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Herpes A to Z for the Eye Care Provider

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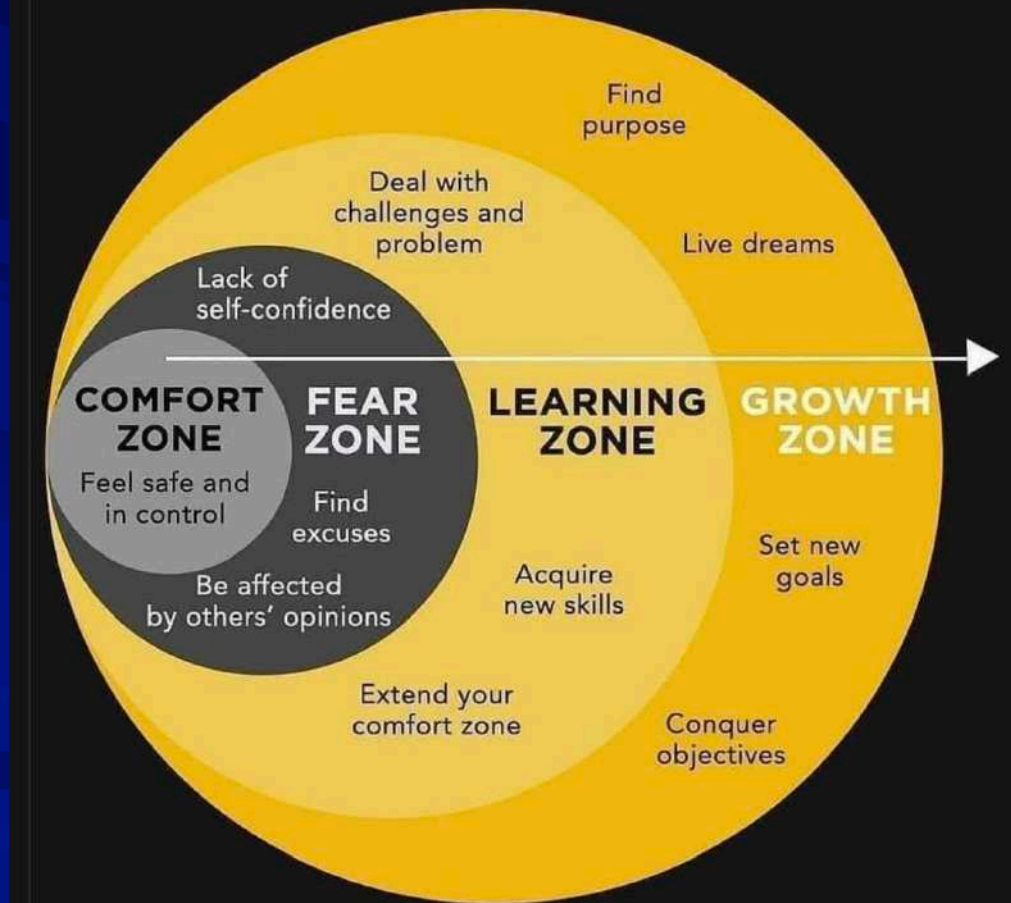
I am a clinician first then a scientist

- 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

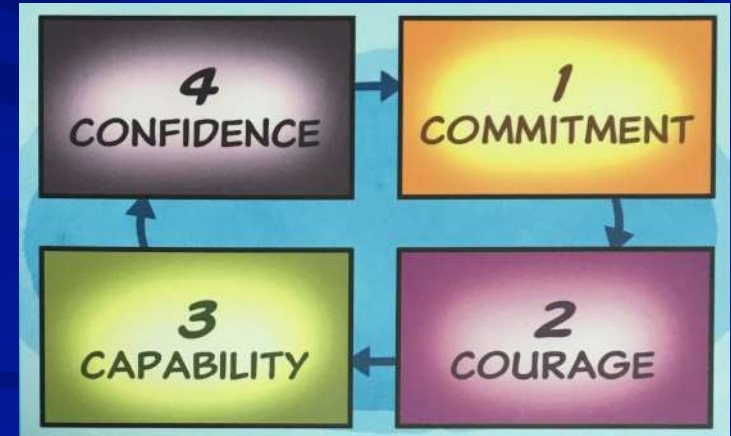


It is wonderful to have someone who's juggling so many aspects of optometry [scientific, clinical experience, teacher & lecturer]. It is refreshing and very informative. -Sarah

“The Comfort Zone”



Confidence
Capable
Courage
Commitment



Fun Facts About Herpes

☞ Are a leading cause of human viral disease

- ★ Second only to influenza and cold viruses

☞ There are more than 130 herpes viruses identified

- ★ 8 infect humans (9 if you count HHV-6A and HHV-6B as two separate)

- ★ 5 infect the eye

- ☐ Herpes simplex 1
- ☐ Herpes simplex 2
- ☐ Varicella zoster
- ☐ Epstein Barr
- ☐ Cytomegalovirus

☞ USA 25% of the population is seropositive for HSV by 4 years old

- ★ Nearly 100% are seropositive by age 60
- ★ Lifetime prevalence of ocular manifestation in all HSV infected people is 1%

8 Humans- 5 Eye

Viruses of Humans	Common Name	Subfamily
Human herpesvirus 1	Herpes simplex type1	alpha
Human herpesvirus 2	Herpes simplex type 2	alpha
Human herpesvirus 3	Varicella-zoster	alpha
Human herpesvirus 4	Epstein-Barr	gamma
Human herpesvirus 5	Cytomegalovirus	beta
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Herpes Simplex Virus Keratitis

- ↳ Is a leading cause of corneal blindness in the United States

 - ↳ Primarily caused by HSV-1 (65%)

- ↳ Keratitis nomenclature

 - ↳ Infectious epithelial keratitis

 - ↳ It's not critical to determine HSV 1 or 2

 - ↳ Stromal keratitis

 - ↳ Endotheliitis

 - ↳ Neurotrophic keratopathy

 - ↳ Serious complication

73-year-old woman

🌀 Tuesday, 11-22-2022

🌀 CC: OD possible clogged tear duct

- ★ Itchy inner part of the eye
- ★ Referred by patient's Primary Care Physician
 - 📄 Thinks clogged tear duct or infection

🌀 On Friday, 11-18-2022

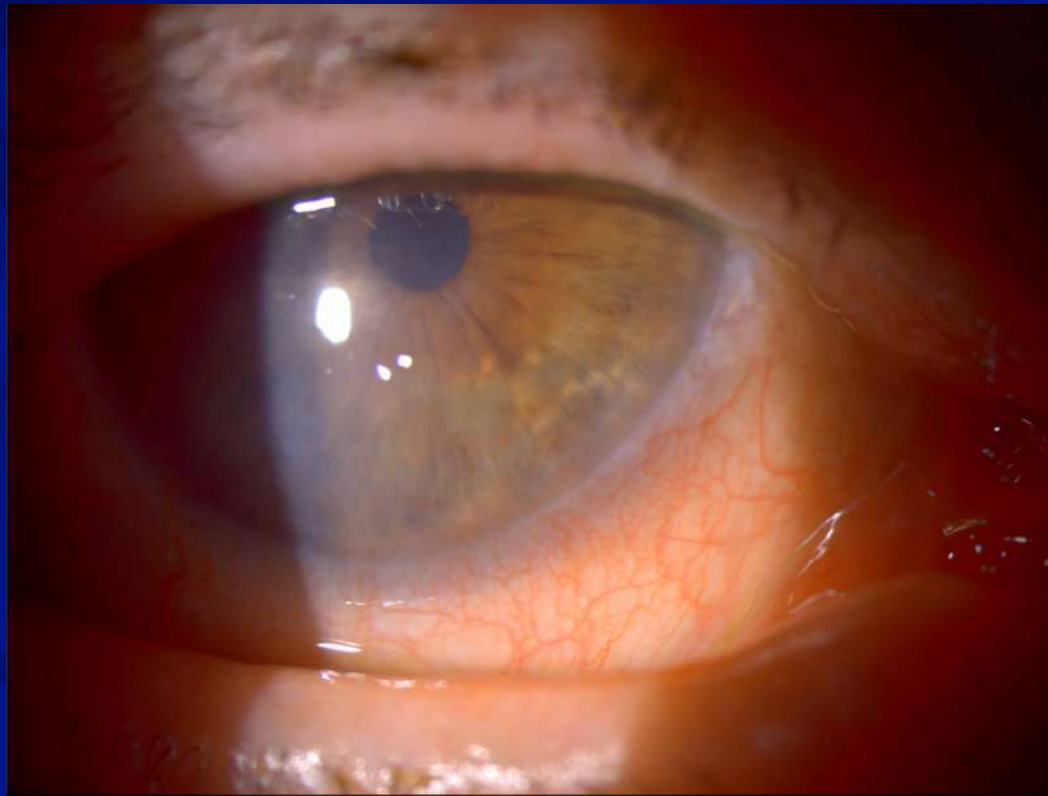
- ★ OD started to bother patient
- ★ Tried Visine with little or no help

🌀 Meds: Cardizem, Eliquis, Trelegy, and Albuterol

🌀 VA: OD 20/80 OS 20/30

🌀 IOP: OD 10 OS 15 1:17 pm

Chat Box: Evaluation and Treatment

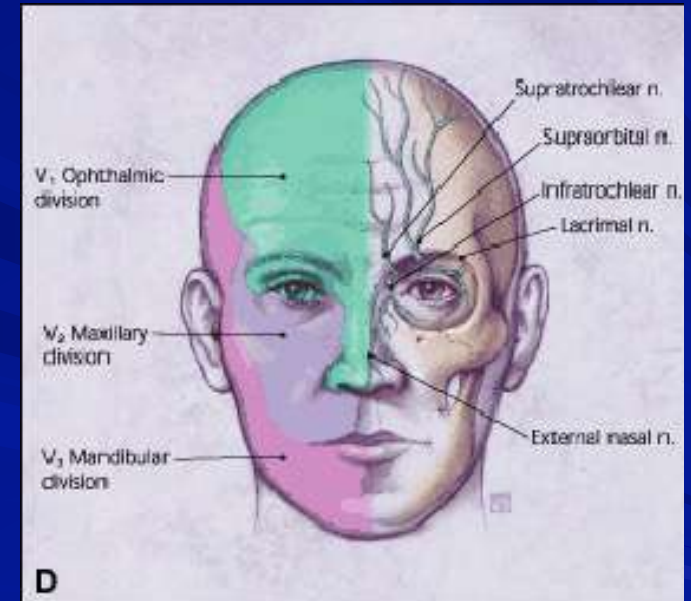


Let's Hear from the Patient



Herpes Viruses are Classified by Their Location in the Latent State

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8	Human herpes virus-8 (HHV-8) Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpes virus (KSHV)	Gammaherpesvirinae	Endothelial cells	Unknown	Exchange of body fluids?



Treatment 11-22-2022

Herpes Simplex Keratitis x 7 lesions

- ★ Educated patient on finding
- ★ Photo and video documents
- ★ Valtrex 1000 mg PO TID
- ★ Watch closely
- ★ Prokera not covered by insurance, patient declined Prokera
- ★ Add steroid at sign of reversal
- ★ RTC 1 day for HSV keratitis check

1 Day Follow UP 11-23-2022

- 👁️ Feels slightly better
- 👁️ VA: OD 20/70 OS 20/25
- 👁️ Valtrex 1000 mg
 - ★ 3 times yesterday
 - ★ 2 today



1 Day Follow UP 11-23-2022



1 Day Follow UP 11-23-2022

- ↳ Improving
- ↳ Continue Valtrex 1000 mg PO TID
- ↳ Watch closely
- ↳ Photos and video documents
- ↳ Add steroids when reversal
- ↳ RTC in 2 days

3 Day Follow Up Friday 11-25-2022

- ☞ Patient taking Valtrex as prescribed
- ☞ Reports watering over the last 2 days
- ☞ VA OD 20/70 OS 20/25
- ☞ IOP OD 11 OS 15



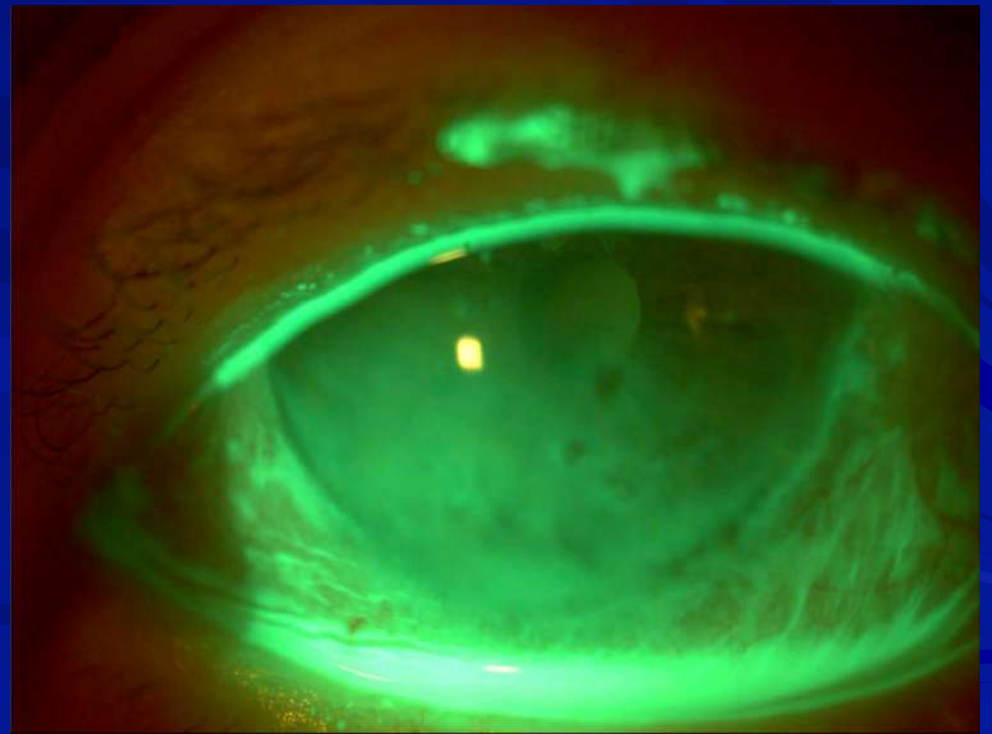
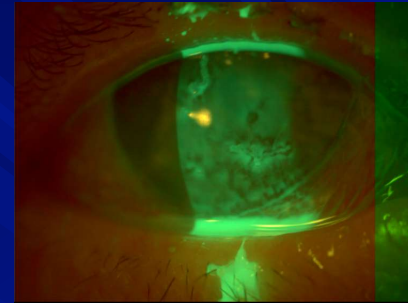
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3 Day Follow Up Friday 11-25-2022

Time for steroid?



