €~54 spots on 24-2
  - \* 13.5 spots reduced by 4 DB (54DB)
  - \* MD 1 DB

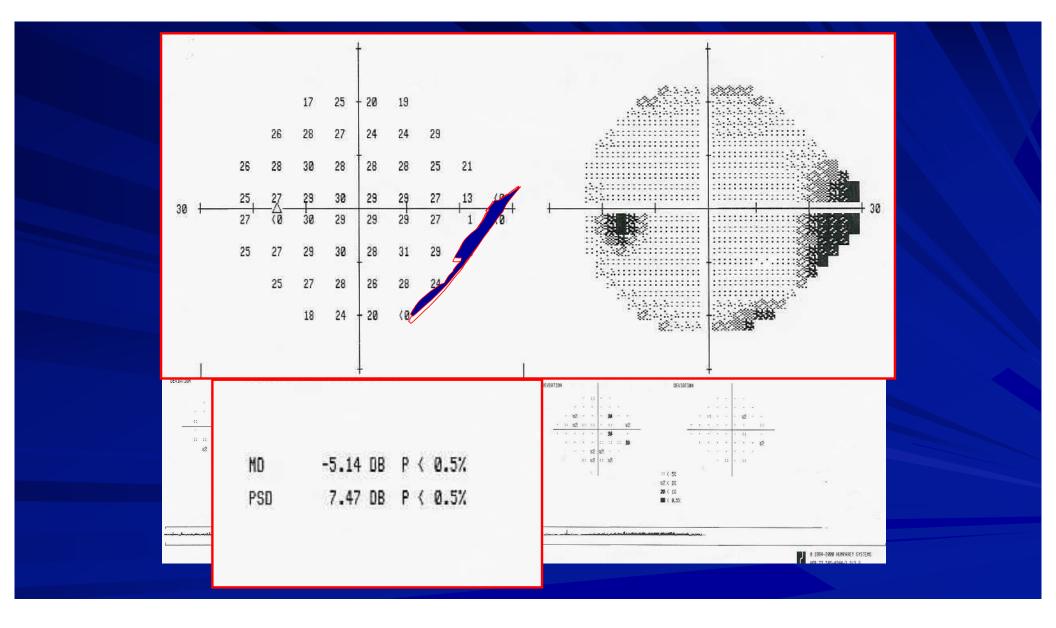


A Moderate PSD (More localized loss)

\* 3.00 DB

← High PSD (Localized loss)

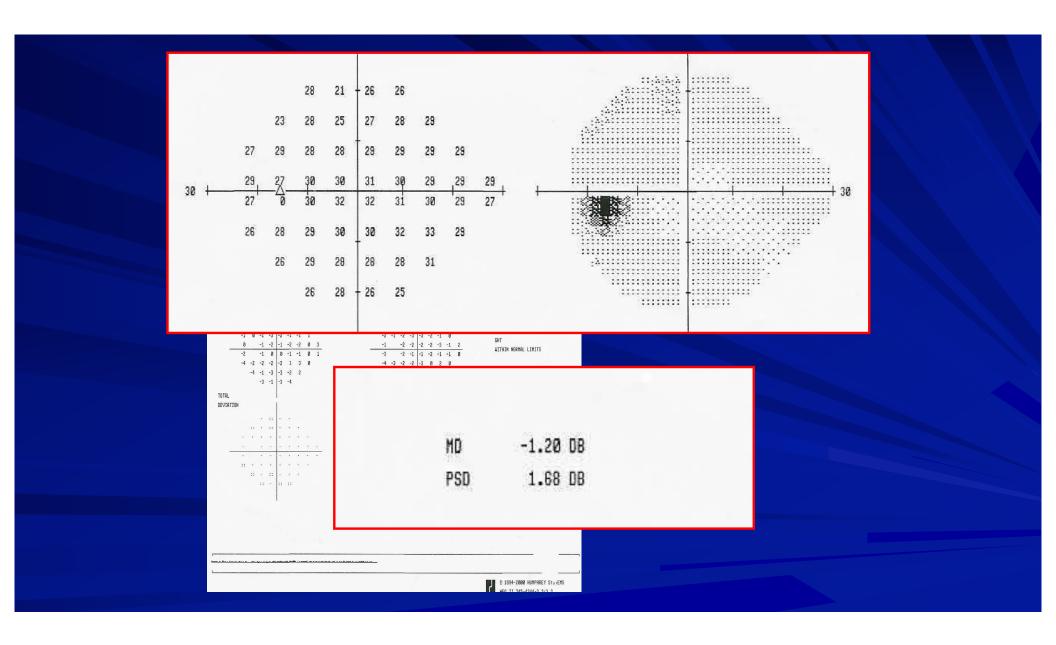
**★** 5.00 DB

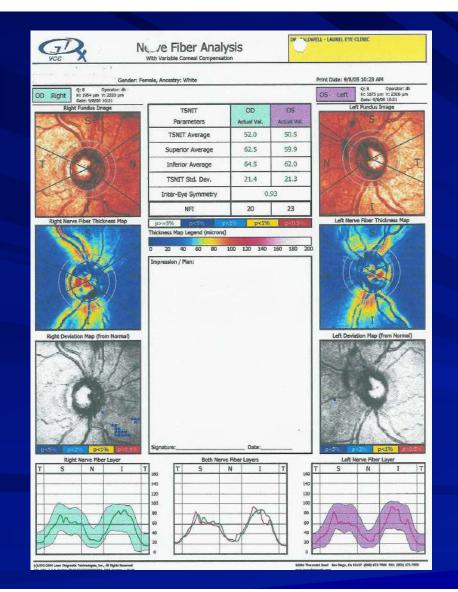


# Discussion Why is this patient being treated?

#### Treatment

- Repeat visual field
- & Discontinue Travatan
- GGet GDX nerve fiber analysis





## **GDX** Results

# Cranium Keeper

- Do not back door patients into the ocular hypertension treatment study
  - **★** Via thin pach results
- A patient needs to be suffering from ocular hypertension to use the study
- & Thin pachs tell us:
  - \* Patients with ocular hypertension are at high, medium or low risk for development
- Alf you have a diagnostic instrument learn how it works and make proper interpretations

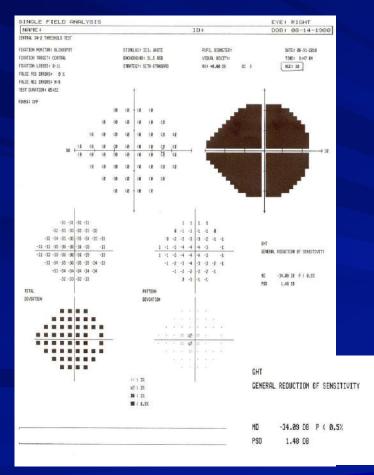
## Ask Yourself

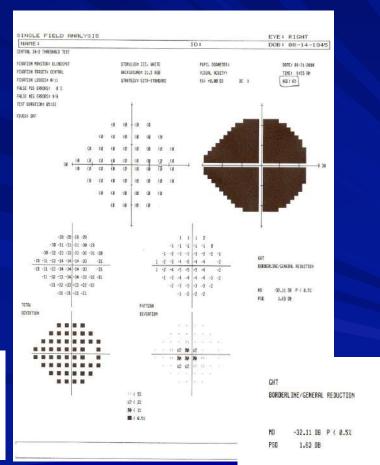
What's the Mean Deviation (MD) of a blind eye on a 24-2 Threshold Visual Field?

- \* + 5 db
- **\*** 0
- \* -5 db
- \* -12 db
- \* -32 db
- **★** -50 db

## Thoughts on Mean Deviation (MD)

What is the Mean Deviation on a visual field of a blind eye?





## Thoughts on Mean Deviation (MD)

& Turn on your VF let it run

**★**30 DB (decibel)

*←* 0-5 (1/6) 30% reduction

*←* 5-10 (1/3) 40% reduction

*⇔* > 10 (1/2) 50% reduction

GHT
BORDERLINE/GENERAL REDUCTION

MD -32.11 DB P < 0.5%
PSD 1.89 DB

A How many DB difference to reliable VF should cause a RAPD?

**★** 3 DB for a small APD, the larger the difference the greater the APD

# Wearable Technology



# A Wearable Technology

- Born out of the University of Miami's Bascom
   Palmer Eye Institute
- Their goal is to provide physicians and patients access to state-of-the-art, accurate, portable technology through real-time wearable diagnostics
- re:Vive™ by Heru™ is the modern, gamified diagnostic solution using a lightweight, wearable headset to aid doctors in diagnosis
- Future developments include vision augmentation applications utilizing Al algorithms to personalize vision enhancement.



# A Decade of Research, Innovation and Clinical Validation

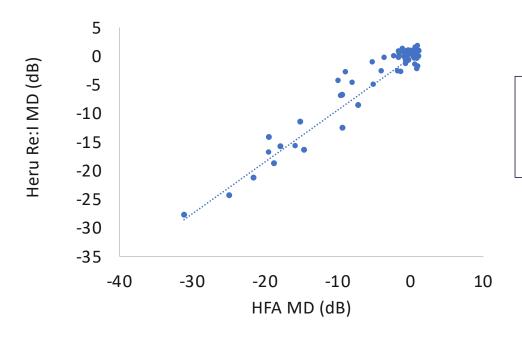
Artificial Intelligence (AI) driven diagnostics and vision augmentation platform is backed by ten years of research and clinical validation at the University of Miami's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute where it is continuously developed.



## What is the Same?

re:Vive by Heru

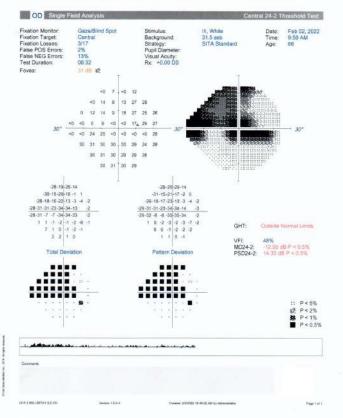
Correlates strongly with the standard of care, throughout the dynamic range

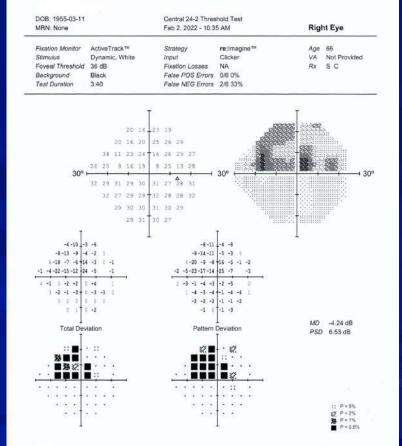


R=0.91, P<0.001, in normal eyes and

R=0.81, P<0.001, in eyes with glaucoma and other pathologies

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0.4.6 Clicker

OS Single Field Analysis Fixation Monitor: Gaze/Blind Spot Fixation Target: Fixation Losses: False POS Errors: Background: Strategy: Pupil Diameter: 10:07 AM 66 Central 31.5 asb Time: 4/14 XX 5% False NEG Errors: Test Duration: 2% 05:07 Visual Acuity: Rx: +1.75 DS 32 d8 # Fovea: 24 26 26 25 33 27 28 29 29 24 28 32 28 31 28 28 28 28 28 25 31 33 30 30 30 26 25 31 12 32 31 29 31 31 26 25 29 30 30 31 29 29 28 24 30 32 34 29 28 26 34 30 27 27 3 -2 -1 -3 5 -2 -2 -1 -1 -6 -1 2 -3 -1 -4 -4 -3 -1 -2 -1 0 -2 6 -1 -1 0 0 -4 0 3 -2 0 -3 -3 -2 0 1 0122121 2 1 0 3 3 2 3 2 0 1 1 4 2 1 4 2 1 1 2 1 3 3 4 5 2 1 0 -3 -1 0 -3 -1 0 0 -1 0 -2 -2 -2 4 GHT Within Normal Limits 1 2 3 2 2 3 1 1 2 3 4 4 5 1 -2 -1 3 0 -3 -2 MD24-2: -0.78 dB PSD24-2: 2.00 dB P < 5% Total Deviation Pattern Deviation . . . . . . 2 . . . . # # - -\*\*\* Low Test Reliability \*\*\* :: P < 5% Ø P<2% ■ P<1% ■ P<0.5%

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Date of Sints. Mar 11, 1955
Gender: Other

HPA 8893-12074/15/2431

version 1.0 2.4

Patient ID: 1965.0311.933E,7DB8.0703.9566

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Central 24-2 Threshold Test

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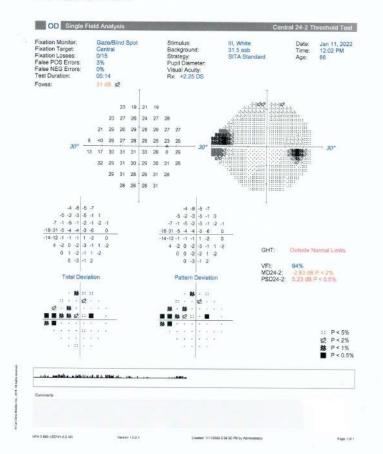
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Date of Birth: Jan 12, 1955

