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Ocular Disease

Interpretation and Utilization of New and Old Technologies

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My Practice

I am a clinician first then a scientist

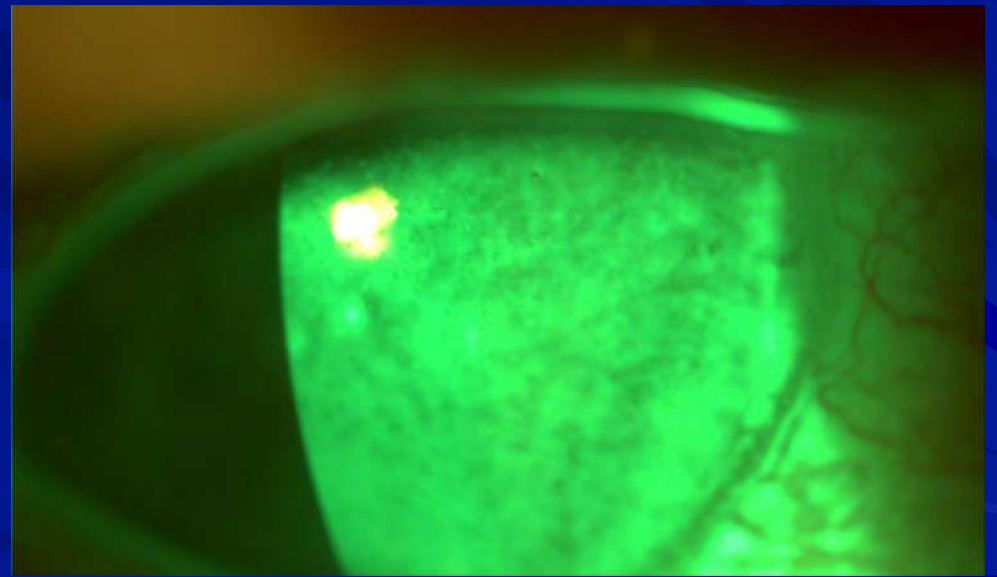
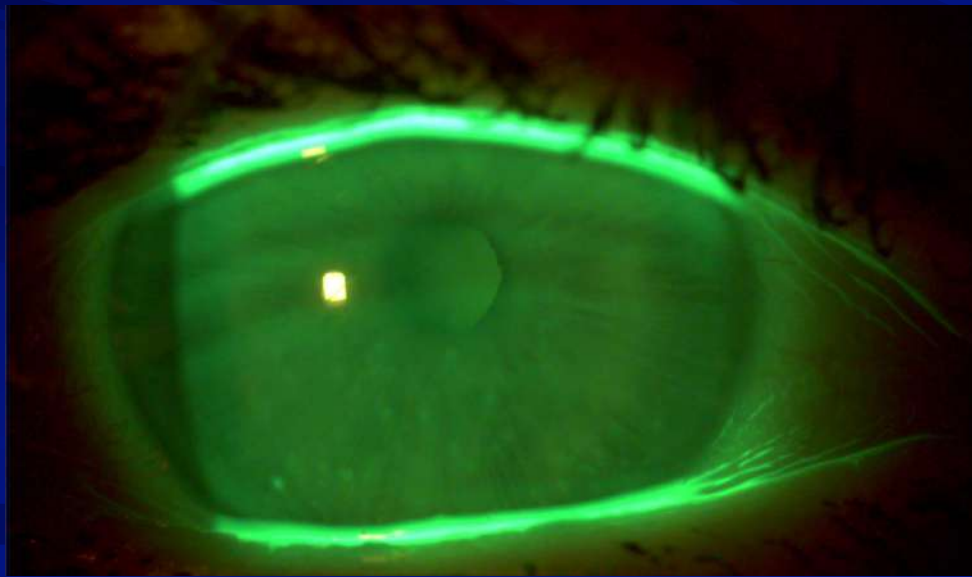
- Some are scientists first then clinician
- I need to simplify for patient and patient care.
- Science is great, but not good if there isn't a clinical application.
- Some lectures are science based without clinical application.
- My lecture will be a hybrid. Showing clinical applications of the science



It is wonderful to have someone who's juggling so many aspects of optometry [scientific, clinical experience, teacher & lecturer]. It is refreshing and very informative. -Sarah

Neurotrophic Keratitis

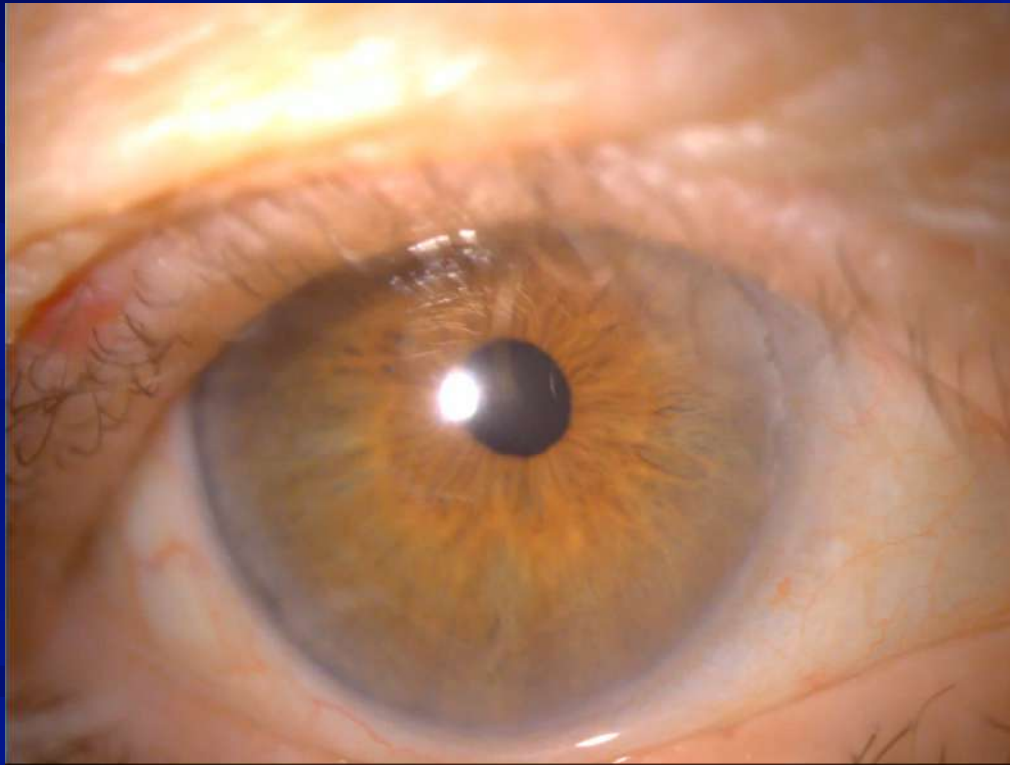
Stain Without Pain!
Actually, the OS is More Comfortable – What?



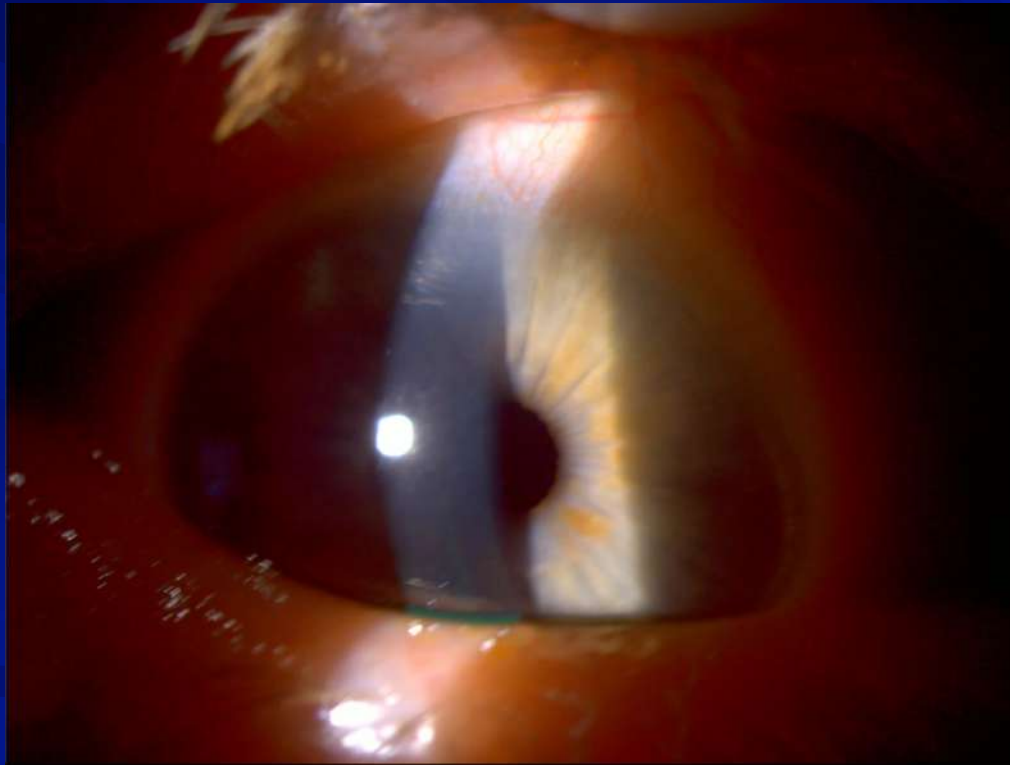
Corneal Sensitivity Testing



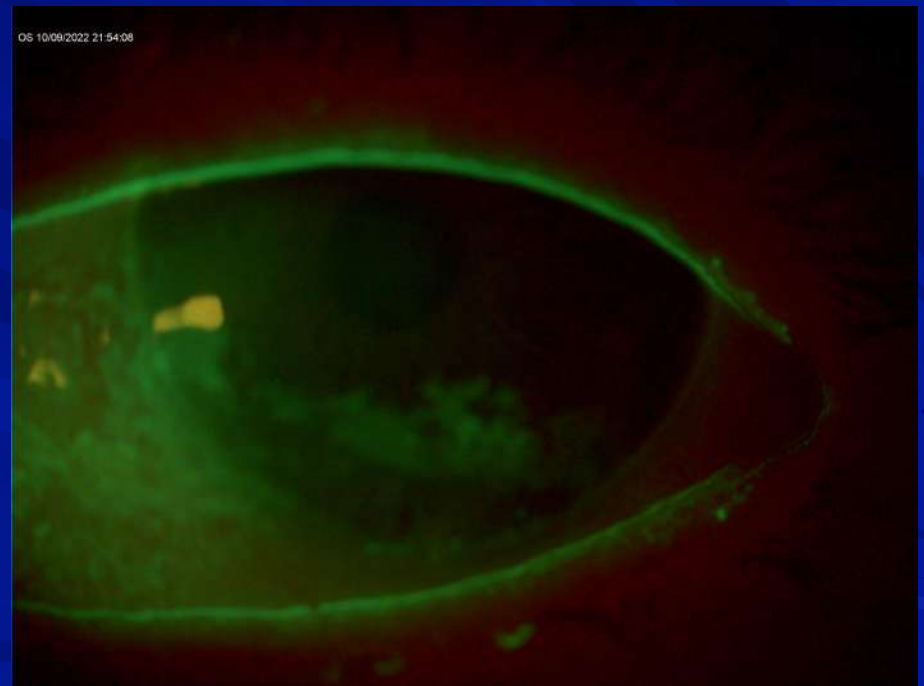
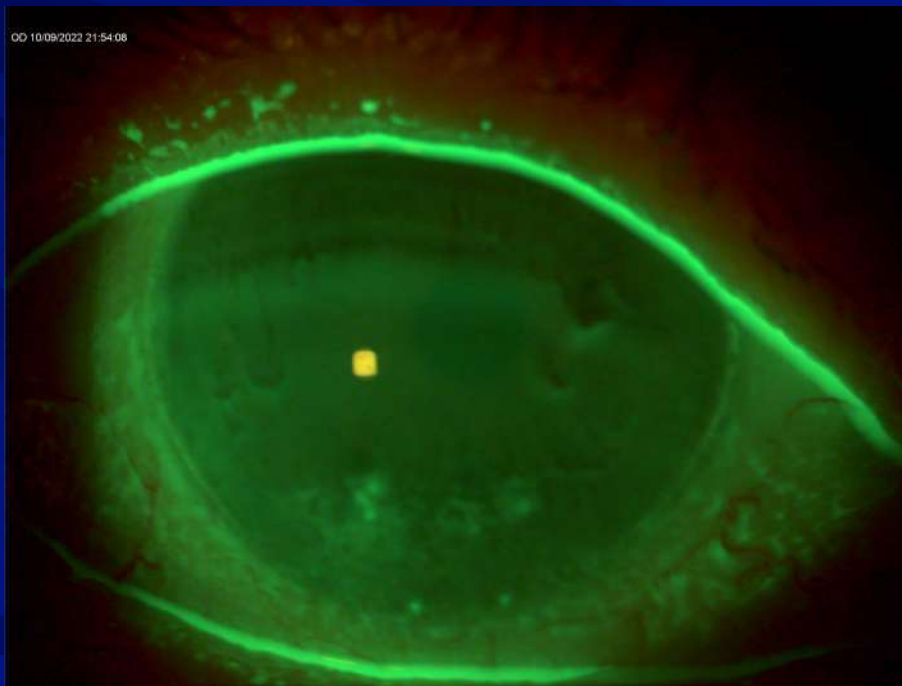
Cornea Sensitive Testing – Another Patient



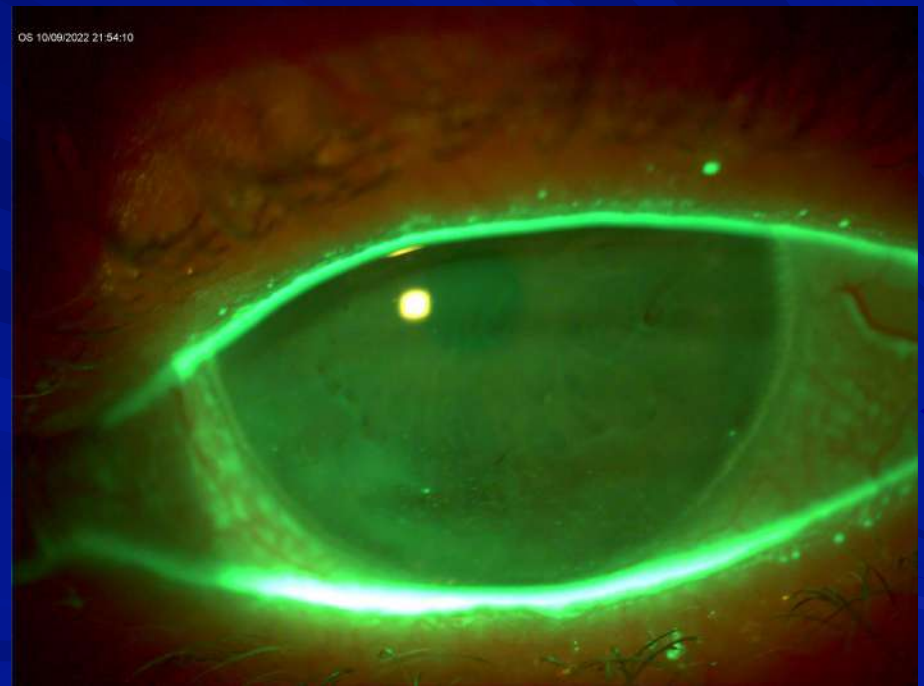
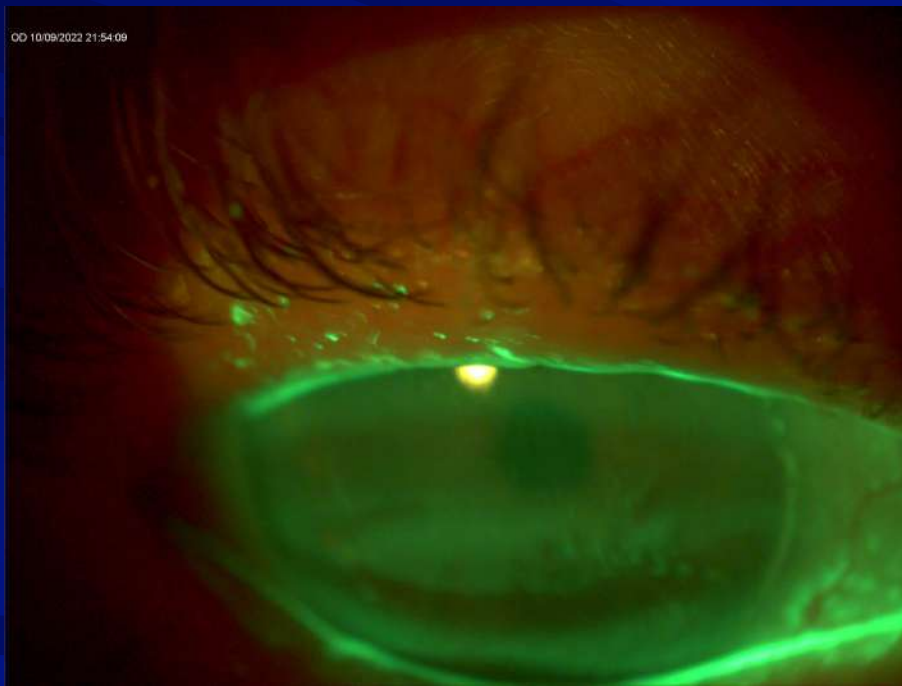
Cornea Sensitive Testing – Yet Another Patient



Before Oxervate™ (cenegermin-bkbj) Treatment



After Oxervate™ (cenegermin-bkbj) Treatment



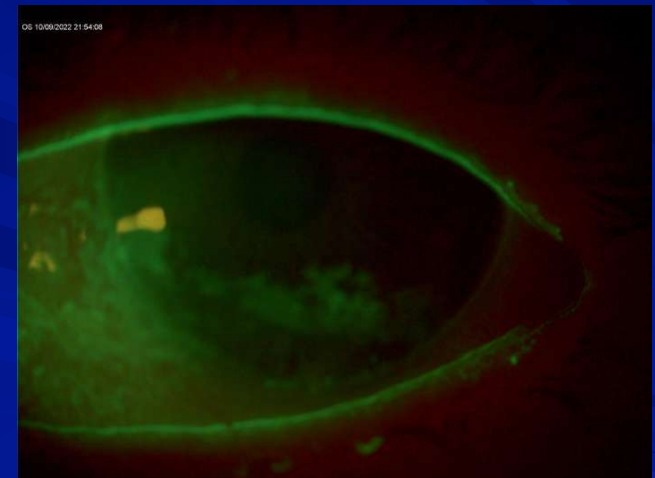
Oxervate™ (cenegermin-bkbj)

Grading corneal sensitivity: (Cotton Tip)

- ★ Normal
- ★ Reduced
- ★ Absent
- ★ Reduced in all quadrants and centrally
- ★ Absent inferior quadrant, reduced everywhere else

Neurotrophic Keratitis: (Staining)

- ★ Mild – Stage 1
- ★ Moderate – Stage 2
- ★ Severe – Stage 3



Neurotrophic Keratitis is a Degenerative Disease

🔗 The Mackie classification represents one way to assess or grade NK – stage or progression



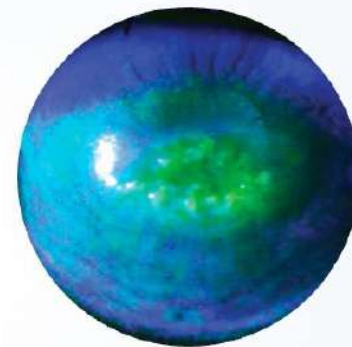
STAGE 1
Mild

Punctate epithelial
keratopathy (PEK)



STAGE 2
Moderate

Persistent epithelial
defect (PED)

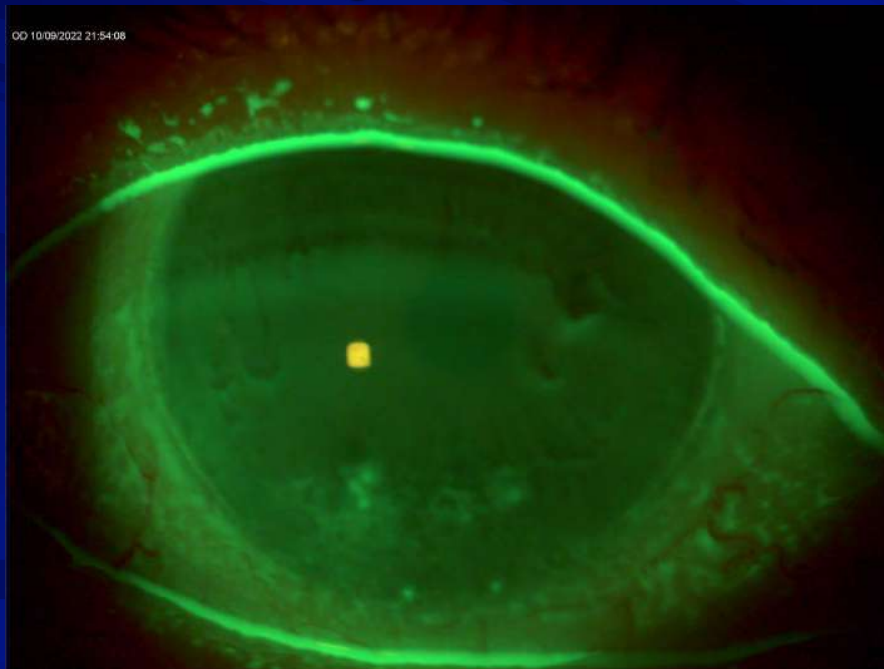


STAGE 3
Severe

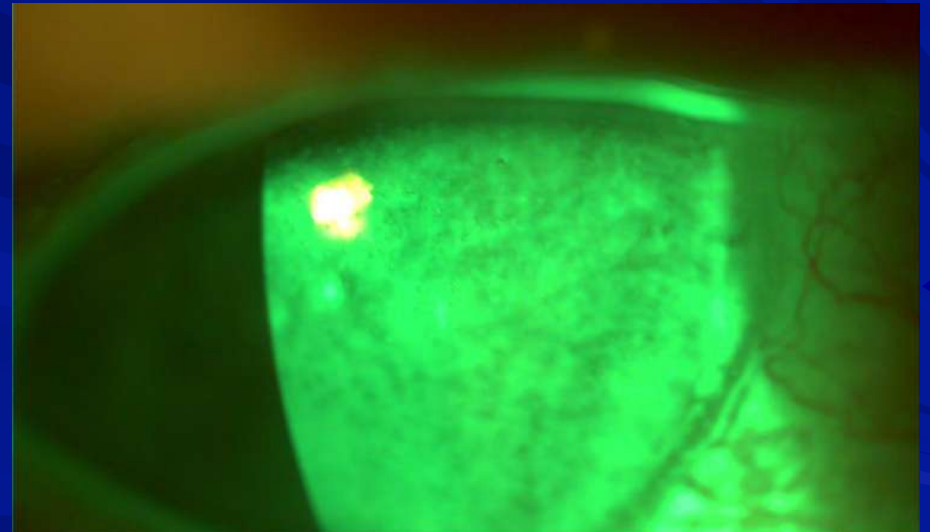
Corneal
ulcer

Mackie Classification

Moderate - Stage 2

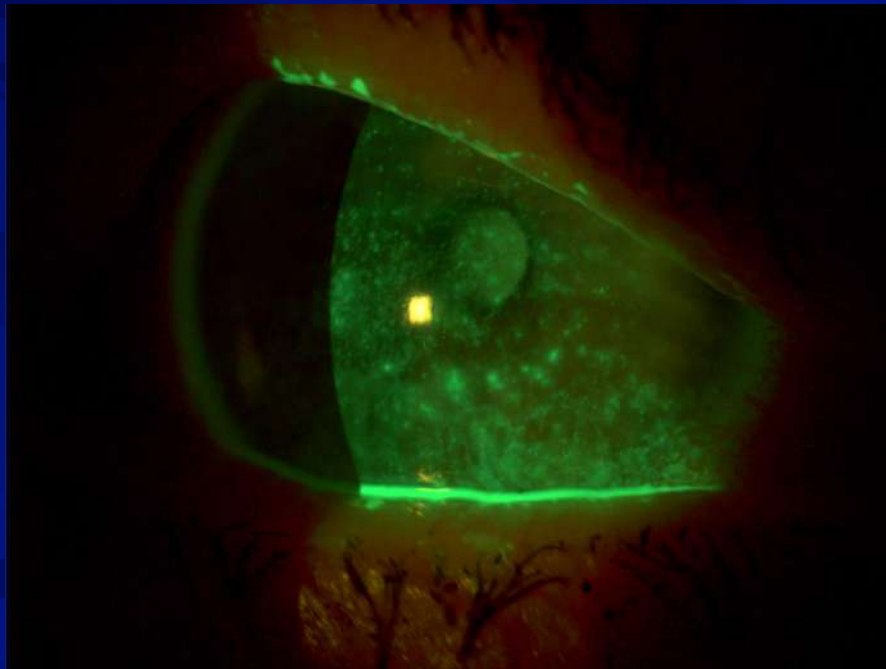


Moderate - Stage 2

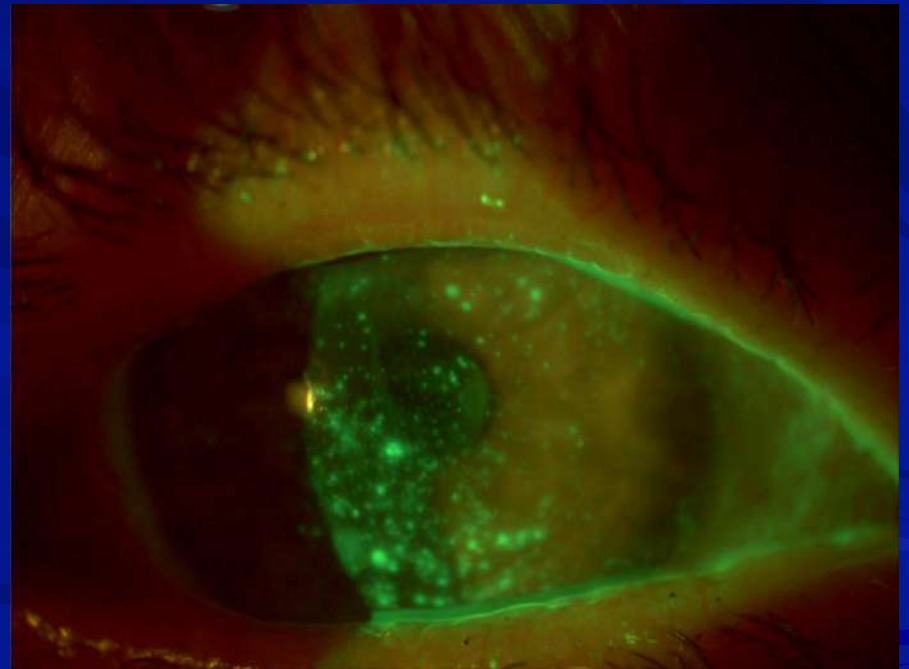


Mackie Classification

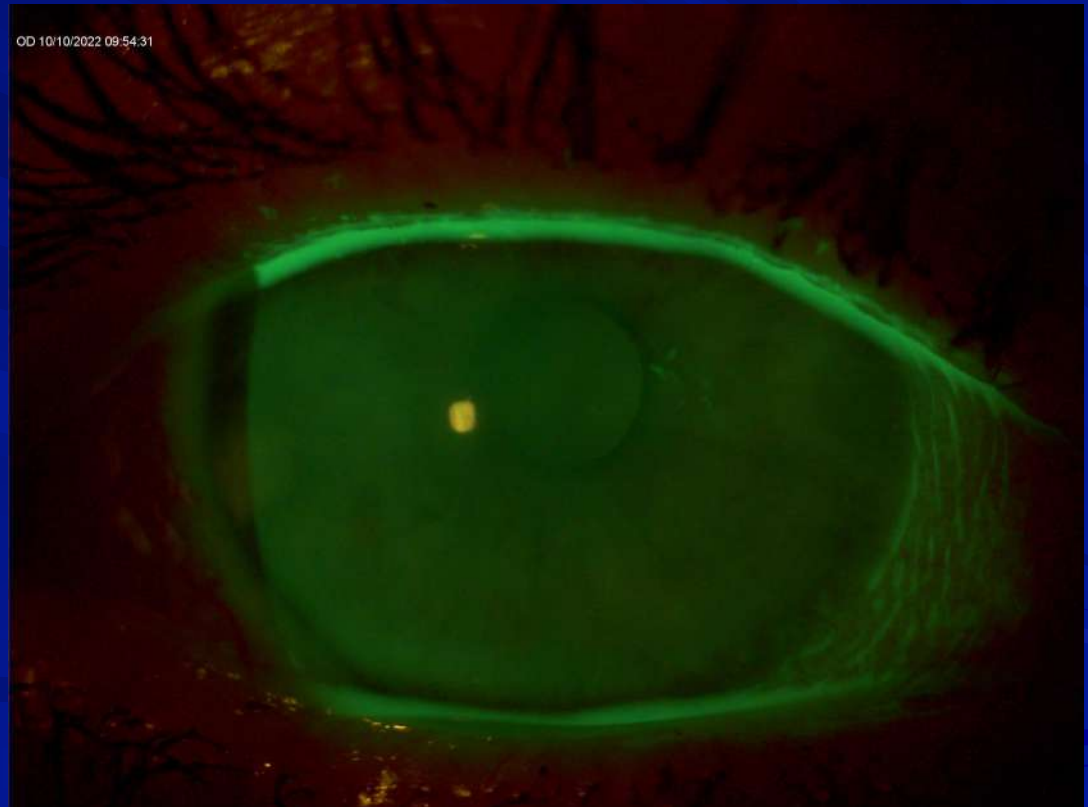
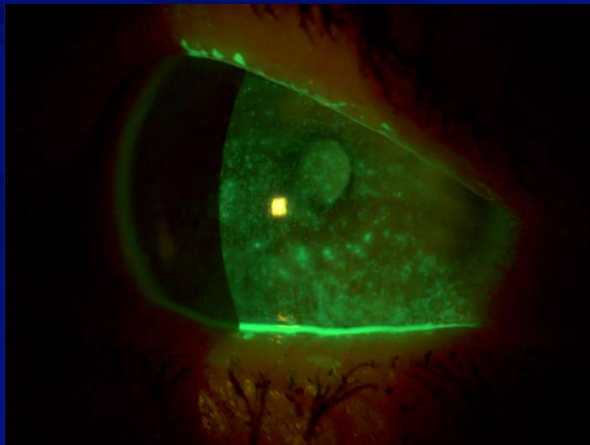
Moderate - Stage 2



Moderate - Stage 2



Resolved



Oxervate™ (cenegermin-bkbj)

🕒 Approved 2018 (August 28, 2018)