3 Day Follow Up Friday 11-25-2022

- 👁 Improving
- 👁 Responding to treatment
- 👁 Finish Valtrex PO
- 👁 Add loteprednol OD QID
- 👁 RTC 1 day, leaving town for weekend
- 👁 RTC Monday, gave patient my cell number



6 Day Follow Up Monday 11-28-2022

👁️ Patient reports improvement since LOV

👁️ Still some watering

👁️ VA OD 20/70 OS 20/25

👁️ IOP OD 15 OS 16

6 Day Follow Up Monday 11-28-2022



11-23-2022

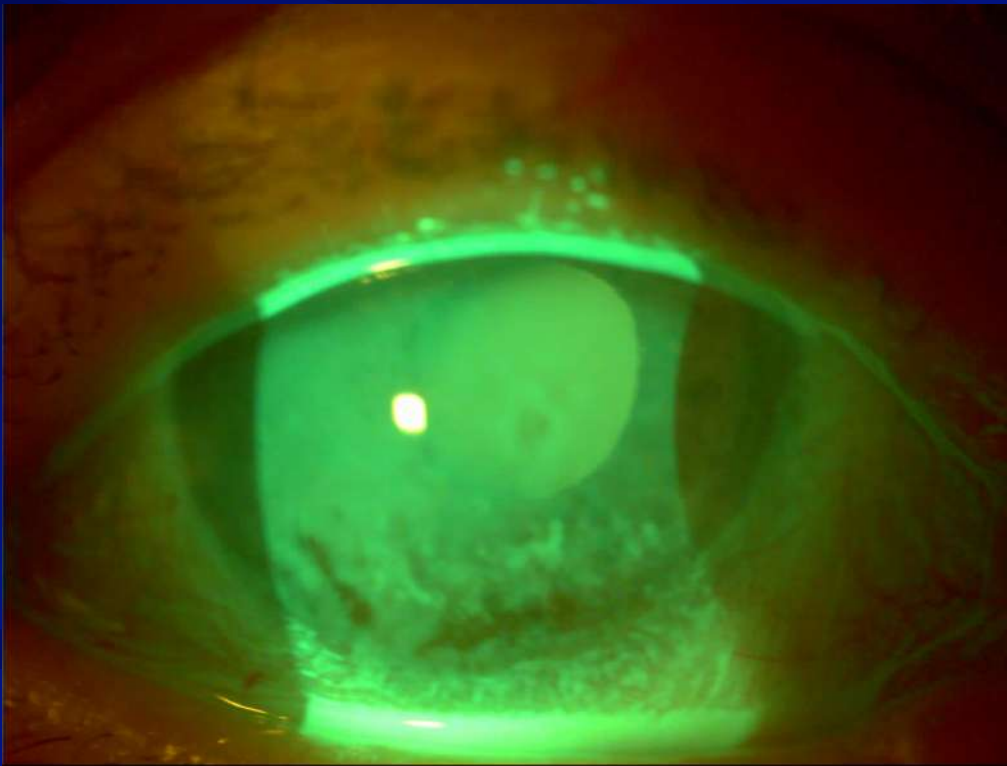


11-25-2022



11-28-2022

6 Day Follow Up Monday 11-28-2022



6 Day Follow Up Monday 11-28-2022

- 👁️ HSV 7 lesions improving and responding well to treatment
- 👁️ Mild corneal haze
- 👁️ Cataract OD limiting vision
- 👁️ Finish Valtrex PO TID
- 👁️ Continue loteprednol OD QID
- 👁️ Recheck in 1 week



13 Day Follow Up Monday 12-05-2022

- ✓ Valtrex is finished
- ✓ Loteprednol OD QID
- ✓ Eye feels normal and no watering
- ✓ VA OD 20/60 OS 20/25
- ✓ IOP 14/14

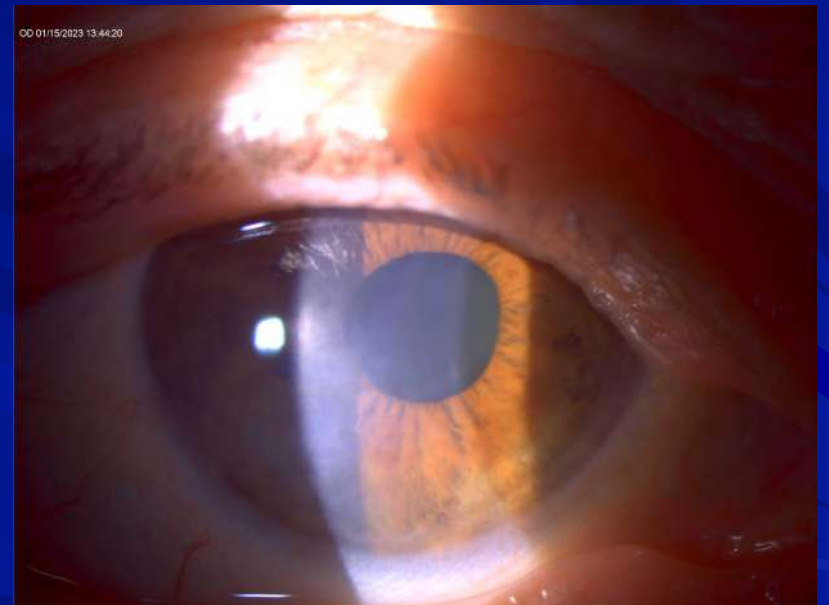
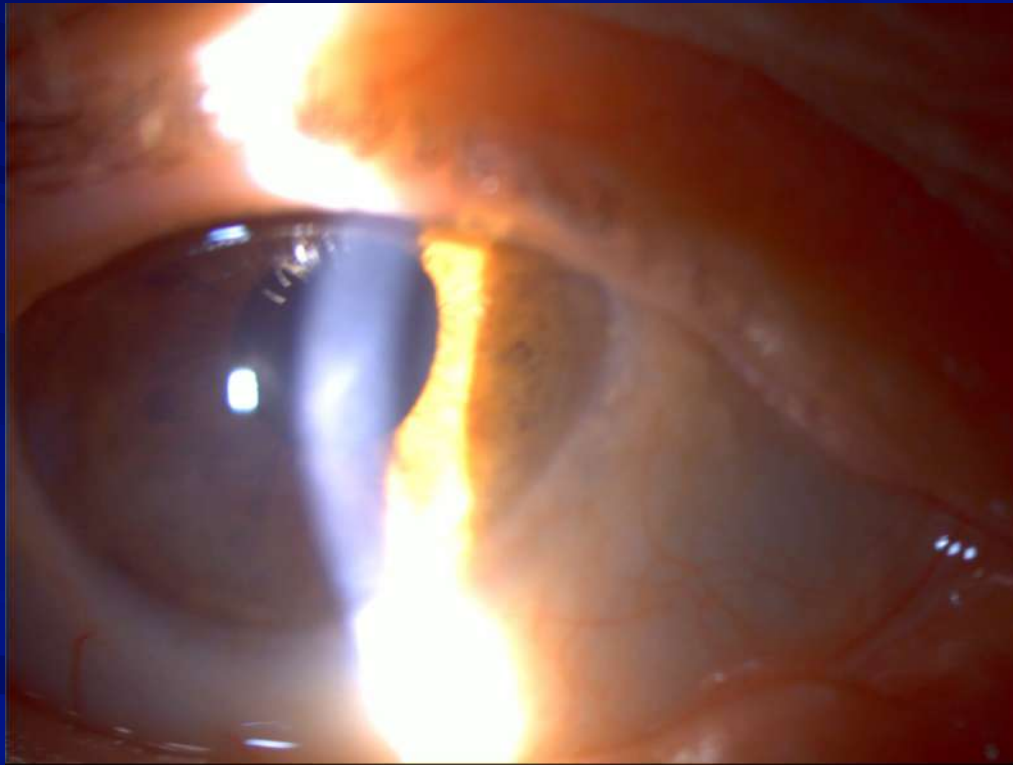


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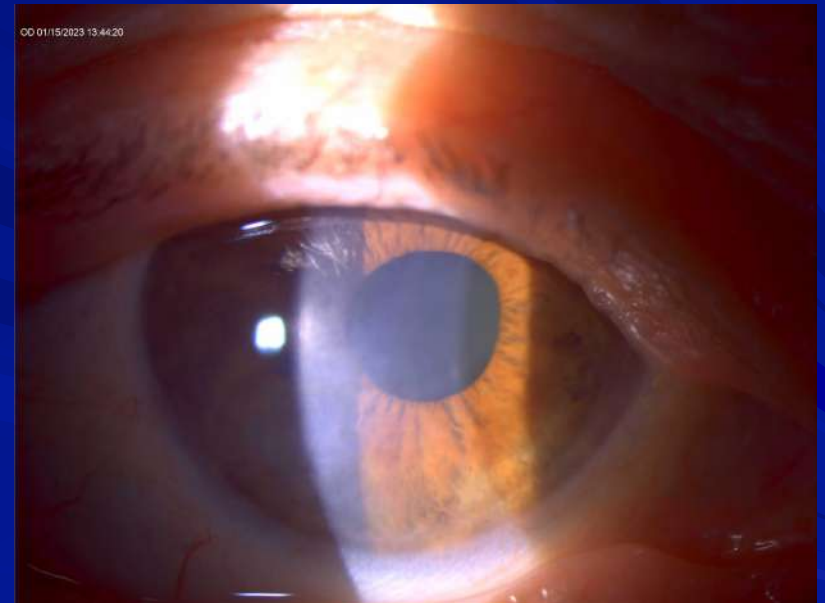
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13 Day Follow Up Monday 12-05-2022



13 Day Follow Up Monday 12-05-2022

- 👁️ 7 HSV lesions resolved
- 👁️ Cornea haze and irregular cornea surface
 - ★ Limiting BVA
- 👁️ Loteprednol OD BID until bottle is empty
- 👁️ RTC 1 month – consider cataract consult