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MRN: None Jan 11, 2022 - 12:48 PM Right Eye Fixation Monitor ActiveTrack™ Strategy re:Imagine™ Age 66 Stimulus Dynamic, White Input Clicker VA Not Provided Foveal Threshold 30 dB Fixation Losses NA Rx SC Background Black False POS Errors 1/6 17% Test Duration 3:44 False NEG Errors 0/6 0% 17 20 27 20 20 27 28 25 27 23 23 19 29 28 27 26 26 28 26 20 23 28 26 30 18 25 30 30° ← + + 26 28 26 27 28 32 27 **A** 25 27 26 29 28 28 29 27 29 26 28 29 23 30 29 26 28 30 32 -9 -6 1 -5 -9 -6 1 -5 -8 -2 -1 -4 -1 -4 -8 -2 -1 -4 -1 -4 -5-10 -1 -2 -3 -3 -3 0 -5-10 -1 -2 -3 -3 -3 0 -1 -9 -8 -3 -5 -2-12 0 -2 -2 -5 -4 -4 0 -4 -4 -1 -9 -8 -3 -5 -2 -12 0 -2 -3 -1 -4 -3 -2 -4 0 -2 -3 -1 -4 -3 -2 -4 0 -3 -2 -1 -7 0 0 -3 -2 -1 -7 0 0 -2 -1 0 3 -2 -1 0 3 MD -3.38 dB Total Deviation Pattern Deviation PSD 3.06 dB ■ :: · · · . Ø . . . . . 2 . . :: P < 5% P < 0.5%

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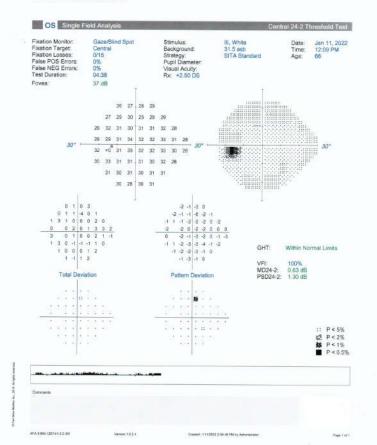
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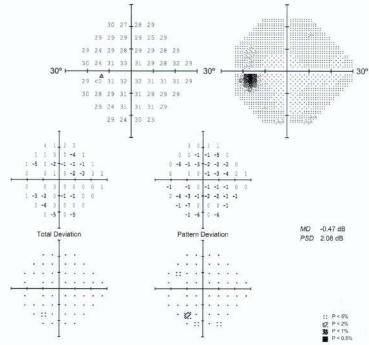
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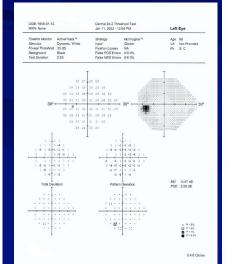
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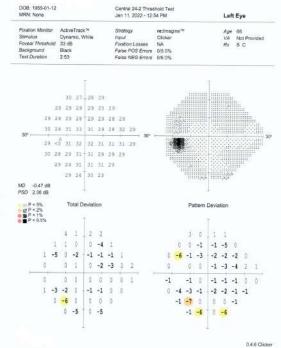
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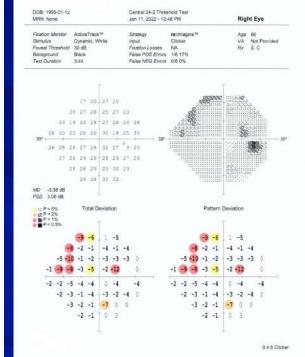


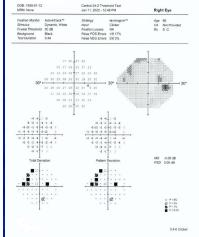
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# Patients' Thoughts





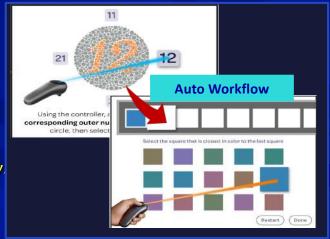
#### re:Vive 2.0 – Color Vision

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- Ishihara color vision testing is a commonly used rapid, color vision screening modality.
- This test can be completed in under 2 minutes.
- 3 or more Ishihara plates incorrect will trigger the D-15 extended vision test using AutoWorkflow.™

#### Farnsworth D-15 Extended Color Vision Test

- D-15 color vision testing is a commonly used color vision diagnostic modality
- D-15 test is a reimbursable service: CPT Code 92283.
- Average national reimbursement is \$56.16<sup>3</sup>.
- This is more advanced than any color vision testing currently being offered by competitor goggle companies.

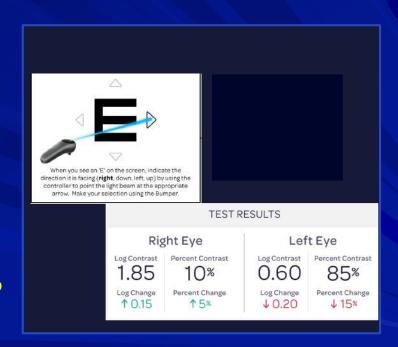


Corcoran Consulting Group, 2018

Technician and/or clinician not required to administer exam.

## re: Vive 2.0 - Contrast Sensitivity

- Embracing the science connecting contrast sensitivity with detecting early AMD, re:Vive provides the most efficient way to document and monitor the functional macular health in conjunction with supplementation.
- We are reporting the change over time from the last visit. The doctor can use this change to communicate the benefits of lifestyle modifications, smoking cessation.
- Moves test out of the exam lane with the screening being performed in full room lighting.
- Contrast Sensitivity (and Dark Adaptation) are part of a broader AMD
   screening and diagnostic portfolio.



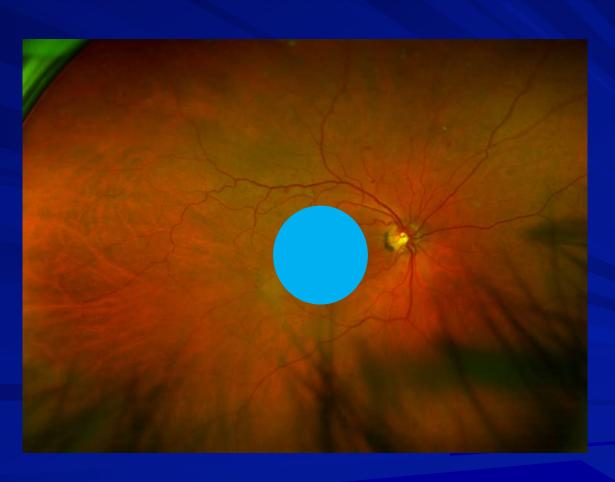
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## Instruments for AMD – fragmented care

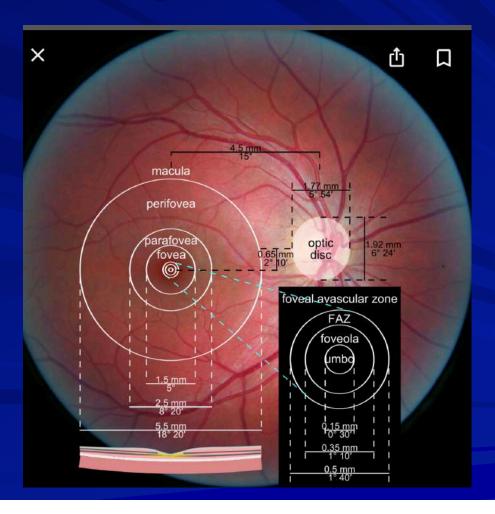
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& Slit lamp/DFE
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- & Camera
- GOCT
- **⇔**OCT Angiography
- & PHP
- & Genetic testing

## Poll 4 - Where is the macula?



# How large is the macula?



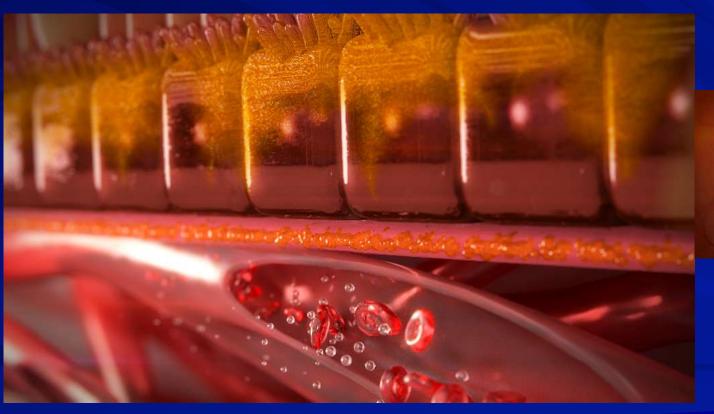
## Early Onset Pathogenesis

- GAT Drusen small or large are not makers for early stage AMD
  - \* Visible structural evidence of a pathological process
    - 1 Underway for quite some time
- A Cholesterol deposits exist beneath the surface long before drusen form
  - \* Cannot be seen with structure-based methods
  - \* Cholesterol produced by RPE and deposits into Bruch's membrane
  - \* Continue to layer in Bruch's membrane
- As this cholesterol accumulates the process unfolds with compromise to the outer retina
  - \* Inflammation
  - \* Oxidative stress
  - \* Disruption of oxygen and nutrients
  - \* Drusen formation
- A Impaired Vitamin A across Bruch's membrane
  - \* Functional impairment can occur to dark adaptation

## Healthy choriocapillaris, Bruch's, RPE, and Photoreceptors

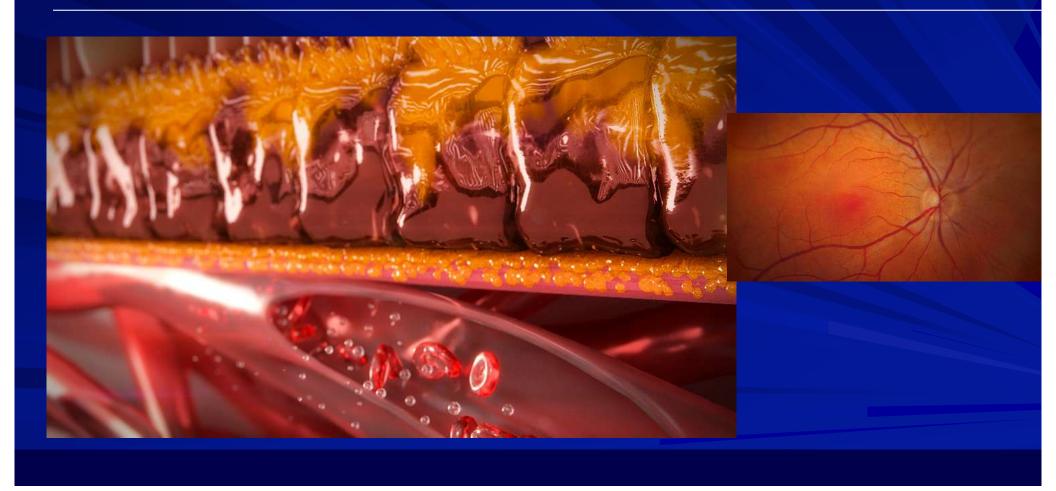


## Cholesterol barrier deposited along Bruch's and RPE

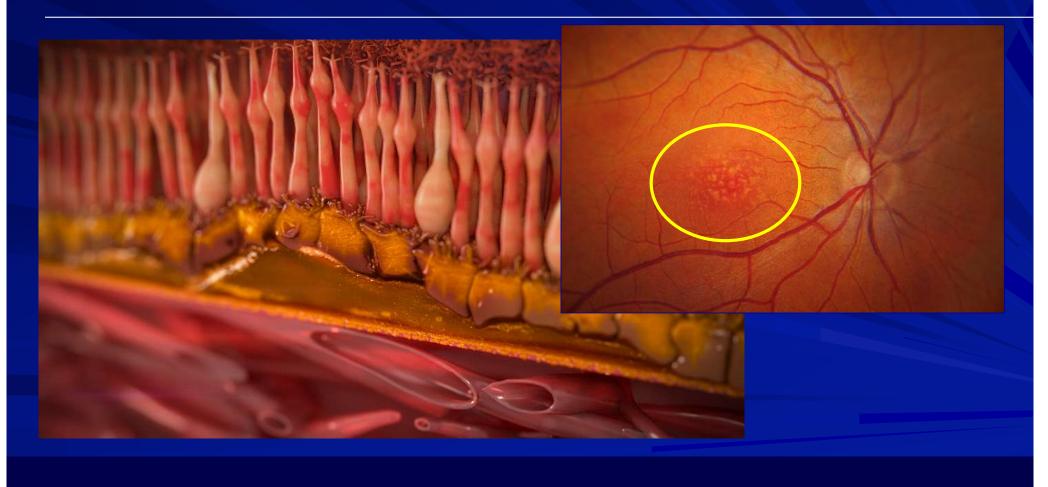




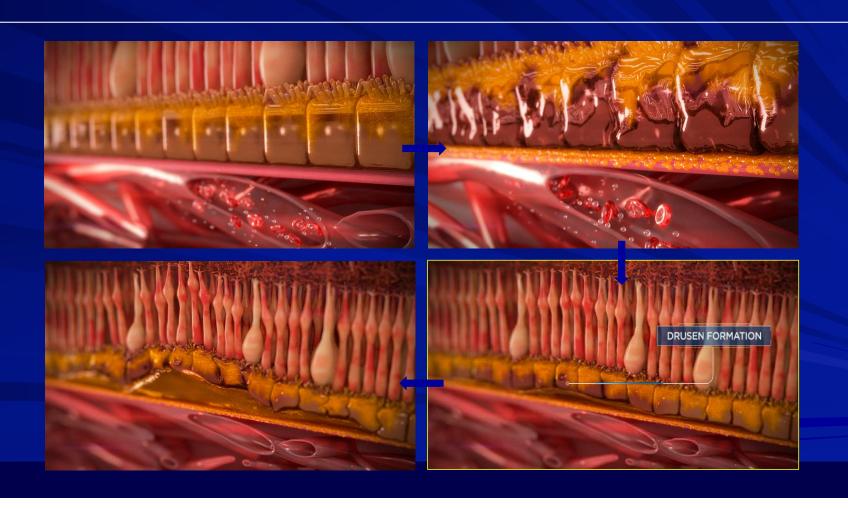
## RPE Secretes even more cholesterol and degenerates