🕒 Dompe farmaceutici SpA

🕒 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

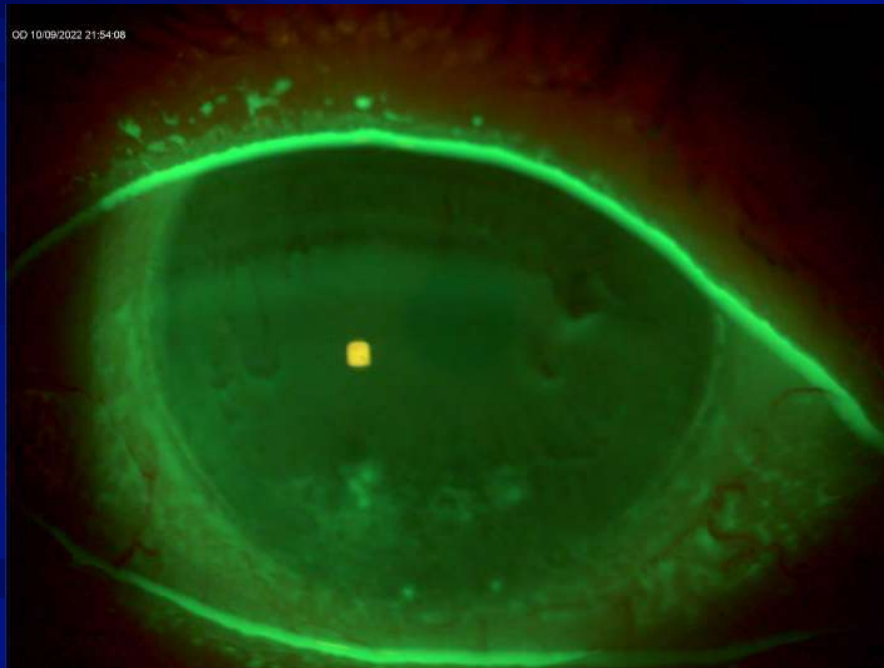
- ★ Patient keeps the individual vials in the fridge – once “actively ready” for use, then it is only stable for 12 hours

🕒 Contraindications

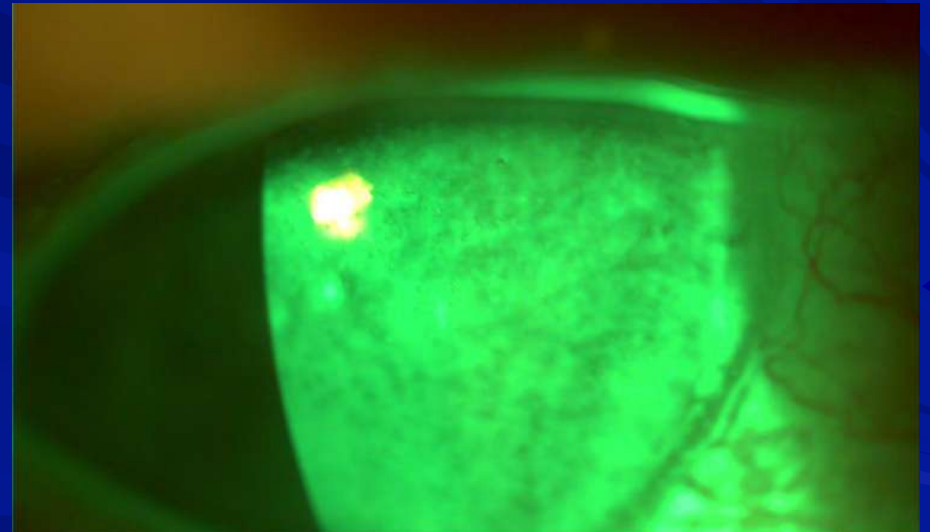
- ★ None

Mackie Classification

Stage 2

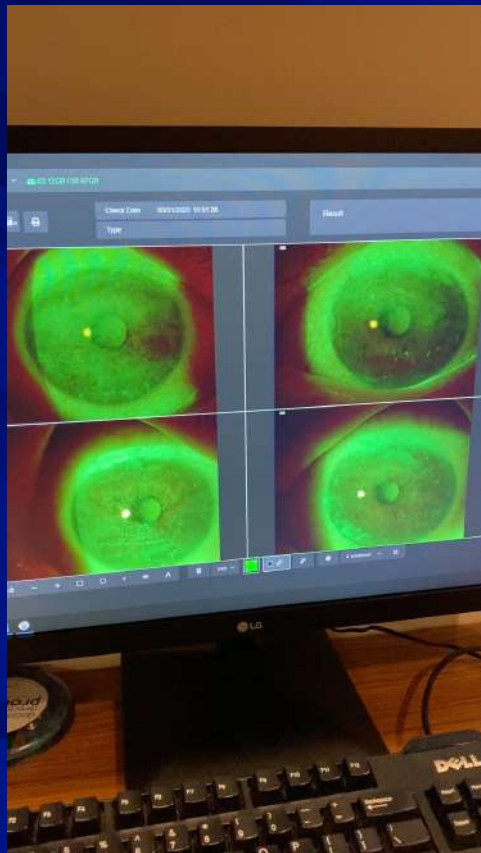


Stage 2

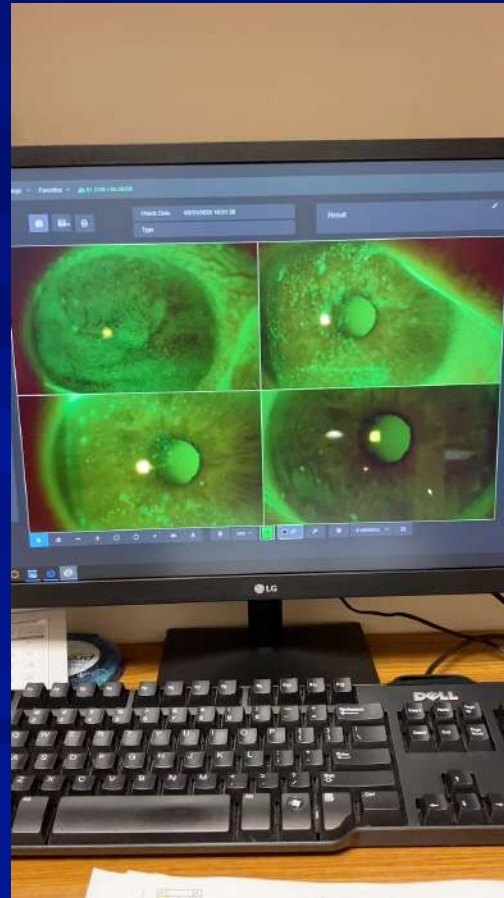


Let's Hear From a Patient

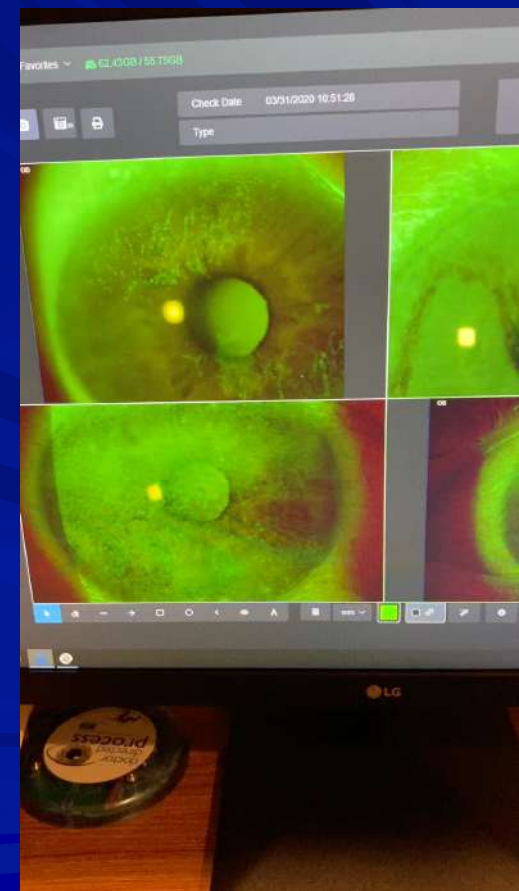
April 7, 2020 - After 1 week



April 21, 2020 - After 3 weeks



May 12, 2020 - After 6 weeks



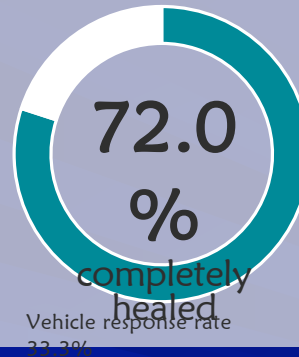
Study Conclusions

After 8 weeks of treatment,
6 times daily



Study NGF0212
(REPARO)
(N=52 per
group)
European patients
with NK in one eye

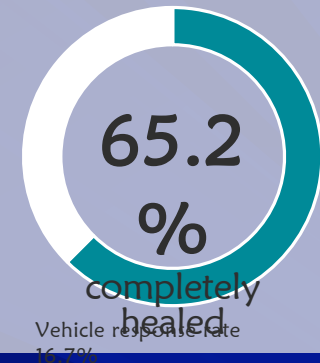
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Study NGF0214
(N=24 per
group)

U.S patients with
NK in one or both
eyes

NCT02227147



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

80% Remained healed for
one year*

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

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

1. Bonini S, Lambiase A, Rama P et al. Phase II Randomized, Double-Masked, Vehicle-Controlled Trial of Recombinant Human Nerve Growth Factor for Neurotrophic Keratitis. *Ophthalmology*. 2018;125:1332-1343. 2. Chao W, Li H, Li H, et al. Data on the healing of persistent epithelial defects or corneal ulcers by recombinant human nerve growth factor eye drops in patients with stage 2 or 3 neurotrophic keratitis. Presented at: Congress of the European Society of Ophthalmology (ESO); 10-13 June, 2017; Barcelona, Spain, 2017. 3. OXERVATE™ (cenegermin-bkbj) ophthalmic solution 0.002% (20 mcg/ml) [US package insert]. Boston, MA: Dompe U.S. Inc.; 2018.

OXERVATE™ (cenegermin-bkbj)

👓 Adverse reactions: very well tolerated

👓 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.

Misalignment

- 👓 Many people experience the symptoms of eye misalignment
 - ★ Headaches, eyestrain, dry eye sensation, neck pain, eye fatigue, motion sickness
- 👓 That number grows as we shift to remote working and learning
- 👓 Small misalignments can cause painful symptoms
- 👓 Small prism corrections can provide dramatic relief

Neurolens



Neurolens



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 AI 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.

10 Years of Clinical and Scientific Research

40 U.S. and International Patents to Date

1,000+ Patients in Clinical Trials

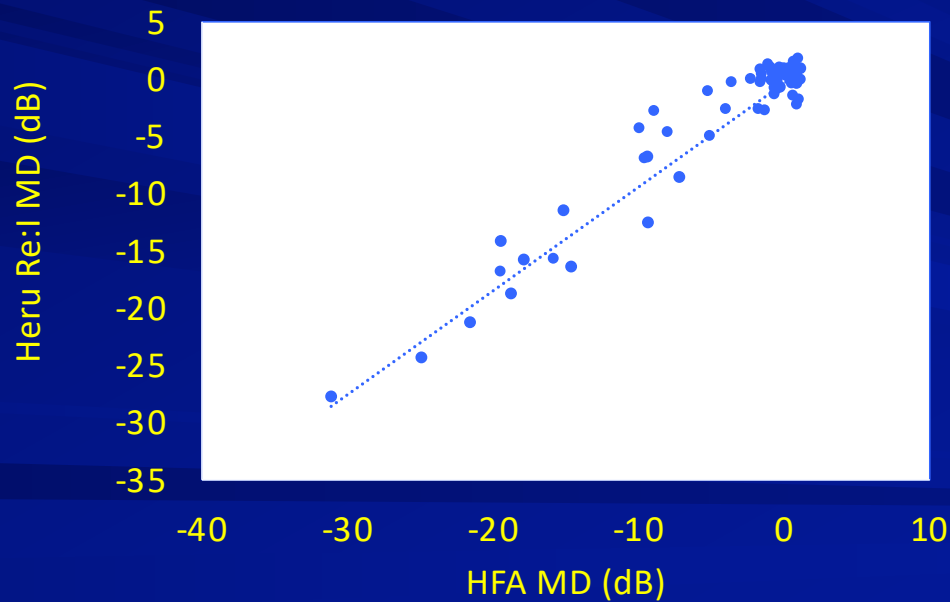
450 Million Patients with Visual Field Defects



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

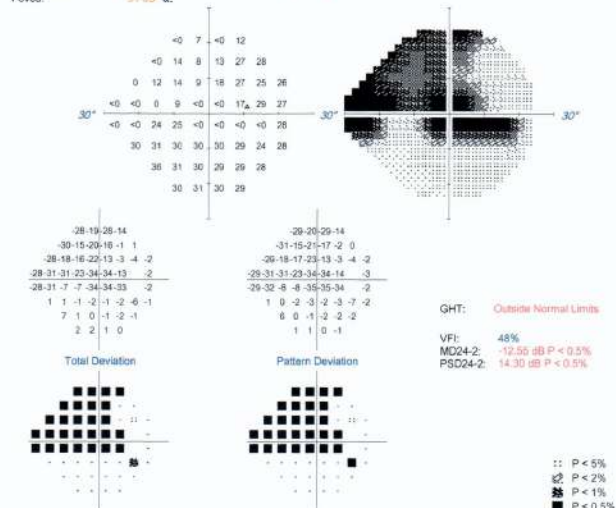
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Gender: Other
Patient ID: 1955.0311.933E.70B8.0703.9556

OD Single Field Analysis Central 24-2 Threshold Test

Fixation Monitor: Gaze/Blind Spot
Fixation Target: Central
Fixation Losses: 3/17
False POS Errors: 2%
False NEG Errors: 13%
Test Duration: 06:32
Fovea: 31.69 x2

Stimulus: III, White
Background: 31.5 asb
Strategy: SITA Standard
Pupil Diameter:
Visual Acuity:
Rx: +0.00 DS

Date: Feb 02, 2022
Time: 9:59 AM
Age: 66



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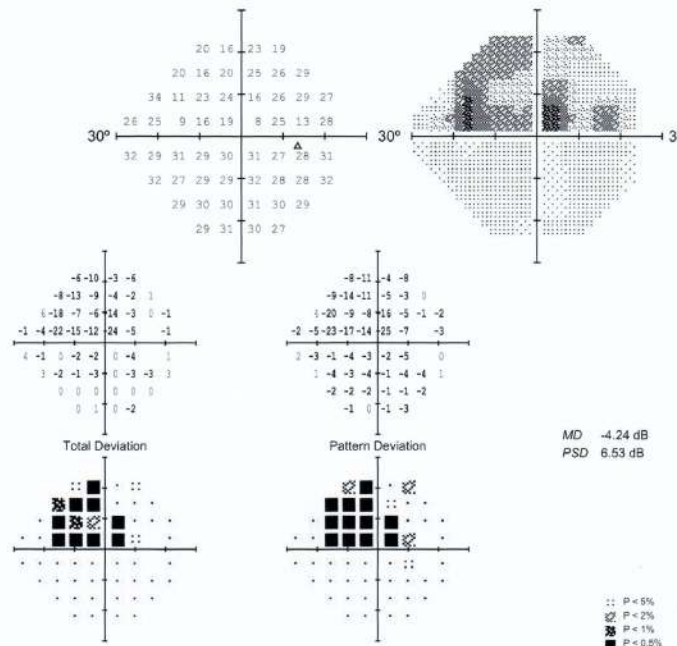
Central 24-2 Threshold Test
Feb 2, 2022 - 10:35 AM

Right Eye

Fixation Monitor: ActiveTrack™
Stimulus: Dynamic, White
Foveal Threshold: 36 dB
Background: Black
Test Duration: 3:40

Strategy: re:imagine™
Input: Clicker
Fixation Losses: NA
False POS Errors: 0/6 0%
False NEG Errors: 2/6 33%

Age: 66
VA: Not Provided
Rx: S C



0.4.6 Clicker

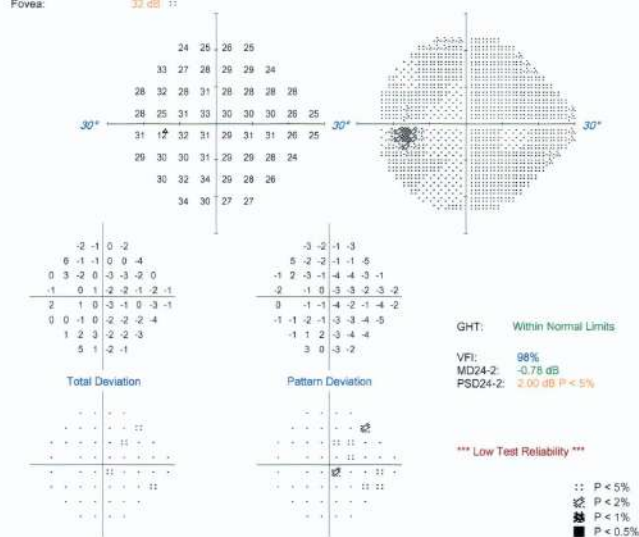
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Fixation Target: Central
Fixation Losses: 4/14 XX
False POS Errors: 5%
False NEG Errors: 2%
Test Duration: 05:07
Fovea: 32 dB 11

Stimulus: Ill, White
Background: 31.5 asb
Strategy: SITA Standard
Pupil Diameter:
Visual Acuity:
Rx: +1.75 DS

Date: Feb 02, 2022
Time: 10:07 AM
Age: 66



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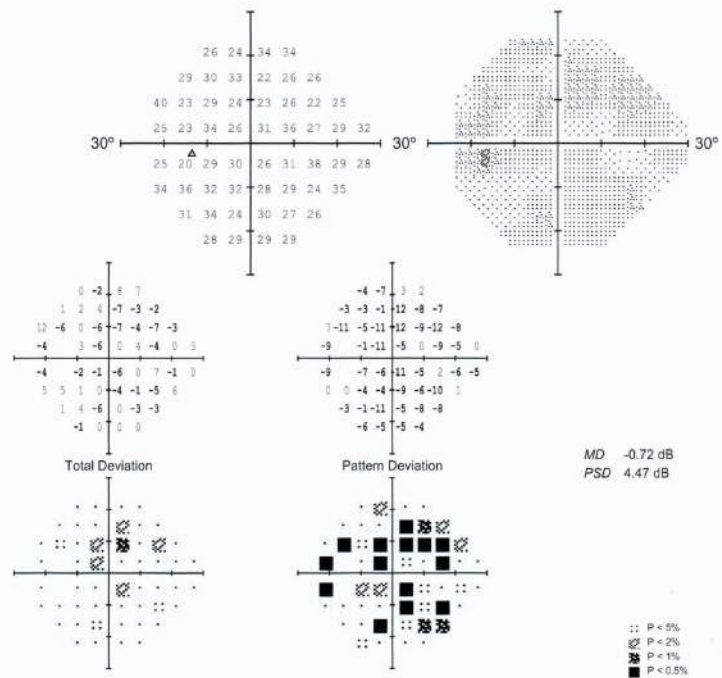
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Left Eye

Fixation Monitor: Blind spot
Stimulus: Dynamic, White
Foveal Threshold: 27 dB
Background: Black
Test Duration: 3:13

Strategy: re:Imagine™
Input: Clicker
Fixation Losses: NA
False POS Errors: 2/5 40%
False NEG Errors: 0/5 0%

Age: 66
VA: Not Provided
Rx: S C



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Patient:
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Gender: Other
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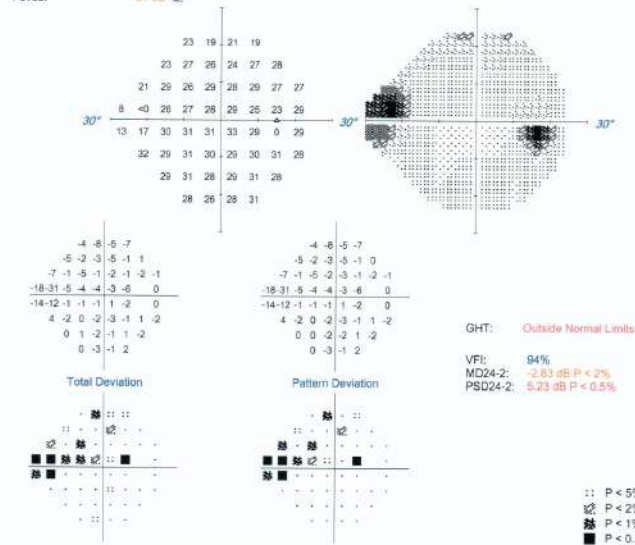
OD Single Field Analysis

Central 24-2 Threshold Test

Fixation Monitor: Gaze/Blind Spot
Fixation Target: Central
Fixation Losses: 0/15
False POS Errors: 3%
False NEG Errors: 0%
Test Duration: 05:14
Fovea: 31 dB

Stimulus: Ill, White
Background: 31.5 asb
Strategy: SITA Standard
Pupil Diameter:
Visual Acuity:
Rx: +2.25 DS

Date: Jan 11, 2022
Time: 12:02 PM
Age: 66



Comments

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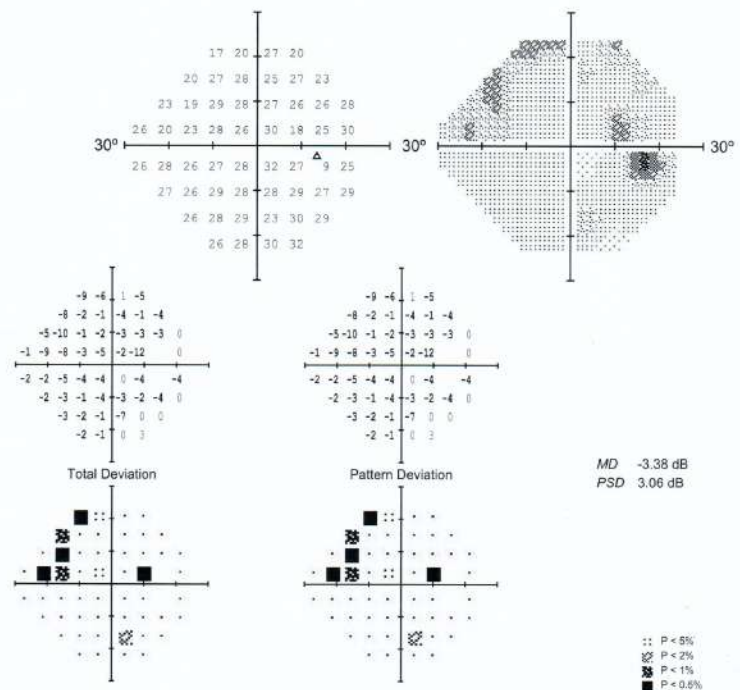
Central 24-2 Threshold Test
Jan 11, 2022 - 12:48 PM

Right Eye

Fixation Monitor: ActiveTrack™
Stimulus: Dynamic, White
Foveal Threshold: 30 dB
Background: Black
Test Duration: 3:44

Strategy: re:Imagine™
Input: Clicker
Fixation Losses: NA
False POS Errors: 1/6 17%
False NEG Errors: 0/6 0%

Age: 66
VA: Not Provided
Rx: S C



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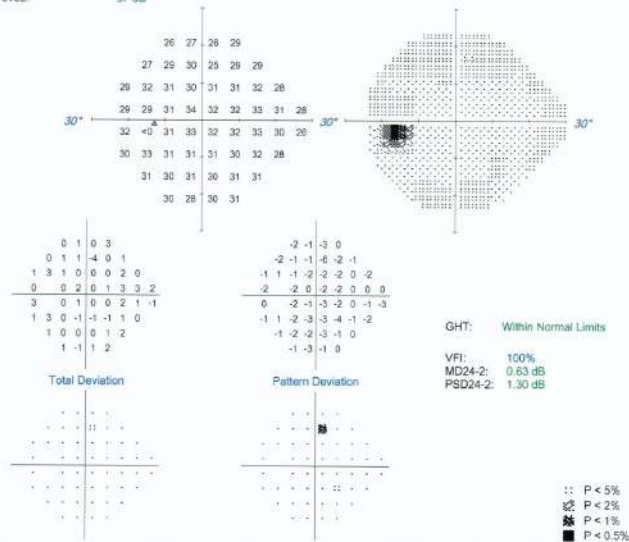
OS Single Field Analysis

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Fixation Target: Central
Fixation Losses: 0/15
False POS Errors: 0%
False NEG Errors: 0%
Test Duration: 04:38
Fovea: 37 dB

Stimulus: Ill. White
Background: 31.5 asb
Strategy: SITA Standard
Pupil Diameter: [REDACTED]
Visual Acuity: [REDACTED]
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Comments

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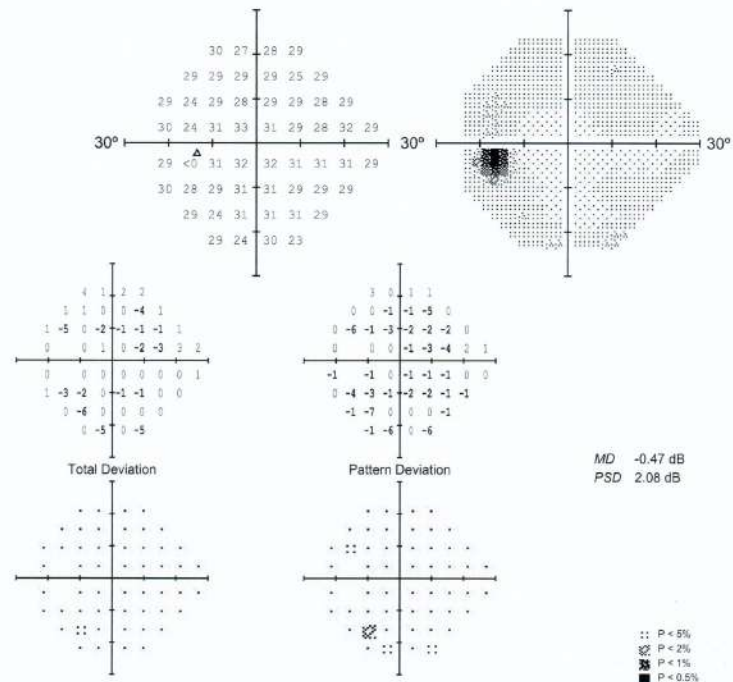
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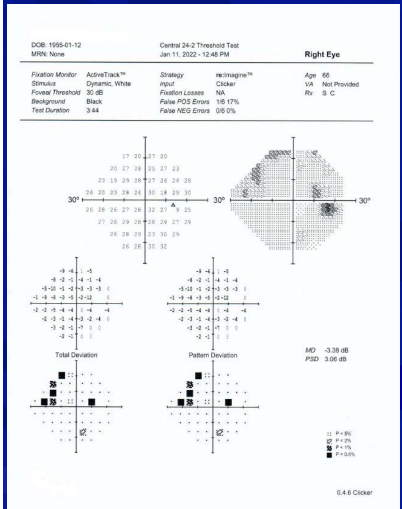
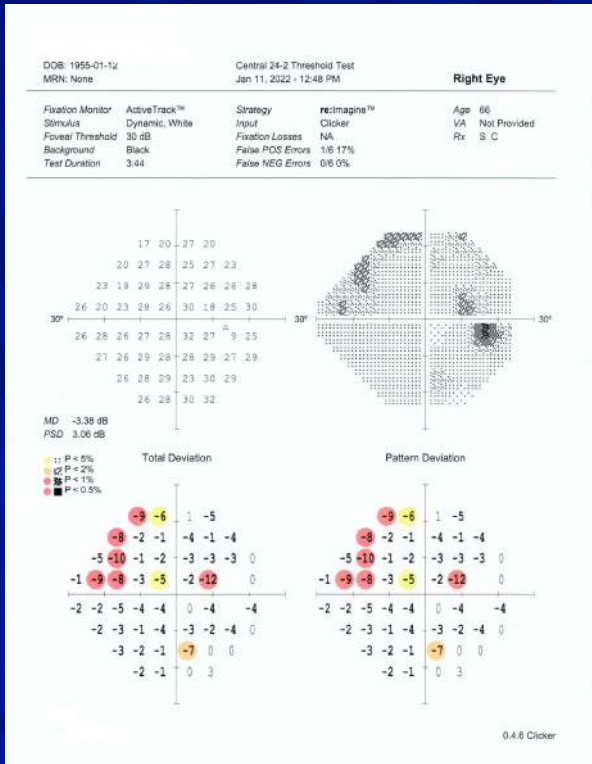
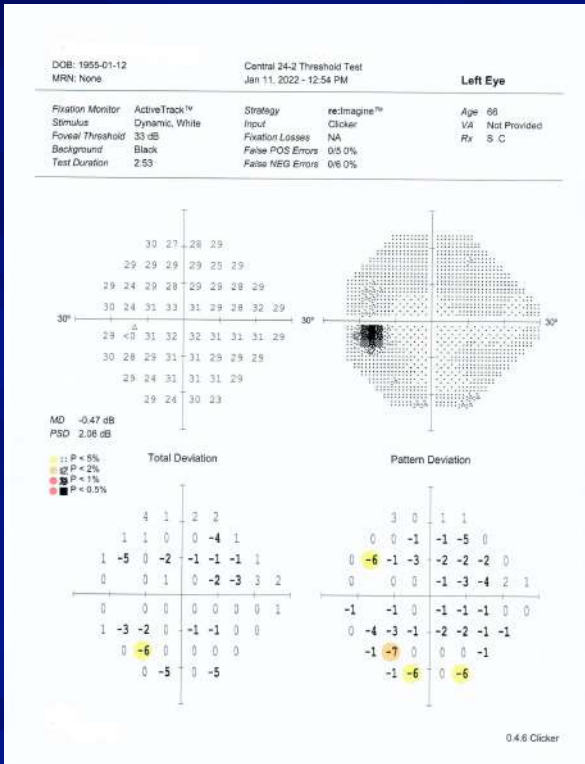
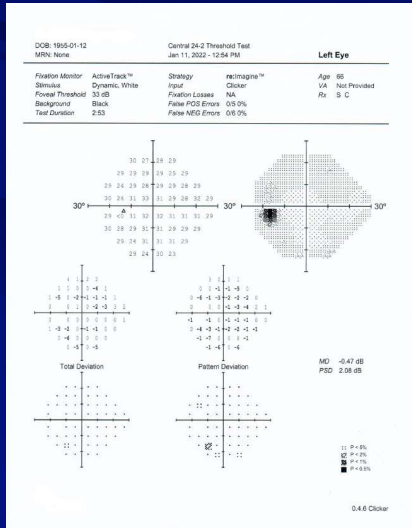
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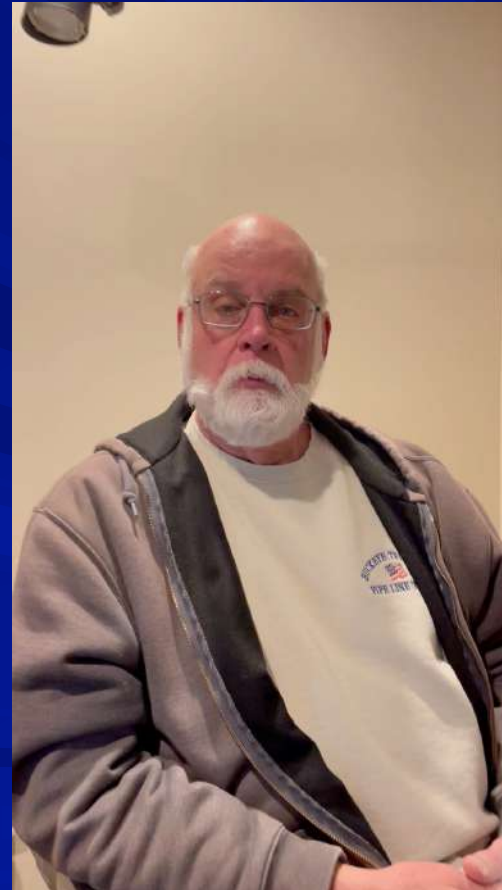
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0.46 Clicker



Patients' Thoughts



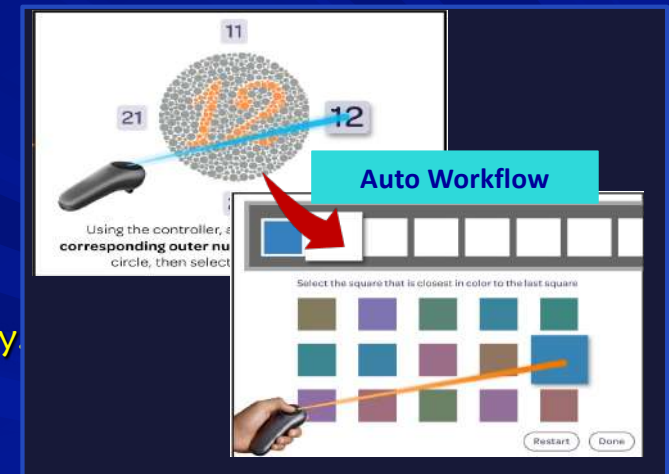
re:Vive 2.0 – Color Vision

Ishihara Color Vision Screening

- 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

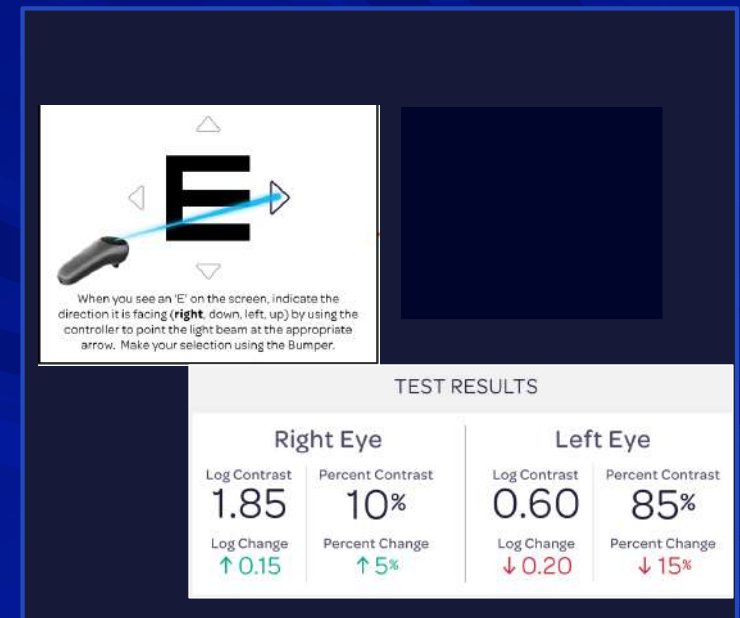
- D-15 color vision testing is a commonly used color vision diagnostic modality.
- D-15 test is a reimbursable service: CPT Code 92283.
- Average national reimbursement is \$56.16³.
- This is more advanced than any color vision testing currently being offered by competitor goggle companies.