6 Week Follow Up Wednesday 1-04-2023

👁️ Valtrex and loteprednol finished

👁️ VA: OD 20/40 OS 20/25

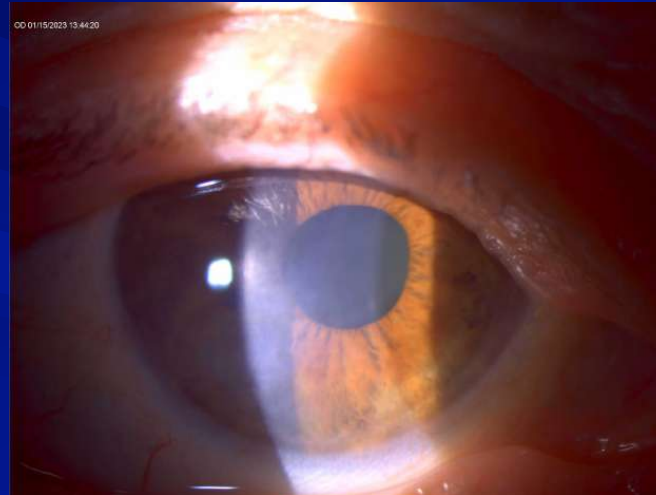
👁️ IOP 15/15

👁️ Cornea haze minimum

👁️ No iritis

👁️ Nasal ectropion

👁️ Tx: refer for cataract eval



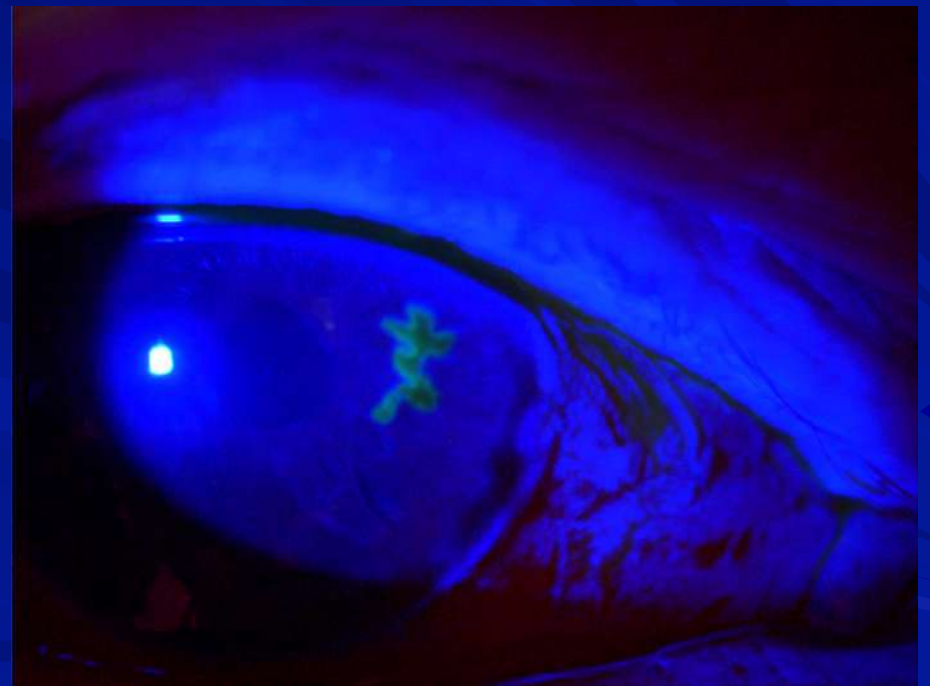
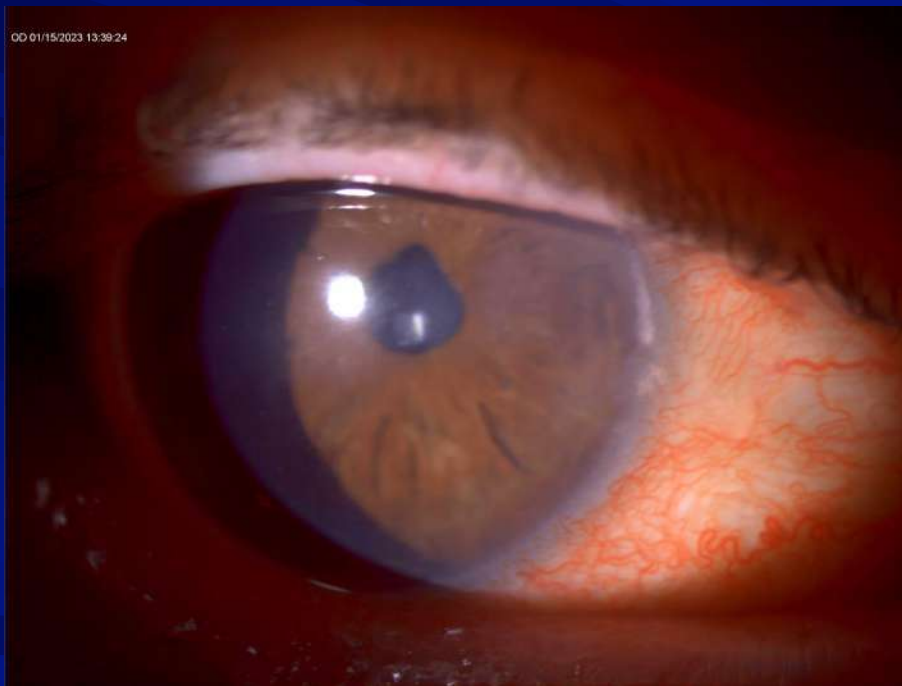
72-year-old white man

- First saw patient 6-26-2017
- History of herpes viral keratitis and cataract OD
- Wants opinion on keratitis and cataract
- VA: OD 20/100 OS Prosthetic
 - ★ Saw at age 2 to OS
- Valtrex PO 500 mg
- Timolol OD QD
- Prednisolone OD QD
- IOP OD 18

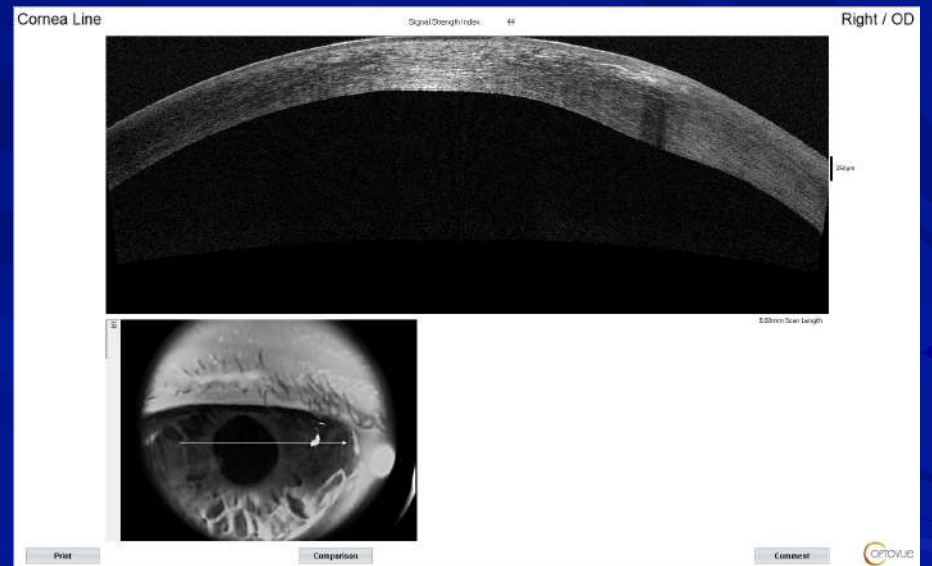
Diagnosis: Monocular patient

- ★ Ocular HTN/Steroid responder
 - ☐ Good IOP
- ★ Recurrent HSV keratitis
 - ☐ Quiet
- ★ Iritis
 - ☐ Quiet
- ★ Cataract
 - ☐ Refer for cataract surgery went ready
 - ☐ Will increase Valtrex PO
- ★ Cataract surgery 1-18-2018
 - ☐ Increased Valtrex pre and post op
 - ☐ VA: OD 20/25

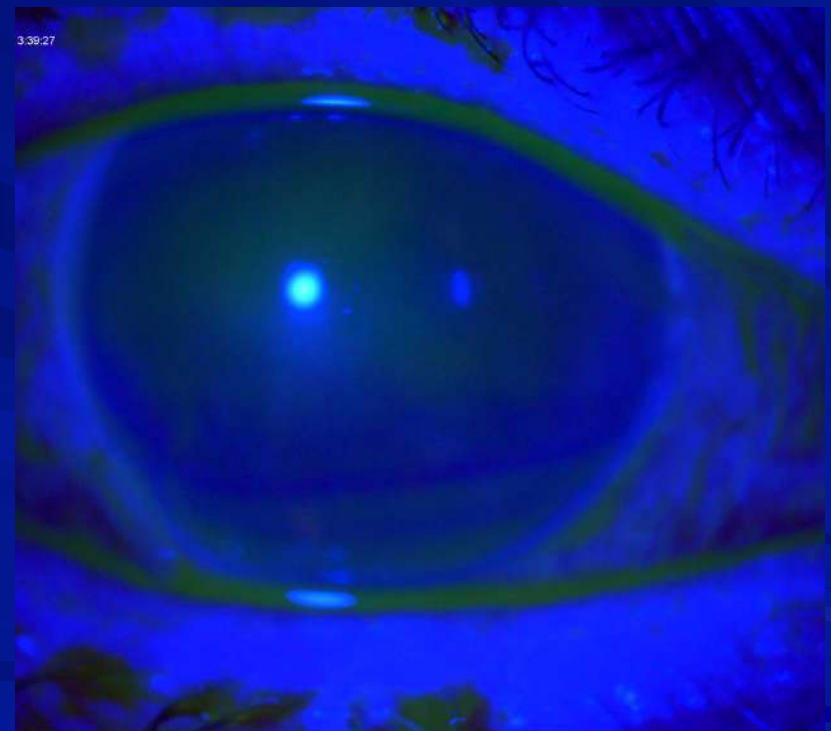
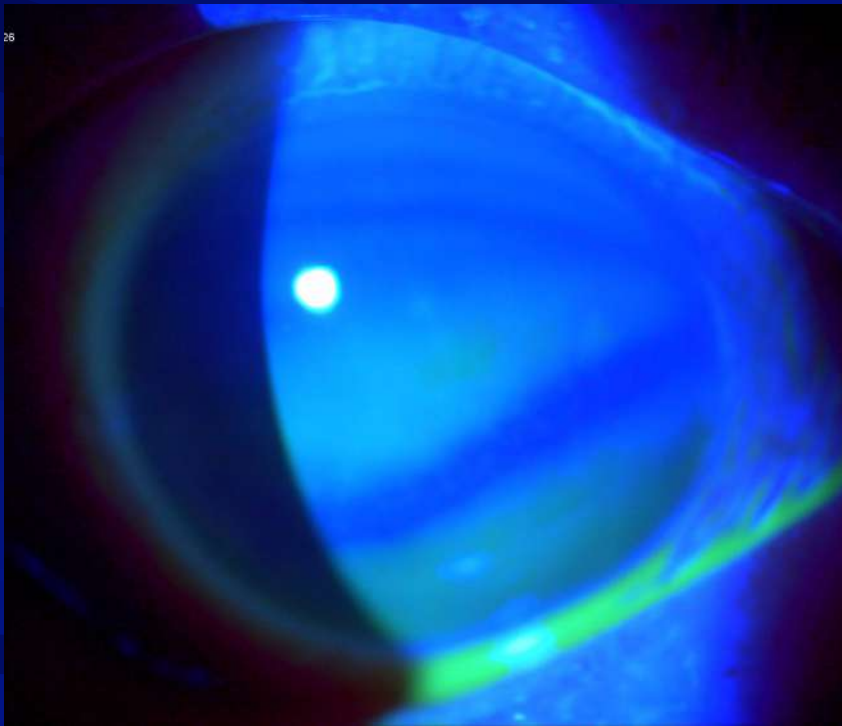
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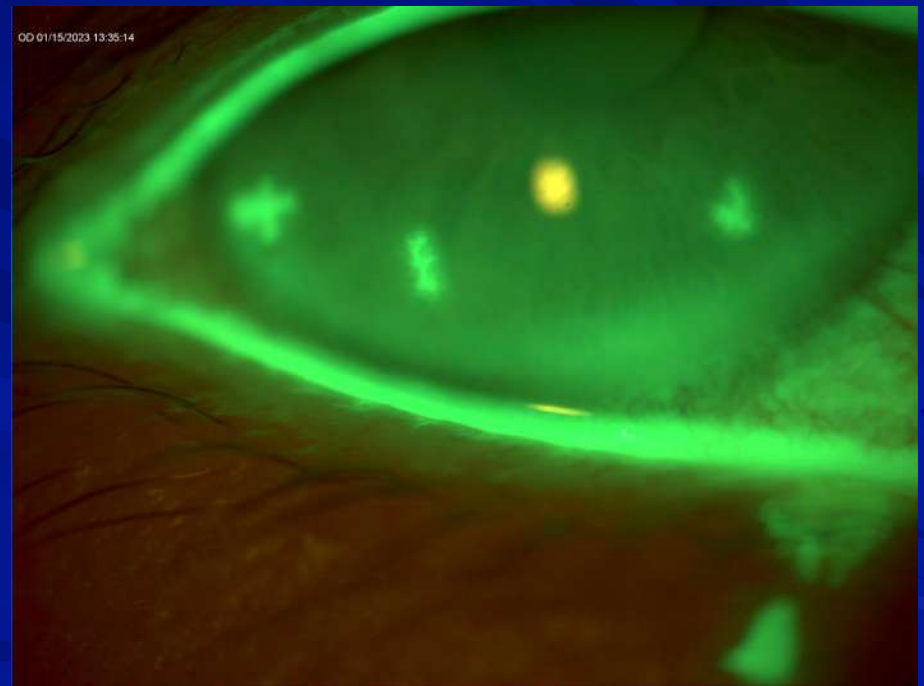
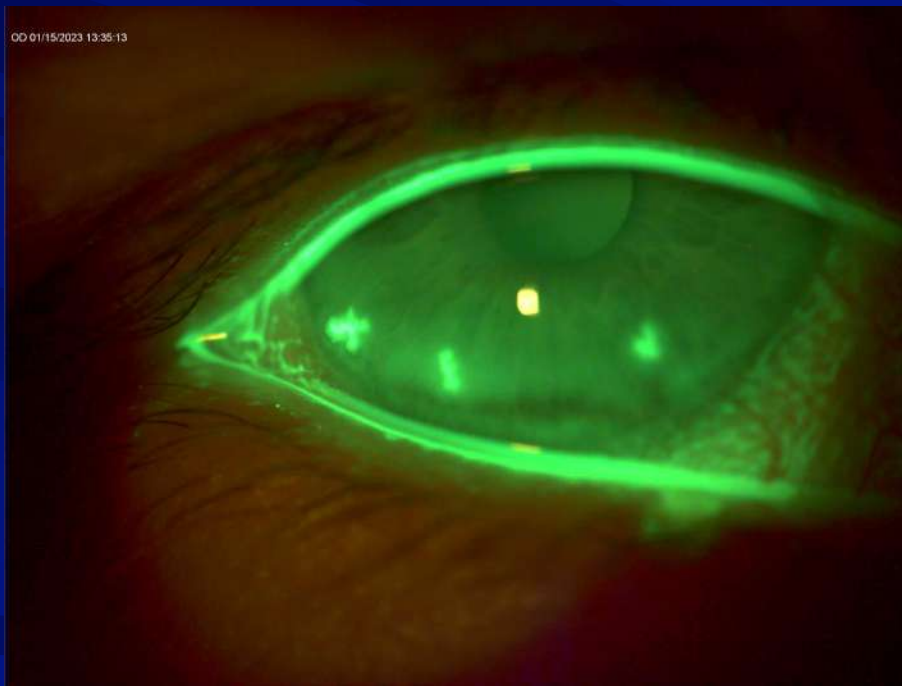
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54-year-old white woman