## Finally, visibly evident drusen on fundus evaluation



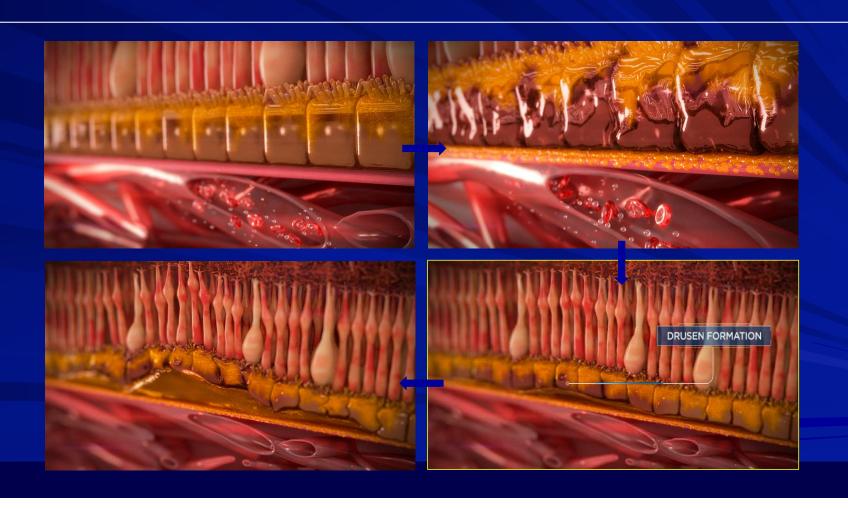
## AMD is a Disease Process that Starts Below the Surface



## Beckmann Committee Classification of AMD

- Based on presence of lesions within 2 DD of fovea in either eye
  - \* No AMD
    - □ None or few small drusen, < 63 microns
    - No AMD pigmentary abnormalities
  - **★ Early AMD** 
    - ☐ Medium drusen, > 63 <125 microns
    - No AMD pigmentary changes
  - \* Intermediate AMD
    - 1 large drusen, > 125 microns
    - Any AMD pigmentary changes
  - \* Advanced AMD
    - Any geographic atrophy

## AMD is a Disease Process that Starts Below the Surface



### Applying a Familiar Standard of Care: Two Multifactorial Diseases

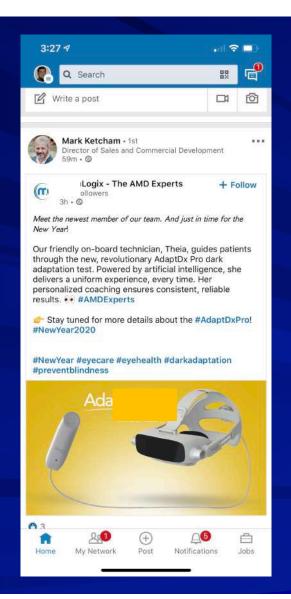
#### Glaucoma **AMD** Cup-to-disc Structure Drusen Ratio **Function** Dark Adaptation Visual Field Intraocular Pressure (IOP) Age Risk **Corneal Thickness Genetic Testing** Health and Lifestyle (Smoking) Age/race Macular Pigment Optical Density (MPOD) Family history/etc. Contrast Sensitivity. Health and Lifestyle (Diabetes)

# Dark Adaptation in AMD Function Test

- A Measures how long to recover from bright light to darkness
  - \* Rod intercept line (RI) time
- Functional test that can help overcome the challenges in diagnosing AMD
- Alabama Study on Early Are-Related Degeneration (ALSTAR)
  - \* Able to detect subclinical 3 years before clinically visible
  - \* 325 adults without clinically detectable AMD
- AND Rod deterioration happens in earliest stages of AMD
  - \* Earlier defection before visual acuity
- ← AdaptDx 92284
  - \* Sensitivity 90.6%
  - \* Specificity 90.5%







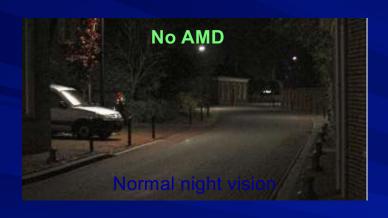
# Dark Adaptation in AMD Function Test January 1st, 2020



## AdaptDx Pro Now Available for Clinical Use



# This Means We Now Have an Early Symptom We Can Use to Help Diagnose AMD





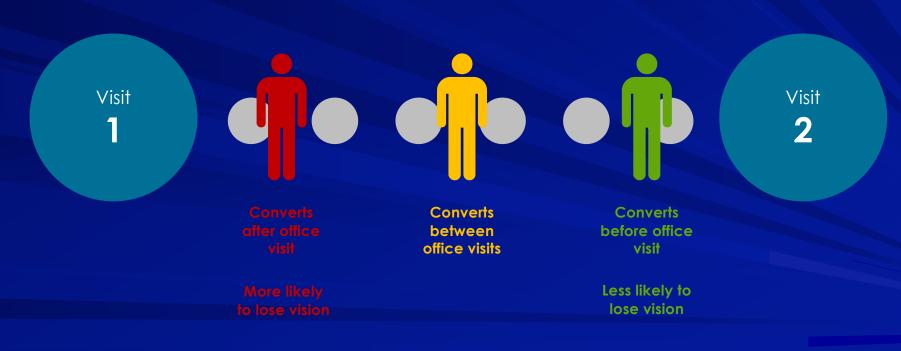
- Night vision impacted in early AMD: 30+ studies
- AMD patients often give up driving at night
- Night vision is impaired before day vision
- Typically ECP's chalk this complaint up to cataracts

Ask Every Patient Over 50
About Their Night Vision

# Poll 5 Preferential Hyperacuity Perimetry (PHP)

Who does this testing?

# At-risk Patients May Convert to Wet AMD at Any Point Between Follow-up Visits



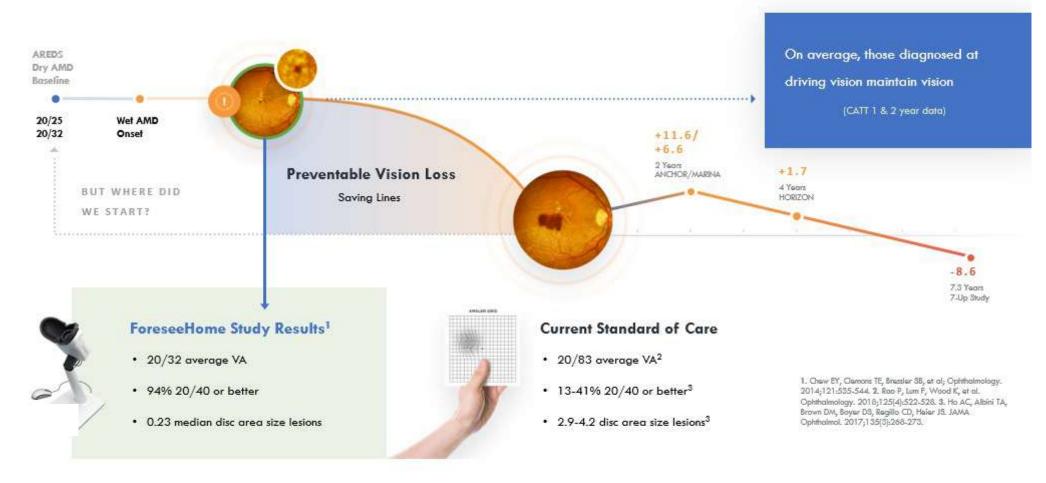
Reference: Rauch R, et al. Retina. 2012;32(7):1260-1264.

## Notal Vision - ForeseeHome® product overview

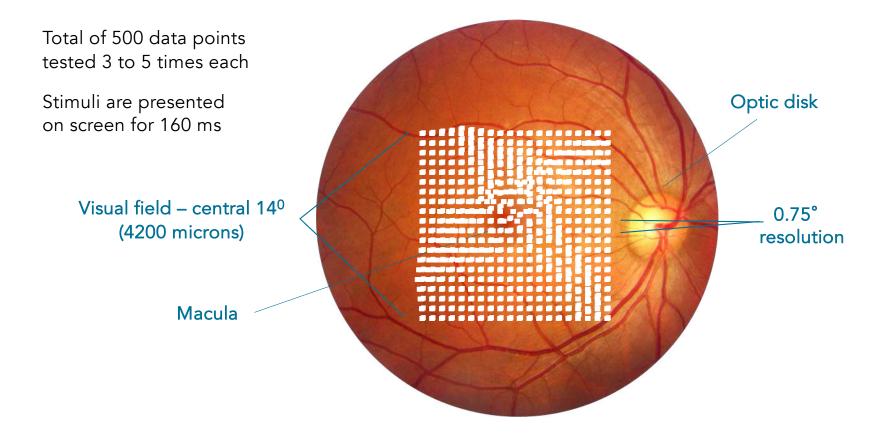


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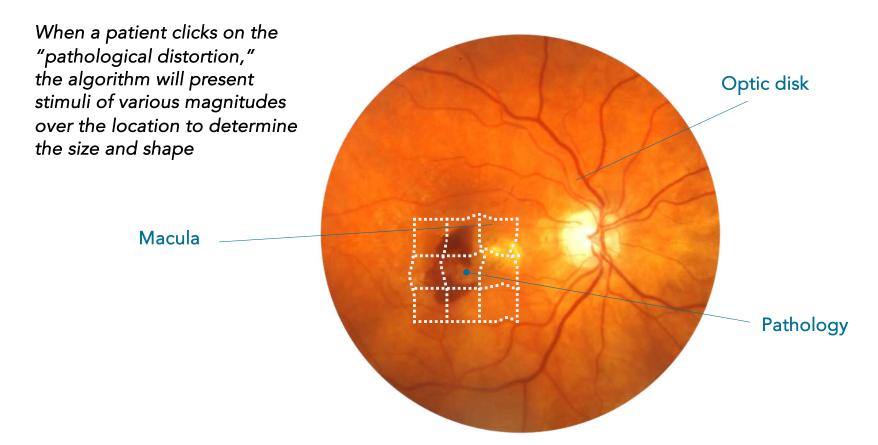
## Readjusting our point of view to preventable vision loss



## Notal Vision- PERIMETRY: The ForeseeHome Test



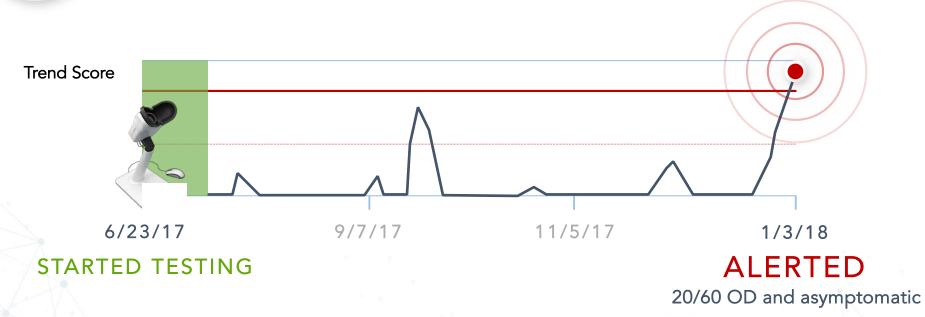
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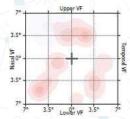


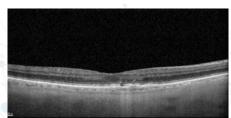


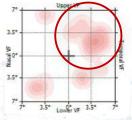
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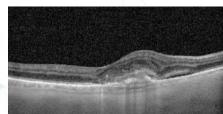
## 86 y/o Male | Baseline Vision: 20/30 OU











## Treatments for AMD

- Early detection and meaningful treatments with significant value, do not cure, but have been shown to slow or halt progression. Not limited to early stages but all stages of AMD
  - **★** Prescribe smoking cessation programs
    - Smoking and AMD
      - Depletes serum antioxidants
      - Decreases pigmentary density
      - Increases risk to advanced AMD
  - \* Lifestyle changes
    - 🗓 Diet
    - **Exercise**
  - \* Systemic disease management
    - Tardiovascular disease, DM, obesity, high cholesterol