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.



Technician and/or clinician not required to administer exam.

Corneal Hysteresis

Ocular Response Analyzer G3

- 👁 Evidence - Key findings from over 800 peer-reviewed publications
- 👁 Impact of corneal biomechanics on IOP



Hysteresis

What it is – What it is NOT

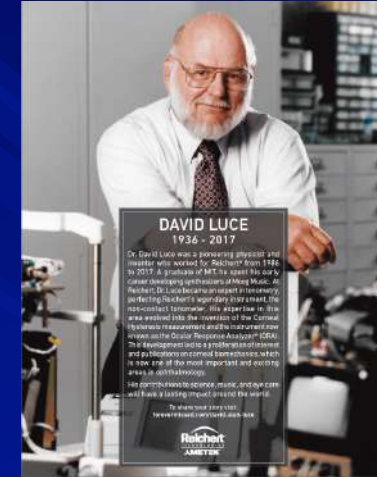
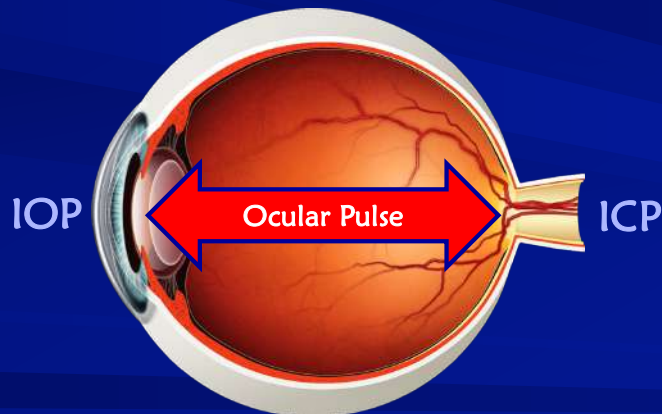
Hysteresis characterizes the response to application and removal of force in materials that dissipate a portion of applied energy¹

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

Corneal Hysteresis (CH)

Reflects cornea's ability to absorb and dissipate energy³

- 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.

1. Vincent J. Basic elasticity and viscoelasticity. In: Vincent J, ed. *Structural Biomaterials*. 3rd ed. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press; 2012:1-28.
2. PubMed Search for “hysteresis” on March 11, 2021 returned 13,766 results.
3. Luce DA. *J Cataract Refract Surg*. 2005;31:156-162.

Ocular Response Analyzer G3

Measurement Values, Range, and Interpretation

Name: _____

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| | IOPcc | CH | IOPg | WS |
|-----|-------|------|------|-----|
| (R) | 9.6 | 12.8 | 11.1 | 4.0 |
| (L) | 11.7 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 4.4 |

Reichert

Name: _____

11/09/2021 6:14 PM

| | IOPcc | CH | IOPg | WS |
|-----|-------|-----|------|-----|
| (R) | 17.3 | 8.6 | 14.8 | 6.3 |
| (L) | 15.2 | 9.6 | 13.6 | 7.1 |

Reichert

Name: _____

10/30/2020 1:31 PM

| | IOPcc | CH | IOPg | WS |
|-----|-------|------|------|-----|
| (R) | 19.3 | 12.7 | 22.2 | 8.6 |
| (L) | 19.4 | 12.9 | 22.6 | 7.4 |

Reichert

Name: _____

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| | IOPcc | CH | IOPg | WS |
|-----|-------|-----|------|-----|
| (R) | 27.0 | 9.1 | 26.6 | 8.2 |
| (L) | 25.1 | 9.5 | 25.0 | 8.9 |

Reichert

Name: _____

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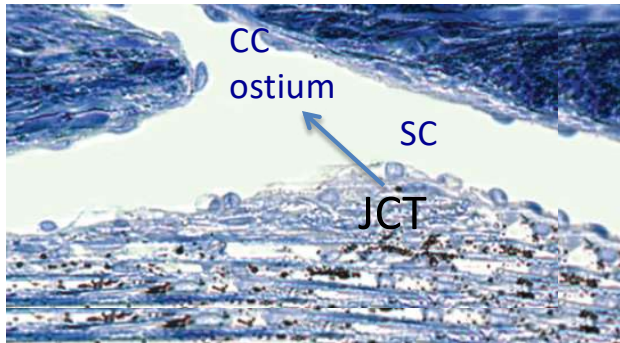
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| (L) | 33.8 | 5.7 | 30.3 | 8.4 |

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Inflow versus Outflow

What is glaucoma?

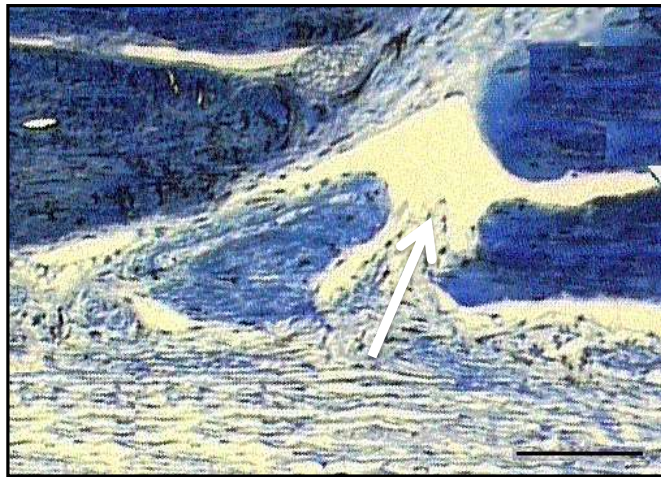


PROGRESSIVE ELEVATIONS OF IOP CREATE PROGRESSIVELY GREATER HERNIATIONS OF THE JCT AND THE INNER WALL OF SCHLEMM'S CANAL INTO THE COLLECTOR CHANNELS LUMENS

7 mmHg



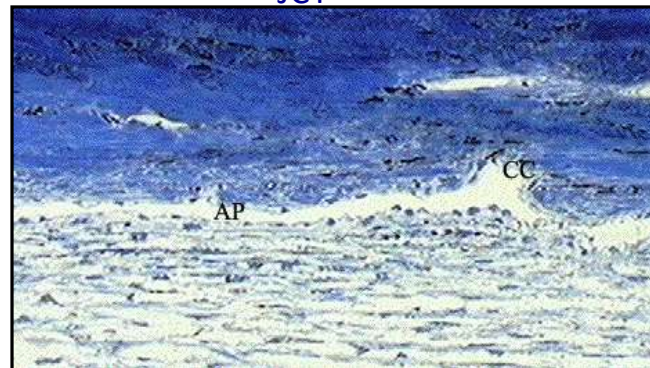
JCT



30 mmHg

Partial

Complete

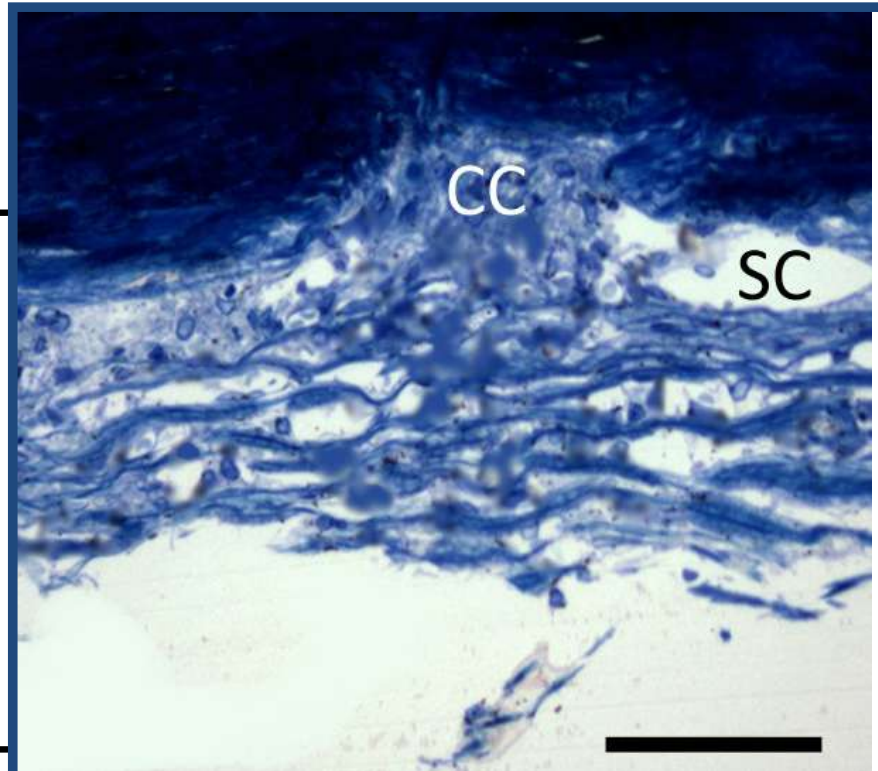
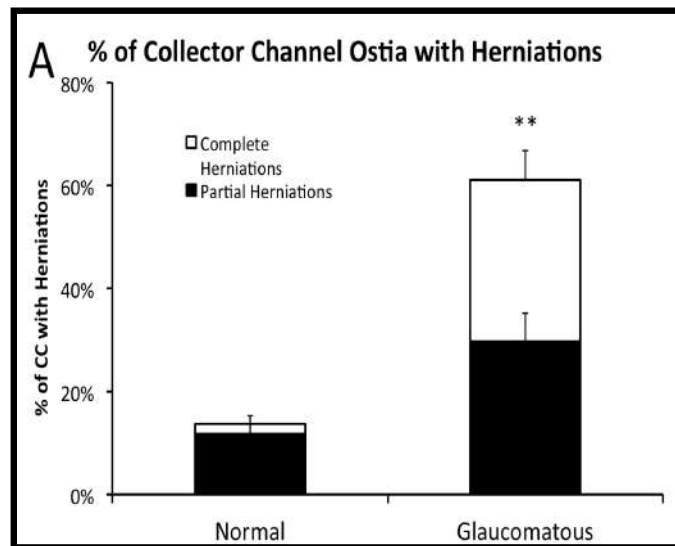


The pressure-induced herniations observed at 30 mmHg were either partially or completely reversible after the IOP was decreased to 7 mmHg in enucleated bovine eyes. So, in normal eyes, these herniations slide in and out with regular rise and fall of IOP.

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.

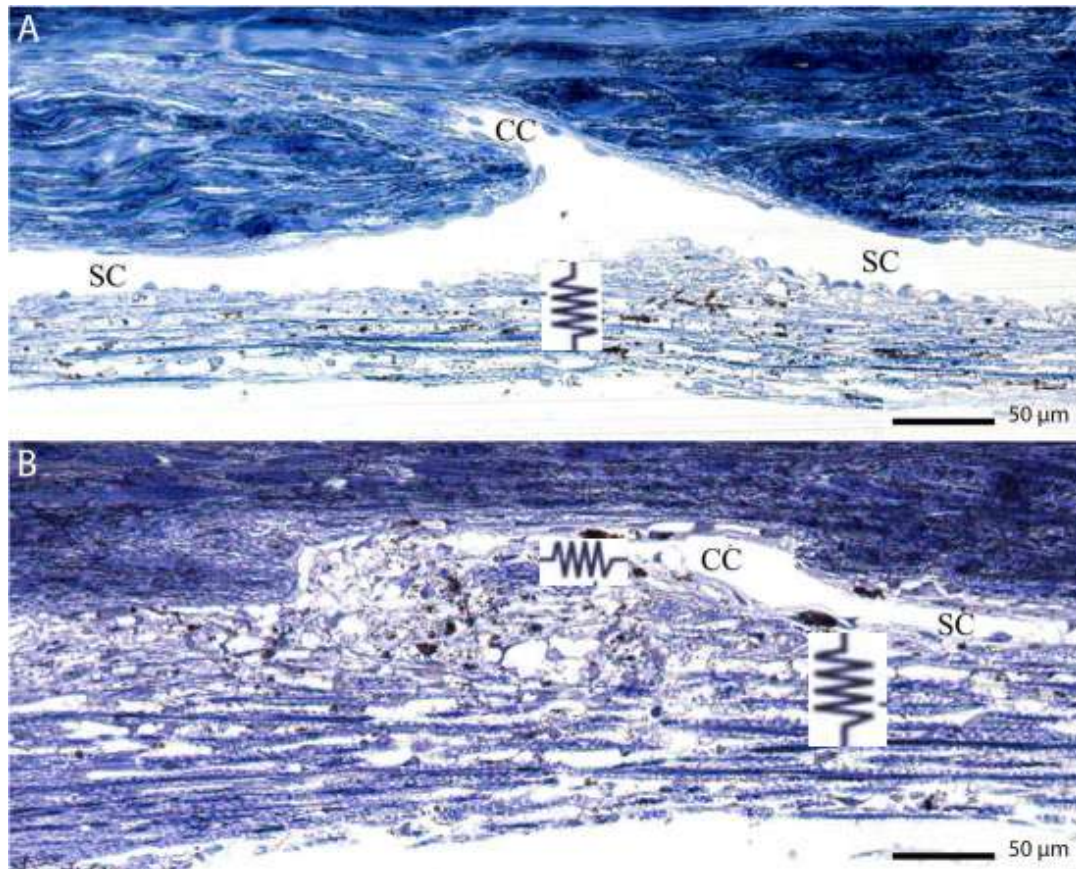


PRINCIPAL NEW FINDING

The presence of herniations, at 0 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^{1,2}

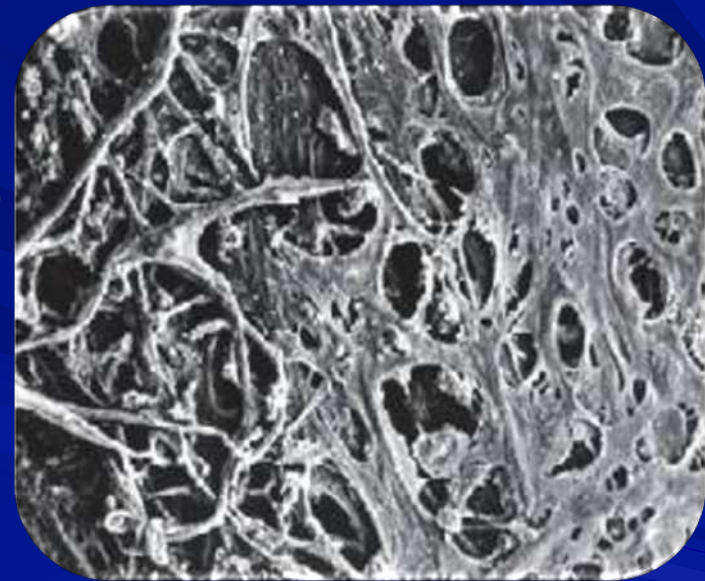
Healthy TM
Normal IOP



Cellular Damage
(eg, Oxidative Stress)



POAG TM Stiffness
Elevated IOP



Scanning electron microscopy (2000x) was used to examine human TM under physiological conditions and in patients with POAG.²

POAG, primary open-angle glaucoma; TM, trabecular meshwork.

1. He et al. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 2008;49:1447.

2. Saccà et al. *J Cell Physiol.* 2015;230:510.

Falck Medical Multi-Function Device TM

🕒 The First and Only Device Approved by the FDA for the Measurement of:

- ★ Aqueous Outflow
- ★ Ocular Perfusion Pressure
- ★ IOP Variation



Tonometry

- ↪ Optical Applanation IOP Measurement
- ↪ Compensates for Corneal Biomechanics
- ↪ Serial Systolic and Diastolic IOP
- ↪ Ocular Pulse Amplitude
- ↪ Disposable Prism Blocks Infection

| IOP RESULTS | | |
|-------------|---|------|
| Save | | |
| | OD | OS |
| IOP(mmHg) | 17.3 | 16.0 |
| +/- (%) | 6.70 | 4.50 |
| OPA(mmHg) | 3.20 | 3.20 |
| N | 70 | 64 |
| OD |  | OS |



Ophthalmodynamometry

- 👁️ Central Retinal Artery Pressure
- 👁️ Intraocular Pressure
- 👁️ Ocular Perfusion Pressure
- 👁️ Vascular Disease Risk Assessment
- 👁️ Screen for Carotid Vascular Disease



Tonography

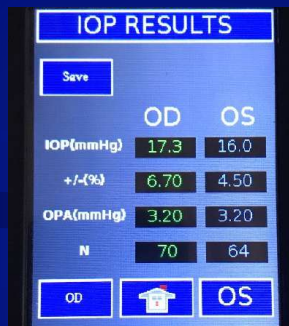
- Optical Aqueous Outflow Measurement
- Intraocular Pressure
- Verify Outflow Therapy Interventions
- Glaucoma Risk Determination
- Glaucoma Management Tool

| TON RESULTS | | |
|--|--|-------|
| Save | OD | OS |
| Outflow ul/mmHg | 0.210 | 0.200 |
| IOP (mmHg) | 16.3 | 17.3 |
| +/- (%) | 3.20 | 8.00 |
| OD Record Results OS Record Results | | |
| OD |  | OS |



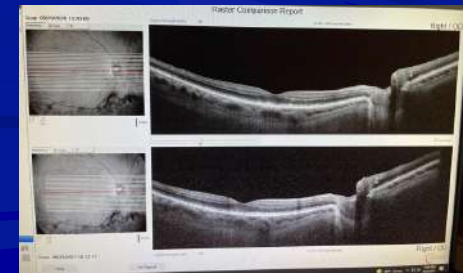
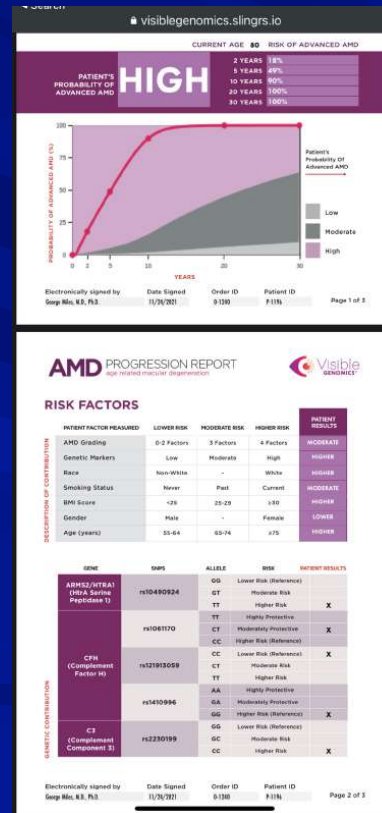
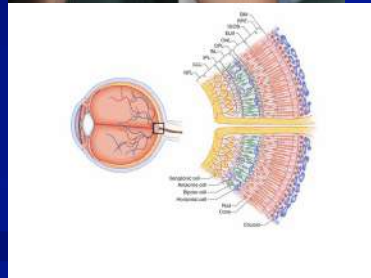
Aqueous Humor Outflow, Tonography

- 👁️ IOP spikes are higher in an eye with impaired aqueous humor outflow
- 👁️ When aqueous humor production increases
 - ★ The impaired outflow system cannot accommodate the increased aqueous volume
- 👁️ Impaired aqueous humor outflow is the primary cause of glaucoma
- 👁️ Eyes with untreated glaucoma have abnormal aqueous humor outflow
- 👁️ Therapy should be directed at improving the rate of aqueous humor outflow



Early Detection and Allopathic Treatments

Rabin Cone Contrast Test ERG and VEP



Early Detection

- 👁️ Patients are expecting it
- 👁️ Diagnostic equipment keeps evolving
- 👁️ Rabin Cone Contrast Test
- 👁️ Genetic Testing
- 👁️ Dark Adaptation
- 👁️ Preferential Hyperacuity Perimetry (PHP)
- 👁️ ERG/VEP testing

Greg's Something to Think About or Advice:

One better understand lifestyle changes, the immune system, and nutrition.

As we are now in areas where "there isn't a pill for that ill"

"Doctors better become more like a nutritionist, or the nutritionist will become more like doctors."

Key Tenants of Aging, Performance and Vitality



Oxidative Stress / Inflammation



Hormonal Balance



Stress Hormones



Glucose / Insulin Regulation



GUT integrity and microbiome diversity



Immune Balance



Environmental Exposure/Burden



Individuality

Credit to: James LaValle, RPh, CCN

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PATIENT'S RISK OF ED AMD

LOW

CONTRIBUTION TO RISK RESULTS
The AMD Lifetime Risk is calculated based upon the patient's genetics, ocular findings, demographic and behavior status. The table below lists the patient's individual factors contributing to their individual risk.

RISK FACTORS

| PATIENT FACTOR MEASURED | LOWER RISK | MODERATE RISK | HIGHER RISK | PATIENT RESULTS |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| AMD Grading | 0-2 Factors | 3 Factors | 4 Factors | LOWER |
| Genetic Markers | Low | Moderate | High | LOWER |
| Race | Non-White | - | White | HIGHER |
| Smoking Status | Never | Past | Current | LOWER |
| BMI Score | <25 | 25-29 | ≥30 | HIGHER |
| Gender | Male | - | Female | LOWER |
| Age (years) | 55-64 | 65-74 | ≥75 | LOWER |

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AMD LIFETIME RISK REPORT
age related macular degeneration

RISK FACTORS

| GENE | SNPS | ALLELE | RISK | PATIENT RESULTS |
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CURRENT AGE: 80 RISK OF ADVANCED AMD

PATIENT'S PROBABILITY OF ADVANCED AMD

HIGH

2 YEARS 18%
5 YEARS 49%
10 YEARS 90%
20 YEARS 100%
30 YEARS 100%

PROBABILITY OF ADVANCED AMD (%)

YEARS

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AMD PROGRESSION REPORT
age related macular degeneration

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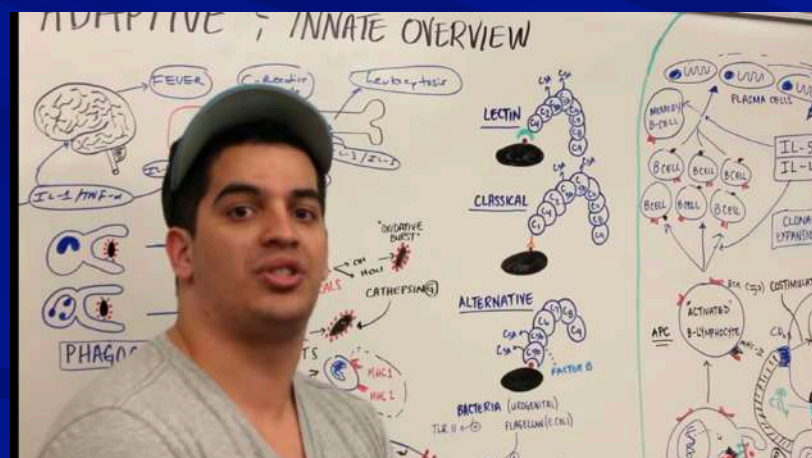
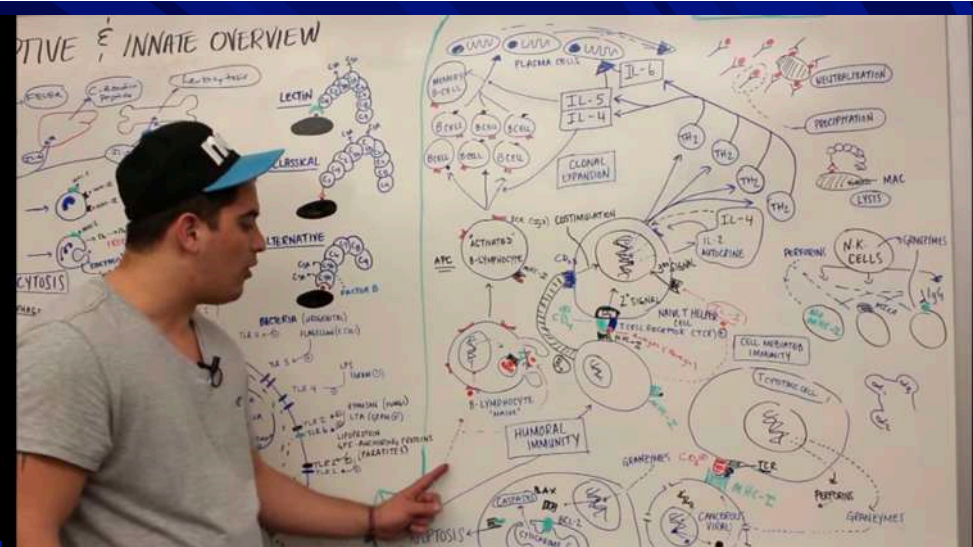
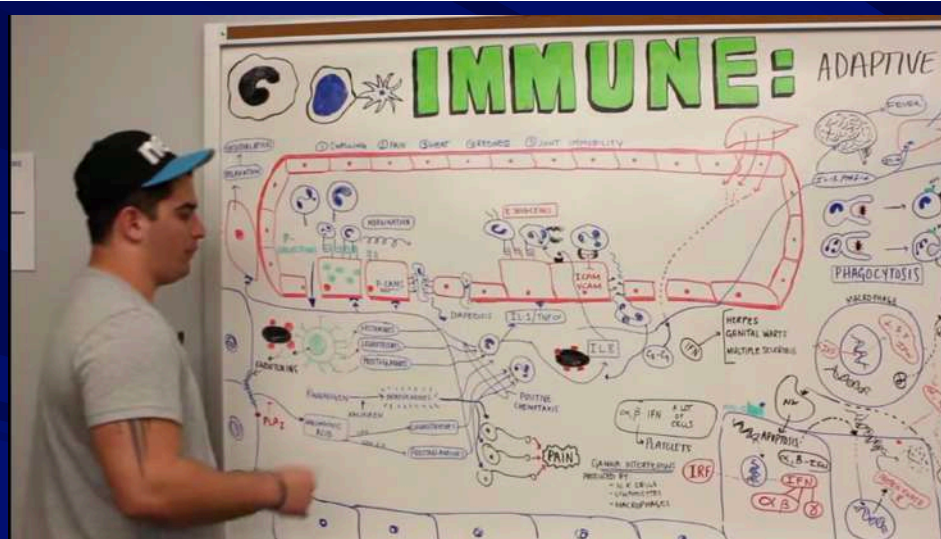
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Complement factor H in AMD: Bridging genetic associations and pathobiology

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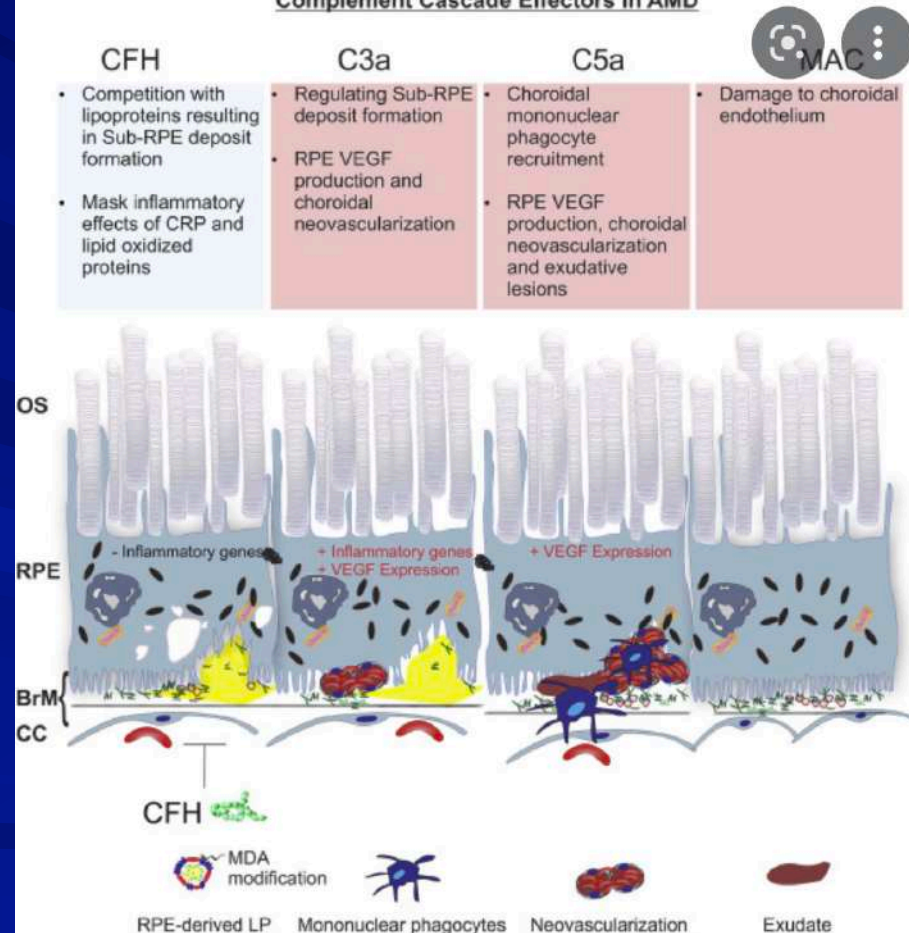
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Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) is a complex multifactorial disease characterized in its early stages by lipoprotein accumulations in Bruch's Membrane (BrM), seen on fundoscopic exam as drusen, and in its late forms by neovascularization ("wet") or geographic atrophy of the Retinal Pigmented Epithelial (RPE) cell layer ("dry"). Genetic studies have strongly supported a relationship between the alternative complement cascade, in particular the common H402 variant in Complement Factor H (CFH) and development of AMD. However, the functional significance of the CFH Y402H polymorphism remains elusive. In this

FEEDBACK 

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Complement Cascade Effectors in AMD



AREDS/AREDS2 Frequently Asked Questions

Ingredients

Supplement Facts

| Serving Size 2 Capsules | | Servings per Container 30 | |
|---|--------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Amount Per Serving | | | % Daily Value |
| Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid) | 500 mg | | 833% |
| Vitamin E (d-Alpha Tocopheryl Succinate) | 200 IU | | 667% |
| Zinc (Zinc Gluconate) | 25 mg | | 167% |
| Copper (Copper Gluconate) | 2 mg | | 100% |
| Selenium (L-Selenomethionine) | 70 mcg | | 100% |
| Lutein (from Marigold Flower Extract) | 10 mg | | * |
| Zeaxanthin (from Marigold Flower Extract) | 2 mg | | * |

*Daily Values not established.