- Review of records of ECP: 12-30-2021 OD red, itch, - especially the inner corner
- PCP – ciprofloxacin 2 drops every 4 hours
 - ★ Used for 2 days, no improvement
- Hurts into cheekbone
- Dx: cornea abrasion
- Tx: Maxitrol OD TID, check 1 week
- January 3, 2022 – patient wants 3rd opinion
- Eye started to improve over weekend, now redness and irritation is back
 - ★ Not as itchy
 - ★ Pressure when closes eyes

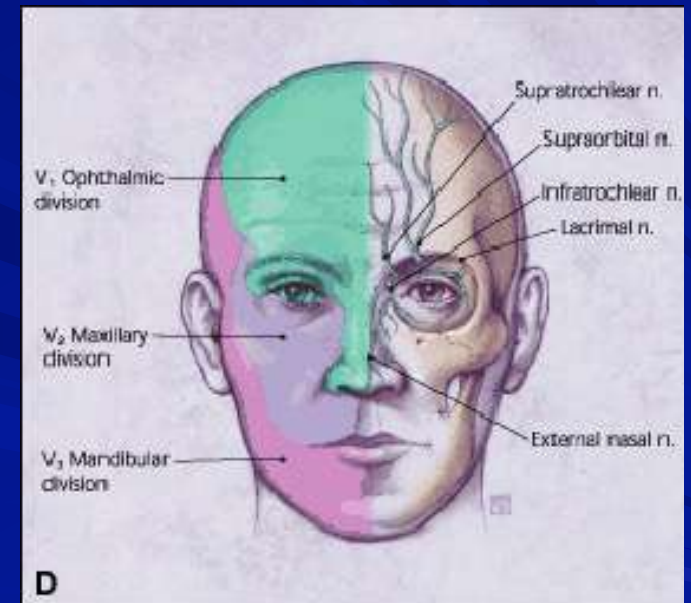
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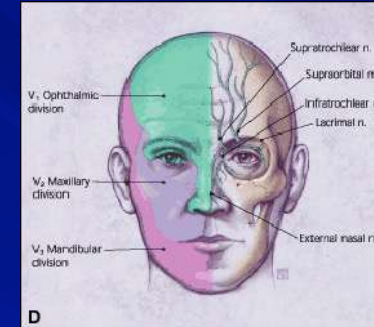
Saw HSV cases now let's see Zoster

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Varicella-Zoster Virus (VZV)

- AKA: Herpes Zoster Virus or Herpes Human Virus 3
- Vesicles on tip of nose indicate nasociliary involvement
- High risk of ocular manifestations



February 9, 2022



Zoster

February 9, 2022



February 16, 2022



February 22, 2022



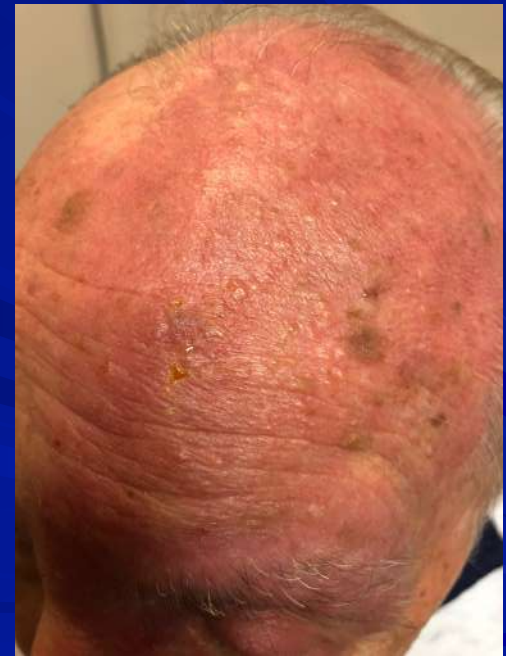
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February 16, 2022



Zoster 9-16-2019



Zoster 9-23-2021



12-17-2021



Valtrex



12-21-2021



Varicella-Zoster Virus (VZV)

✍ The best time to diagnose and treat



Varicella-Zoster Virus (VZV)



- Vesicles on tip of nose indicate nasociliary nerve involvement
 - High risk of ocular manifestations
- Ocular findings associated with VZV
 - Episcleritis
 - Scleritis
 - Keratitis
 - Uveitis
 - Iris atrophy
 - Glaucoma
 - Vitritis
 - Retinitis
 - Choroiditis
 - Optic neuritis
 - CN palsy

24-48 hours before Zirgan arrives

↳ Zirgan

↳ Viroptic

↳ Orals only

↳ Orals and Amniotic Membrane



Herpes Simplex Virus Keratitis

- ↳ Infectious epithelial keratitis
- ↳ Stromal keratitis
- ↳ Endotheliitis
- ↳ Neurotrophic keratopathy



Bio Optix

Amniotic Extracellular Matrix

Allograft Tissue Information and Product Preparation Insert

Contents / How Supplied

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

CAUTION:

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

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

Product Description

BioOptix™ is a human amnion membrane allograft provided in prescribed geometric configurations. BioOptix is dehydrated during processing and should be dry when the package is opened. The inner peel pouch and tissue product are terminally sterilized via E-beam irradiation and may be placed directly into the sterile field. Included in the packaging along with this insert are a Tracing Record and a set of patient labels.

- BioOptix is sterilely packaged for single patient, one time use only.
- Once opened, BioOptix must be used immediately or discarded.

Introduction

BioDiagics, LLC, is registered with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a manufacturer and distributor of human cells, tissue, and cellular and tissue-based products (HCTBP). All donor recoveries are performed by BioRecovery, LLC, an affiliate of BioDiagics, LLC. BioRecovery, LLC is also registered with the FDA and adheres to the regulations regarding HCTBP recovery and the screening and testing of the tissue donor as verified through supplier audits.

Donor Selection

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

1. The results of donor screening indicated that the donor was free from risk factors for and clinical evidence of infection due to relevant communicable disease agents and diseases, and

2. The results of donor testing for the following relevant communicable disease agents are negative or non-reactive:
 - Antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus type-1 and type 2 (anti-HIV-1 and anti-HIV-2)
 - HIV-1 Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)
 - Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)
 - Hepatitis B total core antibody
 - antibodies to the hepatitis C virus (anti-HCV)
 - Antibodies to human T-lymphotropic virus type 1 and type 2 (anti-HTLV-1 and anti-HTLV-2)
 - Syphilis using FDA-licensed tests, if the blood sample to be used for syphilis screening is determined and documented to be unacceptable for the screening assay (e.g. hemolytic, sample testing time restriction) than an FDA-licensed treponemal-specific confirmatory assay may be performed instead (e.g. FDA-Ab4).

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

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

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

Recovery

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

Processing

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

Tissue Distribution

BioOptix is distributed by BioDiagics, LLC.

Tissue Storage

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

HCTBP Tracking

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

General Usage

BioOptix is intended for use as a wound covering. This product is an allograft tissue intended for homologous use at the direction of a physician.

Precautions

1. BioOptix contains trace amounts of ethanol. It should not be used in patients with known sensitivity to ethanol.
2. In order to reduce the risk of

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

3. Although donor tissue is evaluated and processed following strict FDA guidelines, the donor screening methods are limited and may not detect all diseases. As with any allograft, complications at the graft site may occur post operatively that are not readily apparent. These include, but are not limited to:
 - transmission of communicable diseases, including those of unknown etiology
 - transmission of infectious agents such as viruses, bacteria and fungi
 - immune rejection of, or allergic reaction to, implanted HCTBP.

Adverse Reactions

Adverse reactions or outcomes that potentially involve the use of BioOptix should be reported immediately to the BioDiagics, LLC Customer Service Department.

Recommended Instructions for use of BioOptix

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

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

Preparation Instructions

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

Note:

-The inner tray and its contents are sterile and may be placed directly into the sterile field.

3. Peel the inner pouch open and place the implant with the accompanying mesh into the sterile field.

Note:

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

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

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

4. Remove the graft from the mesh and place it at the desired location.

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

DO NOT LEAVE ANY MESH IN WOUND

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

Return Policy

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

Note: BioDiagics, LLC makes no claims concerning the biological properties of allograft tissue. All tissue has been cultured, processed, stored, and distributed in compliance with the FDA regulations governing HCTBP's. Although every effort has been made to ensure the safety of allograft material, current technologies may not preclude the transmission of disease.

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Cryopreserved

Indications:

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

Contraindications:

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

Precautions:

- Do not use PROKERA if the device or packaging is damaged. Contact Bio-Tissue immediately.

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



37-year-old woman OD red and painful

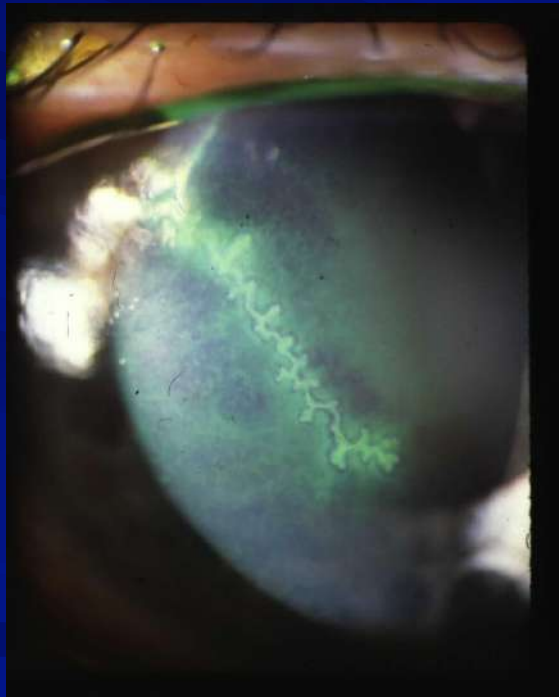
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Current Correction
R -2.50-1.00 x 180
L -3.25-1.00 x 180

EOMS: full, unrestricted
CT: ortho D/N

PERRL (-)APD
CF: full by FC OU

Slit Lamp Evaluation



- ↳ Diagnosis
- ↳ Ocular history
 - ★ First episode
- ↳ Treatment
- ↳ Maintenance of oral antiviral?

4 weeks later



Resolved

Chance of occurring again
within 12 months?

★ 25%

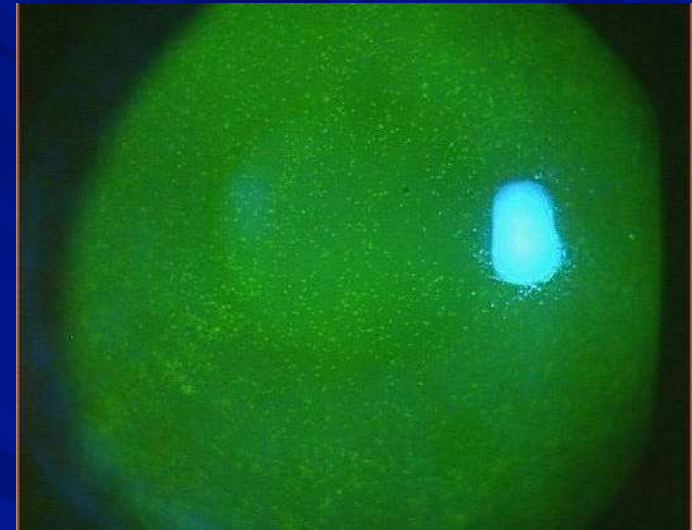
Cranium Keeper

👁️ Viroptic (trifluridine solution) should be used for how long?