#### A Nutritional supplements

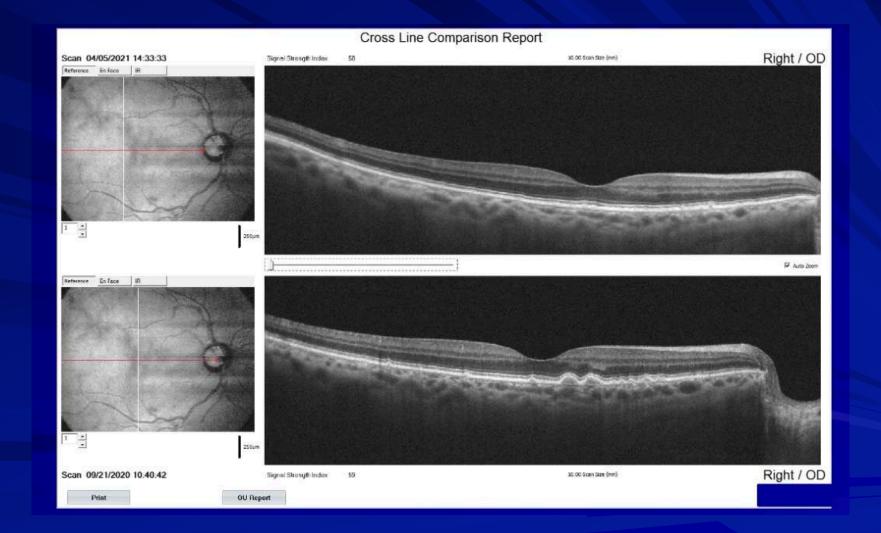
- \* Sub-clinical/sub-structural or early disease
  - Controversy flourishes
    - No definitive guideline exists
    - Despite consensus evidence suggests using supplements
- \* Intermediate advance disease
  - ☼ No controversy on advocating for supplements
- \* AREDS 1
  - Contains Beta-carotene and no lutein or zeaxanthin, no longer recommended
  - Investigated early AMD, no statistically significant benefit
- \* AREDS 2
  - ® Recommended for intermediate and advanced AMD, study protocol
- \* The Practical Guide for the Treatment of AMD 3 primary options
  - Macular pigment supplement
    - Carotenoids: lutein, zeaxanthin, meso-zeaxanthin
  - Carotenoids, antioxidants, zinc, and vitamins C & E
    - AREDS 2
  - © Carotenoid macular supplement in subclinical and early AMD. Carotenoid and antioxidant is intermediate and AMD that is progressing

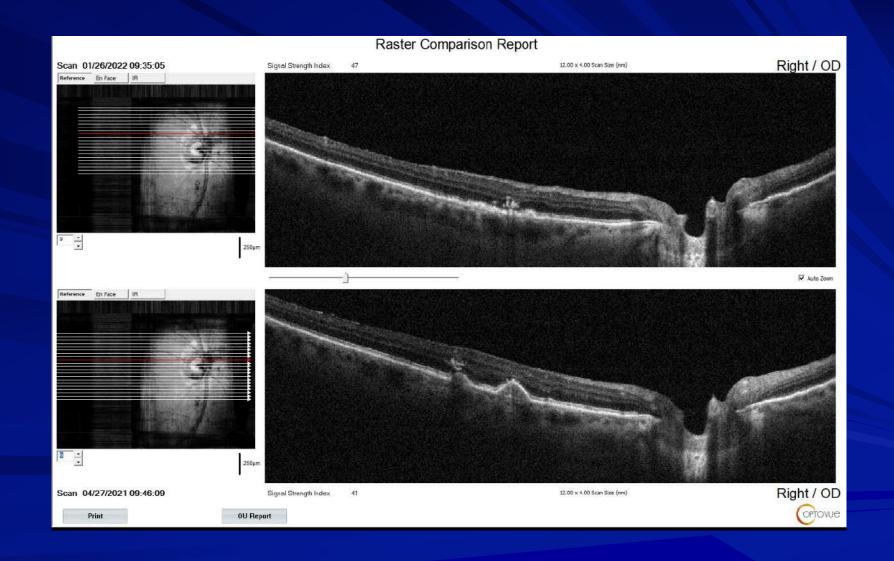
## Treatment for AMD

## Treatment for AMD

- Retinal light protection
  - **★** Sun exposure
- &Closer follow up
  - \* 12 months is currently accepted as being too long to defect progression
  - \* 6 months or sooner based on risk of CNV
- & Low vision and rehabilitation consultation







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### Health Benefits of Polyphenols and Carotenoids in Age-Related Eye Diseases

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Oxidative stress and inflammation play a critical role in the initiation and progression of age-related ocular abnormalities as cataract, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and macular degeneration. Therefore, phytochemicals with proven antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activities, such as carotenoids and polyphenols, could be of benefit in these diseases. We searched PubMed and Web of Science databases for original studies investigating the benefits of different carotenoids and polyphenols in age-related ophthalmic diseases. Our results showed that several polyphenols (such as anthocyanins, Ginkgo biloba, quercetin, and resveratrol) and carotenoids (such as lutein, zeaxanthin, and mezoxanthin) have shown significant preventive and therapeutic benefits against the aforementioned conditions. The involved mechanisms in these findings include mitigating the production of reactive oxygen species, inhibiting the tumor necrosis factor-α and vascular endothelial growth factor pathways, suppressing p53-dependent apoptosis, and suppressing the production of inflammatory markers, such as interleukin- (IL-) 8, IL-6, IL-1a, and endothelial leucocyte adhesion molecule-1. Consumption of products containing these phytochemicals may be protective against these diseases; however, adequate human data are lacking. This review discusses the role and mechanisms of polyphenols and carotenoids and their possible synergistic effects on the prevention and treatment of age-related eye diseases that are induced or augmented by oxidative stress and inflammation.

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## Carotenoids and Polyphenols

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Oxidative stress: role of physical exercise and antioxidant nutraceuticals in adulthood and aging

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Resveratrol can be implied in anti-aging actions by influencing the mitochondrial environment and metabolic diseases, by regulating the levels of some inflammatory mediators and cytokines and by modulating lipolysis [125, 152, 153]. Mitochondrial dysfunction has been proved to be associated with aging and disease development [154], and it was seen

Furthermore, resveratrol maintains the vascular fitness through its antioxidant and anticoagulant activities, and on the other hand is relevant in blocking the formation of new blood vessels, in inhibiting the VEGF release and attenuating Hypoxia-Inducible Factor (HIF-1α) in different tumor cells [163].

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#### ASSESSMENT OF CAROTENOIDS

#### Impact of Carotenoid Assessment

Because carotenoids appear to play a key role in retinal diseases, intensive research has resulted in a variety of innovative carotenoid assessment techniques. The breadth of possibilities for assessing retinal carotenoids is often confusing because methodologies, units of measurement, and the presentation of results vary widely. Accurate readings of carotenoid status are important in order to correctly advise individuals with regards to supplementation. Furthermore, in diseases such as macular telangiectasia type 2 (MacTel), the assessment of carotenoids may be crucial to the diagnosis, as reduced MP levels as well as abnormal distributions are among the first signs of the disease. Therefore, the measurement of carotenoids can impact clinical practice, and the evaluation of MP may eventually become an integral part of comprehensive ophthalmological care. The following sections describe and aim to give an organized overview of different MP assessment techniques.

A large variety of methods are used to assess carotenoid status in humans, most of which are focused on the eye, but carotenoids can also be measured in tissue outside of the eye, such as the skin, blood, and the brain. Measurements of ocular carotenoids can be distinguished between subjective (psychophysical) and objective (optical) methods used to assess the amount of MP. In subjective methods, a direct answer from the patient is required, whereas objective measurement methods typically require just enough cooperation to generate an image (73).

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# Measuring Macular Pigment

- Retina macula biopsy
- & Clinical Imaging
  - \* Subjective
    - **TeaVision MPSII**
    - © Guardion Mapcat SF
  - \* Clinical
    - **ZeaVision MPR**
    - 🖹 Zeiss Visucam 200
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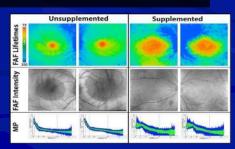












Thank you! Dr. Chris Putnam

# Measuring Macular Pigment

### & Biophotonic Scanner

- **★** Measures carotenoids
- \*Based on an optical method known as Resonant Raman Spectroscopy (RSS)
  - Used for many years in research laboratories
- **★Skin RRS** measurements
  - Noninvasive
  - Objective
  - Reliable methods to assess carotenoid levels
    - Ocular
    - Systemic



### Carotenoid Levels



Scanner correlates to blood and macular pigment

read study

Biomarker of health for diet and lifestyle

\*Yale University

Phospholipid bi-layer

Carotenoids, flavonoids, and polyphenols

#### Clinical and Epidemiologic Research

#### Correlations Between Macular, Skin, and Serum Carotenoids

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RESULTS. Skin RRS measurements and serum zeaxanthin concentrations correlated most strongly with AFI macular pigment volume under the curve (MPVUC) measurements up to 9' eccentricity relative to MPVUC or rotationally averaged macular pigment optical density (MPOD) measurements at smaller eccentricities. These measurements were reproducible and not significantly affected by cataracts. We also found that these techniques could readily identify subjects taking oral carotenoid-containing supplements.

Coscussions. Larger macular pigment volume AFI and skin RRS measurements are noninvasive, objective, and reliable methods to assess ocular and systemic carotenoid levels. They are an attractive alternative to psychophysical and optical methods that measure MPOD at a limited number of eccentricities. Consequently, skin RRS and MPVUC at 9° are both reasonable biomarkers of macular carotenoid status that could be readily adapted to research and clinical settings.

Keywords: macular pigment, carotenoids, macula



# Carotenoid Levels





Quick Test (approx. 30 sec)

Portable

**Cost Effective** 

Remeasure in 60 days

Reassurance to you and patient

# Raman Spectroscopy



478nm PHOTONS ARE EMITTED FROM THE SCANNER

AS 478nm PHOTONS STRIKE CAROTENOIDS IN THE SKIN, THE ARE REFLECTED BACK AS 518nm PHOTONS

# Resonance Raman spectroscopic evaluation of skin carotenoids as a biomarker of carotenoid status for human studies

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spectros nvasive method that has been developed to assess carotnuman tissues an skin in vivo. Skin carotenoid status has been suggested as au cript describes research done relevant to the devela promising biomarker for human studies. This opment of this biomarker, including its repod sibility, lidity, feasibility for use in field settings, and factors that affect the biomark and adiposity. Recent studies have evaluated the response of the larger to otenoid interventions, both supplement-based and dietary id rait and vegetable (F/V)-enriched diet], demonstrating consistent e.g., provision of a high-ca response to intervatio. The totality of evidence supports the use of skin carotenoid status as an objective biomarker V intake, although in the cross-sectional setting, diet explains only some of the variation in this biomarker. However, this limitation is also a strength in that skin carotenoids may effectively serve as an integrated biomarker of health, with higher status reflecting greater F/V intake, lack of smoking, and lack of adiposity. Thus, this biomarker holds promise as both a health biomarker and an objective indicator of F/V intake, supporting its further development and utilization for medical and public health purposes.

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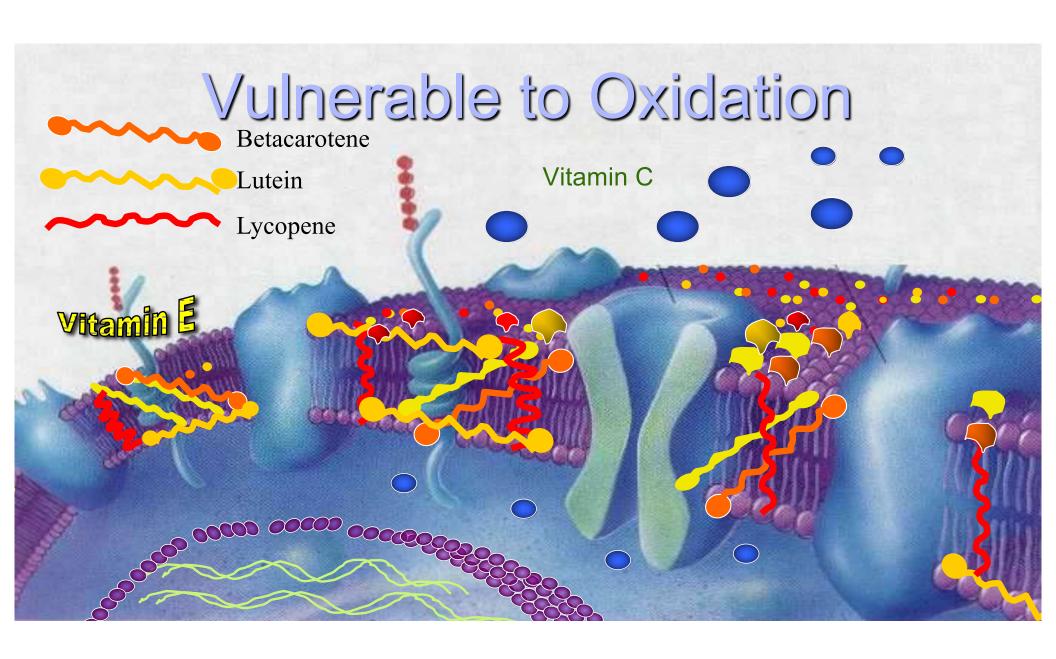
#### **Conclusions:**

"Our results emphasize the importance of measuring the total amount of carotenoids in the macula region using an objective image based modality such as AFI w Spectralis rather than subjective MPOD."

Skin resonance Raman Spectroscopy of skin carotenoids is a reasonable biomarker of macula carotenoid status. and correlates better than than subjective MPOD tests.



The objective hand scanner is better than the subjective Macuscope, QuantifEYE, and Densitometer for estimating macula pigment.



## 53-year-old man

- - \* Dad with 43 injections for AMD
- & Pre-diabetic with borderline HbA1c
- ⇔Vision 20/20 OU
- **⇔**OCT normal

## CONGRATULATIONS ON TAKING THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS OPTIMIZING YOUR SCS

Dea

Recently, on 12/15/2020, you met with me and I scanned the palm of your hand with the BioPhotonic Scanner. Your scan returned a Skin Carotenoid Score (SCS) of 26000.

This score represents the current carotenoid level of your skin. The higher the score, the more carotenoids your body is receiving.