Other Ingredients: Gelatin, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Stearic Acid, Silicon Dioxide, Magnesium Stearate.

What is the basis for the concentration of zinc in the AREDS supplements? What concentration should I take?

In the AREDS trial, the 80 mg zinc dose (alone or in combination with antioxidant vitamins) was found to be effective compared to a placebo. Although zinc was found to be an essential component of the AREDS formulation, [some nutritional experts recommended a lower dose](#). In the AREDS2 trial, there was no placebo control. Instead, participants were given the option to take the original formula or to be randomly assigned to receive a modified version, such as a formula containing 25 mg zinc. [The investigators did not find a difference in the effects of 80 mg vs. 25 mg zinc](#). Because AREDS2 did not include a placebo control, results from AREDS, placebo-controlled trial, are still considered the gold standard.

Zinc is found in vegetables, grains, and meat. Vegetables and grains contain other molecules that can prevent zinc absorption and thus reduce its bioavailability. Supplements contain purified zinc, without these competing molecules. Although the chemical form of zinc affects its rate of absorption in the stomach, it is not clear how this affects bioavailability (i.e., the amount of zinc that reaches the retina). For more on this topic, please see the [zinc fact sheet from the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements](#) [↗](#).



Randomized Controlled Trial

Treatment response to antioxidants and zinc based on CFH and ARMS2 genetic risk allele number in the Age-Related Eye Disease Study

Carl C Awh et al. Ophthalmology. 2015 Jan.

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Abstract

Objective: To evaluate the impact of complement factor H (CFH) and age-related maculopathy susceptibility 2 (ARMS2) risk alleles on the observed response to components of the Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS) formulation.

Design: Genetic and statistical subgroup analysis of a randomized, prospective clinical trial.

Participants: White patients from the AREDS with category 3 or 4 age-related macular degeneration (AMD) with available DNA (n = 989).

Results: Patients with 2 CFH risk alleles and no ARMS2 risk alleles progressed more with zinc-containing treatment compared with placebo, with a hazard ratio (HR) of 3.07 (P = 0.0196) for zinc and 2.73 (P = 0.0418) for AREDS formulation (AF). Seven-year treatment-specific progression rates were: placebo, 17.0%; zinc, 43.2% (P = 0.023); and AF, 40.2% (P = 0.039). Patients with 0 or 1 CFH risk alleles and 1 or 2 ARMS2 risk alleles benefited from zinc-containing treatment compared with placebo, with an HR of 0.514 for zinc (P = 0.012) and 0.569 for AF (P = 0.0254). Seven-year treatment-specific AMD progression rates were as follows: placebo, 43.3%; zinc, 25.2% (P = 0.020); and AF, 27.3% (P = 0.011). Zinc and AF treatment each interacted statistically with these 2 genotype groups under a Cox model, with P values of 0.000999 and 0.00366, respectively. For patients with 0 or 1 CFH risk alleles and no ARMS2 risk alleles, neither zinc-containing treatment altered progression compared with placebo, but treatment with antioxidants decreased progression (HR, 0.380; P = 0.034). Seven-year progression with placebo was 22.6% and with antioxidants was 9.17% (P = 0.033). For patients with 2 CFH risk alleles and 1 or 2 ARMS2 risk alleles, no treatment was better than placebo (48.4%).

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CFH and ARMS2 genetic risk determines progression to neovascular age-related macular degeneration after antioxidant and zinc supplementation

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Genetic Polymorphisms of CFH and ARMS2 Do Not Predict Response to Antioxidants and Zinc in Patients with Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Independent Statistical Evaluations of Data from the Age-Related Eye Disease Study

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Purpose: Considerable controversy has existed in recent years regarding whether genotyping should be part of standard care for patients with age-related macular degeneration (AMD) who are being considered for treatment with antioxidants and zinc. We aimed to determine whether genotype predicts response to supplements in AMD.

Design: Three separate statistical teams reanalyzed data derived from the Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS), receiving data provided by the AREDS investigators and, separately, data from investigators reporting findings that extend the use of genotyping.

Participants: The population of interest was AREDS participants with AMD worse than category 1 and genotyping data available. Data from the 2 groups overlap extensively with respect to measurements made; the largest common set involved 876 participants for whom the same CFH and ARMS2 single nucleotide polymorphisms were measured by both groups.

Methods: Each team took a separate but complementary approach. One team focused on data concordance between conflicting studies. A second team focused on replicating the key claims of an interaction between genotype and treatment. The third team took a linear model approach in attempting to find baseline predictors of treatment response.

Main Outcome Measures: Progression to advanced AMD.

Results: The first team aimed to support the initial claim of genotype-treatment interaction. Although we found evidence that high-risk patients had more to gain from treatment, we were unable to replicate any genotype-treatment interactions after adjusting for multiple testing. We tested 3 genotype claims on an independent set of data, with negative results. Even if we assumed that interactions in fact did exist, we did not find evidence to support the claim that supplementation leads to a large increase in the rate of advanced AMD in some genotype subgroups.

Conclusions: Patients who meet criteria for supplements to prevent AMD progression should be offered zinc and antioxidants without consideration of genotype. Ophthalmology 2018;125:391-397 © 2017 by the American Academy of Ophthalmology

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The Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS) was a large, multicenter, double-blind, randomized trial to determine whether high-dose antioxidants, zinc, or their combination could reduce the risk of progression of age-related macular degeneration (AMD) in older patients. Excluding patients in AREDS category 1, for whom the crude rate was less than 1%, the combination of data and antioxidants was found to reduce the rate of progression to

advanced AMD (odds ratio, 0.48; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.40-0.57; P = 0.002). The publication of the trial results led to rapid changes in practice, with at-risk patients routinely prescribed the zinc and antioxidant combination used in the trial.

In 2010, Klein et al¹ published a pharmacogenetics study regarding the effect of antioxidant and zinc on AMD. In AREDS, may be influenced by genotype,

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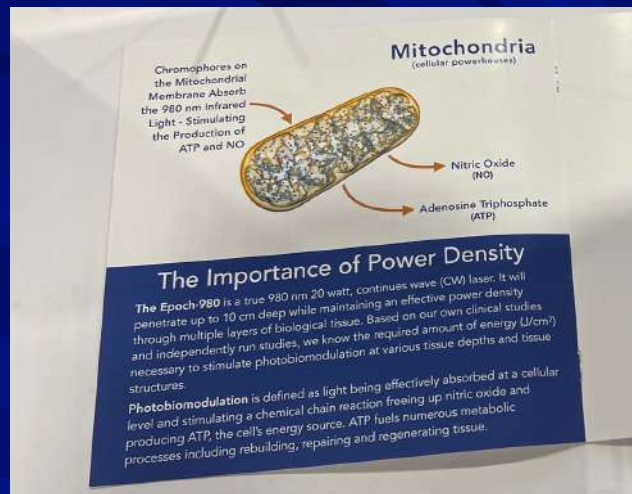
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Would you recommend AREDS 2 or a supplement high dose Zinc?

- Yes
- No

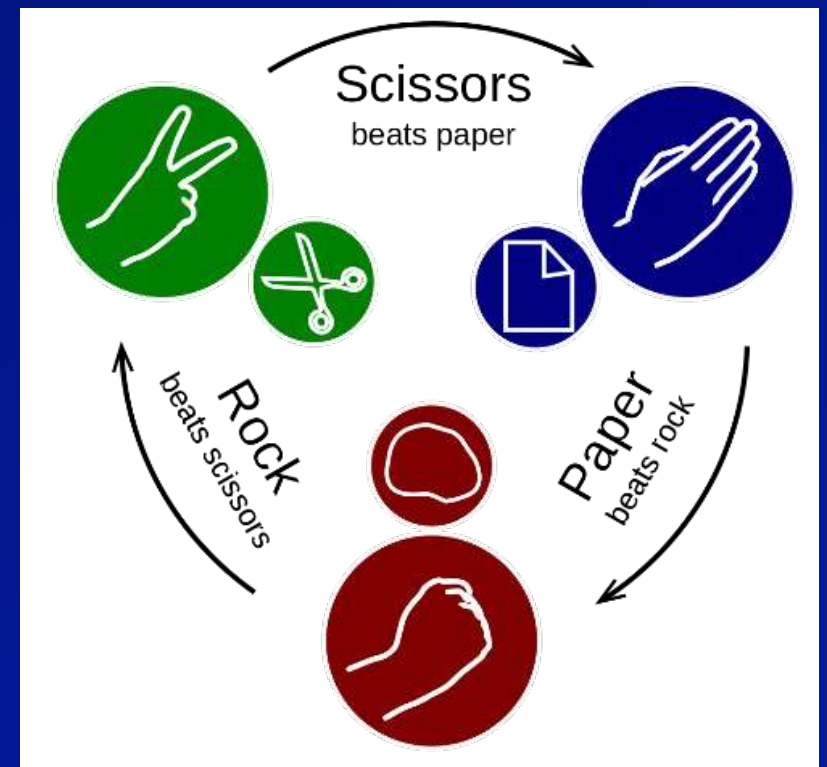
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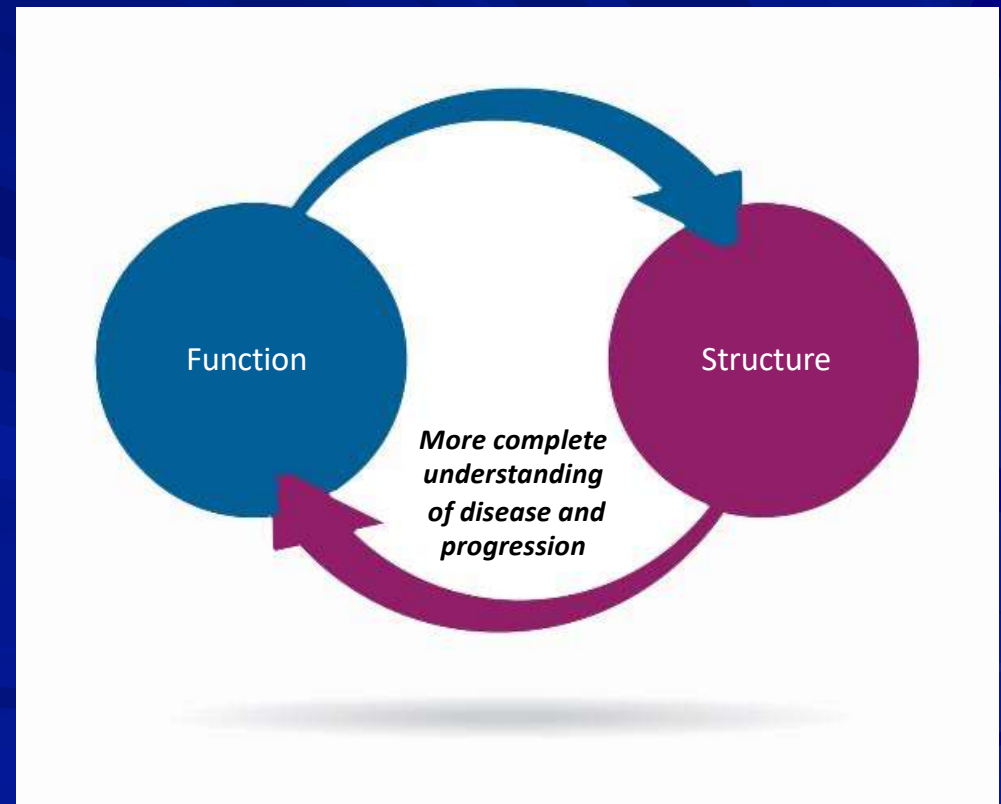
Ocular Structure and Visual Function

- ✍ Structure precedes functional damage
- ✍ Function precedes structural damage
- ✍ Both damage visible simultaneously



Value of Function *plus* Structure

- **Early Detection:** Function precedes structure in many conditions, highlighting problems before structural damage occurs
- **Progression:** Functional tests plays a critical role in detecting sub-clinical progression
- **Improvement:** Structural tests demonstrate stability; only functional tests can demonstrate improvement



Color vision



Kollners rule:

Congenital is Red Green defects
Acquired is Blue Yellow Defects



WRONG!

Color Vision as a Biomarker of Disease

Wet AMD

Retinal
Dystrophy

Cataract

Optic
Neuritis

Multiple
Sclerosis

Diabetes with or without retinopathy

Dry AMD

Loss of color vision is a major complaint in rapidly changing disorders

Color vision is also a biomarker of slow progressing diseases even though patients are unaware of color vision change

Rabin Cone Contrast Test

👓 Sensitive color contrasts testing

- ★ There is difference between traditional color vision tests

👓 Rabin Cone Contrast Test can be used for early detection:

- ★ Age related macular degeneration
- ★ Diabetic retinopathy
- ★ Glaucoma
- ★ Retinal disease

Rabin Cone Contrast Test

Based in science

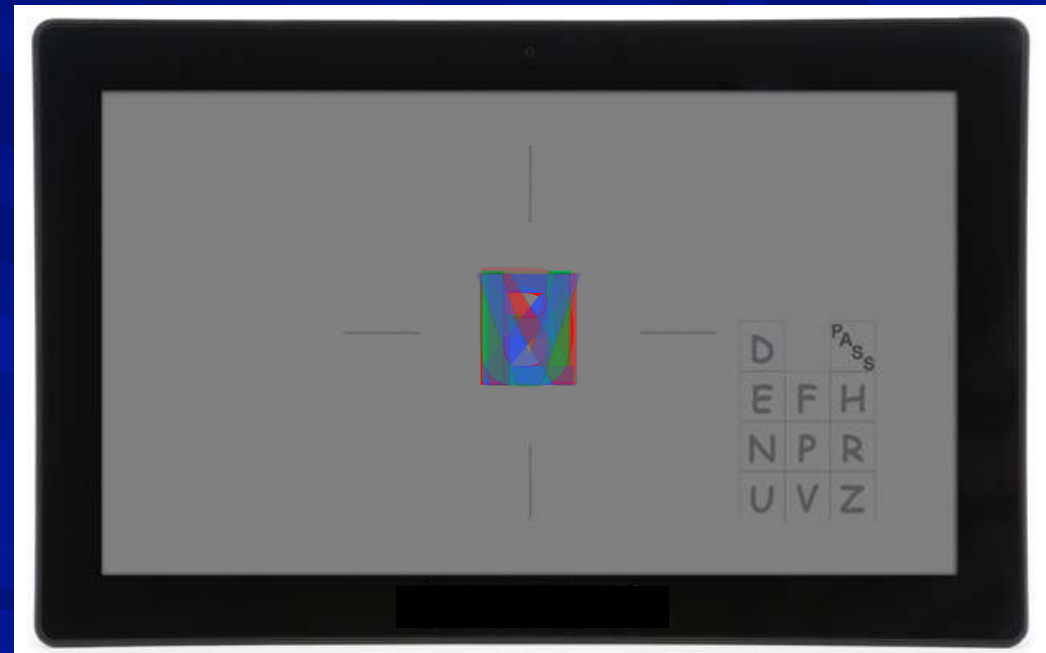
- ★ Co-developed between Innova Systems and US Air Force

Combines Cone Isolation technology and Contrast Sensitivity

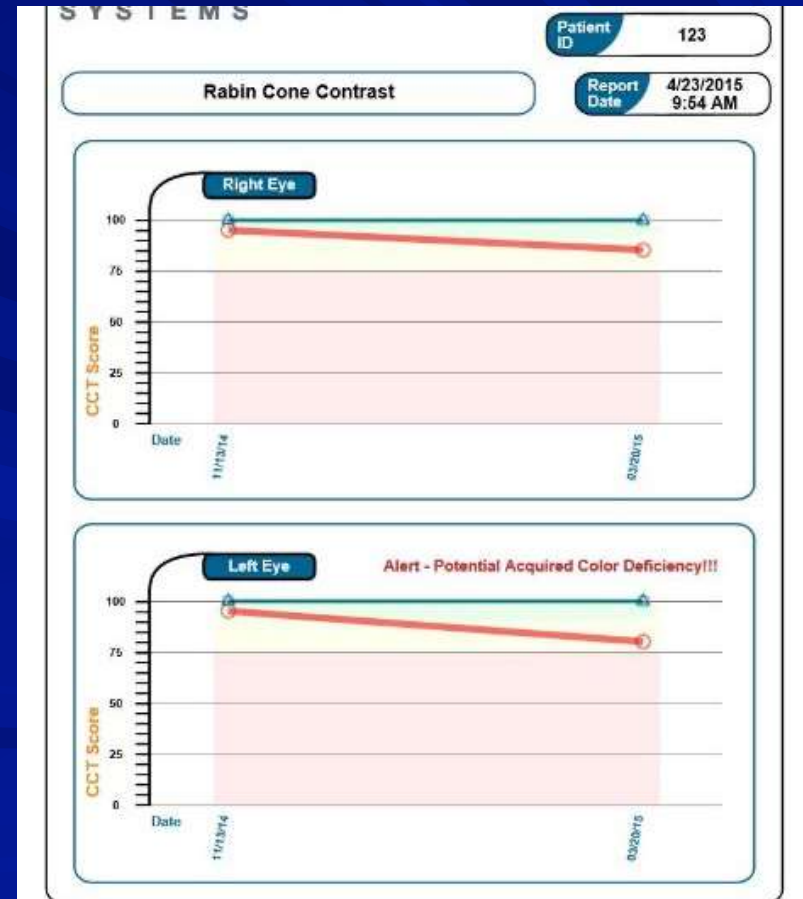
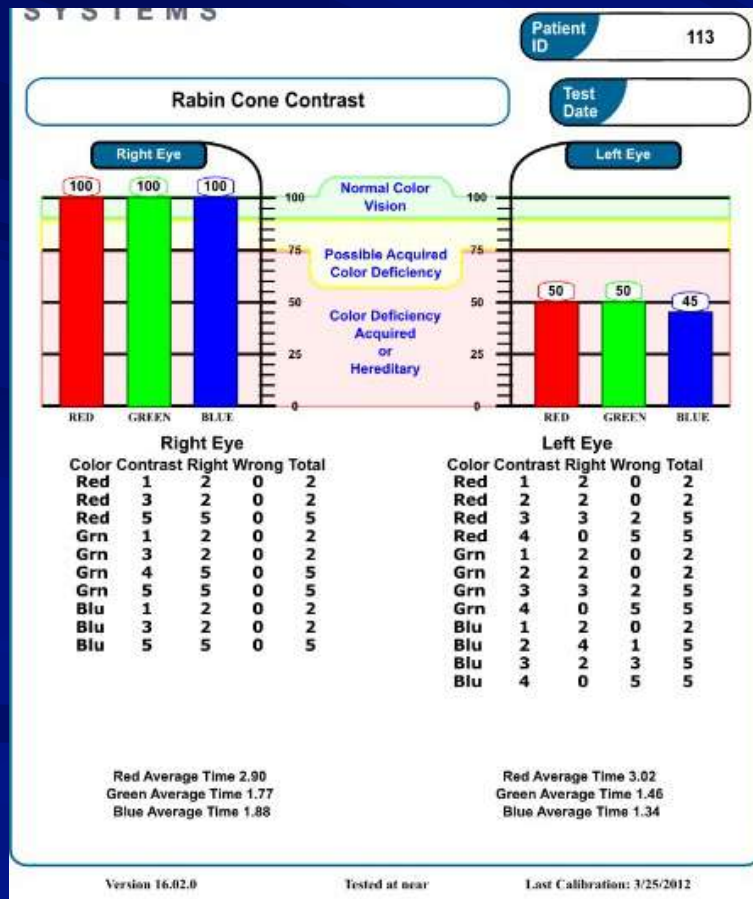
Color vision technology sensitive enough to detect subtle changes from disease

Threshold test, similar to visual field

- ★ But just faster...
- ★ CPT 92283-\$57 national average



Cone Contrast Test Results





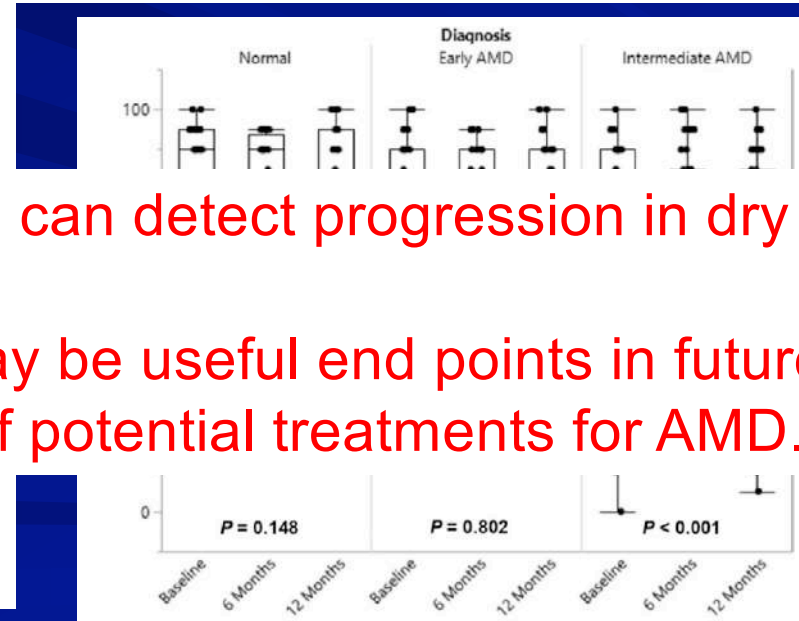
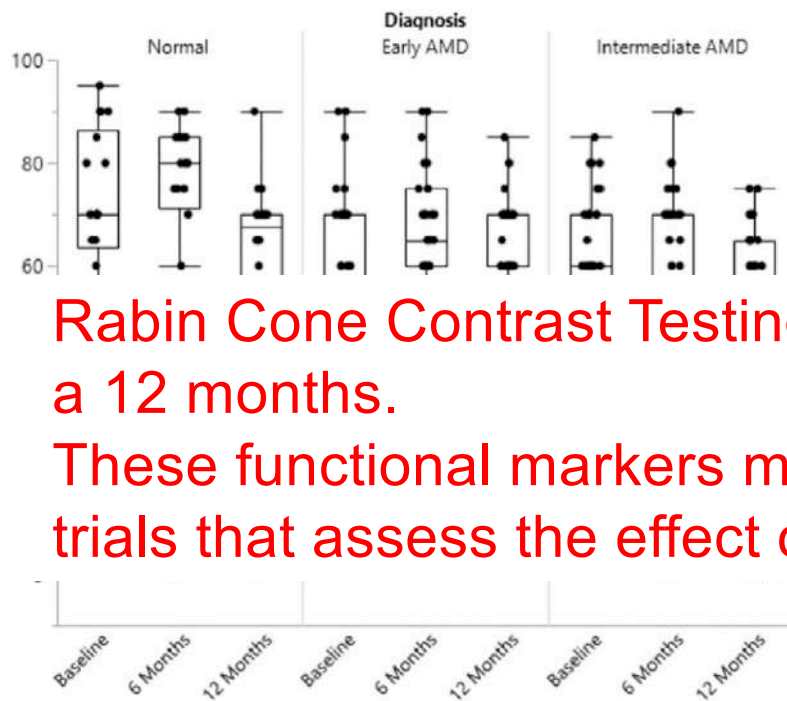
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Longitudinal Study of Visual Function in Dry Age-Related Macular Degeneration at 12 Months

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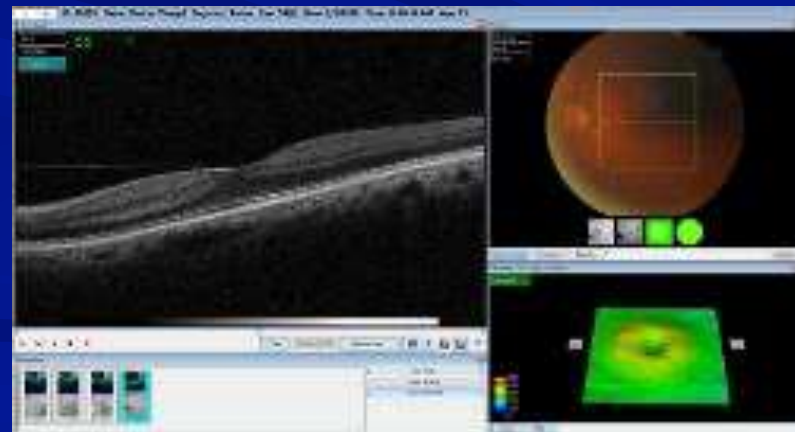
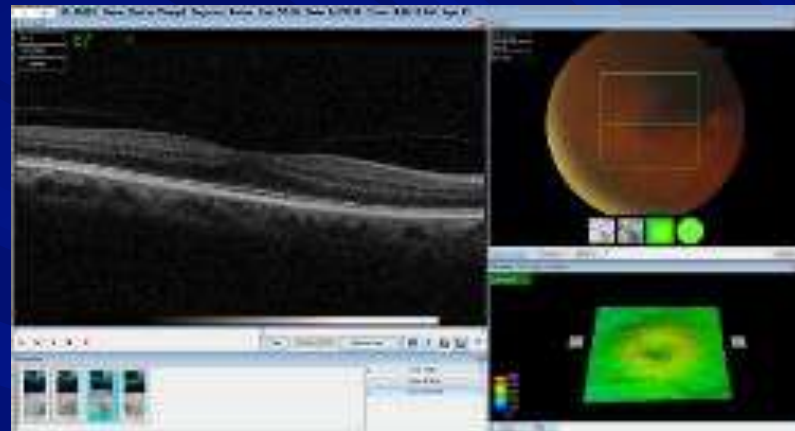
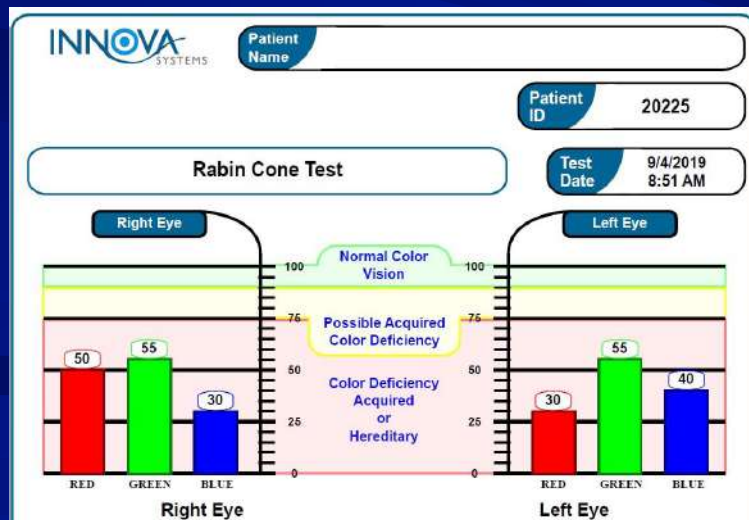


- Rabin Cone Contrast Testing can detect progression in dry AMD within a 12 months.
- These functional markers may be useful end points in future clinical trials that assess the effect of potential treatments for AMD.

Case: Diabetes Exam- What's Your Diagnosis?

- 72 y/o Indian male
- Type 2 Diabetes
- 20/25 OU
- NS1+ Cataracts OU

What about now?



Case courtesy of Becky Verna, OD

Case: Diabetes Exam- What's Your Diagnosis?

Courtesy of Pinakin Davey OD, PhD

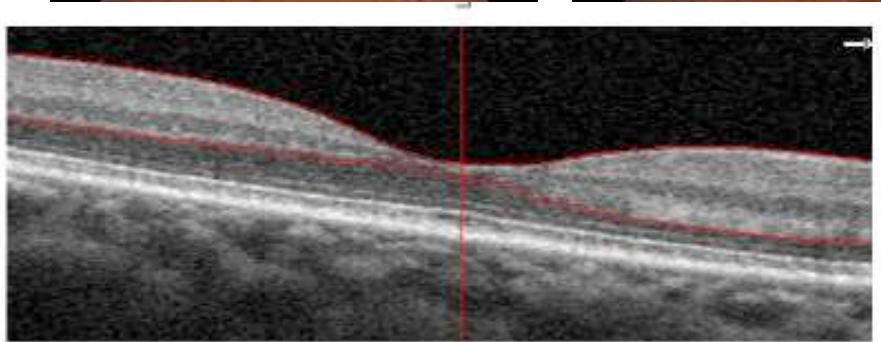
- 49 YO Asian male,
- HO DM type 2, 10 years “recently” not compliant with meds
- HO HTN x10 years
- Restarted metformin recently but has side effects from diabetes
- Blood pressure today 168/96

What about now?