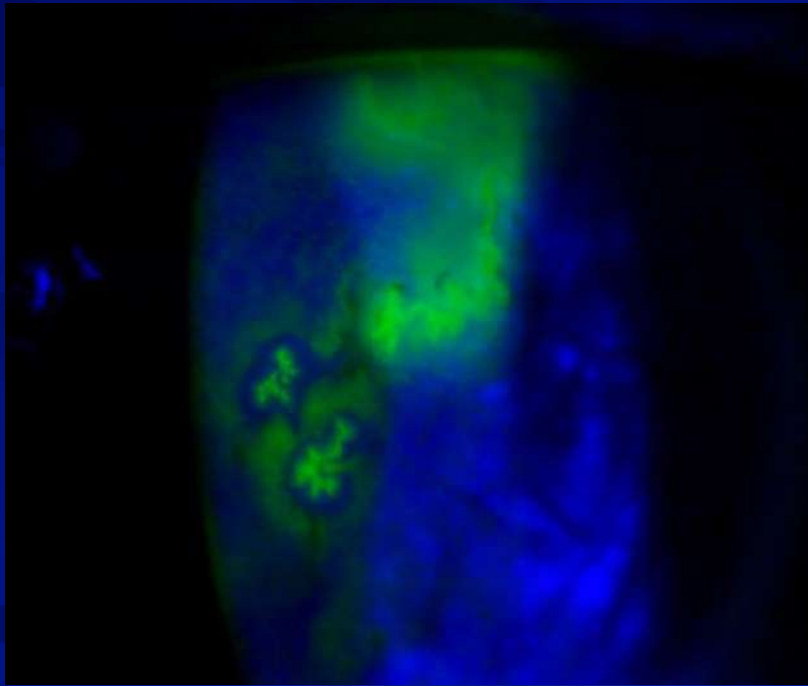
- ★ One drop every 2 hours while awake (up to 9 drops per day)
- ★ 21 days via package insert/instructions

👁️ Zirgan (ganciclovir ophthalmic gel) 0.15%

- ★ One drop five times per day until the corneal ulcer heals
- ★ Then one drop three times per day for seven days



Slit Lamp Evaluation



5 months later

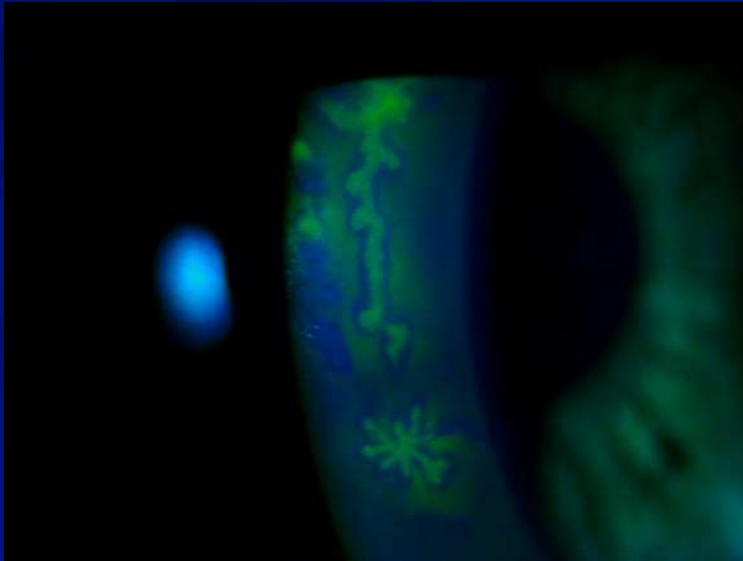
Treatment

Maintenance of oral antiviral?

★ Education patient on treatment options

☐ 43% occurring again

4 Months Later



👁️ Ocular history

- ★ Third episode

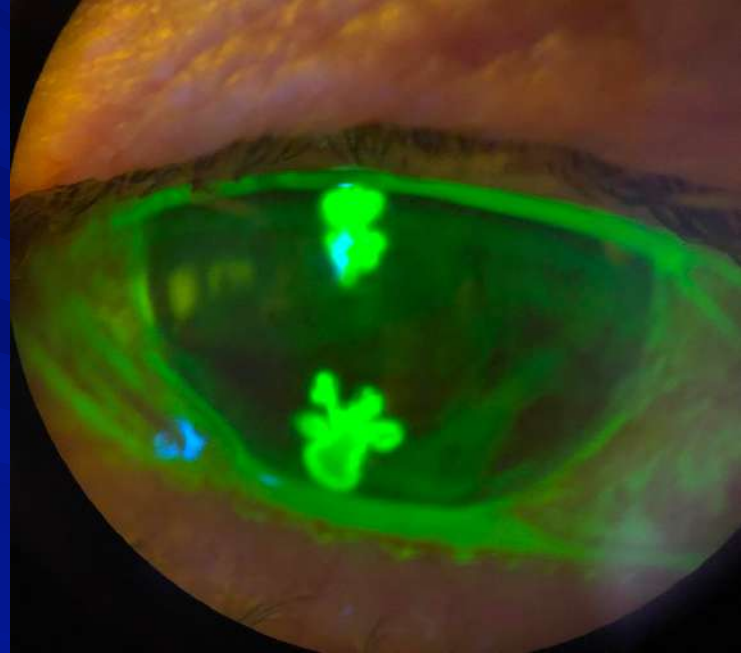
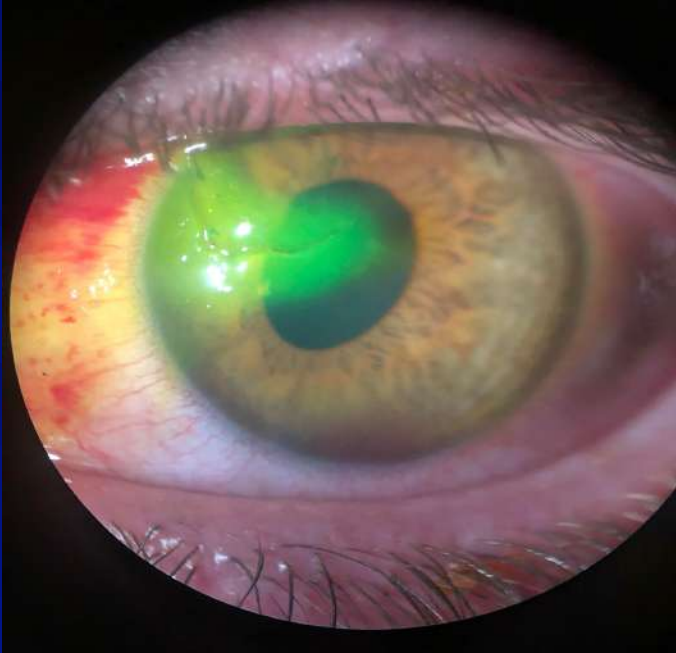
👁️ Treatment

👁️ Oral antiviral maintenance?

- ★ What dosage?

- Short term

- Long term



Herpetic Eye Disease Study

- HEDS I

- Benefit from steroids in stromal keratitis
- No benefit from oral Acyclovir in stromal keratitis
- Benefit from steroids if iritis present

-  HEDS II

- ★ No benefit from Acyclovir to stop progression to stromal or iridocyclitis
- ★ Maintenance dose 400 mg BID, decreases recurrence by 41% within 1st year

Recurrent Herpes Simplex Keratitis

👓 Treatment

- ★ Topical antiviral
- ★ Oral antiviral

👓 Remember to check for?

- 👓 Patient is allergic to Penicillin and Keflex
- 👓 Patient is also 2 months pregnant



Medical History

👁 Before we Rx any medications we take a thorough *medical* history which includes:

- CC
- HPI
- ROS
 - Kidney disease, liver disease, dialysis
- PFS History
- Current Medications
- Allergies...Adverse Reactions/Allergies
- Pregnancy...any chance you might be pregnant?

FDA Pregnancy Categories

- ☞ Category A- studies in pregnant women...no risk
- ☞ Category B- animal studies no risk but human not adequate...or...animal toxicity but human studies no risk...safe
- ☞ Category C- animal studies show toxicity human studies inadequate but benefit of use may exceed risk...OR...there are no adequate studies in animals or humans...avoid (MOST new drugs are here)
- ☞ Category D- evidence of human risk but benefits may outweigh risks...avoid
- ☞ Category X- fetal abnormalities, risk > benefits...avoid

Pregnancy and Lactation Labeling Rule-FDA

December 4, 2014 Final Rule

☞ Effective June 30, 2015

- ★ Effective now for new medications and a 3-5 year phase in period (application)

☞ Labeling for human prescription drugs and biological products will include:

- ★ Pregnancy
- ★ Lactation
- ★ Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

☞ Pregnancy (8.1)

- ★ Pregnancy Exposure Registry – omit if not applicable
- ★ Risk Summary – required subheading
- ★ Clinical Considerations- omit if none of the headings are applicable
 - ☐ Disease-associated maternal and/or embryo/fetal risk- omit if not applicable
 - ☐ Dose adjustments during pregnancy and the postpartum period - omit if not applicable
 - ☐ Maternal adverse reactions - omit if not applicable
 - ☐ Fetal/Neonatal adverse reactions- omit if not applicable
 - ☐ Labor or delivery - omit if not applicable
- ★ Data- omit if none of the headings are applicable
 - ☐ Human Data - omit if not applicable
 - ☐ Animal Data- omit if not applicable

Pregnancy and Lactation Labeling Rule-FDA

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☞ Lactation (8.2)

- ★ Risk Summary- required subheading
- ★ Clinical Considerations– omit if not applicable
- ★ Data– omit if not applicable

☞ Females and Males of Reproductive Potential (8.3) - omit if none of the headings are applicable

- ☞ Pregnancy testing– omit if not applicable
- ☞ Contraception– omit if not applicable
- ☞ Infertility – omit if not applicable

Pre-June 30, 2015

295 respectively, revealed no evidence of teratogenicity.

296 **8.3 Nursing Mothers**

297 Following oral administration of a 500 mg dose of VALTREX to 5 nursing mothers, peak
298 acyclovir concentrations (C_{max}) in breast milk ranged from 0.5 to 2.3 times (median 1.4) the
299 corresponding maternal acyclovir serum concentrations. The acyclovir breast milk AUC ranged
300 from 1.4 to 2.6 times (median 2.2) maternal serum AUC. A 500 mg maternal dosage of
301 VALTREX twice daily would provide a nursing infant with an oral acyclovir dosage of
302 approximately 0.6 mg/kg/day. This would result in less than 2% of the exposure obtained after
303 administration of a standard neonatal dose of 30 mg/kg/day of intravenous acyclovir to the
304 nursing infant. Unchanged valacyclovir was not detected in maternal serum, breast milk, or
305 infant urine. Caution should be exercised when VALTREX is administered to a nursing woman.

306 **8.4 Pediatric Use**

307 VALTREX is indicated for treatment of cold sores in pediatric patients ≥ 12 years of age
308 and for treatment of chickenpox in pediatric patients 2 to <18 years of age [see *Indications and*
309 *Usage (1.2), Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].

310 The use of VALTREX for treatment of cold sores is based on 2 double-blind,
311 placebo-controlled clinical trials in healthy adults and adolescents (≥ 12 years of age) with a
312 history of recurrent cold sores [see *Clinical Studies (14.1)*].

313 The use of VALTREX for treatment of chickenpox in pediatric patients 2 to <18 years of
314 age is based on single-dose pharmacokinetic and multiple-dose safety data from an open-label
315 trial with valacyclovir and supported by efficacy and safety data from 3 randomized,
316 double-blind, placebo-controlled trials evaluating oral acyclovir in pediatric patients with
317 chickenpox [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2), Adverse Reactions (6.2), Clinical*
318 *Pharmacology (12.3), Clinical Studies (14.4)*].

319 The efficacy and safety of valacyclovir have not been established in pediatric patients.

- 320 • <12 years of age with cold sores
- 321 • <18 years of age with genital herpes
- 322 • <18 years of age with herpes zoster
- 323 • <2 years of age with chickenpox
- 324 • for suppressive therapy following neonatal HSV infection.

325 The pharmacokinetic profile and safety of valacyclovir oral suspension in children
326 <12 years of age were studied in 3 open-label studies. No efficacy evaluations were conducted in
327 any of the 3 studies.

328 Study 1 was a single-dose pharmacokinetic, multiple-dose safety study in 27 pediatric
329 patients 1 to <12 years of age with clinically suspected varicella-zoster virus (VZV) infection
330 [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2), Adverse Reactions (6.2), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3),*
331 *Clinical Studies (14.4)*].

332 Study 2 was a single-dose pharmacokinetic and safety study in pediatric patients 1 month
333 to <6 years of age who had an active herpes virus infection or who were at risk for herpes virus
334 infection. Fifty-seven subjects were enrolled and received a single dose of 25 mg/kg valacyclovir

256 In addition to adverse events reported from clinical trials, the following events have been
257 identified during postmarketing use of VALTREX. Because they are reported voluntarily from a
258 population of unknown size, estimates of frequency cannot be made. These events have been
259 chosen for inclusion due to a combination of their seriousness, frequency of reporting, or
260 potential causal connection to VALTREX.

261 **General:** Facial edema, hypertension, tachycardia.

262 **Allergic:** Acute hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis, angioedema, dyspnea,
263 pruritus, rash, and urticaria [see *Contraindications (4)*].

264 **CNS Symptoms:** Aggressive behavior, agitation, ataxia, coma, confusion, decreased
265 consciousness, dysarthria, encephalopathy, mania, and psychosis, including auditory and visual
266 hallucinations, seizures, tremors [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3), Use in Specific*
267 *Populations (8.5), (8.6)*].

268 **Eye:** Visual abnormalities.