26000

#### Ingredients

Ingredients	Amount	% Daily Value
Serving Size: 1 Packet		
Vitamin A (83% as Beta Carotene (1875 mcg RAE) from Blakeslea trispora, and Vitamin A palmitate) (375 mcg RAE)	2250 mcg RAE	250%
Vitamin C (as Calcium Ascorbate)	200 mg	222%
Vitamin D (as Cholecalciferol)	5 mcg (200 IU)	25%
Vitamin E (as D-Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, D-Alpha Tocopherol, Tocotrienols)	50.3 mg	335%
Vitamin K (as Phytonadione)	20 mcg	17%
Thiamin (as Thiamine Mononitrate)	3.75 mg	313%
Riboflavin (as Riboflavin)	4.25 mg	327%
Niacin (as Niacinamide)	17.5 mg NE	109%
Vitamin B6 (as Pyridoxine Hydrochloride)	5 mg	294%
Folate	500 mcg DFE (300 mcg folic acid)	125%
Vitamin B12 (as Cyanocobalamin)	15 mcg	625%
Biotin (as Biotin)	75 mcg	250%
Pantothenic Acid (as D-Calcium Pantothenate)	15 mg	300%
Calcium (as Calcium Carbonate, Di-Calcium Malate, Calcium Ascorbate)	250 mg	19%

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lodine (as Potassium Iodide)	50 mcg	33%
Magnesium (as Magnesium Glycinate, Magnesium Oxide)	125 mg	30%
Zinc (as Zinc Bisglycinate)	7.5 mg	68%
Selenium (as L-Selenomethionine, Sodium Selenite)	70 mcg	127%
Copper (as Copper Bisglycinate)	0.5 mg	56%
Manganese (as Manganese Bisglycinate)	1 mg	43%
Chromium (as Chromium Nicotinate Glycinate)	100mcg	286%
Molybdenum (as Molybdenum Bisglycinate)	37.5 mcg	83%
Polyphenol and Flavonoid Blend	97.5 mg	*
Catechins (from <i>Camellia sinensis</i> Leaf Extract)	(45 mg)	*
Quercetin	(25 mg)	*
Grape Seed Extract (min. 95% Polyphenols)	(12.5 mg)	*
Citrus Bioflavonoids (from Citrus Fruits)	12.5 mg)	*
Resveratrol (from <i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> root extract)	(2.5 mg)	*
Mixed Tovopherols (Gamma, Delta & Beta Tocopherols)	53 mg	*
Alpha-Lipoic Acid	15 mg	*
Inositol (as Inositol)	5 mg	*
Carotenoid Blend	3.5 mg	*
Lycopene (as Lycopene)	(2.5 mg)	*
Lutein (from Marigold Flower Extract)	(1 mg)	*
Boron (as Boron Citrate)	1.5 mg	*
Vanadium (as Vanadyl Sulfate)	10 mcg	*

OTHER INGREDIENTS: Gelatin, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Crosmarmellose Sodium, Stearic Acid, Magnesium Stearate, Silicon Dioxide, Titanium Dioxide.

CONTAINS: Fish (Cod, Pollack, Haddock, Hake, Cusk, Redfish, Sole, Flounder).

#### SUPPLEMENT FACTS

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dente i principale de la Contraction de la Pro-	465	24.04		
Total Calories Total Fat Saturated Fat <i>Trans</i> Fat	15 1 g 0 g 0 g	196° 096°		
Vitamin D3 (as cholecalciferol) Vitamin K2 (as menaquinone-7)	12.5 mcg (500 IU) 20 mcg	63% 17%		
Ultra-pure fish oil concentrate:	1055 mg			
EPA (Eicosapentaenoic acid)	300 mg	**		
DHA (Docosahexaenoic acid)	200 mg	**		
Citrus Bioflavonoids (including hesperidin and naringin)	100 mg	**		
Purple corn (Zea mays L.) cob extract including anthocyanins	66.67 mg	**		
Alpha Lipoic Acid	50 mg	**		
Quercetin (from Dimorphandra moilis fruit extract)	37.5 mg	**		
D-Limonene (from Citrus sinensis peel)	25 mg	25		
Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis L.) leaf extract including carnosic acid	18.75 mg	**		
Resveratrol (from Polygonum cuspidatum root)	15 mg	**		
Coenzyme Q10	15 mg	**		
Lycopene	2.5 mg	-		
Lutein (from marigold flower (Targetes erectal)	2 mg	**		
Astaxanthin (from Haematococcus pluvialis algae)	0.5 mg	***		

OTHER INGREDIENTS: Gelatin, Glycerin, Beeswax, Sunflower Lecithin, Vanillin.

CONTAINS: Fish (anchovies, sardines, mackerel).

## 53-year-old man

## CONGRATULATIONS ON TAKING THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS OPTIMIZING YOUR SCS

Door

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33000

## CONGRATULATIONS ON TAKING THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS OPTIMIZING YOUR SCS

Dear

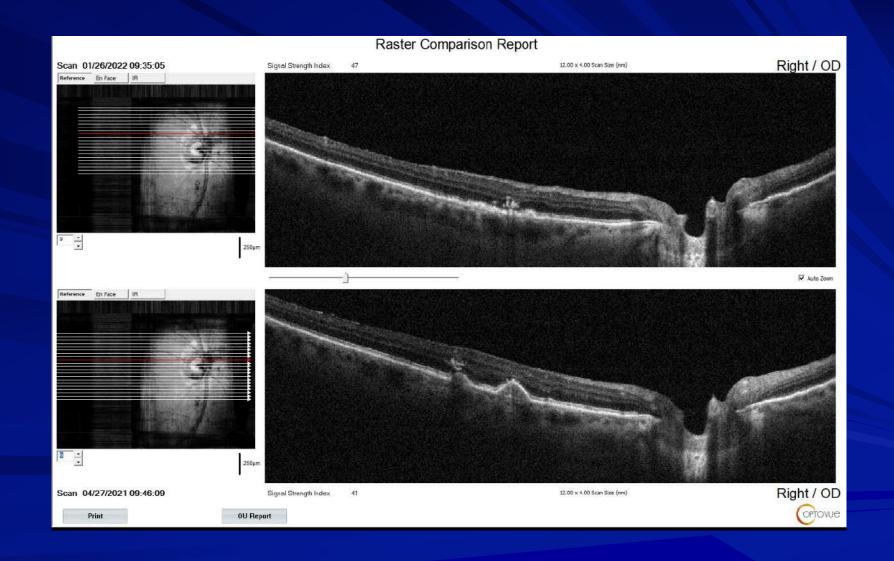
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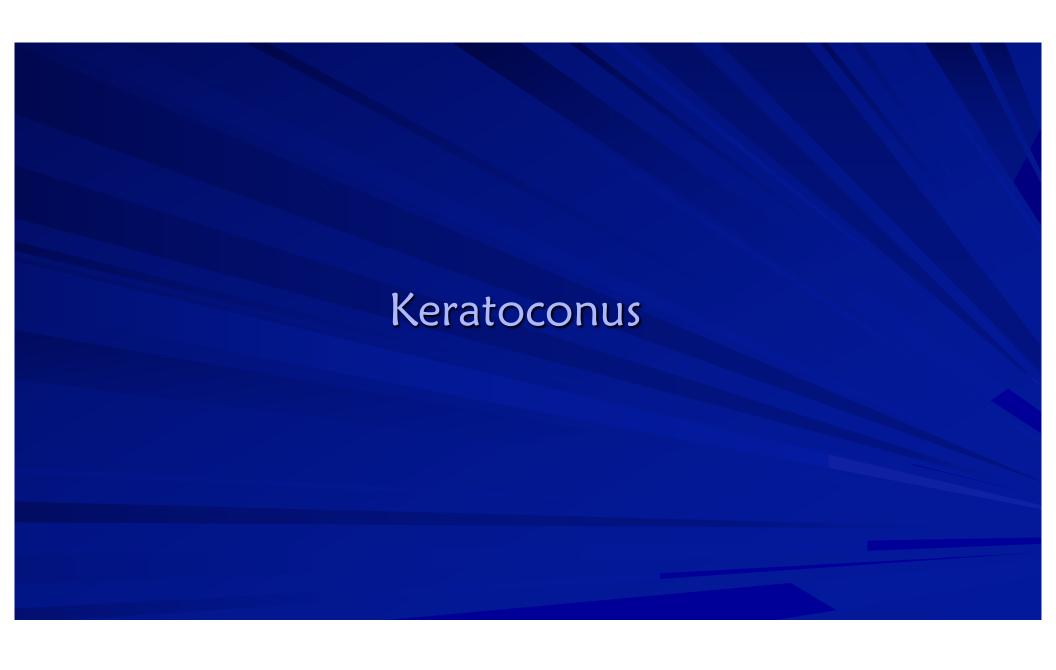
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47000







# Advanced Keratoconus

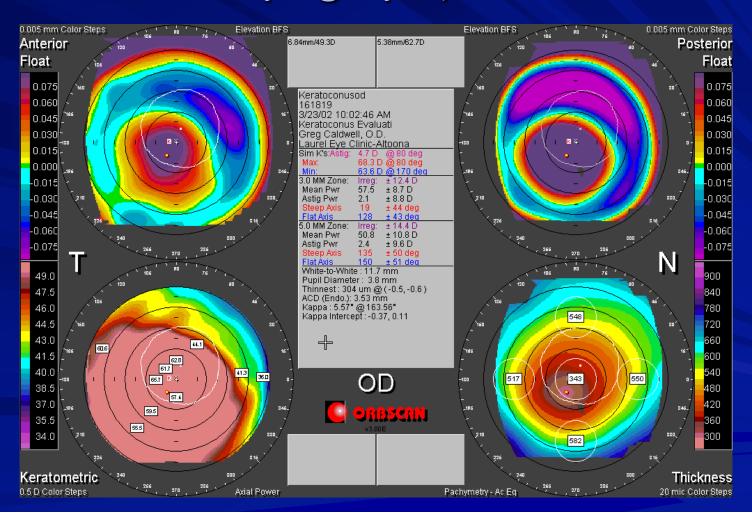




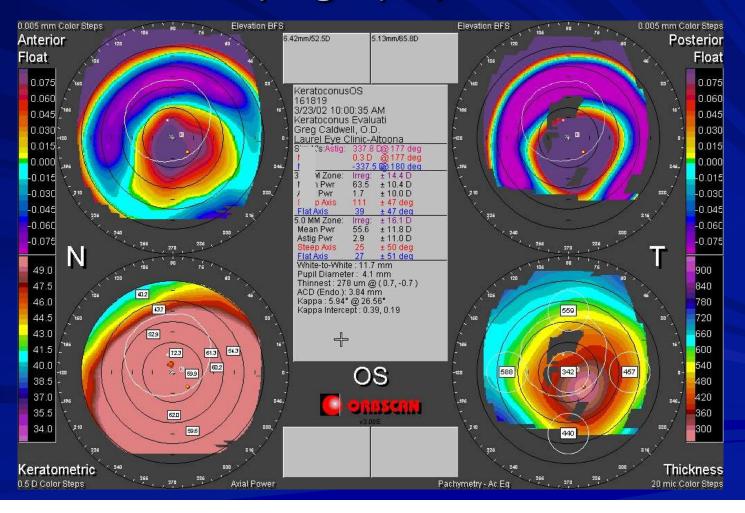




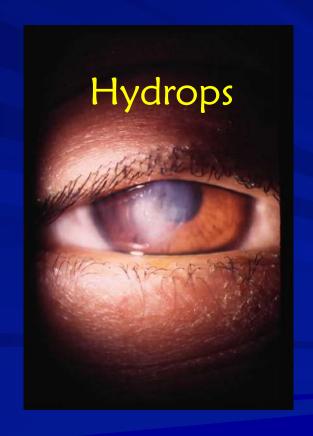
# Topography OD



# Topography OS



What happens when the posterior cone gets too steep and Descemet's membrane ruptures?



### Keratoconus

#### A Progressive corneal disease

- \* Focal thinning, steepening, bulging, and irregular shape
- **★** Loss of biomechanical strength
- **★** Bilateral, asymmetric, clinically non-inflammatory

# Caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors

\*Allergies and eye rubbing

#### **⇔** Onset in puberty

- **★**Typically progressive to 4<sup>th</sup> decade of life
- \*Previously estimated 1:2000 (1986 US), more recent estimate 1:375 (2017 Netherlands)

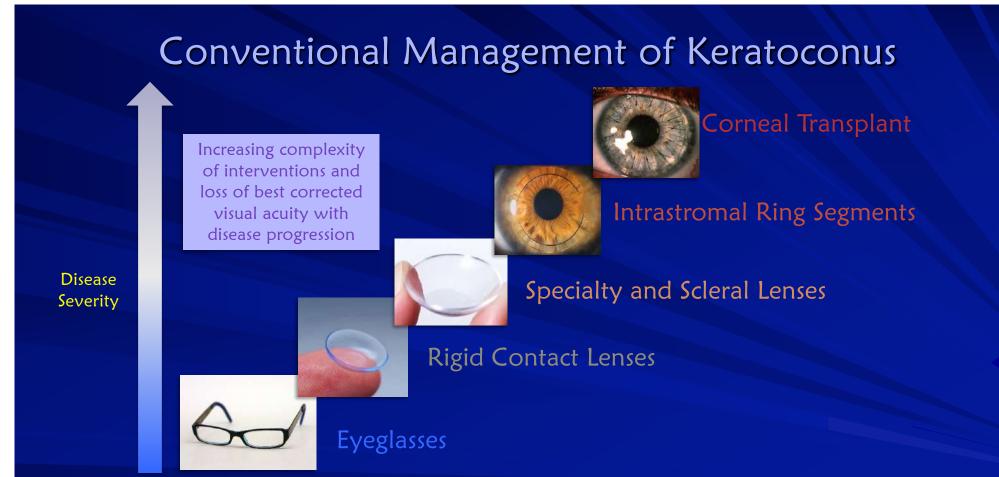
Normal



KC



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Vision management options do not stop disease progression

### Importance of Early Diagnosis in Keratoconus

- As keratoconus progresses, it becomes more challenging to manage
- Progressive keratoconus often results in:
  - Loss of visual acuity
  - Decreased tolerance to contact lens wear, caused by the ongoing changes in the cornea
- The earlier progressive keratoconus is diagnosed, the sooner treatment can be provided that may slow the progression of the disease.<sup>1</sup>



- Important to diagnose and educate patients before visual function is lost
- CXL is an early intervention intended to slow or halt the progression of keratoconus

#### Watch Out for Keratoconus!

8 Potential Signs & Symptoms

Typically onset occurs in teenage years or early twenties







Frequent Changes in Refraction or Increasing Cylinder



Family History of Keratoconus



Reduced Best Corrected Visual Acuity



**Excessive Eye** Rubbing



Frequent Headaches



**Difficulty Seeing** at Night



Halos and Ghosting



Increased Light Sensitivity

If you believe a patient may have keratoconus, perform a diagnostic exam or Find An Expert at LivingwithKC.com to refer them for a KC screening.