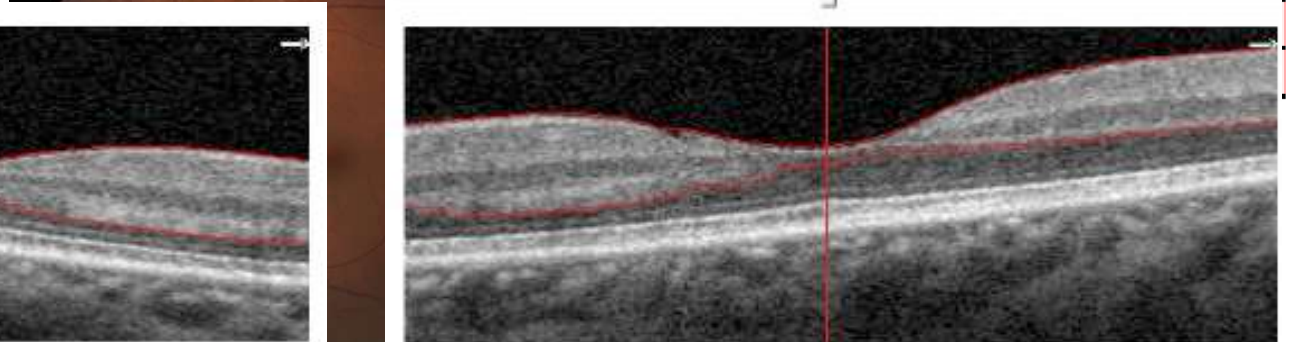
Patient worried enough about change in vision that he returned for 1 Month follow-up visit

Diabetic Eye Exam Standard of Care

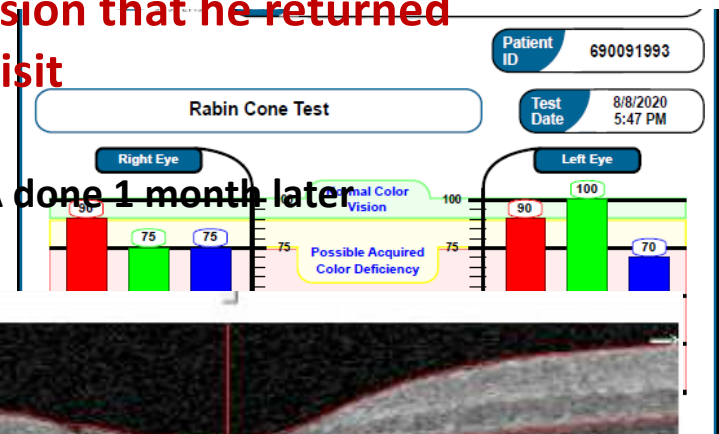
Foveal Avascular Zone measurements OCT-A done 1 month later



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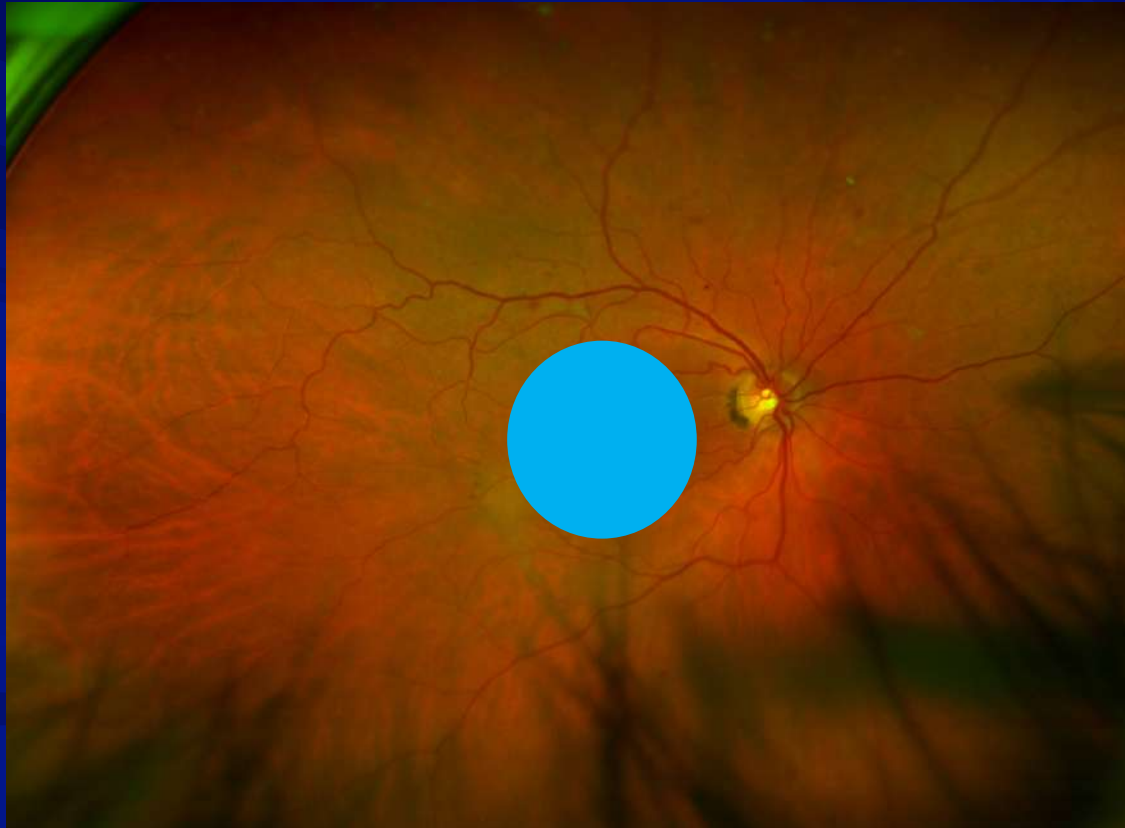


Based on RCCT, RTC in 1 month for OCT

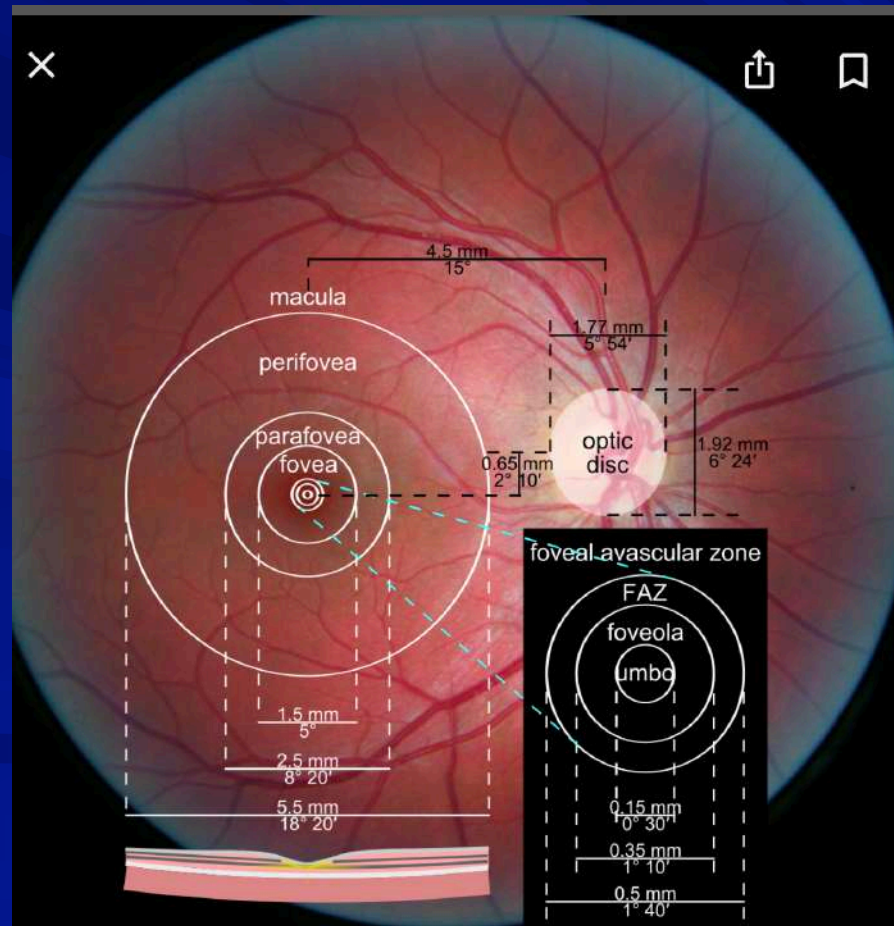
Rabin Cone Contrast Test

- 👁️ Completes the comprehensive exam
- 👁️ Early detection
- 👁️ Progression
- 👁️ Can see improvements with your treatments
- 👁️ Nutritional therapies indeed play a role in management of AMD, diabetes, and glaucoma

Where is the macula?



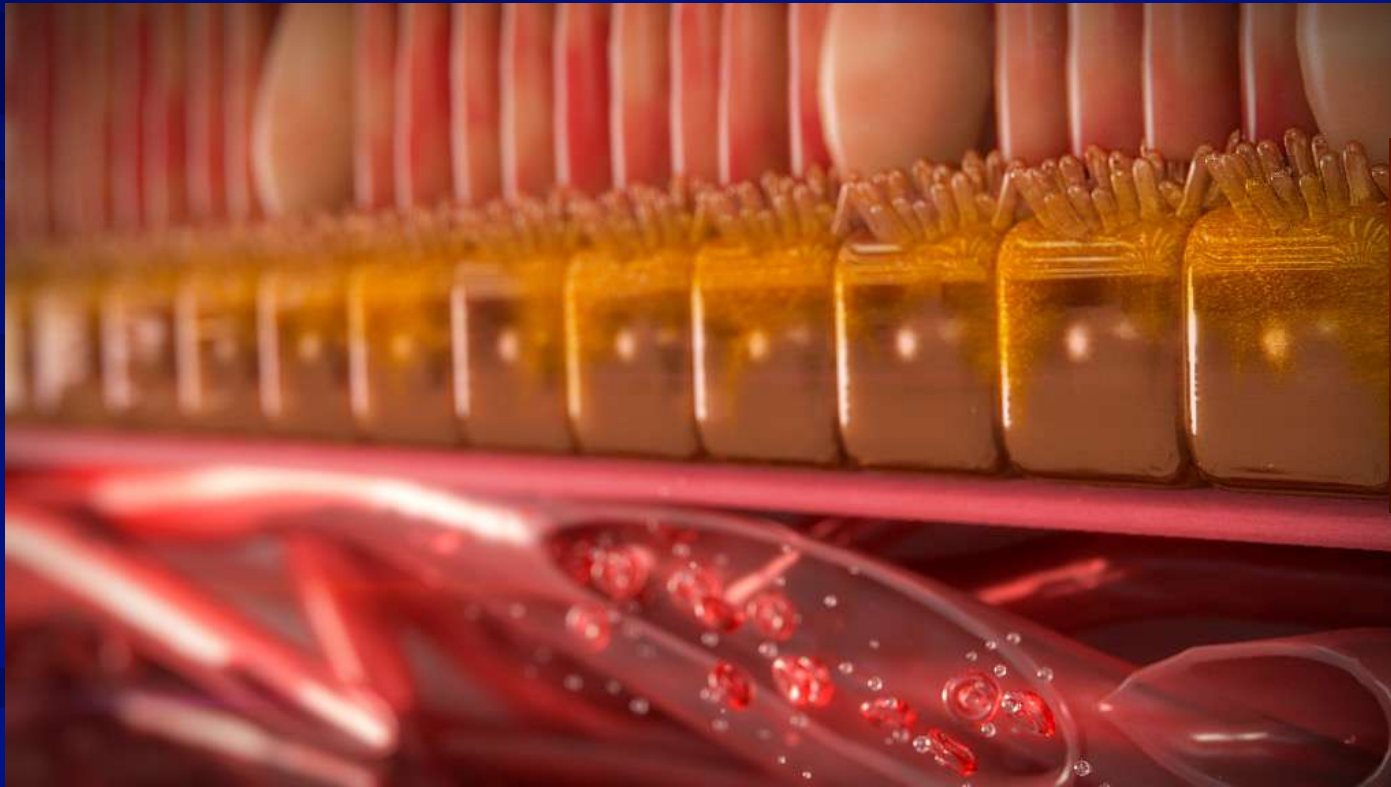
How large is the macula?



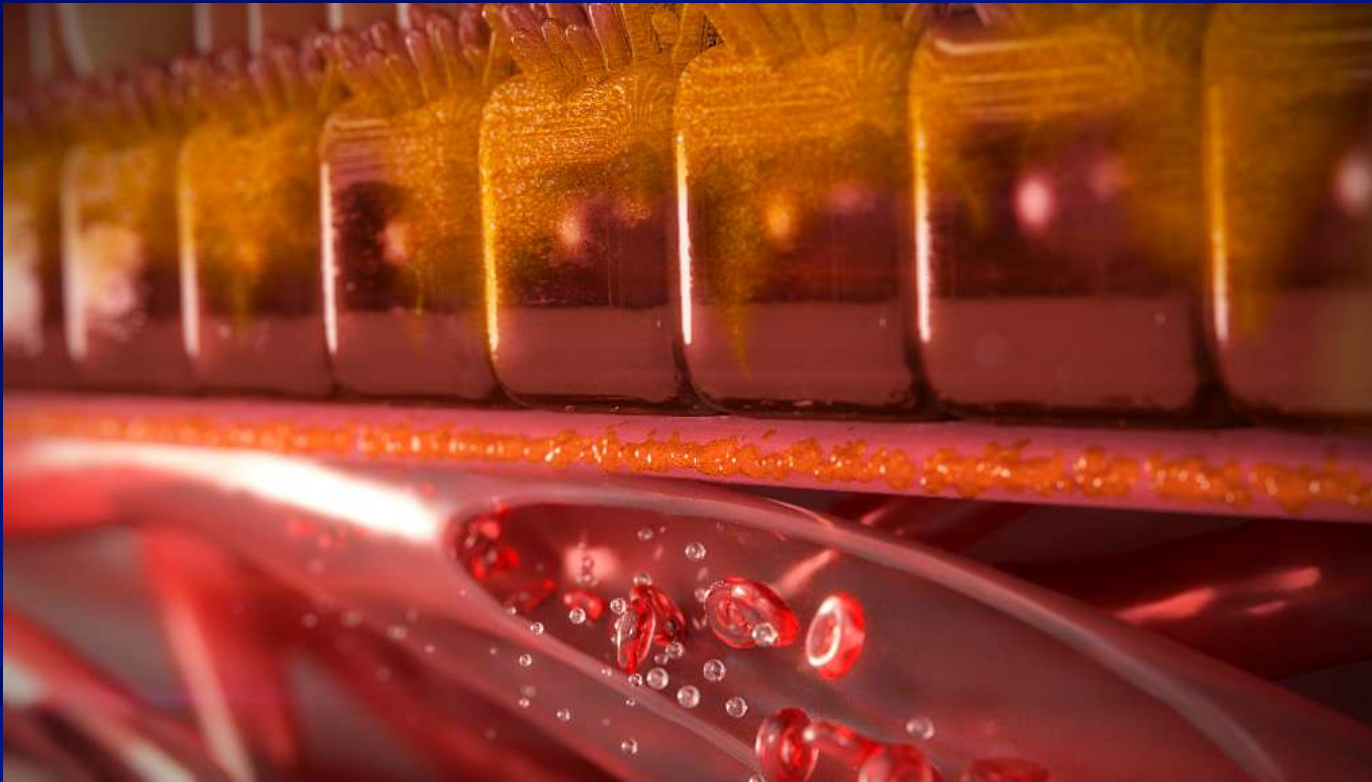
Early Onset Pathogenesis

- 👁️ Drusen small or large are not makers for early stage AMD
 - ★ Visible structural evidence of a pathological process
 - 📅 Underway for quite some time
- 👁️ 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
- 👁️ Impaired Vitamin A across Bruch's membrane
 - ★ Functional impairment can occur to dark adaptation

Healthy choriocapillaris, Bruch's, RPE, and Photoreceptors



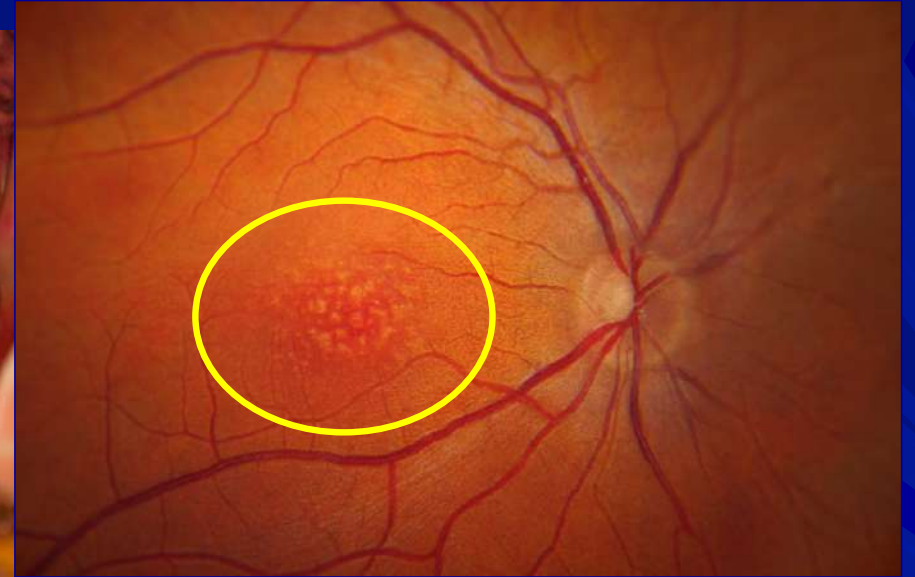
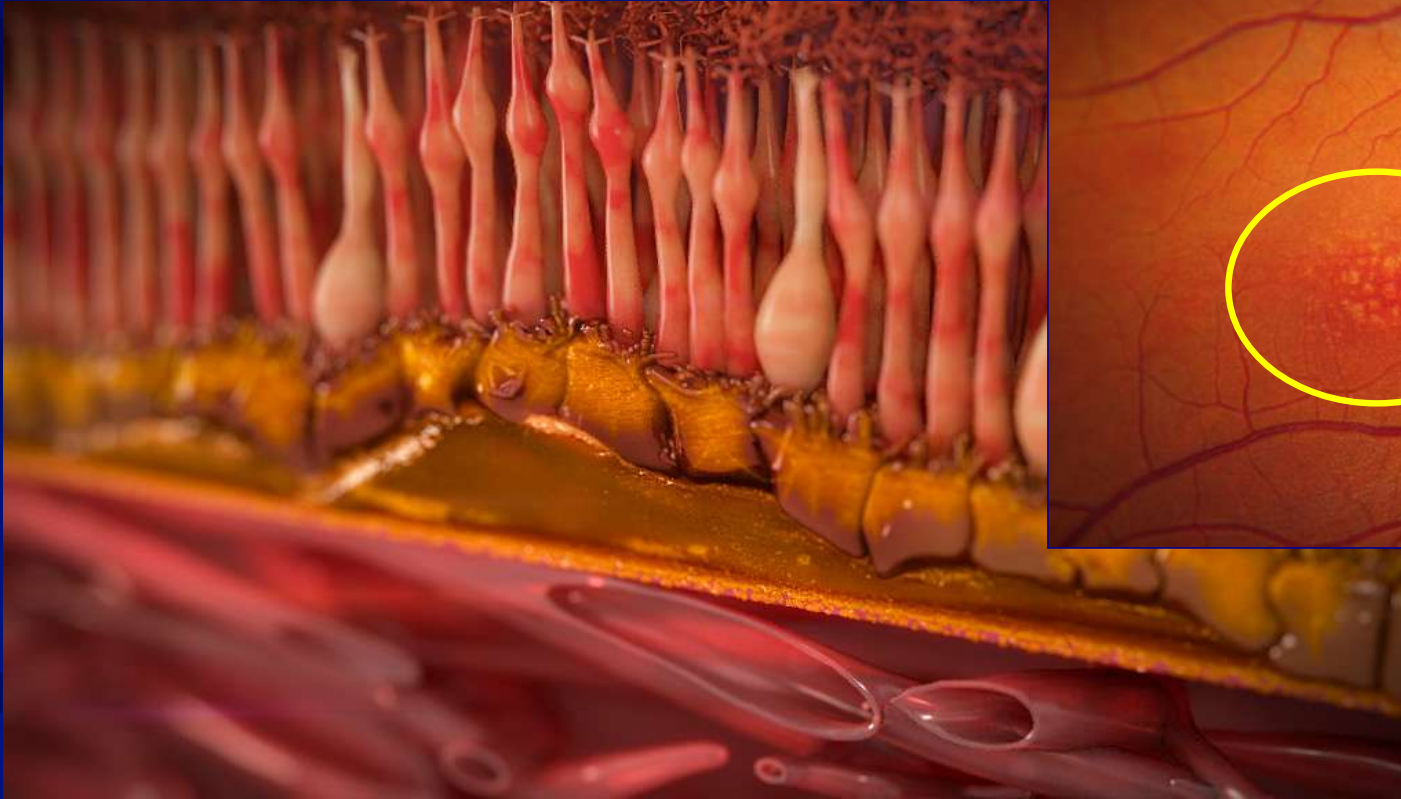
Cholesterol barrier deposited along Bruch's and RPE



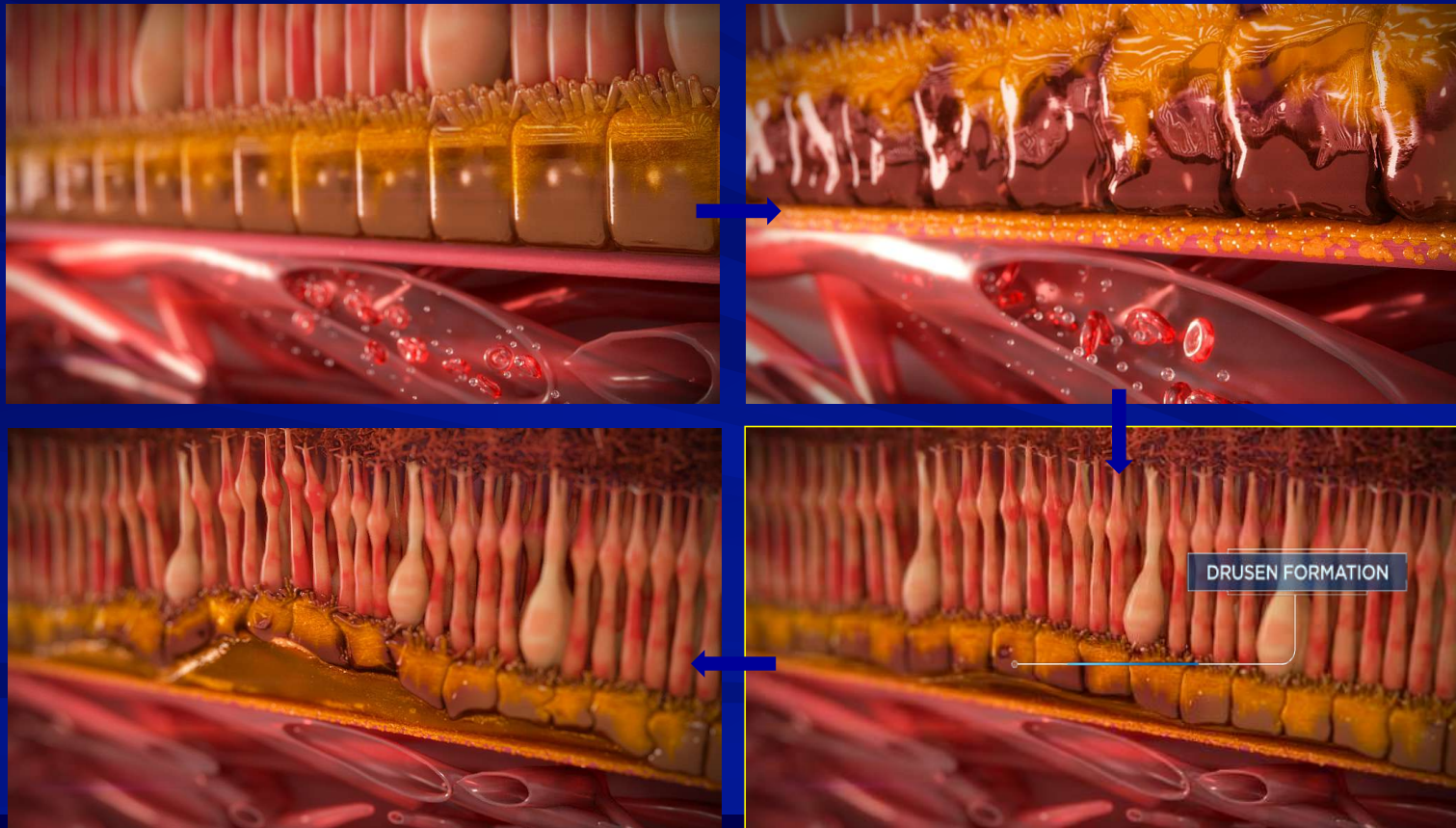
RPE Secretes even more cholesterol and degenerates



Finally, visibly evident drusen on fundus evaluation



AMD is a Disease Process that Starts Below the Surface



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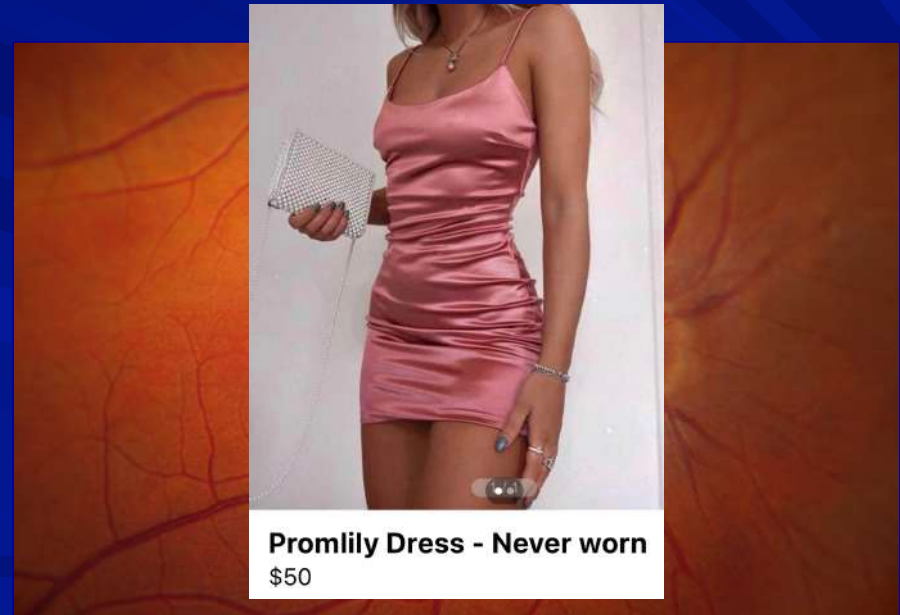
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- ★ Intermediate AMD

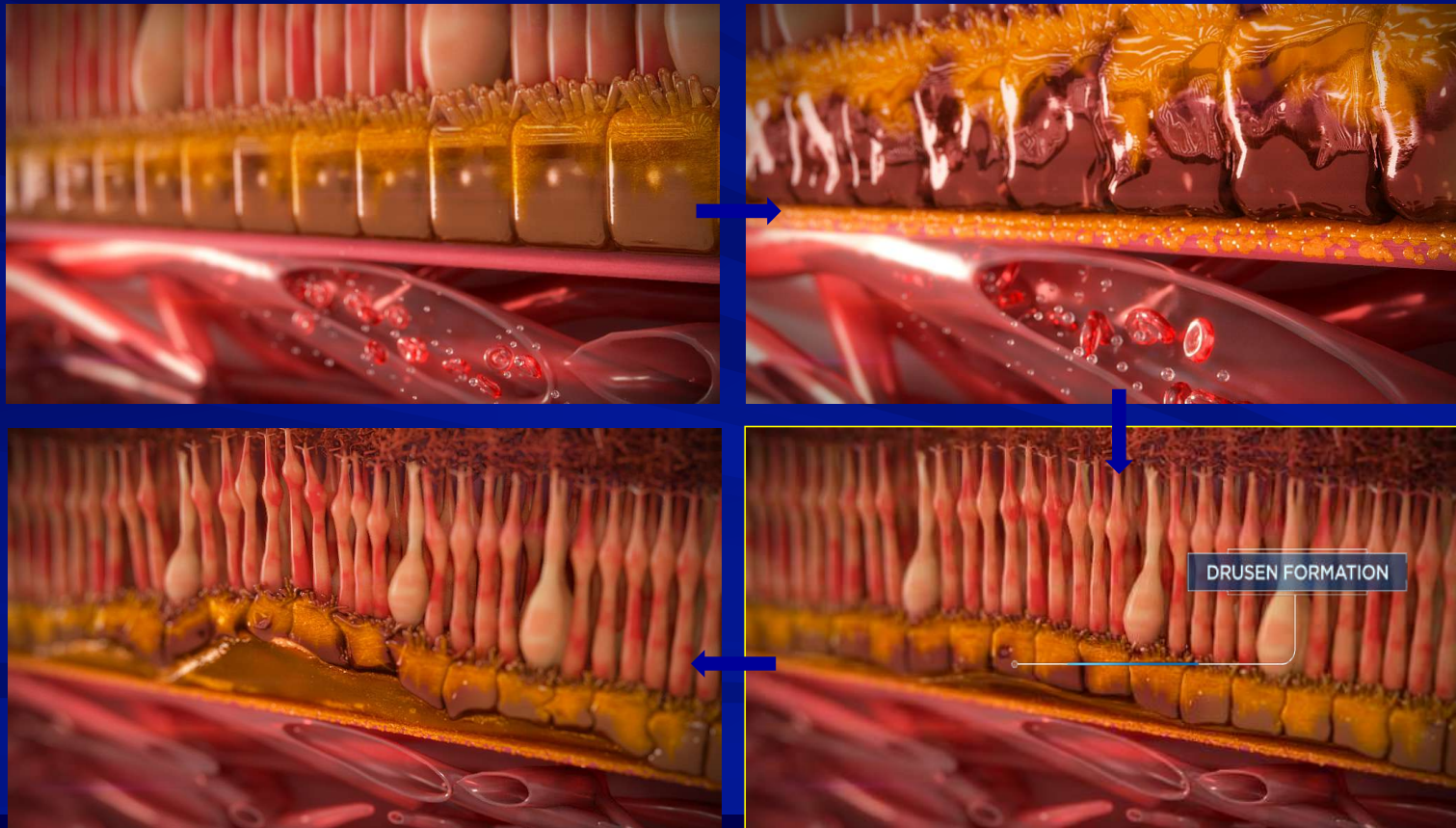
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Applying a Familiar Standard of Care: *Two Multifactorial Diseases*

Glaucoma

AMD

Structure



Cup-to-disc
Ratio



Drusen

Function



Visual Field



Dark Adaptation

Risk

Intraocular Pressure (IOP)
Corneal Thickness
Age/race
Family history/etc.
Health and Lifestyle (Diabetes)



Age
Genetic Testing
Health and Lifestyle (Smoking)
Macular Pigment Optical Density (MPOD)
Contrast Sensitivity.