269 **Gastrointestinal:** Diarrhea.

270 **Hepatobiliary Tract and Pancreas:** Liver enzyme abnormalities, hepatitis.

271 **Renal:** Renal failure, renal pain (may be associated with renal failure) [see *Warnings and*
272 *Precautions (5.2), Use in Specific Populations (8.5), (8.6)*].

273 **Hematologic:** Thrombocytopenia, aplastic anemia, leukoerythrocytic vasculitis, TTP/HUS
274 [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

275 **Skin:** Erythema multiforme, rashes including photosensitivity, alopecia.

276 **7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

277 No clinically significant drug-drug or drug-food interactions with VALTREX are known
278 [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

279 **8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

280 **8.1 Pregnancy**

281 Pregnancy Category B. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of VALTREX
282 or acyclovir in pregnant women. Based on prospective pregnancy registry data on
283 749 pregnancies, the overall rate of birth defects in infants exposed to acyclovir in-utero appears
284 similar to the rate for infants in the general population. VALTREX should be used during
285 pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

286 A prospective epidemiologic registry of acyclovir use during pregnancy was established
287 in 1984 and completed in April 1999. There were 749 pregnancies followed in women exposed
288 to systemic acyclovir during the first trimester of pregnancy resulting in 756 outcomes. The
289 occurrence rate of birth defects approximates that found in the general population. However, the
290 small size of the registry is insufficient to evaluate the risk for less common defects or to permit
291 reliable or definitive conclusions regarding the safety of acyclovir in pregnant women and their
292 developing fetuses.

293 Animal reproduction studies performed at oral doses that provided up to 10 and 7 times
294 the human plasma levels during the period of major organogenesis in rats and rabbits,

Post-June 30, 2015

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use XIBIRA safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for XIBIRA.

XIBIRA™ (diflurasil ophthalmic solution) 0.1% for topical ophthalmic use
Initial U.S. Approval: 2014

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Xibira (diflurasil ophthalmic solution) 0.1% is a lymphocyte function-associated antigen-1 (LFA-1) antagonist indicated for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of dry eye disease (DED). (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

One drop twice daily in each eye (approximately 12 hours apart). (2)

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 - a.4 Geriatric Use

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Ophthalmic solution containing Diflurasil 0.1% (0.1 mg/mL). (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

None (4)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reactions (incidence 5-25%) following the use of Xibira were irritation site irritation, dyspnea and decreased visual acuity. (5)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Shire US, Inc. at 1-800-828-2888 or FDA at 1-800-3DA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and FDA approved patient labeling.

Revised: 06/2015

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2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Instill one drop of Xibira twice daily (approximately 12 hours apart) into each eye using a single-use container. Discard the single-use container immediately after using it each time.

Contact lenses should be removed prior to the administration of Xibira and may be reinserted 15 minutes following administration.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Ophthalmic solution containing diflurasil 0.1 mg/mL (0.1%).

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Xibira is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to Diflurasil or to any of the other ingredients in the formulation (see Adverse Reactions (6.2)).

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are described elsewhere in the labeling:

- Hypersensitivity (see Contraindications (4))

6.1 Clinical Studies Experience

Because clinical studies are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in clinical studies of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

In the clinical studies of dry eye disease conducted with diflurasil ophthalmic solution, 1401 patients received at least 1 dose of diflurasil (1287 of which received diflurasil 0.1%). The majority of patients (84%) had at least 6 months of treatment exposure. 176 patients were exposed to diflurasil for approximately 12 months. The majority of the treated patients were female (77%). The most common adverse reactions reported in 5-25 % of patients were irritation site irritation, dyspnea and reduced visual acuity.

Other adverse reactions reported in 1% to 5% of the patients were blurred vision, conjunctival hyperemia, eye irritation, headache, increased lacrimation, eye discharge, eye discomfort, eye pruritus and dryness.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use of Xibira. Because these reactions are reported spontaneously from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

Rare cases of hypersensitivity, including anaphylactic reaction, bronchospasm, respiratory distress, pharyngeal edema, swollen tongue, and urticaria have been reported. Eye stinging and pain have been reported (see Contraindications (4)).

6 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

6.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary
There are no available data on Xibira use in pregnant women to inform any drug-associated risks. Intravenous (IV) administration of diflurasil to pregnant rats from pre-mating through gestation day 17, did not produce fetotoxicity or clinically relevant systemic exposure. Intravenous administration of diflurasil to pregnant rabbits during organogenesis produced an increased incidence of cleft palates at the lowest dose tested. 5 mg/kg/day (500-fold the human plasma exposure at the recommended human ophthalmic dose [RHOD], based on the area under the curve [AUC] levels). Since human systemic exposure to diflurasil following ocular administration of Xibira at the RHOD is low, the applicability of animal findings to the risk of Xibira use in humans during pregnancy is unclear (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

6.2 Lactation

Risk Summary
There are no data on the presence of diflurasil in human milk, its effects on the breastfed child, or the effects on milk production. However, systemic exposure to diflurasil from ocular administration is low (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)). The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered,

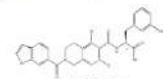
along with the mother's clinical need for Xibira and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from Xibira.

6.4 Pediatric Use
Safety and efficacy in pediatric patients below the age of 17 years have not been established.

6.5 Geriatric Use
No overall differences in safety or effectiveness have been observed between elderly and younger adult patients.

11 DESCRIPTION

The chemical name for Diflurasil is (4S)-2-(2-(benzofuran-6-ylamino)-5,7-difluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-6-carboxamide)-3-(3-methylsulfonylphenyl)propanoic acid. The molecular formula of Diflurasil is C₂₇H₂₇N₃O₅S and its molecular weight is 516.53. The structural formula of Diflurasil is:



* Chiral center

Diflurasil is a white to off-white powder which is soluble in water.

Xibira (diflurasil ophthalmic solution) 0.1% is a lymphocyte function-associated antigen-1 (LFA-1) antagonist supplied as a sterile, clear, colorless to slightly brownish-yellow solution. Ophthalmic solution of Diflurasil has a pH of 7.0-8.0 and an osmolality range of 200-300 mOsm/kg.

Xibira contains Active: Diflurasil 0.1 mg/mL, inactive: sodium chloride, sodium phosphate dibasic anhydrous, sodium phosphate pentahydrate, sodium hydroxide and/or hydrochloric acid to adjust pH and water for injection.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Diflurasil binds to the integrin lymphocyte function-associated antigen-1 (LFA-1), a cell surface protein found on leukocytes and blocks the interaction of LFA-1 with its cognate ligand intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (ICAM-1). ICAM-1 may be co-expressed in corneal and conjunctival tissues in dry eye disease. LFA-1/ICAM-1 interaction can contribute to the formation of an immunological synapse resulting in T-cell activation and migration to target tissues. In vitro studies demonstrated that diflurasil may inhibit T-cell adhesion to ICAM-1 in a human T-cell line and may inhibit secretion of inflammatory cytokines in human peripheral blood mononuclear cells. The exact mechanism of action of diflurasil in dry eye disease is not known.

12.2 Pharmacokinetics

In a subset of dry eye disease patients (n=47) enrolled in Phase 3 trial, the one-dose trough plasma concentrations of diflurasil were measured after 100 and 300 days of topical ocular dosing (1 drop twice daily) with Xibira. Diflurasil contains 0.1 mg/mL. A total of 166 of the 47 patients (100%) had plasma diflurasil trough concentrations above 0.5 ng/mL (one lower limit of assay quantitation). Trough plasma concentrations that could be quantitated ranged from 0.58 ng/mL to 2.74 ng/mL.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenesis
Animal studies have not been conducted to determine the carcinogenic potential of Diflurasil.

Mutagenesis

Diflurasil was not mutagenic in the in vitro Ames assay. Diflurasil was not clastogenic in the in vivo mouse micronucleus assay. In an in vivo chromosomal aberration assay using mammalian cells (Chinese hamster ovary cells), diflurasil was positive at the highest concentration tested, without metabolic activation.

Impairment of fertility

Diflurasil was not observed at intravenous (IV) doses of up to 30 mg/kg/day (100-fold the human plasma exposure at the recommended human ophthalmic dose [RHOD]) of diflurasil ophthalmic solution. It had no effect on fertility and reproductive performance in male and female treated rats.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

The safety and efficacy of diflurasil for the treatment of dry eye disease were assessed in a total of 1181 patients (1087 of which received diflurasil 0.1%) in four 12-week, randomized, multi-center, double-masked, vehicle-controlled studies. Patients were randomized to Xibira or vehicle (placebo) in a 1:1 ratio and dosed twice a day. Use of artificial tears was not allowed during the studies. The mean age was 49 years (range 18-87 years). The majority of patients were female (76%). Enrollment criteria included: minimal signs (i.e., Corneal Fluorescein Staining [CFS]) and non-anesthetized Schirmer Tear Test

Renal Impairment

- ☞ Identify patients on hemodialysis
- ☞ Adjustment made by patient's creatinine clearance (CrCl)...ml/min
 - ★ Work with patient's PCP/Internist

Oral Anti-Virals

☞ 3rd generation, go into every cell but only activate in viral infected cells

★ (1st generation=mutagenic)

☞ Use prophylactically prior to PKP, LASIK and PTK

Zovirax (acyclovir)

- ☞ Good for simplex and zoster
- ☞ Available in 200, 400 and 800 mg, IV
- ☞ Dosage: 800 mg/5 times/day (4 grams daily)
 - ☞ Poor GI absorption
- ☞ Maintenance dose: 200-400 mg bid
- ☞ Caution if impaired renal function
 - ★ Excreted by kidneys
- ☞ Category B

Off-Label

↳ Valtrex and Famvir used for the eye

- ★ Off label

- ★ Only approved for genital herpes

- ★ Won't find dosage in PDR for ocular usage

Famvir (famciclovir)

☞ Available in 125, 250 and 500 mg

☞ Dosage: Zoster 500 mg tid

Recurrent Simplex 125-250 mg bid

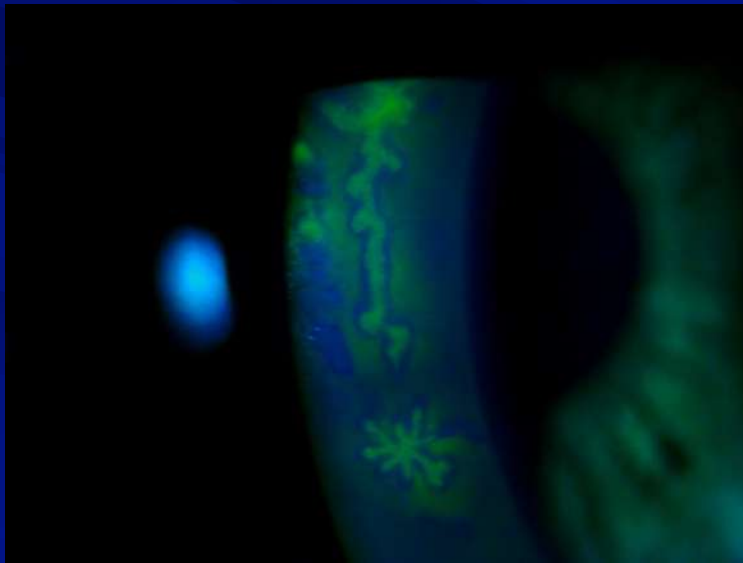
☞ Caution if impaired renal function

☞ Category B

☞ No longer available via Norvartis in USA as brand name

Valtrex (valacyclovir)

- 👁 Pro-drug of acyclovir
- 👁 Available in 500 and 1000 mg
- 👁 GI upset
- 👁 HSV-1, HSV-2, VZV
- 👁 Dosage: 1g tid x 1 week (3 grams daily)
- 👁 Caution if impaired renal function
- 👁 Category B

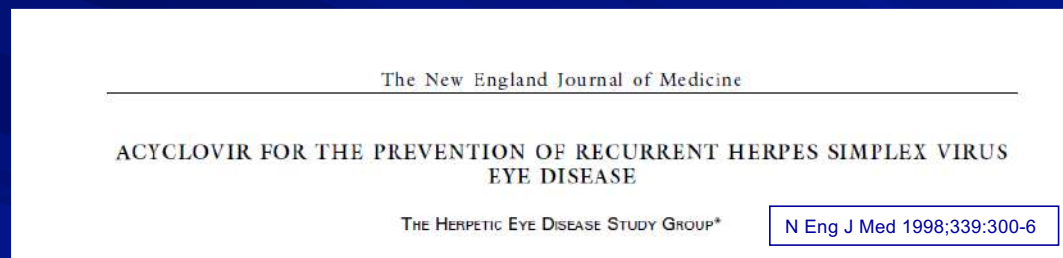


- Treatment

- Zirgan 0.15%
 - Caution Zirgan and Viroptic are Category C
- Steroid
- Artificial tears
- Valtrex
 - 1000 mg TID PO
 - 500 mg QD PO
- Add/consider L-Lysine

Beside the dosing frequencies...

👉 What is different about the oral antivirals?



👉 Main reason for early discontinuation of oral acyclovir in
HEDS

👉 Gastrointestinal side effects

👉 Rash

Many patients on oral acyclovir have GI symptoms

Acyclovir vs. Valacyclovir vs. Famciclovir

What is the difference?