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#### LOOK OUT FOR KC!

- ▶ Look out for warning signs in medical history
  - History of eye rubbing
  - Family & genetic predispositions
- ▶ Look out for visual complaints
  - Blurred vision
  - Distortion of images
- ▶ Look out for refractive anomalies
  - Distortion of mires on keratometry
  - Error messages on autorefractors
  - Unsatisfactory attempts at vision correction & progressive loss of UCVA & BCVA
  - Increasing astigmatism

## Cross-linking Procedure Summary



1. Remove epithelium



2. Soak cornea Photrexa® Viscous (riboflavin 5'-phosphate in 20% dextran ophthalmic solution) for 30 minutes



**4.** Once flare is observed, measure corneal thickness

If corneal thickness is less than 400 um, instill 2 drops of Photrexa (riboflavin 5'-phosphate in ophthalmic solution) until the corneal thickness increases to at least 400 µm



3. Check for flare

5. Irradiate for 30 minutes

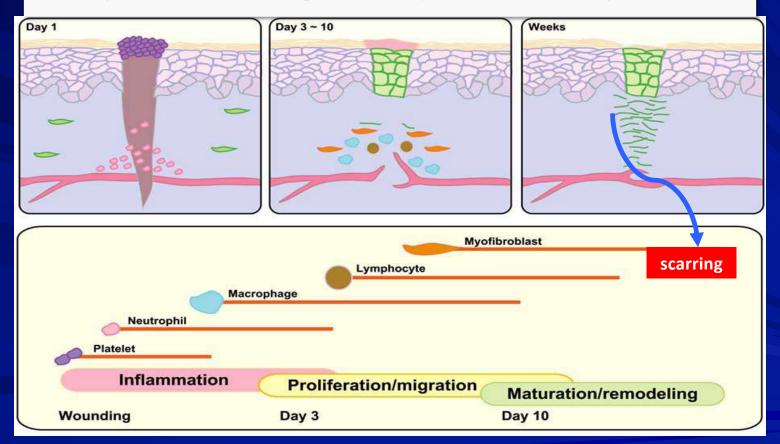
Continue applying Photrexa Viscous (riboflavin 5'-phosphate in 20% dextran ophthalmic solution) during irradiation.

\* Refer to prescribing information for entire FDA-approved procedure

### Amniotic Membrane History

- Amniotic membrane transplantation (AMT) in ophthalmic surgery
  - **★** First documented in 1940
- 4 1995 Kim and Tseng used AMT for ocular surface reconstruction
- € 1997 AmnioGraft (BioTissue), first in USA
  - \* Surgical AMT, sutured
- 2005 ProKera (BioTissue), single sheet, self retained, polycarbonate, in-office and sutureless
- △ 2012 AmbioDisk (Katena/IOP), sutureless
- € 2013 BioD Optix (BioD), sutureless

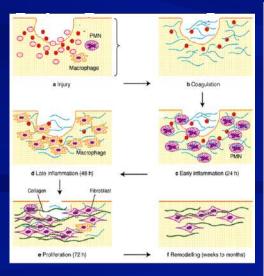
<u>Adult Wound Healing</u>
Insight into the Relationship between "Inflammation" and "Regeneration"

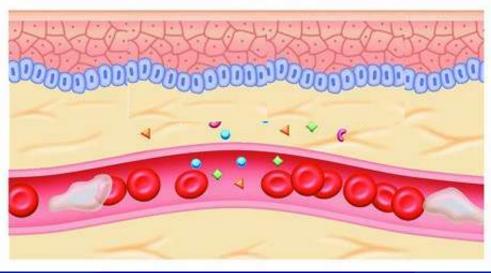


Shaw et al, Endocrine, Metabolic & Immune Disorders - Drug Targets, 10:320-330, 2010

## Regeneration vs. Repair

- Regeneration = cells/tissue reproduction = NO SCAR
- Repair = Healing by granulation tissue / scar formation
  - Scarring correlates directly with Inflammation
  - Controlling Inflammation → Reduces Scarring





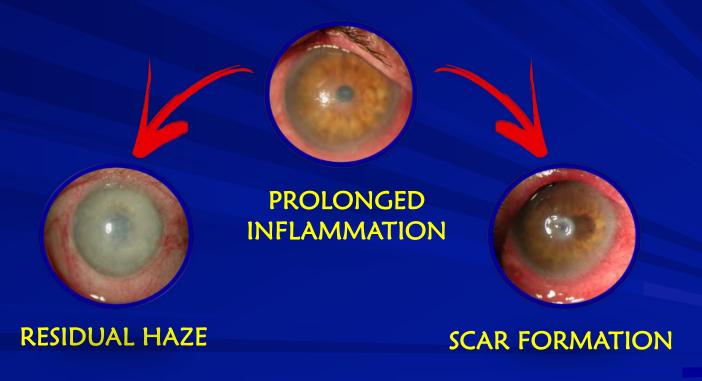
### The Amniotic Membrane

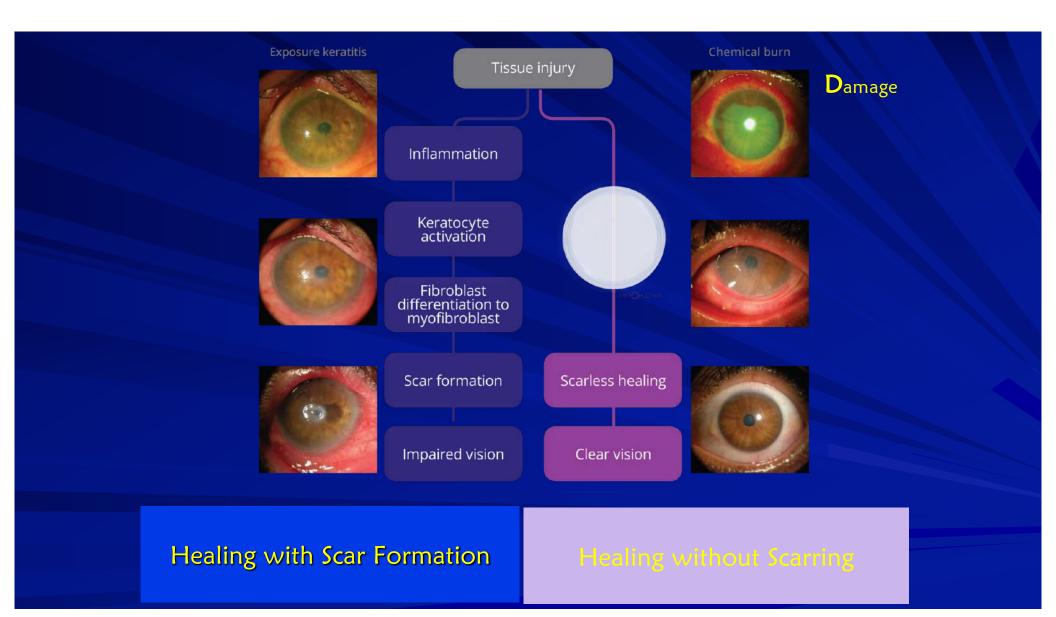
- The amniotic membrane is the innermost lining of the placenta (amnion)
- Are from planned Caesarean section births



# Normal Adult Wound Healing

Our body does not achieve state-of-the-art healing on its own...





## Ocular Surface Disease Challenges

DEFECT

CODELAYED HEALING

**DYSTROPHY** 

DEGENERATION

**DAMAGE** 



# **DEFECT**

### Neurotrophic Persistent Epithelial Defect



### DEFECT

### Infectious Keratitis: Corneal Ulcer with Hypopyon



# HSV 24-48 hours before Zirgan arrives

### DELAYED HEALING

### Filamentary Keratitis

Before After





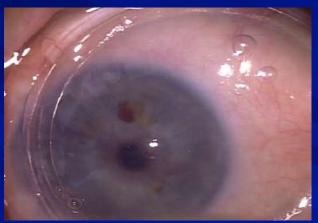




### DYSTROPHY

### Recurrent Corneal Erosion







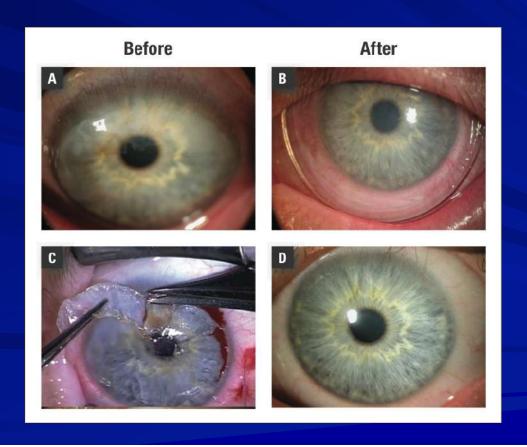
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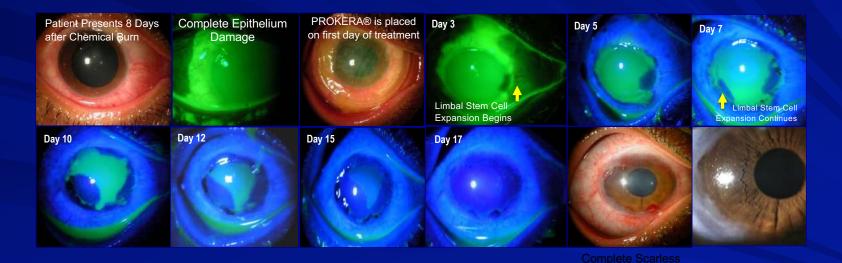
### DEGENERATION

### Salzmann's Nodular Degeneration



### DAMAGE

### Chemical Burn

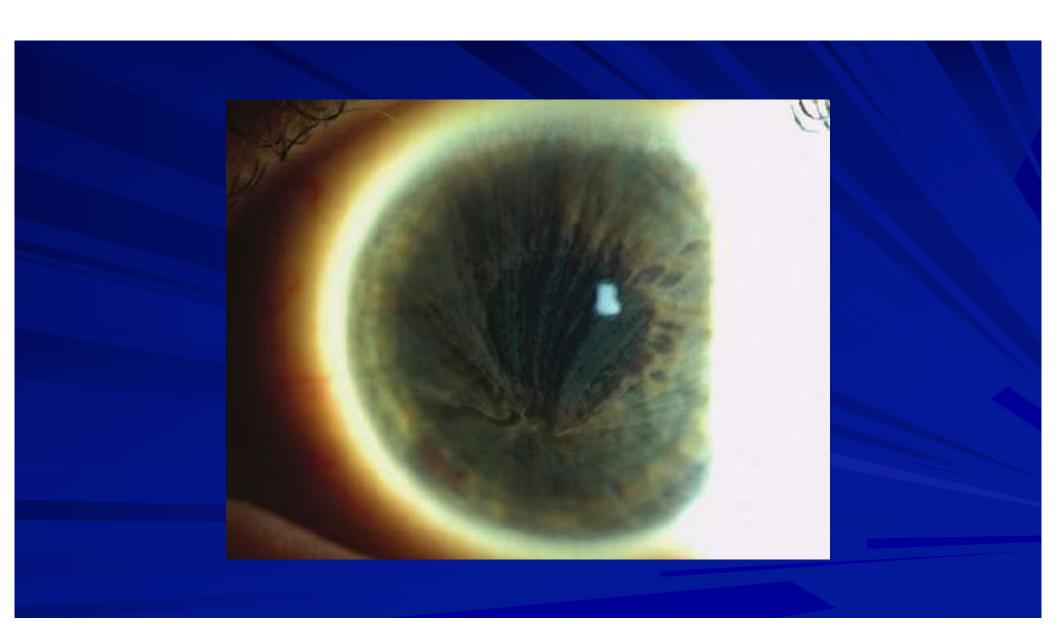




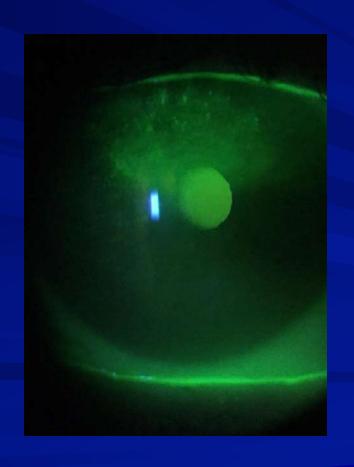
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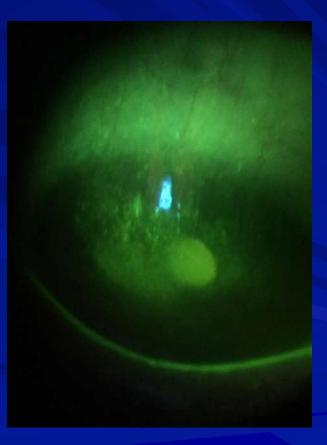






### Limbal Cell Exhaustion





# Ocular Surface Disorders and Defects including but not limited to

- Any Persistent or Non-healing Epithelial Defect
- A Corneal Erosions and Ulcers
- Corneal Scars and Opacities
- & Keratoconjunctivitis Sicca
- 62 Neurotrophic or Exposure Keratoconjuntivitis
- Acute Thermal and Chemical Burns
- & Keratitis (Punctate, Filamentary, Dendritic, Photo-)
- @ Post-infectious Keratitis (Herpetic, Vernal or Bacterial)
- **Band or Bullous Keratopathy**
- Adjunctive Therapy for PRK
- A Conjunctival Defects
- & Corneal Dystrophies, including Anterior Basement Membrane Dystrophy
- Stevens-Johnson Syndrome

### **Amniotic Membrane Components**

- & Proteoglycans
- & Growth factors
- & Collagens (types I, III, IV, V and VI)
- & Fibronectin
- A Heavy chain hyaluronic acid (HC-HA)
- ⇔ PTX 3 (HC-HA Complex)
  - \* Pentraxin 3

Direct inhibition of pro-inflammatory cells<sup>4,5</sup>

- · Suppresses T-cell activation
- Inhibits giant cell formation
- Controls MMP production<sup>7</sup>

### Insertion of Prokera Minor Surgery



### Bio Optix

Amniotic Extracellular Matrix

Allograft Tissue Information and Product Preparation Insert



### Contents / How Supplied

This package contains Human Cellular and Tissue Based Products (HCT/P) as defined by US FDA 21 CFR Part 1271.