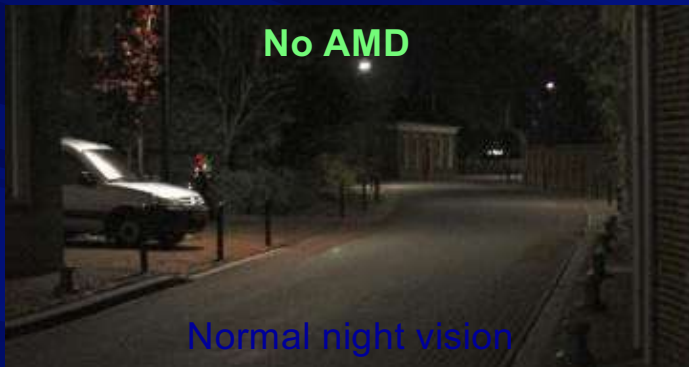
Dark Adaptation in AMD

Function Test

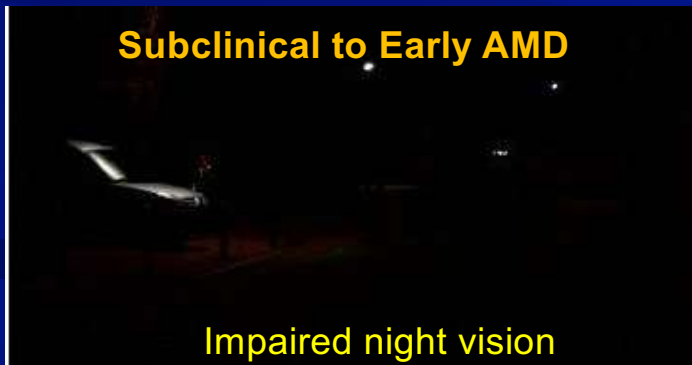
- 👁️ Measures how long to recover from bright light to darkness
 - ★ Rod intercept line (RI) time
- 👁️ Functional test that can help overcome the challenges in diagnosing AMD
- 👁️ Alabama Study on Early Age-Related Degeneration (ALSTAR)
 - ★ Able to detect subclinical 3 years before clinically visible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



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



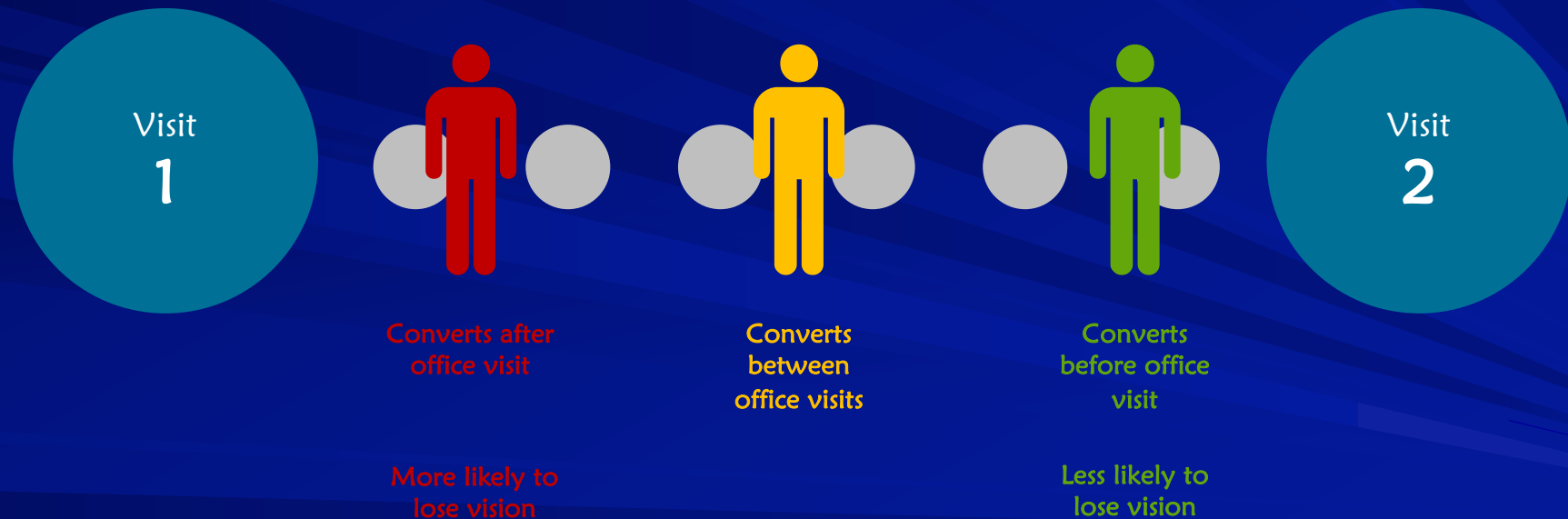
- Night vision impacted in early AMD: 30+ studies
- AMD patients often give up driving at night
- Night vision is impaired before day vision
- Typically ECP's chalk this complaint up to cataracts



***Ask Every Patient Over 50
About Their Night Vision***

Preferential Hyperacuity Perimetry (PHP)

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

Uses Preferential
Hyperacuity
Perimetry (PHP)

Medicare
covered

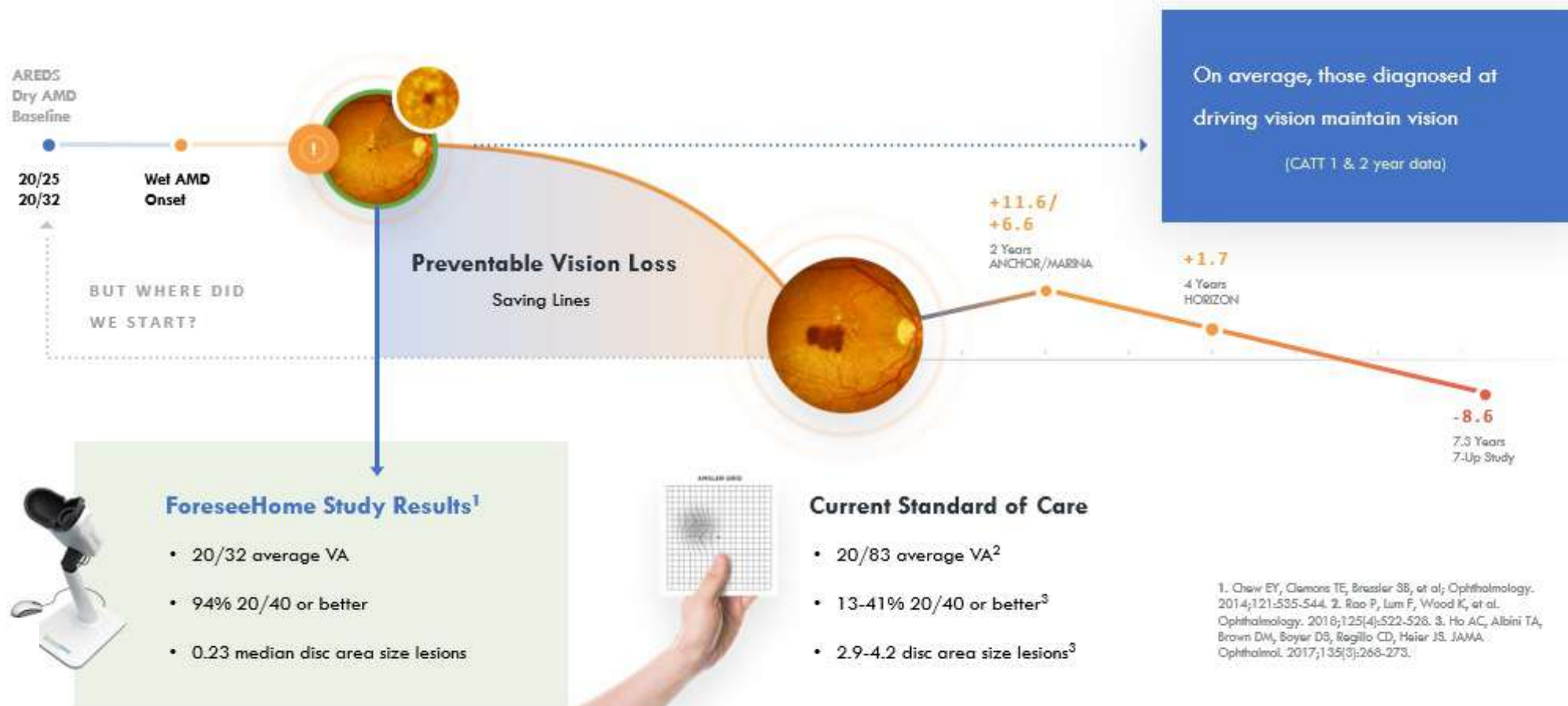
600+ active
prescribers



6,000+ actively
testing patients

Proven efficacy
with level 1
evidence

Readjusting our point of view to preventable vision loss



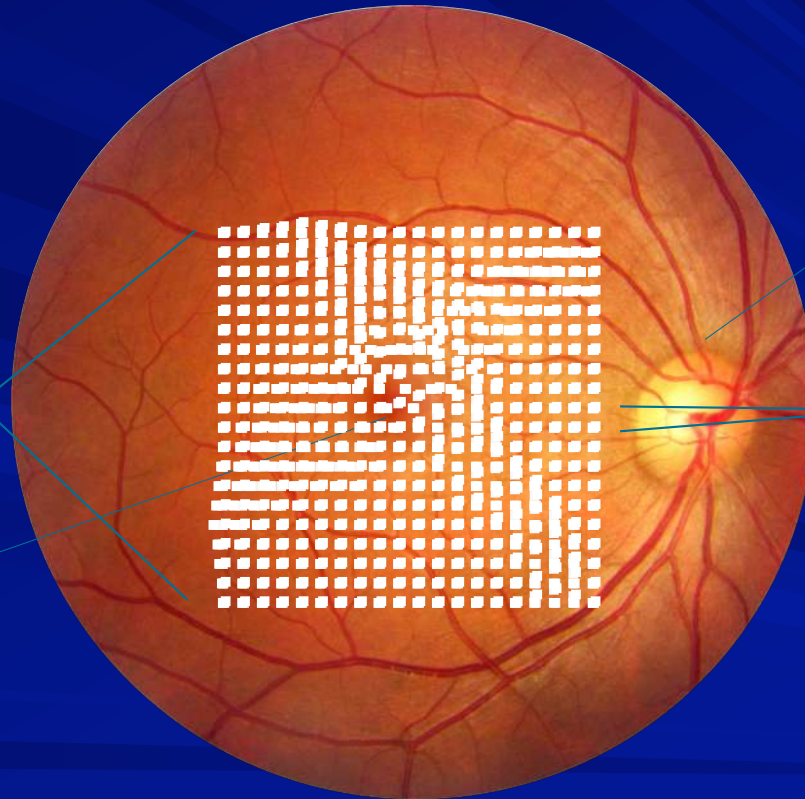
Notal Vision- PERIMETRY: The ForeseeHome Test

Total of 500 data points
tested 3 to 5 times each

Stimuli are presented
on screen for 160 ms

Visual field – central 14°
(4200 microns)

Macula



Optic disk

0.75°
resolution

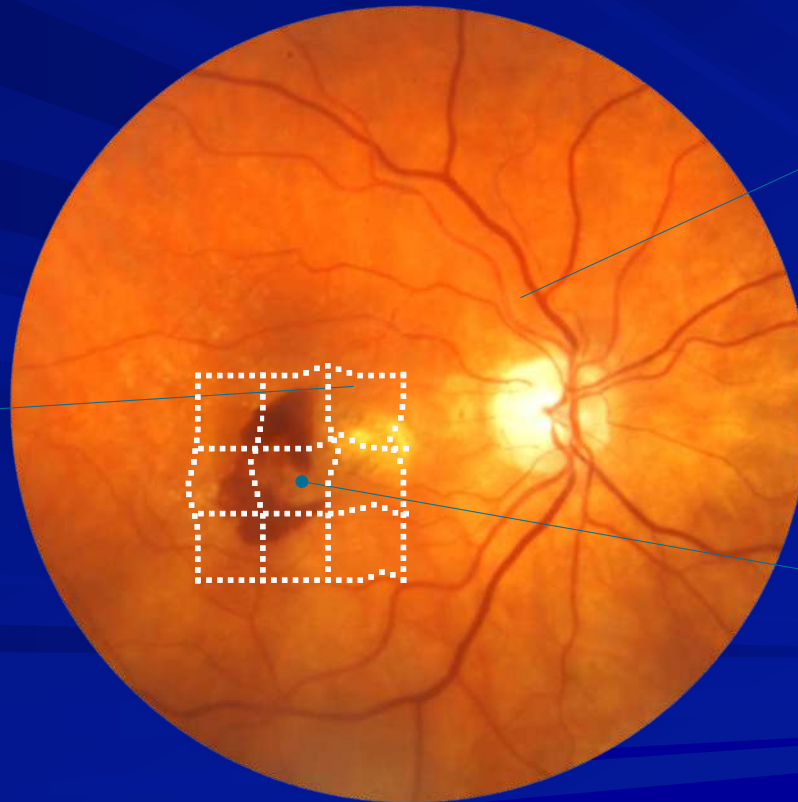
Once pathology is suspected, the area is bracketed to localize and quantify pathology

When a patient clicks on the “pathological distortion,” the algorithm will present stimuli of various magnitudes over the location to determine the size and shape

Macula

Optic disk

Pathology



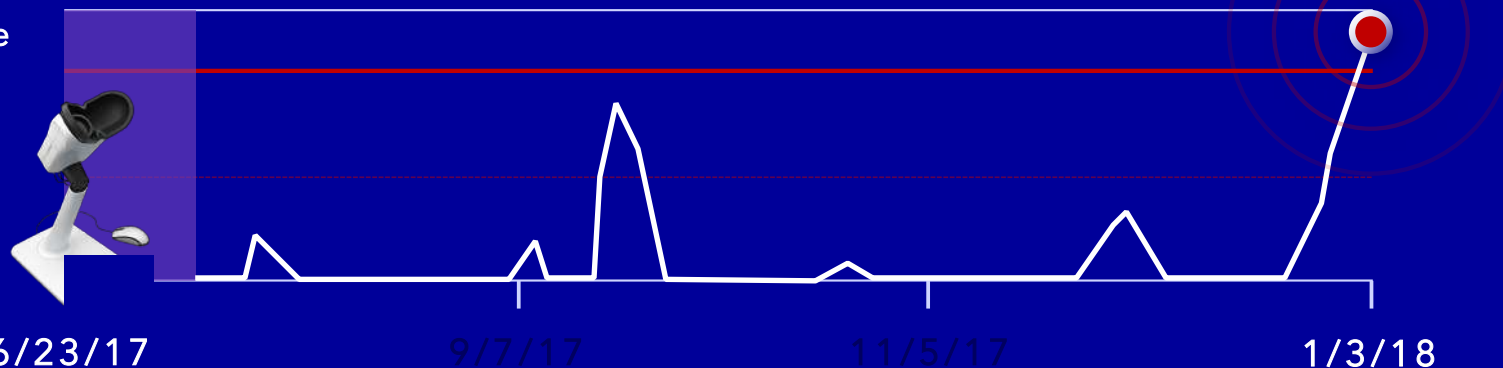


CASE 1



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

Trend Score



6/23/17

9/7/17

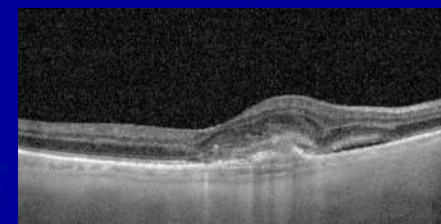
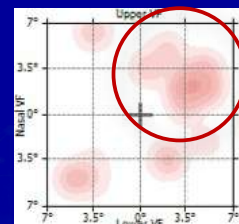
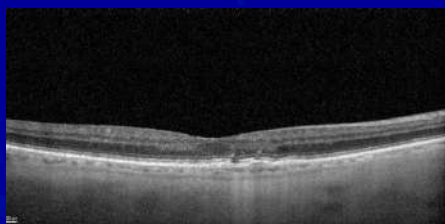
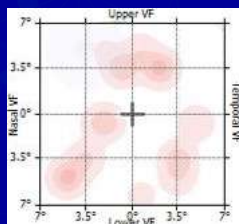
11/5/17

1/3/18

STARTED TESTING

ALERTED

20/60 OD and asymptomatic





Optometric
Education
Consultants

Question

During the AREDS2 Study – were patients allowed to take a multivitamins?

- A. No – they were testing the efficacy of AREDS2
- B. Yes – 10 %
- C. Yes- - 50%
- D. Yes – 90%

Will taking the AREDS or AREDS2 supplements prevent AMD?

Nutritional supplements cannot prevent AMD. However, the AREDS/AREDS2 supplements may delay progression of intermediate to advanced AMD and may help you keep your vision longer. The participants AREDS trial have now been followed for more than 10 years, and the benefits of the AREDS formulation have persisted over this time.

Can I take a daily multivitamin if I am taking one of the AREDS/AREDS2 formulas?

Yes. The AREDS and AREDS2 formulas do not substitute for multivitamins. In AREDS, two-thirds of the study participants took multivitamins along with the AREDS formulation. In AREDS2, almost nine of ten participants took multivitamins.

Treatment for AMD

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

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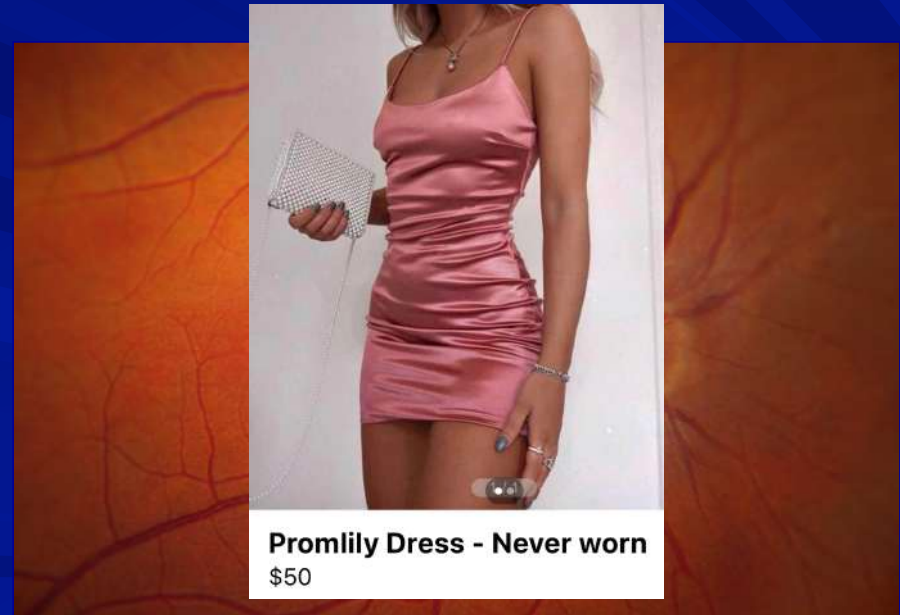
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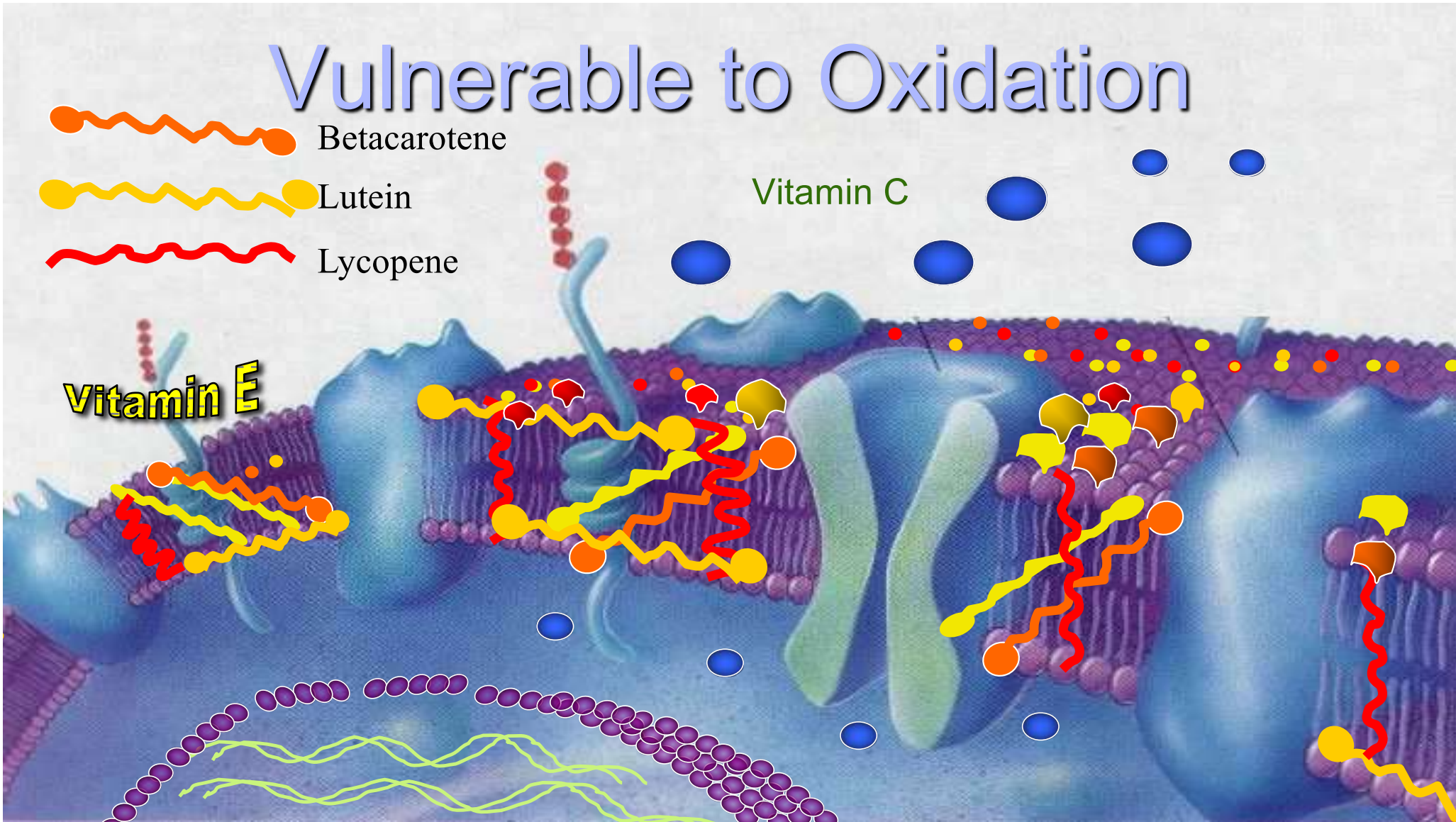
 Betacarotene

 Lutein

 Lycopene

Vitamin C

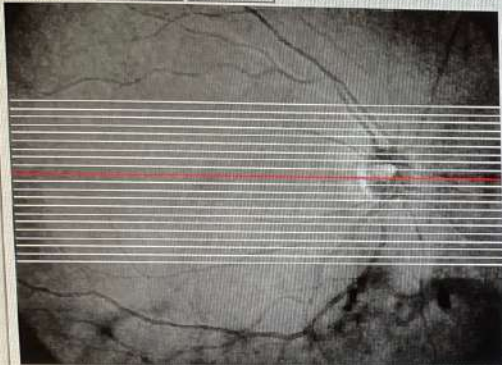
Vitamin E



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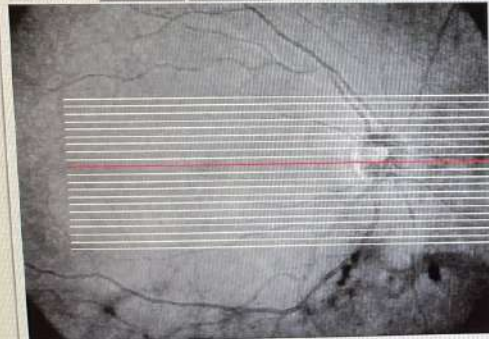
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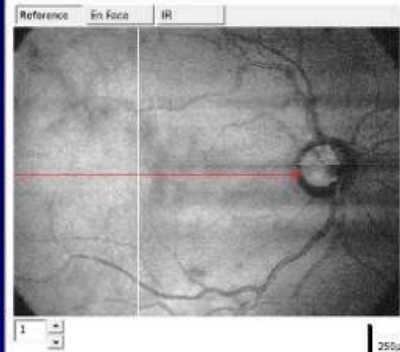
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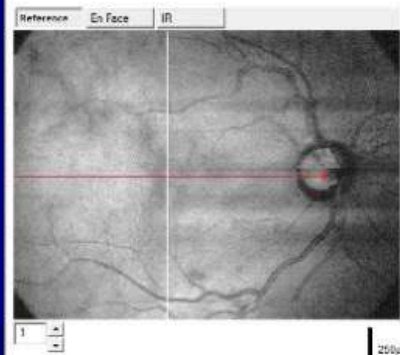
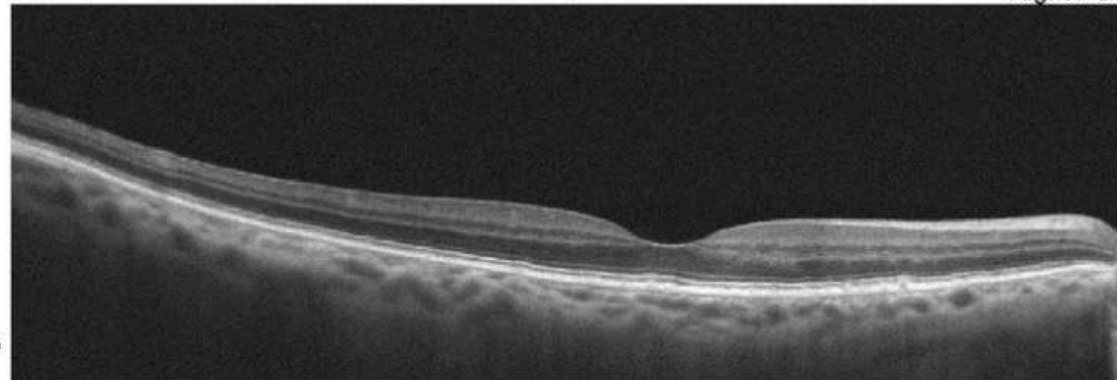
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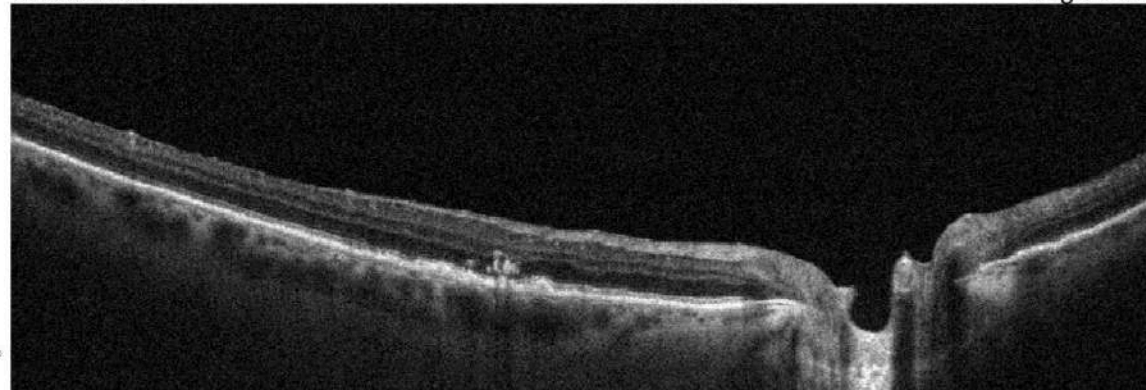
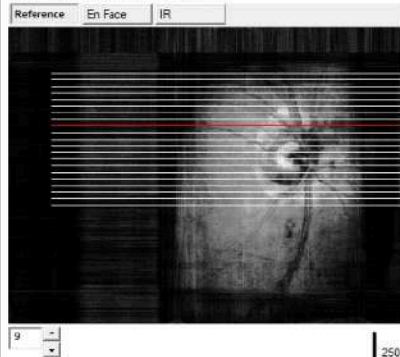
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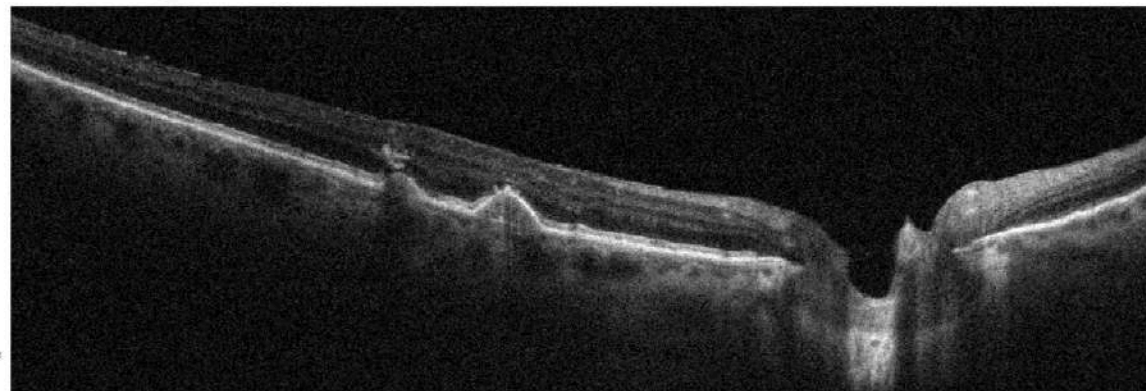
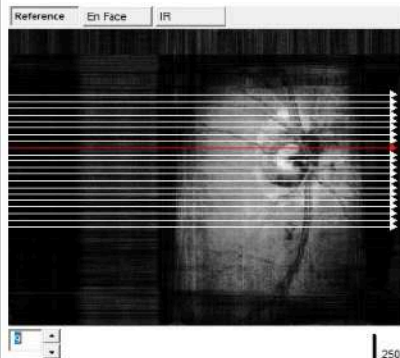
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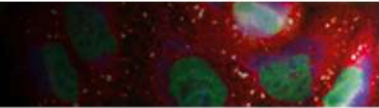
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Carotenoid Paradox

- ✍ It dawned on me during a lecture what we are actually doing
- ✍ We are measuring carotenoids to measure the level of the patient's overall antioxidant status
- ✍ We should be providing Antioxidant Replacement Therapy!
- ✍ We measure carotenoids to identify those low in carotenoids. This biomarker identifies those people who's antioxidant status needs help
- ✍ We should recommend a comprehensive Antioxidant Replacement approach



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

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Abstract

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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 mezoanthin) 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-1 α , 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.

Treating Half the Retina?

Carotenoids and Polyphenols

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Review

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-1 α) in different tumor cells [163].

It is reported that also curcumin possesses anti-

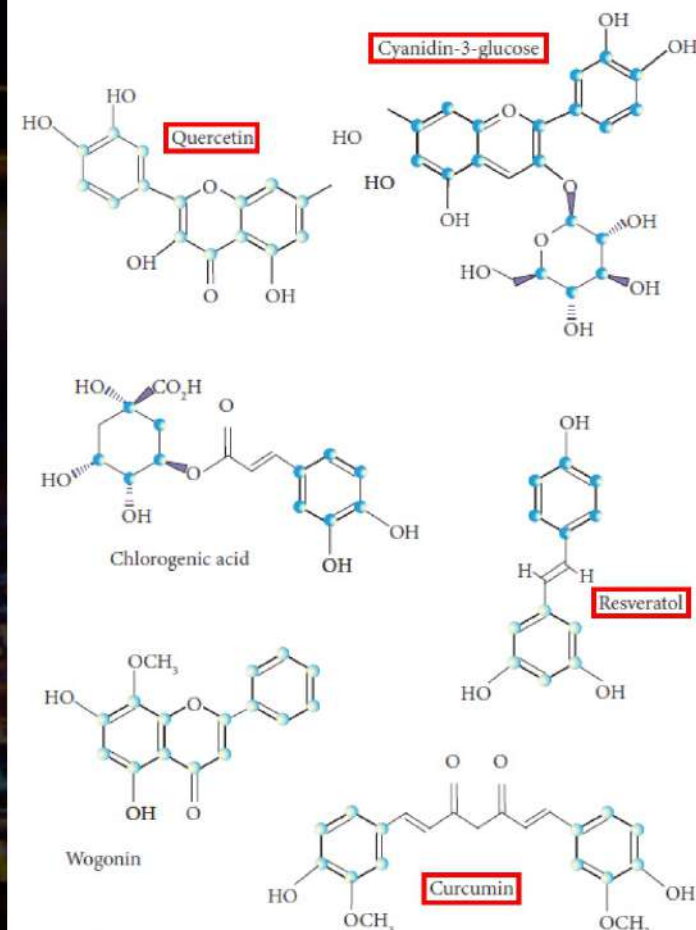
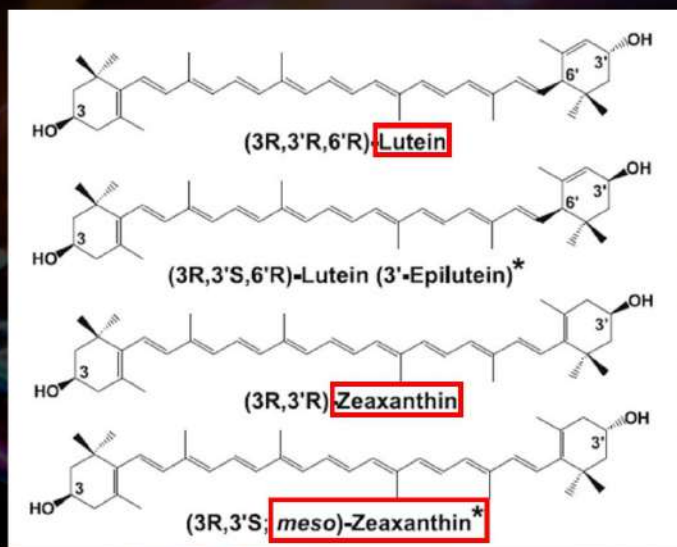
ASSESSMENT OF CAROTENOIDS

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).

Retinal nutraceuticals share a common thread....

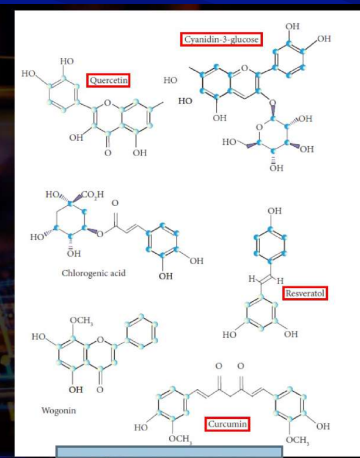
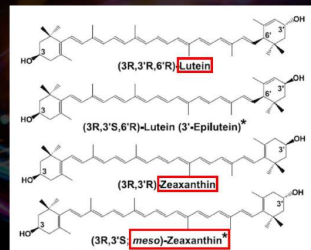


Thank you, Dr. Chris Putnam,

-OH

- 👁️ -OH group donate an electron to mitigate the ROS and singlet oxygen generated from highly metabolic tissue
- 👁️ -OH group is found on all of them and it's what makes them such a fantastic antioxidant

Retinal nutraceuticals share a common thread....