ZOVIRAX is the brand name for acyclovir, a synthetic nucleoside analogue active against herpesviruses. ZOVIRAX Capsules, Tablets, and Suspension are formulations for oral administration. Each capsule of ZOVIRAX contains 200 mg of acyclovir and the inactive ingredients corn starch, lactose, magnesium stearate, and sodium lauryl sulfate. The capsule shell consists of gelatin, FD&C Blue No. 2, and titanium dioxide. May contain one or more parabens. Printed with edible black ink.

Acyclovir

Zovirax® contains lactose

Presence or absence of lactose in generic acyclovir varies

VALTRES (valacyclovir hydrochloride) is the hydrochloride salt of the L-valyl ester of the antiviral drug acyclovir.

VALTRES Caplets are for oral administration. Each caplet contains valacyclovir hydrochloride equivalent to 500 mg or 1 gram valacyclovir and the inactive ingredients camauba wax, colloidal silicon dioxide, crospovidone, FD&C Blue No. 2 Lake, hypromellose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, polysorbate 80, povidone, and titanium dioxide. The blue, film-coated caplets are printed with edible white ink.

Valacyclovir

Valtrex® and all generics are free of lactose

FAMVIR tablets contain 125 mg, 250 mg, or 500 mg of famciclovir, together with the following inactive ingredients: hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, lactose, magnesium stearate, polyethylene glycols, sodium starch glycolate and titanium dioxide.

Generics available in the US contain lactose

* In Europe you can get generic famciclovir without lactose (Teva Pharmaceuticals, Israel)

Acyclovir vs. Valacyclovir vs. Famciclovir

What is the difference?

CNS Effects in Elderly Patients

☞ Acyclovir and valacyclovir carry a higher risk of CNS adverse effects in the elderly:

- ★ Agitation
- ★ Hallucinations
- ★ Confusion

☞ Clinical Take Home Point:

☞ Consider famciclovir in older patients who CNS side effects with acyclovir or valacyclovir

☞ Other major concern with elderly patients is age-related reduced kidney function

Is there a difference in efficacy between topical and
orals in the various forms of ocular herpes?



Ganciclovir ophthalmic gel



Oral antivirals:

- Acyclovir
- Valacyclovir
- Famciclovir

The deeper the involvement, the more efficacious orals become.
But what about epithelial keratitis?...There seems to be equivalence



60 patients with HSV dendritic ulceration included a small number with stromal involvement keratitis randomized to oral vs. topical acyclovir

No statistically significant difference in to time to resolution (mean = 5 days)



“Oral acyclovir alone appeared as effective as topical antiviral therapy in the treatment of simplex epithelial keratitis.”

Oral delivery appears to get to corneal target even though it is an avascular tissue!

Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2010;8(12):1-198.

Lysine or L-Lysine

- ↳ An essential amino acid
- ↳ It is necessary for human health

- ↳ But the body can't manufacture it

- ↳ You have to get lysine from food or supplements
- ↳ Amino acids like lysine are the building blocks of protein
 - ★ Lysine is important for proper growth

Lysine and Herpes

- Some studies have found that taking lysine on a regular basis may help prevent outbreaks of cold sores and genital herpes
- Lysine has antiviral effects by blocking the activity of arginine
 - Which promotes HSV replication
- One review found that oral lysine is more effective for preventing an HSV outbreak than it is at reducing the severity and duration of an outbreak
- One study found that taking lysine at the beginning of a herpes outbreak did not reduce symptoms.
- Typically comes in 500 mg
 - 2000-3000 mg while active or infectious
 - 1000 mg as maintenance

Cranium Keeper

👓 Percentages in HSV keratitis

★ 25%

★ 43%

★ 41%

Vaccines

 Zostavax™ – live vaccine; 60 years and older

★ “the only game in town...”

- 📄 50-ish% effective; 1 dose
- 📄 Efficacy wanes after 4-5 years

 Shingrix™ – has replaced Zostavax™

★ We are moving in the right direction!

★ Recommended for 50 years and older

- 📄 90+% effective?; 2 doses; IM; recombinant vaccine
- 📄 Efficacy *seems* solid up to 7-8 years

Prevention Through Vaccination

☞ How effective are today's vaccines?

☞ Zostavax (Merck)- subcutaneous injection

- ★ Does not confer life-long immunity ... effect wanes after 5 years with booster suggested at 10 years
- ★ 38-70% reduction in risk of shingles after vaccination
- ★ 60-70% reduction in occurrence of PHN
- ★ Not recommended for patients with post-HZV corneal or intraocular infection
- ★ Patients with previous shingles may experience ocular, dermatologic, or disseminated disease

☞ Shingrix- Subunit Vaccine HZ/su (GSK)- intramuscular 2 injections

- ★ Recombinant VZV glycoprotein E with AS01B adjuvant system
- ★ Primary vaccine with second dose 2 months later
- ★ ZOE-50 trial reduced risk of shingles by 97% (Cunningham, etal NEJM 2016)
- ★ ZOE-70 trial reduced risk of shingles by 90% (Cunningham, etal NEJM 2016)
- ★ Pooled data demonstrated HZ/su associated risk reduction of PHN by 89%
- ★ Potentially beneficial for immunocompromised individuals

Serious Complications of Herpetic Eye Disease

- 👓 Neurotrophic States
- 👓 Acute Retinal Necrosis
- 👓 Post Herpetic Neuralgia

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Post Herpetic Neuralgia

How To Treat and Possibly Avoid It

Post Herpetic Neuralgia (PHN)

- ↳ Patients with PHN report decreased quality of life and interference with activities of daily living
- ↳ Approximately 1 million cases of herpes zoster occur annually in the US
 - ★ One in every three people develops herpes zoster during their lifetime
- ↳ PHN is a frequent complication occurring in 5% to 15% of cases
 - ★ Causing moderate to severe neuropathic pain
- ↳ PHN is a neuropathic pain syndrome characterized by pain that persists for months to years after resolution of the herpes zoster rash
- ↳ Neuropathic pain
 - ★ Does not respond consistently to classic non-opioid analgesic drugs
 - ★ Better treated with antidepressant, anticonvulsant drugs and topical agents
- ↳ Neuropathic pain is a major public health problem worldwide
 - ★ Unclear mechanism
 - ★ Treatment is one of the most difficult medical problems

Post Herpetic Neuralgia (PHN) Treatment

Approaches to management of post herpetic neuralgia include

- ★ Preventing herpes zoster through vaccination and/or antiviral treatment
- ★ Administering specific medications to treat pain

First-line drugs

- ★ Anti-convulsant -neuropathic pain
 - ☐ Calcium channel α 2- δ ligands
 - ☐ gabapentin (Neurontin) and pregabalin (Lyrica)
- ★ Tricyclic antidepressants
 - ☐ amitriptyline, nortriptyline, desipramine
- ★ Topical lidocaine patches
 - ☐ Works because PHN is a peripheral neuropathy
 - ☐ **Radicular pain** is a type of **pain** that radiates into the lower extremity directly along the course of a spinal nerve root (topical lidocaine not effective)

Lyrica - pregabalin Neurontin - gabapentin

☞ Does Duration of Neuropathic Pain Impact the Effectiveness of Pregabalin?

- ★ Patients with chronic pain conditions such as neuropathic pain frequently experience delays in diagnosis and treatment
- ★ Pregabalin significantly improves pain irrespective of the length of time since onset of neuropathic pain

Neurotropic Cornea Ulcer

↳ Difficult to manage due to:

- ★ Decreased ocular innervation
- ★ Decreased tears production

↳ Medications to avoid

- ★ Topical corticosteroids
 - ☐ May increase collagenase activity and promote stromal melting
- ★ Topical NSAIDs
 - ☐ No shown benefit in wound healing
 - ☐ Can decrease corneal sensitivity

Neurotropic Cornea Ulcer

👁️ Traditional Treatments

- ★ Preservative-free artificial tears, gels, and ointments
- ★ Discontinuation of any topical ocular therapies
 - 📄 Those that can decrease corneal sensitivity
 - timolol, betaxolol, sulfacetamide, diclofenac, ketorolac
 - 📄 Those that contain preservatives
- ★ Punctal occlusion
- ★ Doxycycline 100 mg PO qd/qod; anti-inflammatory properties
- ★ Autologous blood serum

👁️ Alternative to traditional treatments

- ★ Scleral contact lenses
- ★ Amniotic Membrane

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- ★ Used as eye drop

- Not infused or injected

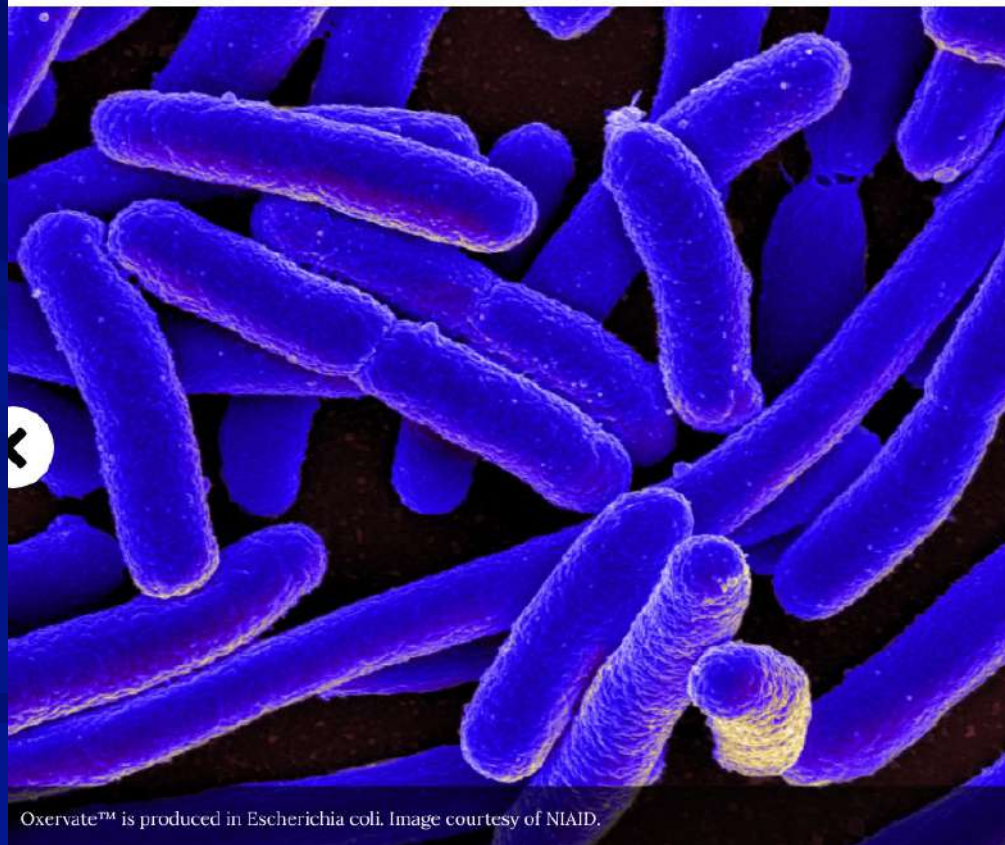
🕒 Storage issues: in the freezer at the pharmacy

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

🕒 Contraindications

- ★ None

Escherichia Coli



Oxervate™ is produced in Escherichia coli. Image courtesy of NIAID.