### CAUTION:

Federal (USA) law restricts this product to sale by or on the order of a licensed

The Donated Human Tissue has been determined eligible for transplantation by a licensed Medical Director according to the criteria listed in the Donor Selection section below

### Product Description

BioDOntix™ is a human amnion membrane BioDOptix \*\* is a human aminon mentorane allograft provided in prescribed geometric configurations. BioDOptix is delrydrated during processing and should be dry when the package is opened. The inner peal pouch and tissue product are terminally sterilized via E-beam irradiation and may be placed directly into the sterile field. actuded in the packaging along with this insert are a Tracing Record and a set of nationt labels.

- BioDOptix is sterilely packaged for
- single patient, one time use only.

  Once opened, BioDOptix must be used immediately or discarded.

### Introduction

BioDiogics, Lt.C. is registered with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a manufacturer and distributor of human cells, tissue, and cellular and tissue-based cells, lissue, and cellular and lissue-base products (HCTP). All donor recoveries are performed by BioRecovery, LLC, an affiliate of BioRiocovery, LLC, and control of the PDA and adheres to the regulations reparting HCTP recovery and the screening and testing of the lissue donor as verified through timple; surface. through supplier audits.

### Donor Selection

The Medical Director of the registered recovery agency has determined that the donor of the tissue contained in this product is eligible to donate tissue for rangiantation based on meeting the

The results of donor screening indicated that the donor was free from risk factors for and clinical evidence of infection due to releva municable disease agents and

- 2. The results of donor testing for the following relevant communicable disease agents are negative or non
- Antibodies to the human
- immunodeticlency virus type 1 and type 2 (anti-HIV-1 and anti-HIV-2) HIV-1/Hepatitis B/Hepatitis C by Transcription Mediated Amplification
  - Hepatitis B surface antigen
- (HBsAg) Hegatitis B total core antibody antibodies to the hepatitis C virus (anti-HCV)
- Antihodies to human T-lymphotropic virus type I and type II (anti-HTLV-I and anti-HTLV-II) Syphilis using FDA-licensed
- tests. If the blood sample to be used for syphilis screening is determined and documented to be unacceptable for the screening assay (e.g. hemolysis, sample testing time restriction) then an FDA-licensed treponemal-specific confirmatory assay may be performed instead (e.g. FTA-Abs).

All laboratories performing these tests are certified to perform testing on human imens under the Clinical Laboratory improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) and 42 CFR part 493 or have met ent requirements as determi by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

At the time of recovery, cultures of the tissue are taken and grown out for evaluation. Additionally, a donor's medical history and behavior risk assessment, incorporating U.S. Public Health Service idelines, are obtained prior to donation Discussions with physicians and/or the donor mother are conducted to identify circumstances that may lead to the exclusion of the donor or donated tissue. The blood sample test results, donor medical history, behavior risk assessment, medical history, benavior rais, assessment, physical assessment, and information from other sources or records, which may pertain to donor suitability, have been evaluated by a Medical Director. The lightery is a Engaged history. Medical Director is a licensed physician Medical Director is a scensed physician who completes a comprehensive review of every donor record. The results are used to determine that the donor suitability onteria at the time of tissue recovery have been met, and that the tissue is acceptable for transplantation

The names and addresses of the testing laboratories, the interpretation of all required infectious disease tests, a listing required infectious crossesse tests, a spling of the documents reviewed as part of the relevant medical records and all pertinent donor medical information can be quickly retrieved upon request for any allograft tissue recovered on the behalf of BioDioglos, LLC.

Tissue recovery is aseptically performed by BioRecovery, LLC, an FDA-registered tissue bank. At the time of recovery, medical records are collected and reviewed as part of donor eligibility.

BioDoptix is processed by BioDiogics. LLC, in a controlled environment using methods designed to prevent contamination and cross-contamination of the products. Technical quality assurance standards are rigorously maintained. Ethanol is used during processing and trace residuals remain on the product.

### Tissue Distribution

BioDOptix is distributed by BioDiogics, LLC.

### Tissue Storage

It is the responsibility of the Tissue Dispensing Service and/or end user to maintain BioDOptix in its original packaging and at room temperature until ready for use.

### **HCT/P Tracking**

Important notice to end-user: Recipient records must be maintained for the purpose of tracing tissue post-transplant per The Joint Commission and FDA requirements. The allograft ID number must be recorded in the operative record. The Tracing Record must be completed and returned to BioDiogics, LLC. Patient lebels which include tissue numbers are ontained in this package to aid in the tracking process.

### General Usage

BioDOpix is intended for use as a wound owning. This product is an allograft issue intended for homologous use at the direction of a physician. direction of a physician

BioDOptix contains trace amounts of ethanol. It should not be used in patients with known sensitivity to ethanol.

In order to reduce the risk of

complications, BioDOptix should not be in used the presence of active infection.

Although donor tissue is evaluated and processed following strict FDA guidelines, the donor screening methods are limited and may not detect all diseases. As with any allograft, complications at the graft site. may occur post operatively that are not readily apparent. These include, but are not limited to:

- transmission of communicable diseases, including those of unknown etiology
- transmission of infectious agents such as viruses, bacteria and fungi
- immune rejection of, or allergic reaction to, implanted HCT/P

### Adverse Reactions

Adverse reactions or outcomes that potentually involve the use of BioDOptix should be reported immediately to the BioDlogics, LLC Customer Service

### Recommended Instructions for use of BioDOctix

only to serve as a general guideline. They are not intended to supersede institutional protocols or professional clinical judgment concerning patient care.

piece of sterile mesh to facilitate placement of the graft if the surgeon wants to hydrate the graft before emplication. The most reflects the epithelial side of the tissue (surface closest to the fetus).

### Preparation Instructions

- Open carton or box containing
- BioDOptix and remove the peel-pack. Peel open the outer package and remove the inner foil pouch using aseptic technique.

- -The inner tray and its contents are sterile and may be placed directly into the sterile field.
- Peel the inner pouch open and place the implant with the accompanying mesh into the sterile field.

-Care must be taken in transferring/ removing the graft from the package as it is lightweight and may be easily

-The BioDOptix graft is translucent and will look off-white or yellowish on the mesh that is still in contact with

- -It is important to note that the drier the surface to be covered with the graft, the easier the application.
- Remove the graft from the mest

If the allograft has been hydrated prior to application, leave the graft on the mesh to aid in placement. Once the graft is positioned in the desired location, grasp a corner of the allograft with forceps to hold it in place while gently pealing off the mesh.

### DO NOT LEAVE ANY MESH IN WOUND

- 5. It is sometimes necessary to gently "brush" or "massage" the thin membrane at the edges to smooth out wrinkles and folds that can occur during graft placement.
- If removal and replacement are needed, re-apply the mesh for ease of
- After final placement, discard the mesh.

### Return Policy

All return orders of BioDOptix require a Return Authorization (RA) number before product may be returned for credit. Please contact the BioDiogics Customer Service Team for more information.

Note: BioDiogics LLC makes no claims concerning the biological properties of allograft tissue FAI Insue mas Seen Collector, processed, stored, and distributed in compliance with the FDA regulations governing HCTPA shiftough givery effort has been made to ensure the safety of allograft material, current technologies may not preclude the transmission of disease.

### Prokera

### Indications:

- PROKERA is intended for use in eyes in which ocular surface cells are damaged or underlying stroma is inflamed or scarred. Acting as a self-retaining biologic corneal bandage, PROKERA effectively treats superficial corneal surface diseases by suppressing inflammation and related pain, promoting epithelial healing, and avoiding haze.
- PROKERA is inserted between the eyeball and the eyelid to maintain space in the orbital cavity
  and to prevent closure or adhesions. Placement of the conformer also enables application of
  the cryopreserved amniotic membrane to the ocular surface without the need for sutures.
- PROKERA is for single-use only in one patient by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

### **Contraindications:**

• PROKERA should not be used in eyes with glaucoma drainage devices or filtering bleb.

### **Precautions:**

Power use DDOKEDA if the device expediencies demanded, contact Die Tiesus immediately.

Location & Temperature	Use After Receipt
Unopened insulated shipping container	Within the expiration date printed on outer shipping box
-80°C → 4°C (-112°F → 39.2°F) Example: ultra-low temperature freezer, standard freezer, or standard refrigerator	Within the expiration date printed on product packaging (shelf-life is 2 years from date of manufacture)

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### Clinical Study

### **Corneal Nerve Regeneration after Self-Retained Cryopreserved Amniotic Membrane in Dry Eye Disease**

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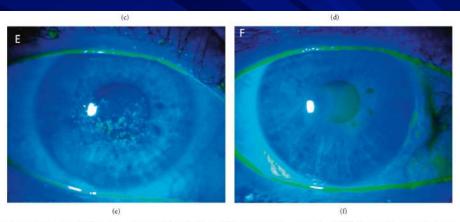


FIGURE 2: Changes in DED severity: pain score (a), SPEED score (b) corneal staining score (c), and DEWS score (d) and an illustrative example of fluorescein staining before (e) and after (f) PKS treatment. Significant decrease in pain score, SPEED questionnaire score, and symptoms in the study group (solid lines) from baseline to 3 months ( $p \le 0.001$ ), while remained relatively unchanged in the control group (dash lines). \* denotes  $p \le 0.05$ .

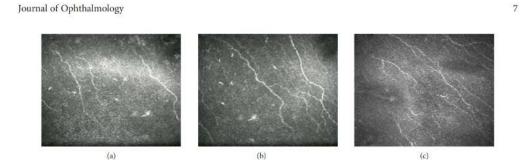
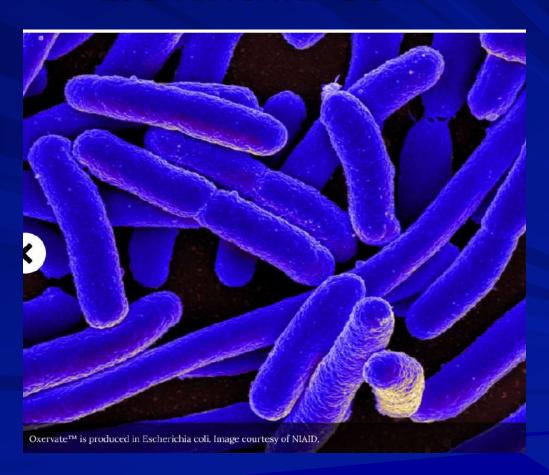


FIGURE 5: Illustrative example of IVCM showing the subbasal nerve fiber and dendritiform cells in the study group at baseline (a), 1 month (b), and 3 months follow-up (c).