Polyphenols

Flavonoids

Quercetin

Thank you, Dr. Chris Putnam,

Quercetin inhibits choroidal and retinal angiogenesis *in vitro*.

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J Func Foods (2017) 33, 103-111.

Polyphenols

Flavonoids

Anthocyanins

Thank you, Dr. Chris Putnam,

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Oxidative medicine and cellular longevity. (2018)

Protective effects of blueberry anthocyanins against H₂O₂-induced oxidative injuries in human retinal pigment epithelial cells.

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J Neuroimmunology (2016) 301:1-6.

Identification of anthocyanins in the liver, eye and brain of blueberry-fed pigs

J Agric Food Chem (2008) 56.3:705-712

Polyphenols

Non-Flavonoids

Curcumin

Thank you, Dr. Chris Putnam,

Therapeutic potential of curcumin in major retinal pathologies.

Int ophth (2019) 39.3:725-734.

Vascular endothelial growth factor: An important molecular target of curcumin.

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Curcumin-Based Treatment for Macular Edema from Uncommon Etiologies: Efficacy and Safety Assessment.

Journal of Medicinal Food (2020) 23.8

Polyphenols

Non-Flavonoids

Resveratrol

Thank you, Dr. Chris Putnam,

Resveratrol based oral nutritional supplement produces long-term beneficial effects on structure and visual function in human patients.

Nutrients. (2014), 6.10:4404-4420.

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SIRT1 mediated inhibition of VEGF/VEGFR2 signaling by Resveratrol and its relevance to choroidal neovascularization.

Cytokine 76.2 (2015):549-552.

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Archives of Toxicology 94.2 (2020): 553-572.

Measuring Macular Pigment

👓 Retina macula biopsy

👓 Clinical Imaging

★ Subjective

📋 ZeaVision MPSII

📋 Guardion Mapcat SF

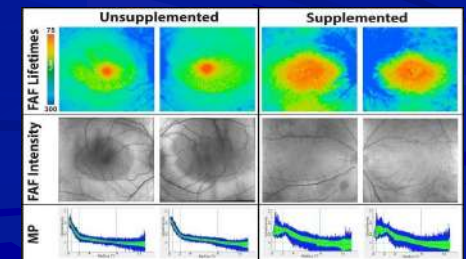
★ Clinical

📋 ZeaVision MPR

📋 Zeiss Visucam 200

📋 Spectralis HRA+OCT

📋 Spectralis MPOV



Thank you! Dr. Chris Putnam

Lutein and Zeaxanthin are Needed but are not Enough

Imaging lutein and zeaxanthin in the human retina with confocal resonance Raman microscopy

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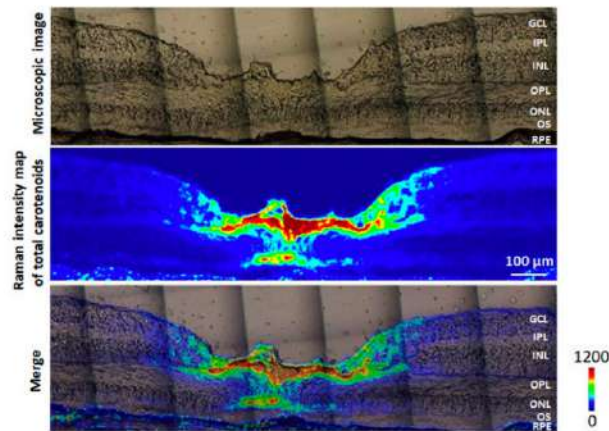
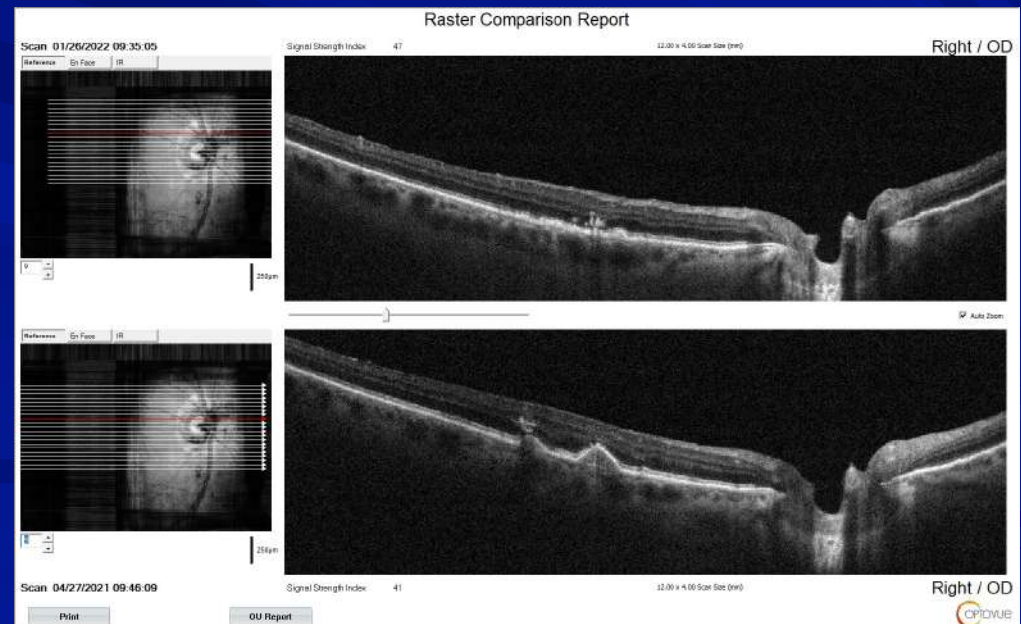
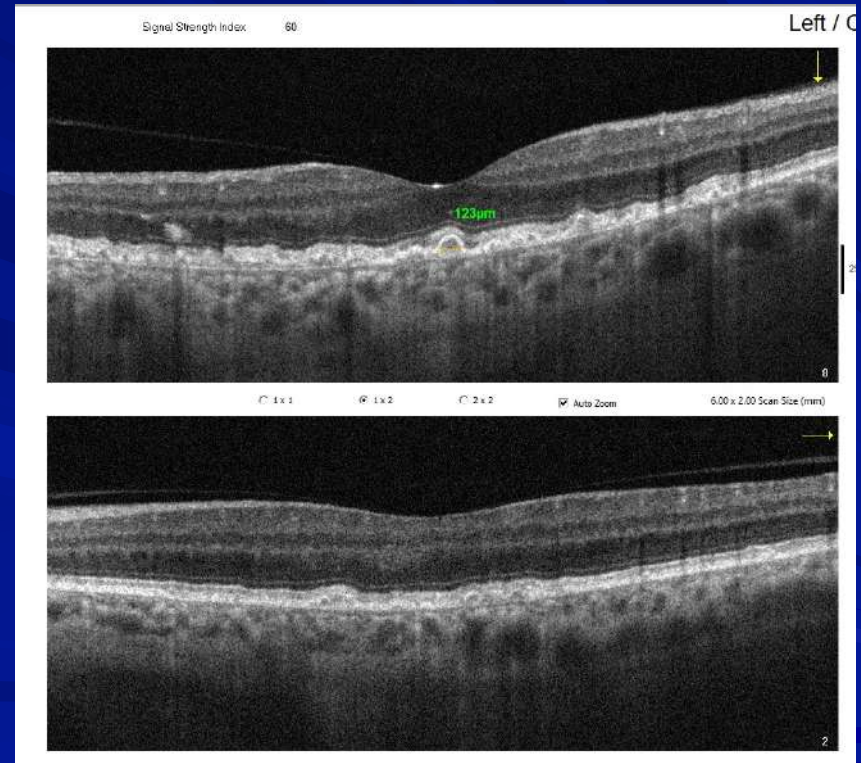


Fig. 4. Distribution of total carotenoids in a human retinal section. (Top) A microscopic image of a retinal section from a healthy 73-year-old female.



Chronic and Low-Grade Inflammation

Does the crime fit the punishment?




Biomarker

- 🔗 Test that has meaning
- 🔗 Biological molecule found in blood, other body fluids, or tissues that is a sign of a normal or abnormal process, or of a condition or disease.
- 🔗 A biomarker may be used to see how well the body responds to a treatment for a disease or condition
- 🔗 Blood pressure, blood work, heart rate, genetic testing, IOP

Predictive Biomarker

- 👁 Used to identify individuals who are more likely to respond to exposure to a particular medical product or environmental agent
- 👁 The response could be a symptomatic benefit, improved survival, or an adverse effect
- 👁 A value that we can guide therapy around
 - ★ HbA1c
 - ★ C-Reactive Protein
 - ★ Plasma Homocysteine
 - ★ Vitamin D (25-HydroxyD)
 - ★ Omega 3 index
 - ★ Carotenoid

Measurement of Macular Pigment



- HPLC
- Psychophysical
 - Heterochromatic flicker photometry (HFP)
 - Minimum motion photometry
- Image Based
 - Autofluorescence attenuation
 - Reflectometry
 - Resonance Raman spectroscopy (skin and eye)

Measuring Carotenoid Levels

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



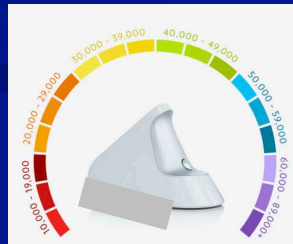
Carotenoid Levels

👓 Biomarker of health for diet and lifestyle

★ Yale University

👓 Phospholipid bi-layer

👓 Carotenoids, flavonoids, and polyphenols



Scanner correlates to blood and macular pigment

read study

Clinical and Epidemiologic Research

Correlations Between Macular, Skin, and Serum Carotenoids

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Purpose. Ocular and systemic measurement and imaging of the macular carotenoids lutein and zeaxanthin have been employed extensively as potential biomarkers of AMD risk. In this study, we systematically compare dual wavelength retinal autofluorescence imaging (AFI) of macular pigment with skin resonance Raman spectroscopy (RRS) and serum carotenoid levels in a clinic-based population.

Methods. Eighty-eight patients were recruited from retina and general ophthalmology practices from a tertiary referral center and excluded only if they did not have all three modalities tested, had a diagnosis of macular telangiectasia (MacTel) or Stargardt disease, or had poor AFI image quality. Skin, macular, and serum carotenoid levels were measured by RRS, AFI, and HPLC, respectively.

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.

Conclusions. 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



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

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ABSTRACT

Resonance Raman spectroscopy is a non-invasive method that has been developed to assess carotenoid status in human tissues and human skin *in vivo*. Skin carotenoid status has been suggested as a promising biomarker for human studies. This manuscript describes research done relevant to the development of this biomarker, including its reproducibility, validity, feasibility for use in field settings, and factors that affect the biomarker such as diet, smoking, and adiposity. Recent studies have evaluated the response of the biomarker to controlled carotenoid interventions, both supplement-based and dietary [e.g., provision of a high-carotenoid fruit and vegetable (F/V)-enriched diet], demonstrating consistent response to intervention. The totality of evidence supports the use of skin carotenoid status as an objective biomarker of F/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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Measurement of Macular Pigment



- HPLC
- Psychophysical
 - Heterochromatic flicker photometry (HFP)
 - Minimum motion photometry
- Image Based
 - Autofluorescence attenuation
 - Reflectometry
 - Resonance Raman spectroscopy (skin and eye)



High Performance Liquid Chromatography



ARVO STUDY

Interrelationships between Macula, Skin and Serum Carotenoids- Paul Bernstein, Werner Gellerman et al
ARVO May 2016

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.

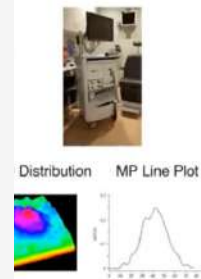
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The Lutein and Zeaxanthin in Pregnancy Study: The L-ZIP Study

- Will addition of L and Z to standard-of-care prenatal vitamins combat maternal carotenoid depletion and improve maternal and infant ocular health?
- Randomized, controlled trial of 10 mg/d L and 2 mg/d Z v no L/Z
- Low-risk pregnancies
- Outcomes
 - Skin carotenoids by RRS in mother and infant
 - Maternal macular pigment by Spectralis AFI
 - Infant macular pigment and foveal structure by RetCam and Bioptigen OCT
- Fully enrolled
- NEI funded



RetCam® Blue Light
Reflectance Imaging of MP



Do Prenatal supplements with
lutein & zeaxanthin benefit
pregnant mothers and their infants?

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for expecting mothers who are:

- 18 or older
- In their 1st trimester of pregnancy
- Residing in the US or its territories

Participants will receive a supply of prenatal supplements, \$1,000 for the duration of the pregnancy, and priority access to prenatal care services at the study site.

CAROTENOID SUPPLEMENTATION DURING PREGNANCY

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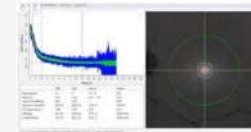
The Moran AMD Genetic Testing Assessment Study: The **Magenta** Study

- Will knowledge of AMD genetic risk lead to quantifiable, sustained healthy changes in lifestyle?
- Randomized, controlled trial of pre-symptomatic genetic risk testing and counseling
 - immediate versus deferred disclosure
- 18-64 years-old w/o AMD
- Outcomes
 - Skin carotenoids by RRS and RS
 - Macular pigment by Spectralis AFI
 - Lifestyle surveys
- Awaiting NEI funding

Skin Carotenoid Resonance Raman Spectroscopy



Spectralis® Autofluorescence Attenuation Imaging of MP



Skin Carotenoid reflectance Spectroscopy with the Veggie Meter®



Vulnerable to Oxidation

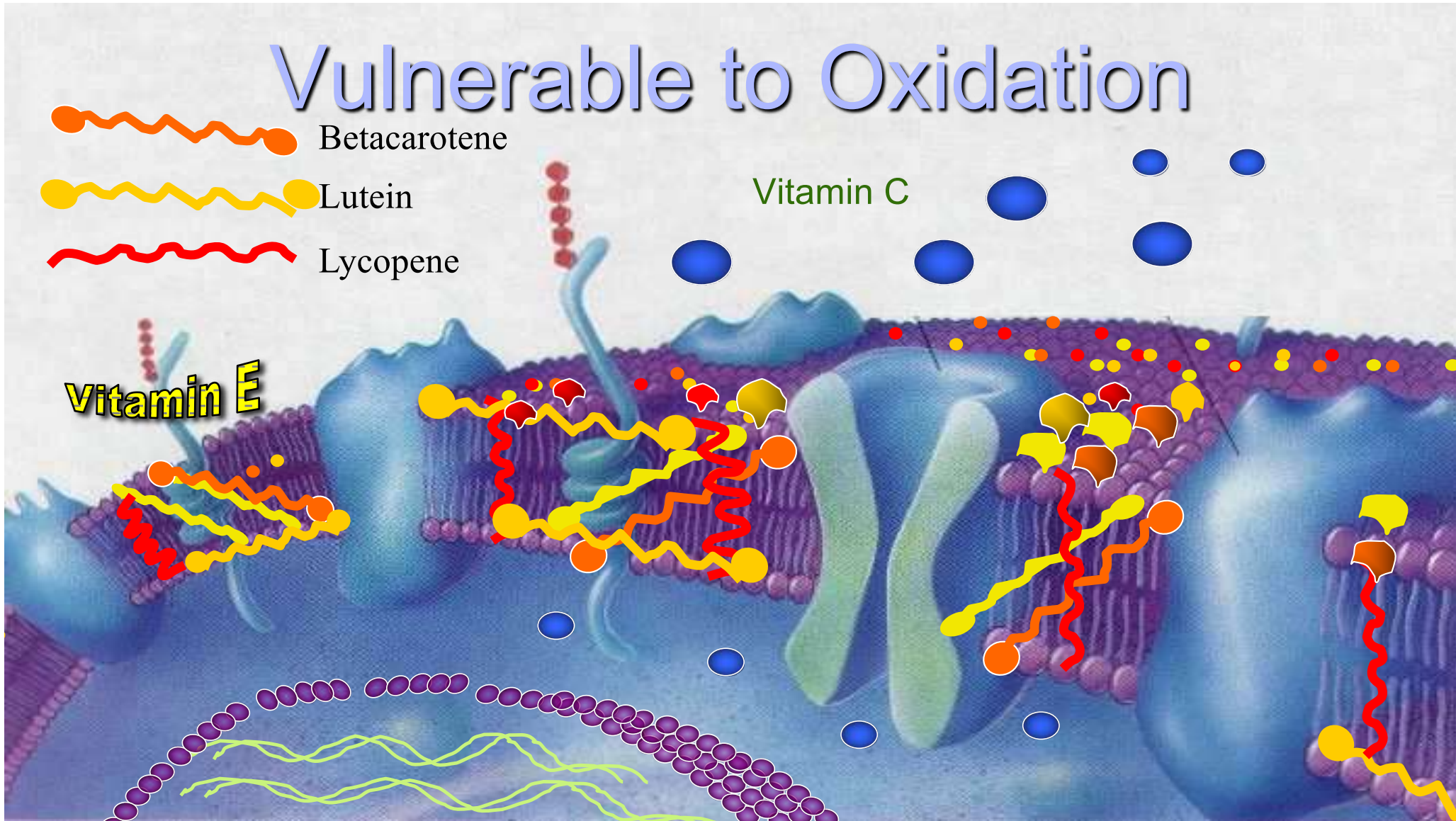
 Betacarotene

 Lutein

 Lycopene

Vitamin C

Vitamin E



53-year-old man

👓 Family history of AMD

- ★ Dad with 43 injections for AMD

👓 Pre-diabetic with borderline HbA1c

👓 Vision 20/20 OU

👓 DFE- retina clear

👓 OCT normal

👓 Passes dark adaptation

CONGRATULATIONS ON TAKING THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS OPTIMIZING YOUR SCS

Dear [REDACTED]

Recently, on 12/15/2020, you met with me and I scanned the palm of your hand with the [REDACTED] 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 <i>Blakeslea trispora</i> , 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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|--|-----------|------|
| Calcium (as Calcium Carbonate, Di-Calcium Malate, Calcium Ascorbate) | 250 mg | 19% |
| Iodine (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 Tocopherols (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, Croscarmellose Sodium, Stearic Acid, Magnesium Stearate, Silicon Dioxide, Titanium Dioxide.

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

SUPPLEMENT FACTS

Supplement Facts

Serving Size 2 Softgels

Servings Per Container 60

| Amount Per Serving | | % DV |
|---|-------------------|------|
| Total Calories | 15 | |
| Total Fat | 1 g | 1%* |
| Saturated Fat | 0 g | 0%* |
| Trans Fat | 0 g | |
| Vitamin D ₃ (as cholecalciferol) | 12.5 mcg (500 IU) | 63% |
| Vitamin K ₂ (as menaquinone-7) | 20 mcg | 17% |
| Ultra-pure fish oil concentrate: | 1055 mg | ** |
| EPA (Eicosapentaenoic acid) | 300 mg | ** |
| DHA (Docosahexaenoic acid) | 200 mg | ** |
| Citrus Bioflavonoids | 100 mg | ** |
| (including hesperidin and naringin) | | |
| Purple corn (<i>Zea mays</i> L.) cob extract | 66.67 mg | ** |
| including anthocyanins | | |
| Alpha Lipoic Acid | 50 mg | ** |
| Quercetin (from <i>Dimorphandra mollis</i> fruit extract) | 37.5 mg | ** |
| D-Limonene (from <i>Citrus sinensis</i> peel) | 25 mg | ** |
| Rosemary (<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> L.) leaf extract | 18.75 mg | ** |
| including carnosic acid | | |
| Resveratrol (from <i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> root) | 15 mg | ** |
| Coenzyme Q10 | 15 mg | ** |
| Lycopene | 2.5 mg | ** |
| Lutein (from marigold flower (<i>Tagetes erecta</i>)) | 2 mg | ** |
| Astaxanthin (from <i>Haematococcus pluvialis</i> algae) | 0.5 mg | ** |

* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 Calorie Diet.

** Daily Value (DV) not established.

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

CONTAINS: Fish (anchovies, sardines, mackerel).

53-year-old man

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33000

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Recently, on 01/23/2021, 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 47000.

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



47000

Raster Comparison Report

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Reference En Face IR



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250µm

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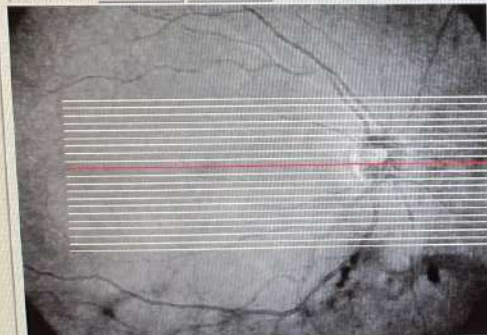
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Auto Zoom

Reference En Face IR



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OU Report

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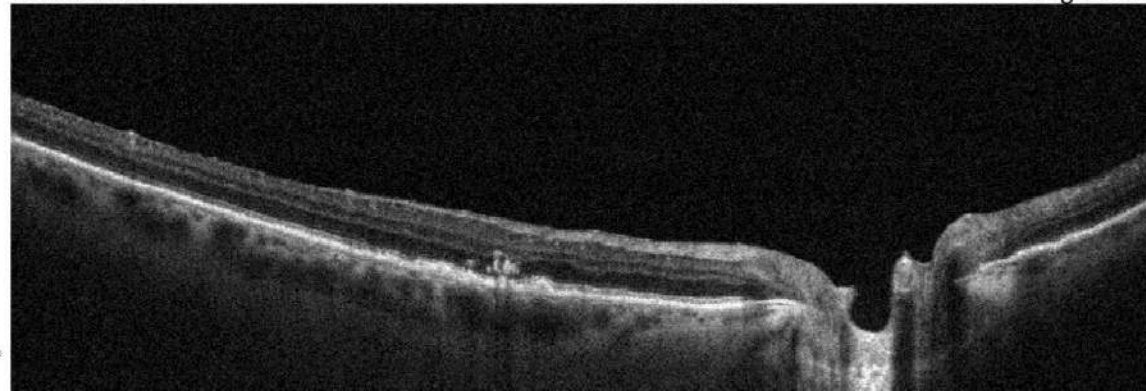
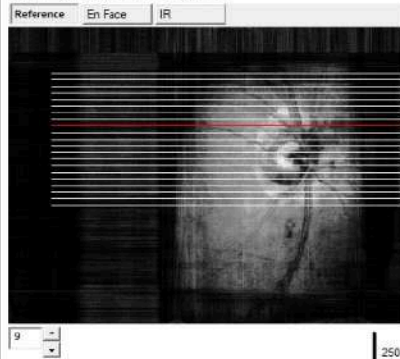
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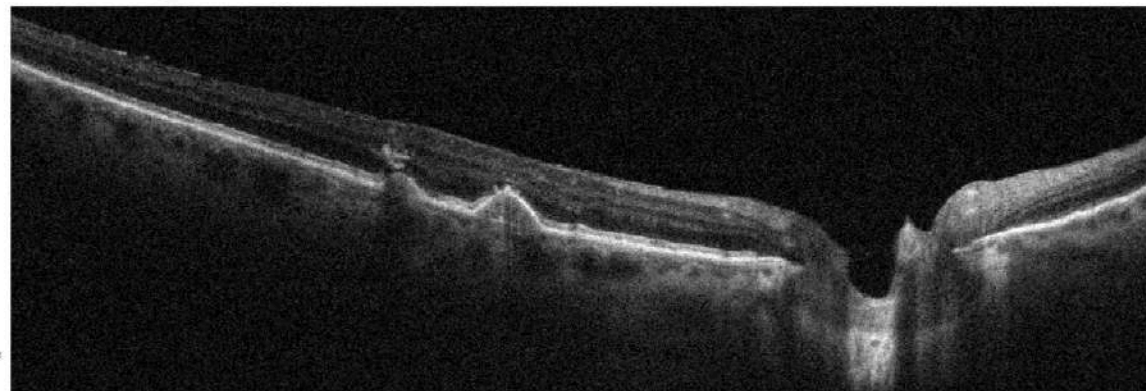
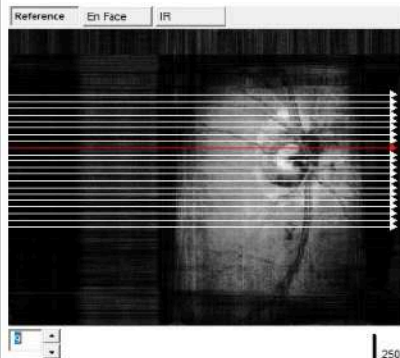
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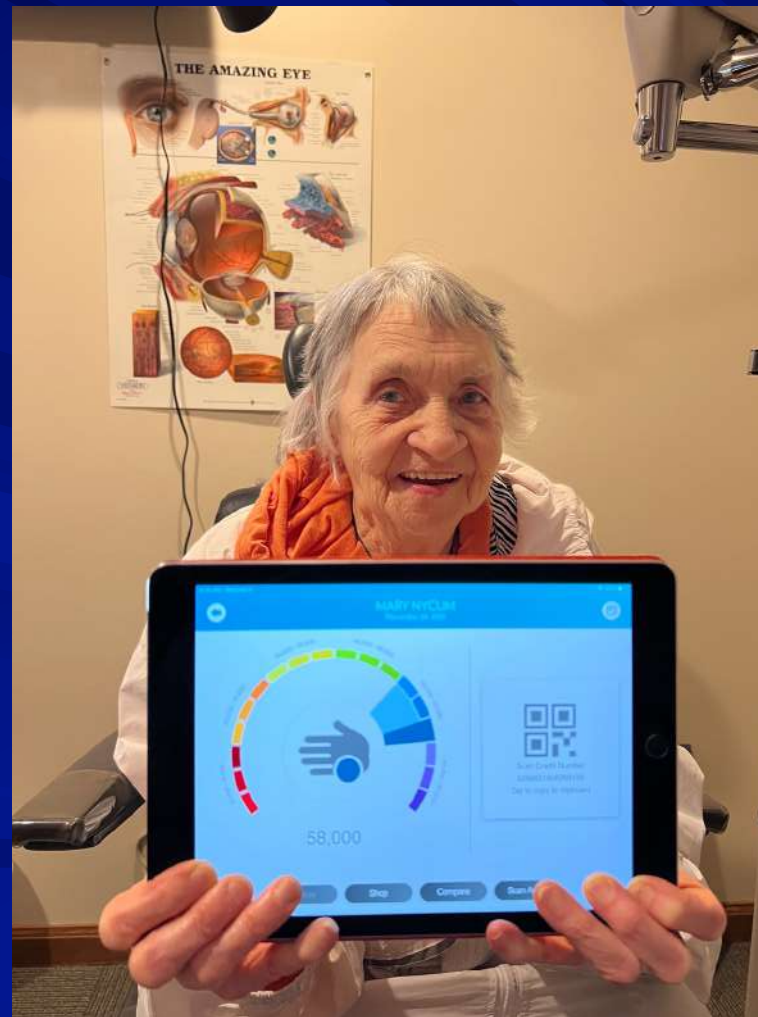
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Randomized Controlled Trial > Br J Ophthalmol. 2016 Feb;100(2):227-34.

doi: 10.1136/bjophthalmol-2014-306534. Epub 2015 Jun 18.

The Diabetes Visual Function Supplement Study (DiVFuSS)

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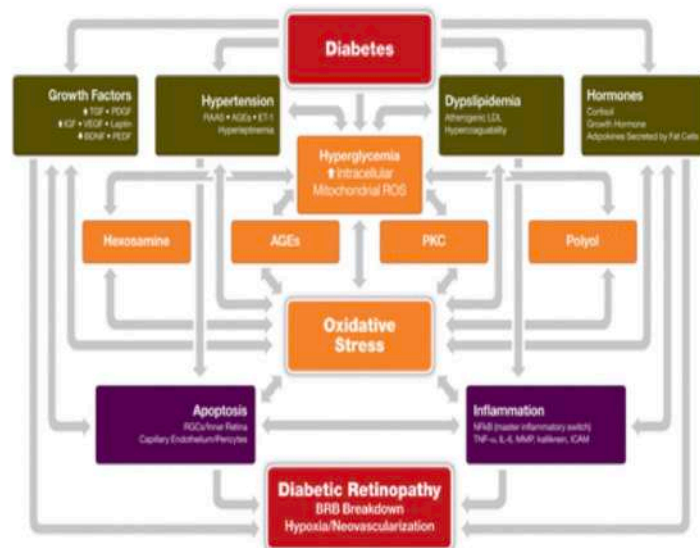
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PATHWAYS CONTRIBUTING TO DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

USED WITH PERMISSION
A. PAUL CHOUS, MD, PhD



| DiVFuSS Constituents | Mitigates DR in animal models | Blocks capillary cell apoptosis | Improves retinal capillary fragility | Reduces VEGF | Reduces oxidative stress | Reduces AGE activity | Reduces Polyol activity | Reduces PKC activity | Reduces NF-κB |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Alpha-Lipoic Acid | * | | * | * | * | | | | * |
| Benfotiamine | * | * | | | | * | * | * | * |
| Vitamins C/E | * | | | | * | | * | | * |
| Curcumin | * | | | * | * | * | | | * |
| Vitamin D3 | * | | | * | | | | | |
| DHA/EPA | * | * | | | * | | | | |
| Grape Seed Extract | * | * | | | * | * | | | |
| Resveratrol | * | * | | | * | | | | |
| Green Tea Extract | * | | | * | | | | | |
| N-Acetyl Cysteine | * | | | * | * | | | | |
| CoQ10 | | | | | * | | | | |
| Zinc | * | | | | | | | | |
| Pycnogenol | * | | * | | * | | | | * |
| Lutein/Zeaxanthin | * | | | * | * | | | | * |

| DiVFuSS Constituents | Improves visual function in humans | Reduces retinal edema in humans | Improves endothelial dysfunction in humans | Improves retinal blood flow in humans | Reduces HbA1c in humans | Improves Dyslipidemia in humans | Reduces blood pressure in humans | Reduces DPN symptoms in humans |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alpha-Lipoic Acid | | | * | * | | | | * |
| Benfotiamine | | | * | | | * | | * |
| Vitamins C/E | | | * | * | | * | | |
| Curcumin | * | * | * | * | | | | |
| Vitamin D3 | | | | | * | * | * | |
| DHA/EPA | | | * | | | * | * | |
| Grape Seed Extract | | | | | | | | |
| Resveratrol | | | * | | * | | * | |
| Green Tea Extract | | | * | | | * | * | |
| N-Acetyl Cysteine | | | | | | | | |
| CoQ10 | | | * | | | | | |
| Zinc | | | | | * | * | * | |
| Pycnogenol | * | * | | * | * | * | * | * |
| Lutein/Zeaxanthin | * | * | | | | | | |

Note: Suggested improvements marked by * include published evidence in animal and/or cell models, except as specifically noted, but do not reflect grading of that evidence.

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Disease at the TM is responsible for elevated IOP in glaucoma^{1,2}

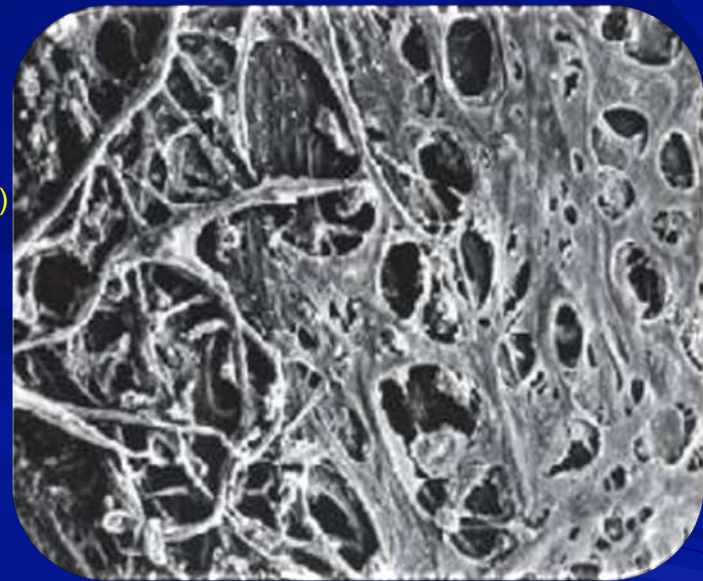
Healthy TM
Normal IOP



Cellular Damage
(eg, Oxidative Stress)



POAG TM Stiffness
Elevated IOP



Scanning electron microscopy (2000x) was used to examine human TM under physiological conditions and in patients with POAG.²

POAG, primary open-angle glaucoma; TM, trabecular meshwork.

1. He et al. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 2008;49:1447.

2. Saccà et al. *J Cell Physiol.* 2015;230:510.

Glaucoma

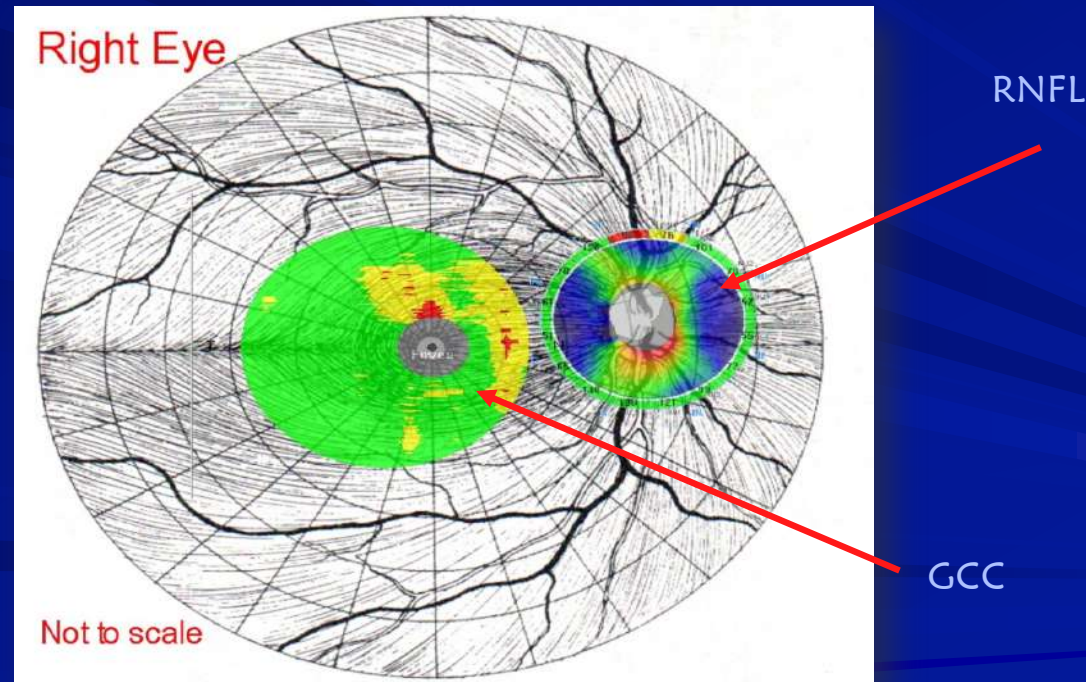
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Antioxidants enhance ocular perfusion in Open Angle Glaucoma

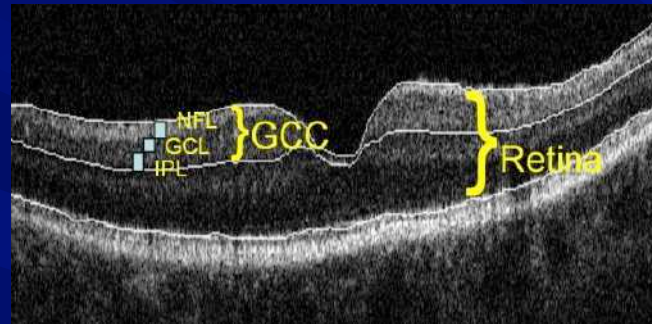
Harris A, et al. Acta Ophthalmol. 2018;doi:10.1111/aos.13530.

“In agreement with previous findings, our results indicate that the supplementation of certain antioxidants may increase blood supply to the orbit and within retinal capillary beds following 4 weeks administration,” the authors wrote. “Our data suggest [oral antioxidant supplementation](#) may decrease vascular resistance over a longer period of time than previous trials investigated.”

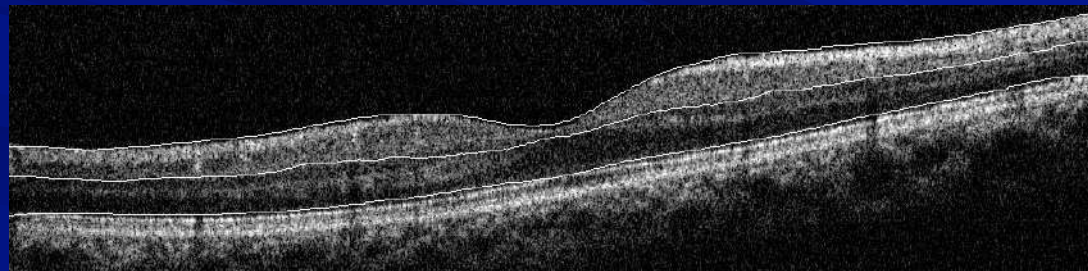
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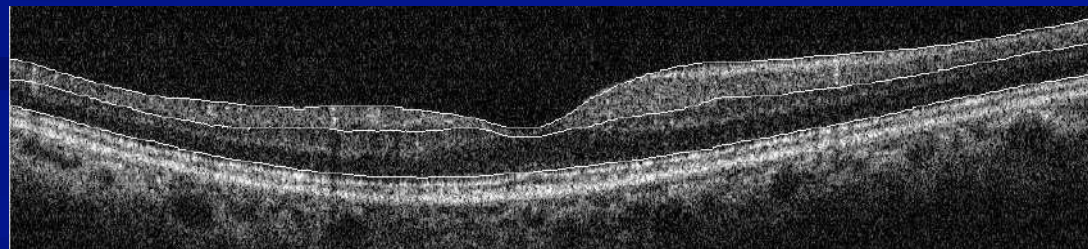
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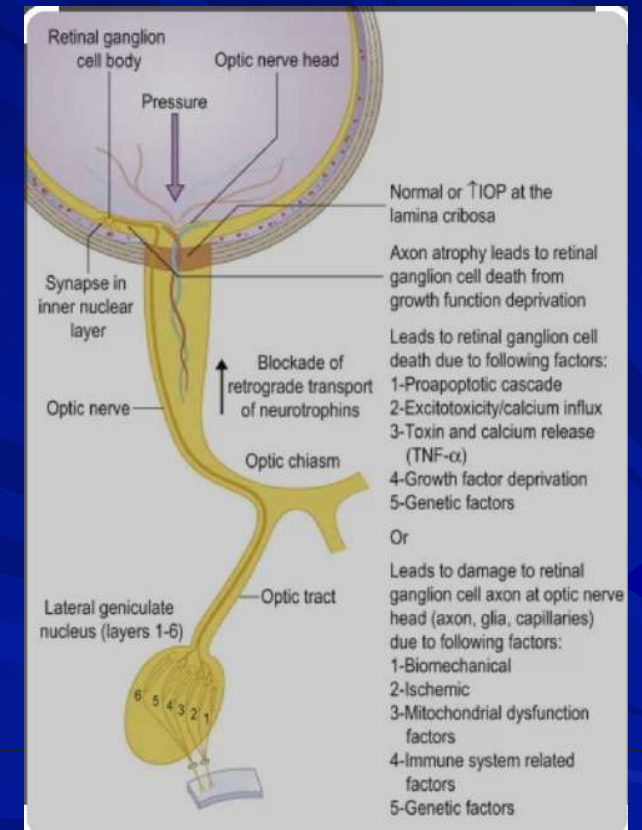
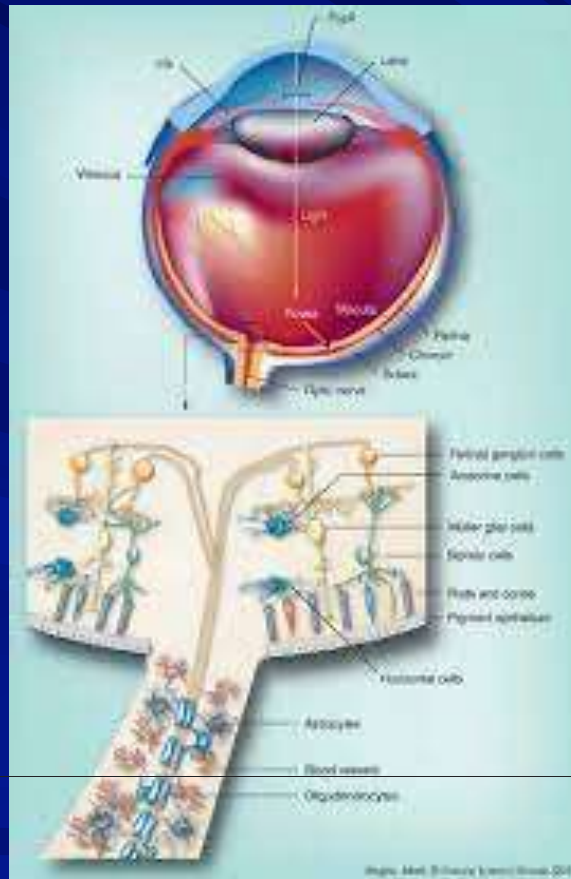
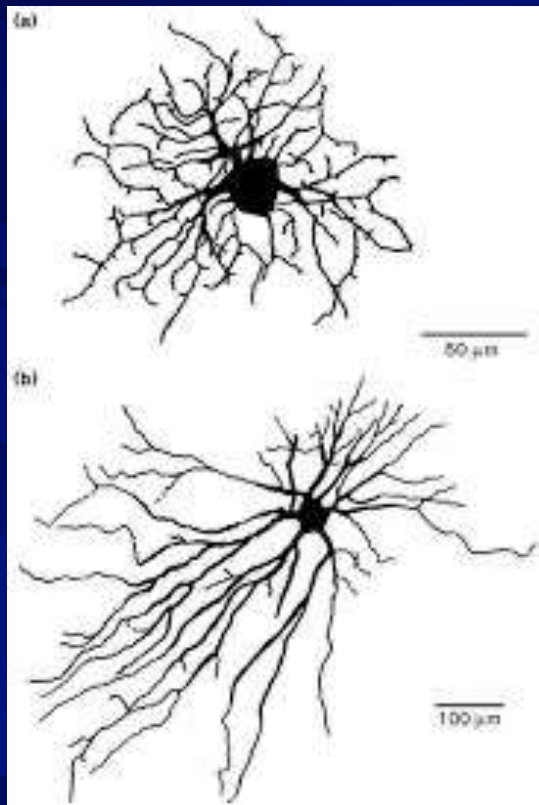


Normal



Glaucoma with thinner GCC

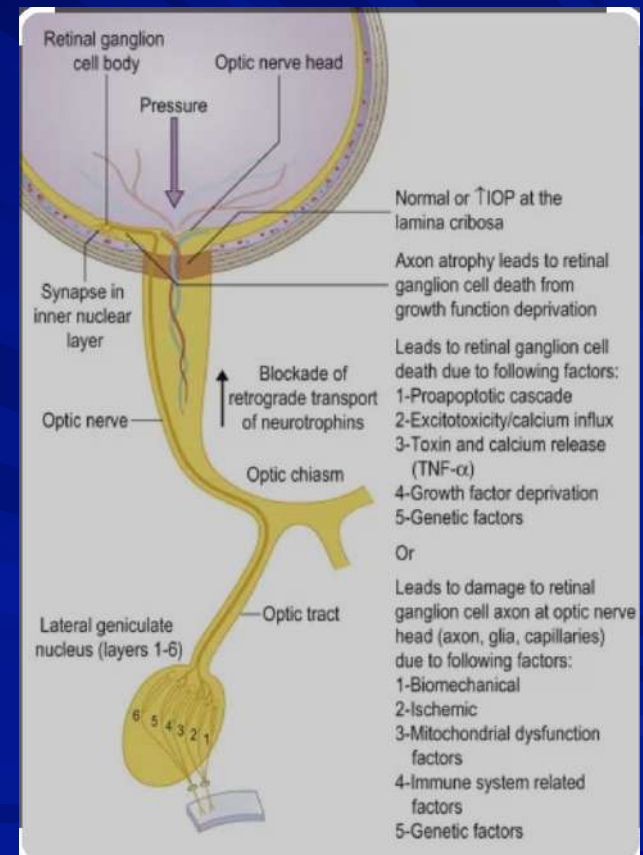
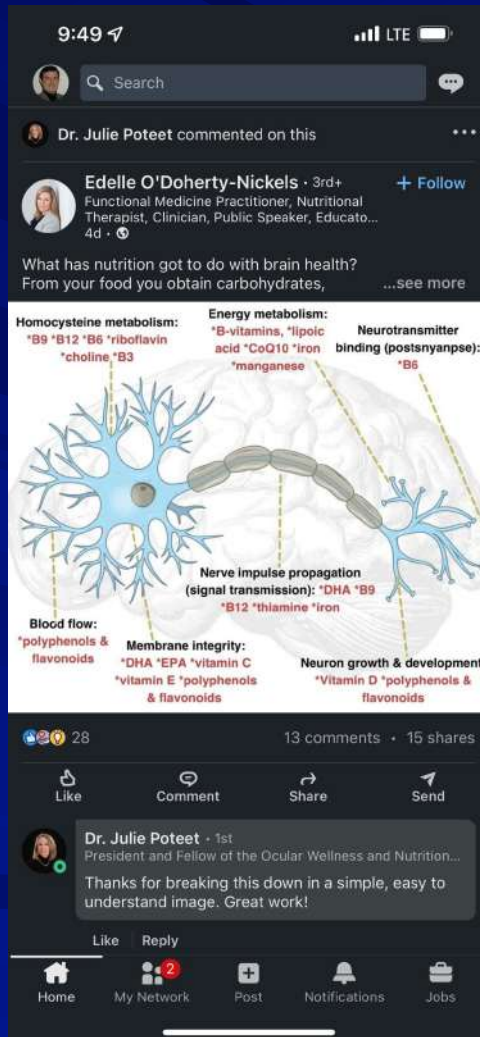




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Who Here Prescribe Fatty Acids?

EPA/DHA

EPA/DHA



Vulnerable to Oxidation

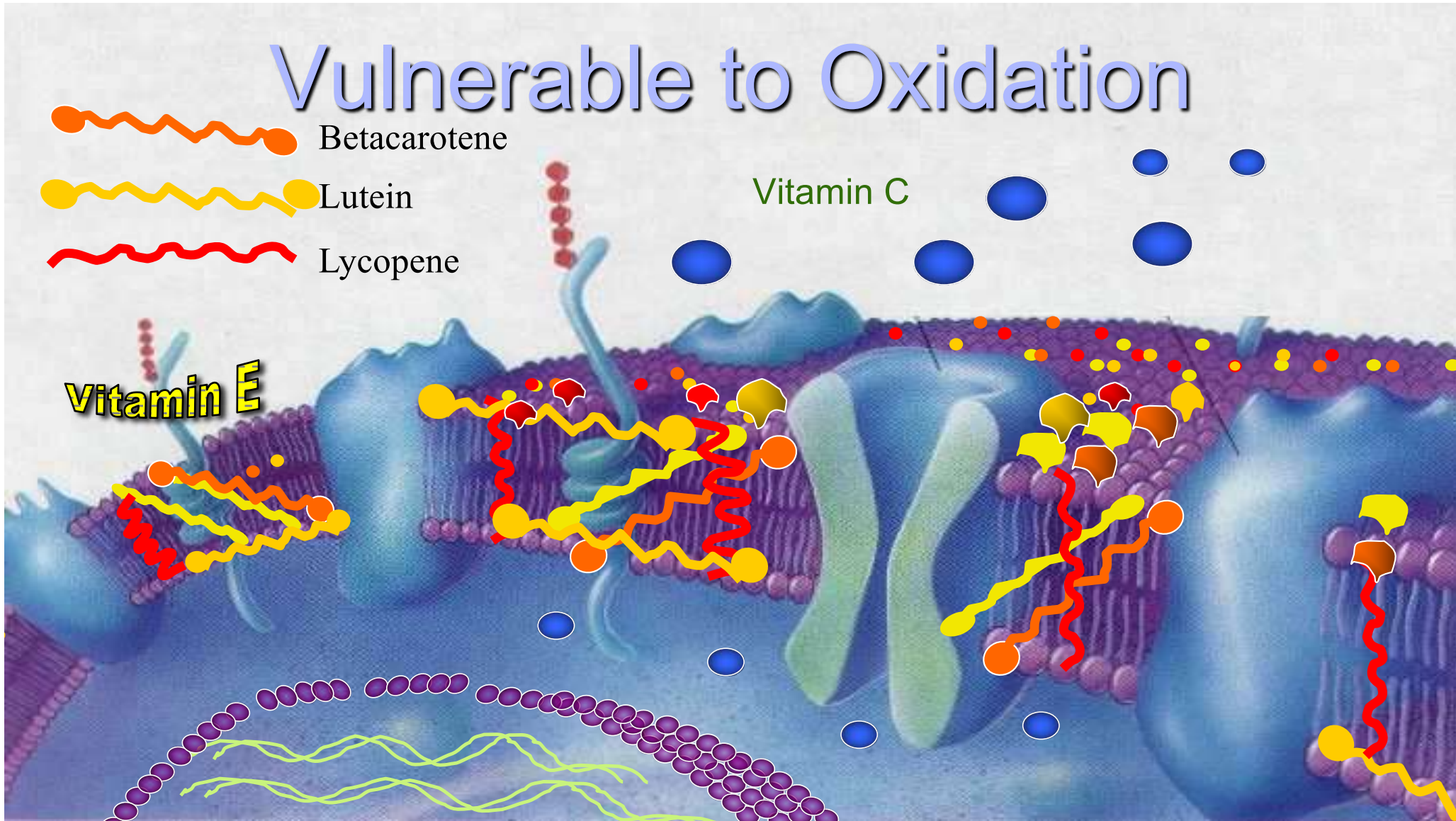
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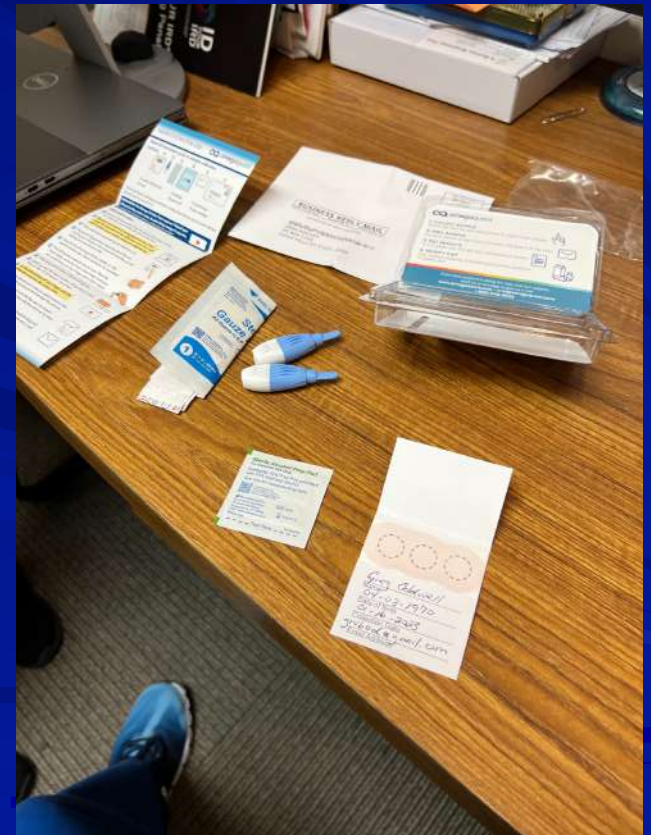
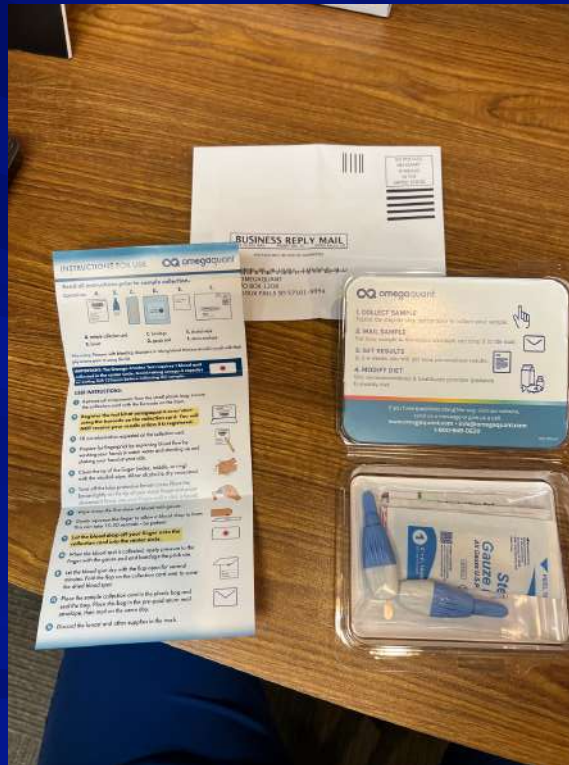
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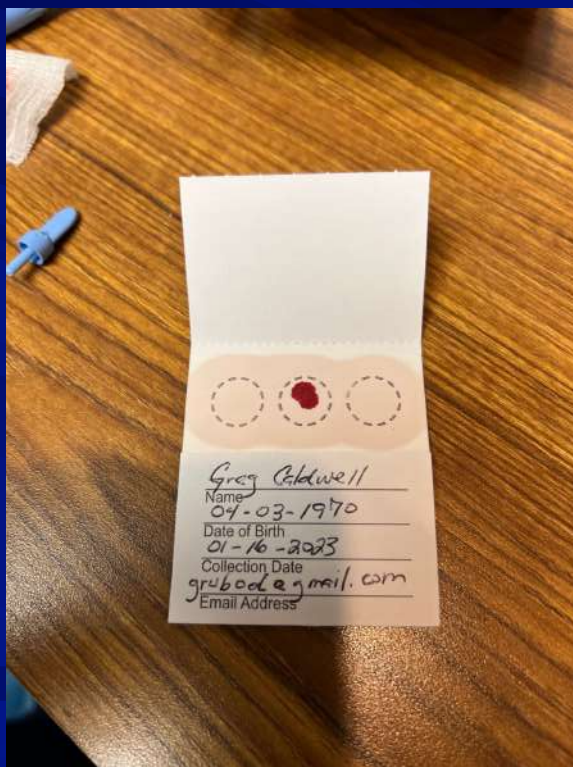
Vitamin E



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Omega-3 Index Plus Report

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Your Omega-3 Index

Reference Range*: 3.00% - 14.10%



* Reference Ranges encompass about 99% of fatty acids levels measured in US adults. Visit our [FAQ](#) section for more information on ranges.

The Omega-3 Index is the proportion of long-chain omega-3s, eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), of all fatty acids in your red blood cell membranes. It reflects the omega-3 status of your body over the last 4 months, similar to how hemoglobin A1C reflects long-term glucose blood levels. As a part of an overall healthy lifestyle, an Omega-3 Index in the 8-12% range may help to maintain heart, brain, eye and joint health. To increase your Omega-3 Index, eat foods rich in EPA and DHA, especially "oily" fish such as those in the accompanying table. They can also be obtained from dietary supplements (fish, krill, cod liver, algal oils) and functional foods (omega-3-enriched milk, eggs, etc.).

The amount of EPA and DHA needed to raise the Omega-3 Index into the desirable range is different for everybody. Many factors – age, sex, weight, diet, genetics, smoking habits, medications, and other medical conditions – can all influence the body's response to EPA and DHA. Still, we can provide an estimate, based on our own research, of how much EPA and DHA you may need to raise your level to the desirable range given your current Omega-3 Index level. Visit our [Omega-3 Index Calculator](#) on [OmegaQuant.com](#) to find out your personalized EPA and DHA recommendation.

The other main dietary omega-3 fatty acid, alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), is found in walnuts, flax and chia seeds. ALA can be converted to EPA and DHA in the body, but this happens at a very low rate in most people. An increase in ALA intake will have little to no effect on the Omega-3 Index.

Please consult with your healthcare provider before making any dietary changes. If you increase your intake of EPA and DHA, your Omega-3 Index will begin to slowly go up within a few days but will continue to change for 3-4 months. We recommend that you re-measure your Omega-3 Index in 3-4 months until you reach the desirable range. Once you reach the desirable range for Omega-3 Index, we recommend that you re-test every 6 months. Answers to commonly asked questions about your results can be found in the [FAQ](#) section on our website.

Omega Ratios Report

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Omega-6:Omega-3

Reference Range*: 2.1:1 - 13.6:1



AA:EPA

Reference Range*: 1.3:1 - 59.9:1



* Reference Ranges encompass about 99% of fatty acids levels measured in US adults. Visit our [FAQ](#) section for more information on ranges.

Omega-6:Omega-3 (n6:n3) ratio is calculated by dividing the sum of seven omega-6 fatty acids by the sum of four omega-3 fatty acids in whole blood. Only one omega-6 fatty acid, arachidonic acid (AA), and one omega-3 fatty acid, eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), make up the AA:EPA ratio. The desirable range for the Omega-6:Omega-3 ratio is 3:1 to 5:1, and the desirable range for the AA:EPA ratio is 2.5:1 – 11:1. The desirable ranges for the ratios were calculated to correspond to the desirable range for the Omega-3 Index due to the strong relationship among these metrics.

Higher omega-3 blood levels are strongly related to improved health and longevity. Similarly, higher - not lower - blood levels of the main omega-6 fatty acid, linoleic acid, have been associated with better heart and metabolic health. AA blood levels alone are a poor predictor of health outcomes. However, there is considerable controversy regarding omega-6s in the diet and health, which is beyond the scope of this report.

Please consult with your healthcare provider before making any dietary changes. The most efficient way to lower both the Omega-6:Omega-3 and the AA:EPA ratios is to consume more omega-3 EPA and DHA from fish or supplements (see attached table). Omega-6 blood levels are less responsive to dietary changes than omega-3 blood levels. Therefore, lowering dietary omega-6s as a strategy to correct these ratios is typically less effective than raising intake of EPA and DHA. It will take 3-4 months for these ratios to reach their new levels and we recommend re-testing at that time.

Trans Fat Index Report

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Your Trans Fat Index

Reference Range*: 0.30% - 1.70%



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The Trans Fat Index is the percent of 18:1 and 18:2 trans fatty acids of total fatty acids in red blood cell membranes, and the desirable range is <1%. Trans fatty acids (or trans fats) in our blood come only from the food we eat because our bodies cannot make them. Trans fats in the diet come from two sources: 1) industrial production by the "partial hydrogenation" of vegetable oils, in which liquid oils are converted into solid fats to be used in processed foods, and 2) meat and milk products of ruminant animals, like cows and goats. The fatty acids that make up the Trans Fat Index were chosen because they were typically found in processed foods, but a small amount may come from ruminant sources.

Higher intakes of trans fats from processed foods have led to higher Trans Fat Index levels. High trans fat blood levels and intake have been strongly related to heart disease. As such, the World Health Organization (WHO) has called on all countries to remove trans fats from their food supplies by 2023, and many countries have already achieved this. The relationship between ruminant trans fats and heart disease is not as clear. The amount of ruminant trans fats typically present in meat and dairy are very low, so normal intakes of these foods probably will not result in a high Trans Fat Index.

Traditionally, trans fats were abundant in processed foods, like baked goods, chips, and microwave popcorn. As trans fats have been removed from the food supply, however, eating processed foods has become less connected to blood trans fat levels. For example, since 2009, the average Trans Fat Index measured at OmegaQuant has decreased by half (from 1.7% to 0.8%), and in 2017 more than half of the samples submitted to OmegaQuant have a Trans Fat Index of <1%. Still, if you ate a lot of processed food in the past, your Trans Fat Index may be elevated.

Please consult with your healthcare provider before making any dietary changes. If your Trans Fat Level is <1%, there is no need to change your diet. If your Trans Fat Level is >1%, you may still be releasing stored trans fats that have built up over the years. Eating less processed food ensures you will not be eating any "hidden" trans fats that may still be in the food supply. We recommend you re-test every 6 months until your levels are <1%.

Amount of EPA and DHA in Seafood and Supplements

| Fish and Seafood (3 oz or 85 g) | EPA (mg) | DHA (mg) | EPA + DHA (mg) |
|--|----------|----------|----------------|
| Pacific Herring | 1056 | 751 | 1807 |
| Atlantic Herring | 773 | 939 | 1712 |
| Atlantic Salmon (wild) | 349 | 1215 | 1564 |
| Bluefin Tuna | 309 | 970 | 1279 |
| Atlantic Salmon (farmed)* | 510-587 | 680-1238 | 1190-1825 |
| Pink Salmon (wild) | 456 | 638 | 1094 |
| Coho Salmon (farmed) | 347 | 740 | 1087 |
| Mackerel (canned) | 369 | 677 | 1046 |
| Sockeye Salmon (wild) | 452 | 595 | 1046 |
| Chum Salmon (canned) | 402 | 597 | 999 |
| Rainbow Trout (farmed) | 284 | 697 | 981 |
| Coho Salmon (wild) | 341 | 559 | 900 |
| Sardines (canned) | 402 | 433 | 835 |
| Albacore (or white) Tuna (canned) | 198 | 535 | 733 |
| Shark (raw) | 267 | 444 | 711 |
| Swordfish | 117 | 579 | 696 |
| Sea Bass | 175 | 473 | 648 |
| Pollock | 77 | 383 | 460 |
| Flat Fish (Flounder/Sole) | 207 | 219 | 426 |
| Blue Crab | 207 | 196 | 403 |
| Halibut | 77 | 318 | 395 |
| Oysters (farmed) | 195 | 179 | 374 |
| King Crab | 253 | 100 | 353 |
| King Mackerel | 148 | 193 | 341 |
| Walleye | 93 | 245 | 338 |
| Dungeness Crab | 239 | 96 | 335 |
| Scallops | 141 | 169 | 310 |
| Skipjack Tuna | 77 | 201 | 278 |
| Mixed Shrimp | 145 | 122 | 267 |
| Clams | 117 | 124 | 241 |
| Yellowfin Tuna | 40 | 187 | 227 |
| Light Chunk Tuna | 40 | 190 | 230 |
| Carfish (wild) | 85 | 116 | 201 |
| Carfish (farmed) | 42 | 109 | 151 |
| Cod | 3 | 131 | 134 |
| Mahi-Mahi (dolphin fish) | 22 | 96 | 118 |
| Tilapia | 4 | 111 | 115 |
| Orange Roughy | 5 | 21 | 26 |
| Dietary Supplements - Amount (mg) per capsule or per teaspoon | | | |
| Standard Fish Oil Capsules | 180 | 120 | 300 |
| Fish Oil Concentrates (many varieties) | 100-400 | 100-400 | 300-700 |
| Cod Liver Oil (teaspoon) | 300 | 500 | 800 |
| Krill Oil | 100-300 | 50-150 | 150-450 |
| Algal Oil | 50-150 | 100-300 | 150-450 |

Table adapted from Harris et al. Current Atherosclerosis Reports 2008;10:503-509. Values based on USDA Nutrient Data Lab values and are for fish cooked with dry heat unless otherwise noted.

*Farmed Salmon can have a range of EPA and DHA based on the fish feed. Sprague M, et al. Scientific Reports, 2016; 6:21802.



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