### Oxervate™ (cenegermin-bkbj)

- Approved 2018 (August 28, 2018)
- A Ophthalmic solution indicated for the treatment of neurotrophic keratitis
- Dosing: Instill 1 drop in affected eye 6 times per day (at 2-hour intervals) for 8 weeks
  - \* Used as eye drop
    - Not infused or injected
- Storage issues: in the freezer at the pharmacy
  - \* Patient keeps the individual vials in the fridge once "actively ready" for use, then it is only stable for 12 hours
- **Contraindications** 
  - \* None

### Escherichia Coli



### Corneal Homeostasis

Interaction between corneal nerves and epithelial cells/keratocytes mediates corneal homeostasis

Corneal nerve

Neurotrophins, neuropeptides and growth factors (e.g., NGF) from epithelial cells and keratocytes mediate nerve fibre survival, differentiation and maturation

Tear gland



**Tears** contain growth factors and nutrients that stimulate epithelial cells

Tear secretion

Neuromediators provide trophic support to ocular surface tissues (particularly epithelial cells & keratocytes) that:

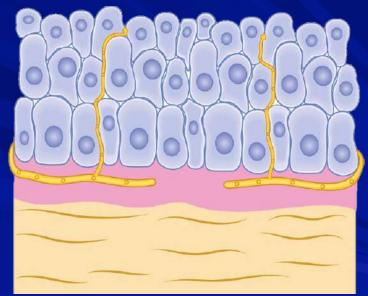
- Stimulates wound healing
- Maintains anatomic integrity

Epithelial cells and keratocytes

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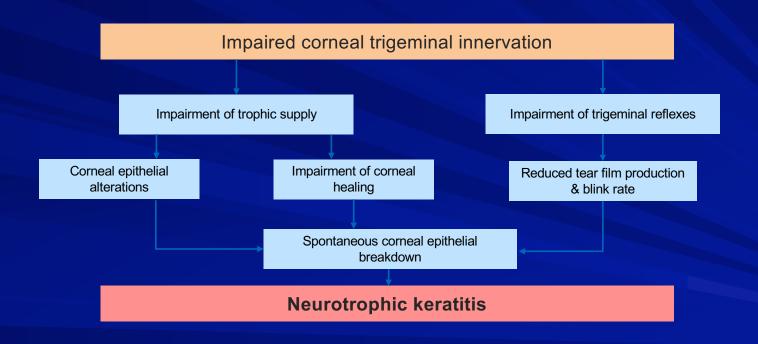
### Pathophysiology of NK<sup>1</sup>

- The loss of corneal sensory innervation via damage to the trigeminal nerve reduces release of neuromediators that provide trophic (nutritional) support to the ocular surface tissues, stimulate wound healing and maintain anatomic integrity
- Impairment of corneal sensitivity also affects tear film production and blink rate due to the reduction of trigeminal reflexes
- Impairment of trigeminal innervation leads to decreased corneal epithelium renewal and healing rate, and ultimately the development of NK



Penetration of nerves into the epithelium

### Trigeminal nerve damage leading to NK1



Adapted from 1. Mastropasqua L, et al. J Cell Pathol. 2017;232:717-24.

### Etiologies Associated with NK

### Ocular

- Herpes (simplex or zoster) infection
- Other infections e.g acanthamoeba
- Chemical or physical burn
- Abuse of topical anaesthetics
- Drug toxicity
- Chronic ocular surface injury or inflammation
- Ocular surgery
- Cataract surgery
- · LASIK, PRK
- PK and DALK
- Collagen crosslinking for keratoconus
- Vitrectomy for retinal detachment
- Photocoagulation for diabetic retinopathy
- Postsurgical or laser treatment
- Routine laser for proliferative diabetic retinopathy
- Contact lenses
- Orbital neoplasia
- Corneal dystrophies

### Central nervous system

- Neoplasm
- Aneurysms
- Stroke
- Degenerative CNS disorders
- Post-neurosurgical procedures
  - For acoustic neuroma
  - For trigeminal neuralgia
- Other surgical injury to trigeminal nerve

### Systemic

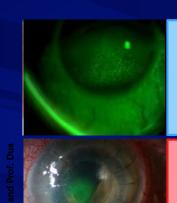
- Diabetes mellitus
- Leprosy
- Vitamin A deficiency
- Amyloidosis
- Multiple sclerosis

### Genetic

- Riley-Day syndrome (familial dysautonomia)
- Goldenhar-Gorlin syndrome
- Mobius syndrome
- Familial corneal hypoaesthesia

DALK=deep anterior lamellar keratoplasty; LASIK=laser in situ keratomileusis; PK=penetrating keratoplasty; PRK=photorefractive keratectomy

### NK classification



Stage 1: Mild

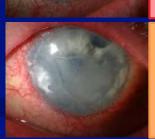


quadrants of the cornea

(Epithelial defect without stromal defect):

Frank persistent epithelial defect and corneal hypo-

(Epithelial changes only without epithelial defect): Epithelial irregularity without frank epithelial defect, tear film instability and symptoms (hyper-aesthesia) with reduced or absent sensations in one or more

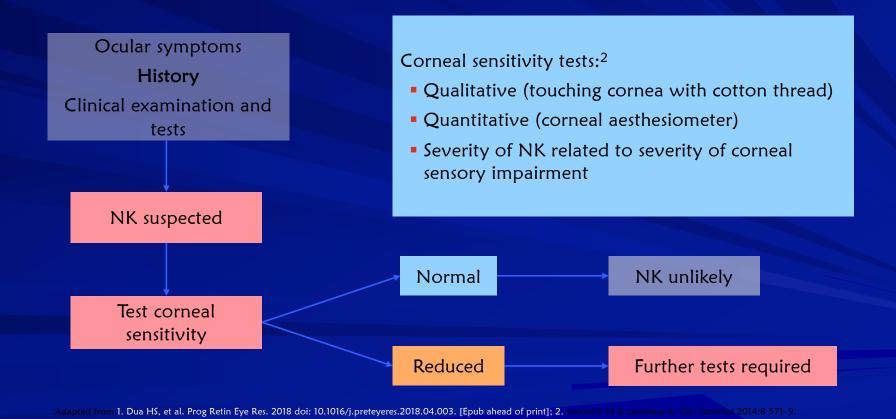


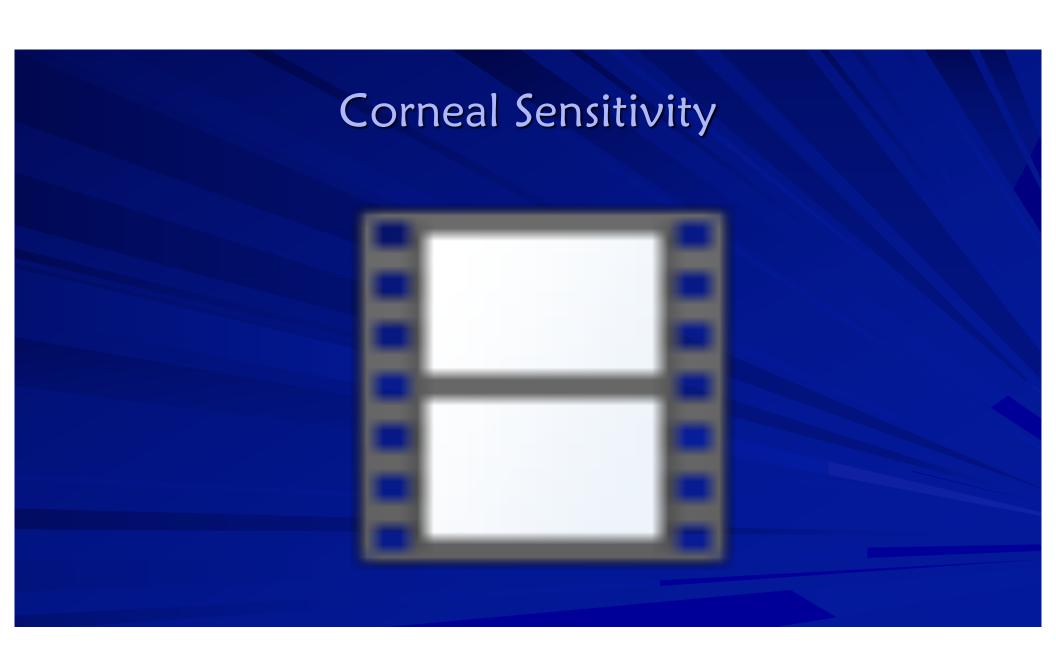
Stage 3
Severe

(Stromal involvement): Stromal involvement from corneal ulcer to lysis to perforation, with corneal hypo-aesthesia/anaesthesia

aesthesia/ anaesthesia

# Assessment of Corneal Sensitivity is Essential to Confirm NK diagnosis<sup>1</sup>





# Endogenous NGF maintains corneal integrity by three mechanisms

Endogenous Nerve growth factor acts through specific high-affinity (i.e., TrkA) and low-affinity (i.e. p75NTR) nerve growth factor receptors in the anterior segment of the eye to support corneal innervation and integrity.<sup>1</sup>

### **CORNEAL INNERVATION**

SHOWN IN PRECLINICAL MODELS1

NGF binds receptors on lacrimal glands and promotes sensory-mediated reflex tearing secretion<sup>1,4</sup>

**TEAR SECRETION** 



NGF plays a role in nerve function and stimulates the regeneration and survival of the sensory nerves<sup>2,3</sup>

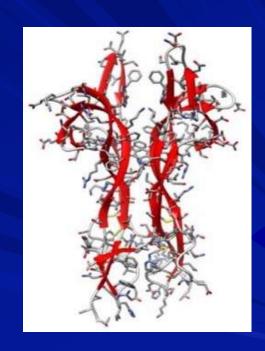
### CELL PROLIFERATION AND DIFFERENTIATION

NGF stimulates proliferation, differentiation, and survival of corneal epithelial cells<sup>1</sup>

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## Active ingredient structurally identical to human nerve growth factor produced in ocular tissues

- A Naturally occurring neurotrophin is responsible for differentiation, growth, and maintenance of neurons<sup>1</sup>
- The regenerative potential of nerve growth factor (NGF) was discovered by Nobel-prize winning scientists in the early 1950s<sup>1</sup>
- Genegermin-bkbj, a novel recombinant human nerve growth factor (rhNGF), is **STRUCTURALLY IDENTICAL** to the NGF protein<sup>2</sup>



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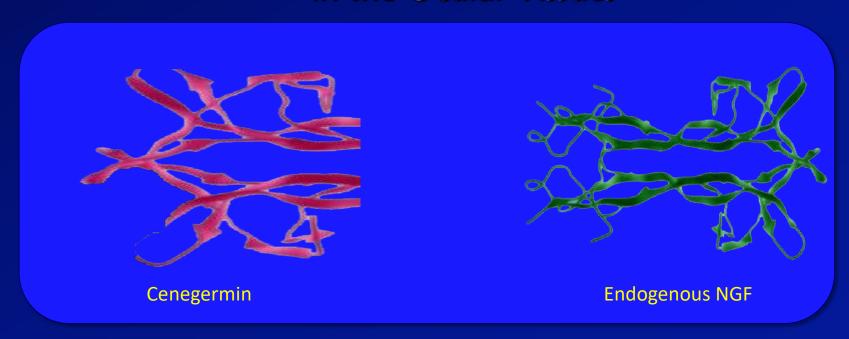
- OXERVATE™ is supplied in a weekly carton containing 7 multiple-dose vials\*
- A separate weekly Delivery System Kit contains the supplies needed to administer treatment

### The Delivery System Kit Contains:

- 7 vial adapters
- 42 pipettes
- 42 sterile disinfectant wipes
- 1 dose recording card
- 1 extra adapter, 3 extra pipettes, 3 extra wipes are included as spares
  - \*Extra drug is available in each vial to take into consideration for loss or spillage during treatment administration



# Cenegermin Mimics the Structure of Endogenous NGF in the Ocular Tissues



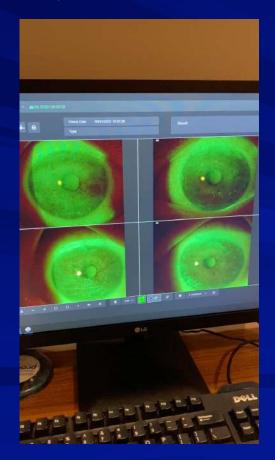
Cenegermin-bkbj, the active ingredient in the FDA-approved OXERVATE™ (cenegermin-bkbj ophthalmic solution) 0.002% (20 mcg/mL), is structurally identical to the human NGF protein found in ocular tissues

# OXERVATE™ (cenegermin-bkbj) ophthalmic solution 0.002% Dosing and Administration



### Let's Hear From a Patient

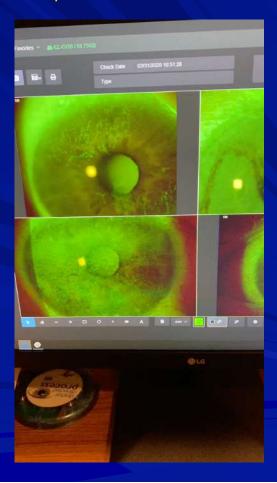
April 7, 2020 - After 1 week



April 21, 2020 - After 3 weeks



May 12, 2020 - After 6 weeks



### Study Conclusions

After 8 weeks of treatment, 6 times daily

50 clinical trial sites in Europe and the U.S. Study NGF0212 (REPARO) (N=52 per group) European patients with NK in one eye

NCT01756456

In the majority of patients across two clinical studies OXERVATE™ (cenegermin ophthalmic solution 0.002%) was well tolerated and more effective than vehicle in promoting complete corneal healing of moderate or severe NK.



Study NGF0214 (N=24 per group)

U.S patients with NK in one or both eyes

\*Based on REPARO, the study with longer follow-up

NCT02227147



Of patients who healed after one 8-week course of treatment...

Remained healed for one year\*

Safety: The most common adverse reaction was eye pain following instillation which was reported in approximately 16% of patients. Other adverse reactions occurring in 1-10% of OXERVATE™ patients and more frequently than in the vehicle-treated patients included corneal deposits, foreign body sensation, ocular hyperemia, ocular inflammation and tearing³

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### OXERVATE™ (cenegermin-bkbj)

Adverse reactions: very well tolerated

- A The most common adverse reaction in clinical trials
  - \* eye pain, corneal deposits, foreign body sensation in the eye, ocular hyperemia, swelling of the eye, and increase in tears
- Contact lenses (therapeutic or corrective) should be removed before applying cenegermin
  - \* presence of a contact lens may limit the distribution of cenegermin-bkbj onto the corneal lesion
  - \* Lenses may be reinserted 15 minutes after administration.



### Optometric Education Consultants



### Questions? Thank You!

# Ocular Disease Interpretation and Utilization of New and Old Technologies

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