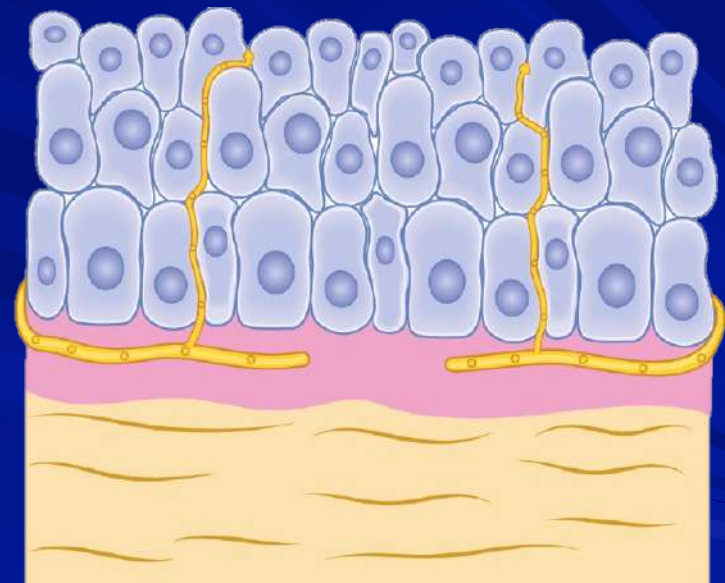
Corneal Homeostasis

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



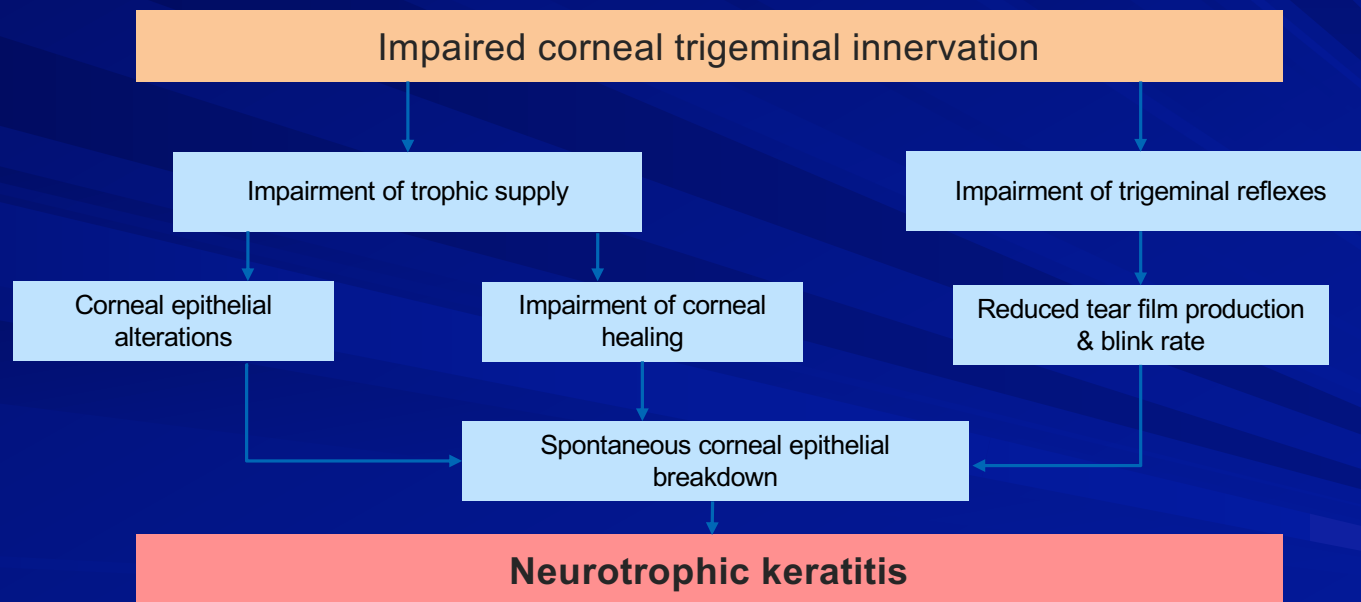
Pathophysiology of NK¹

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



Penetration of nerves into the epithelium

Trigeminal nerve damage leading to NK¹



Etiologies Associated with NK

Ocular

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

Central nervous system

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

Systemic

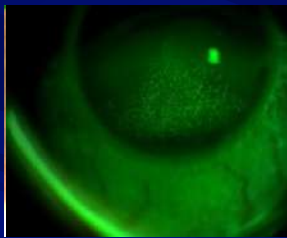
- Diabetes mellitus
- Leprosy
- Vitamin A deficiency
- Amyloidosis
- Multiple sclerosis

Genetic

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

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

NK classification



Stage 1: Mild

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



Stage 2: Moderate

(Epithelial defect without stromal defect):
Frank persistent epithelial defect and corneal hypo-aesthesia/ anaesthesia

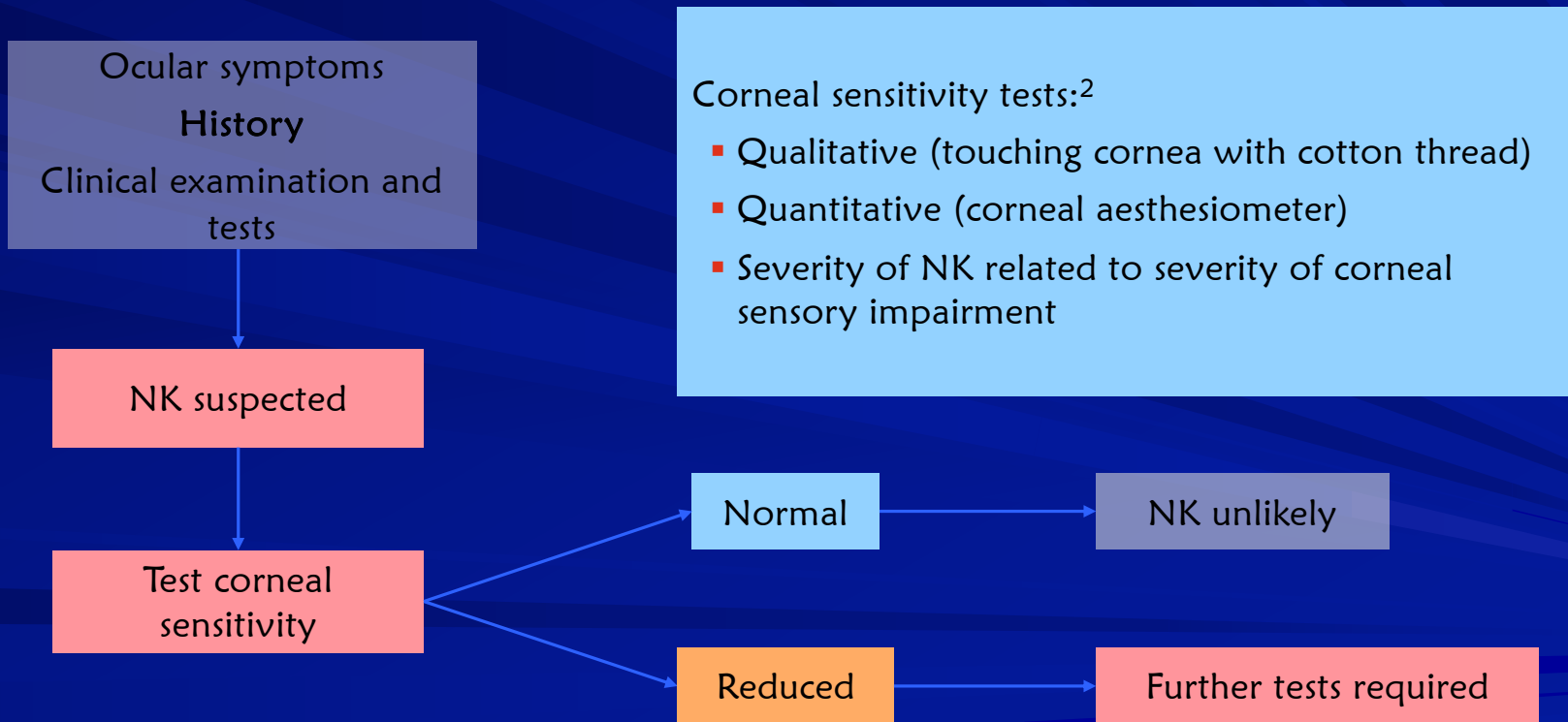


Stage 3: Severe

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

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Assessment of Corneal Sensitivity is Essential to Confirm NK diagnosis¹



Corneal Sensitivity



Endogenous NGF maintains corneal integrity by three mechanisms

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

SHOWN IN PRECLINICAL MODELS¹

CORNEAL INNERVATION

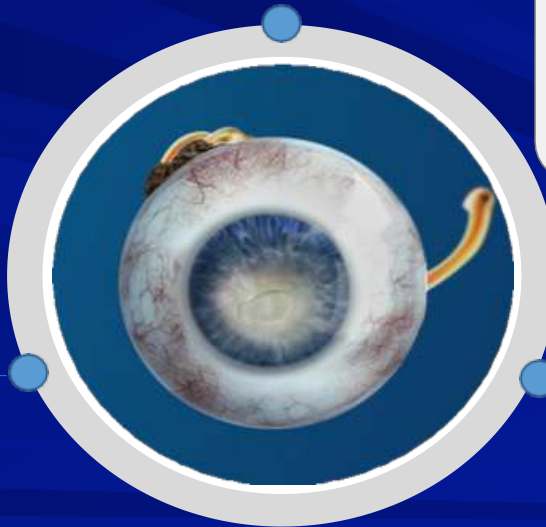
NGF plays a role in nerve function and stimulates the regeneration and survival of the sensory nerves^{2,3}

NGF binds receptors on lacrimal glands and promotes sensory-mediated reflex tearing secretion^{1,4}

TEAR SECRETION

CELL PROLIFERATION AND DIFFERENTIATION

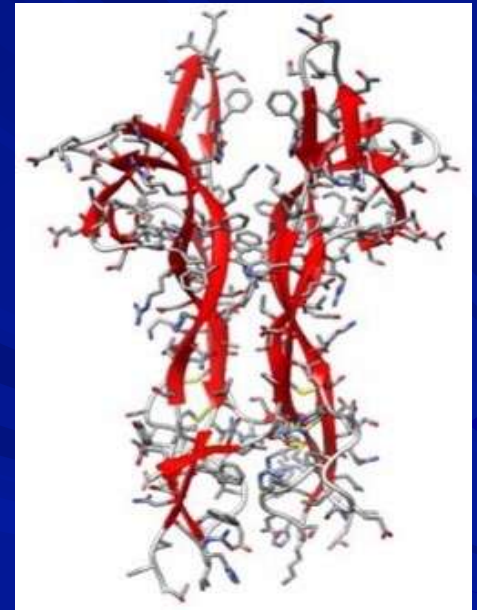
NGF stimulates proliferation, differentiation, and survival of corneal epithelial cells¹



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

- ↳ Naturally occurring neurotrophin is responsible for differentiation, growth, and maintenance of neurons¹
- ↳ The regenerative potential of nerve growth factor (NGF) was discovered by Nobel-prize winning scientists in the early 1950s¹
- ↳ Cenegermin-bkbj, a novel recombinant human nerve growth factor (rhNGF), is **STRUCTURALLY IDENTICAL** to the NGF protein²



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OXERVATE™ (cenegermin-bkbj) ophthalmic solution 0.002% Weekly Device Kit

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

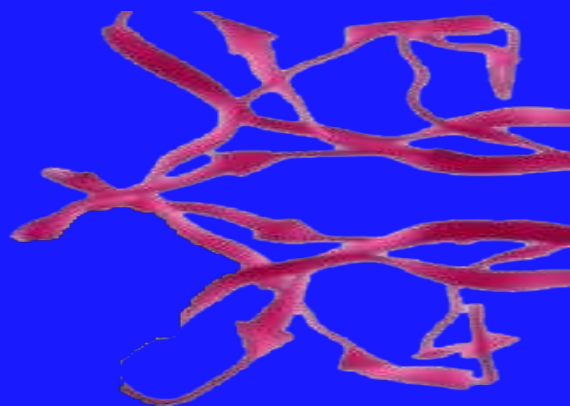
The Delivery System Kit Contains:

- 7 vial adapters
- 42 pipettes
- 42 sterile disinfectant wipes
- 1 dose recording card
- 1 extra adapter, 3 extra pipettes, 3 extra wipes are included as spares

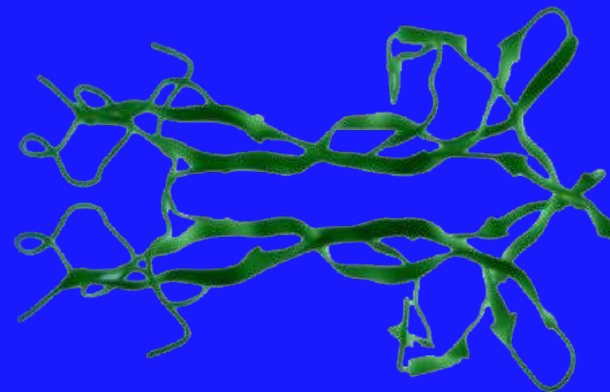
- **Extra drug is available in each vial to take into consideration for loss or spillage during treatment administration*



Cenergermin Mimics the Structure of Endogenous NGF in the Ocular Tissues



Cenergermin



Endogenous NGF

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

OXERVATE™ (cenegermin-bkbj) ophthalmic solution 0.002%

Dosing and Administration



Instill 1 drop of OXERVATE™
(cenegermin-bkbj) ophthalmic solution 0.002%
in the affected eye(s)



Every 2 hours



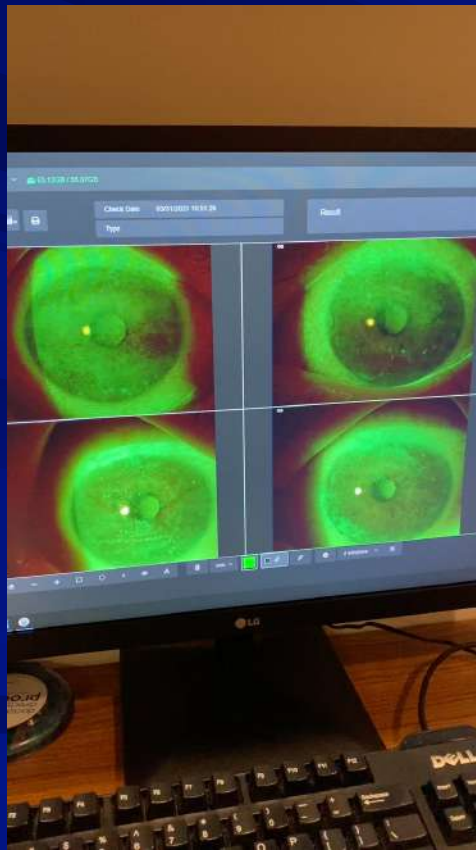
Apply 6 times daily



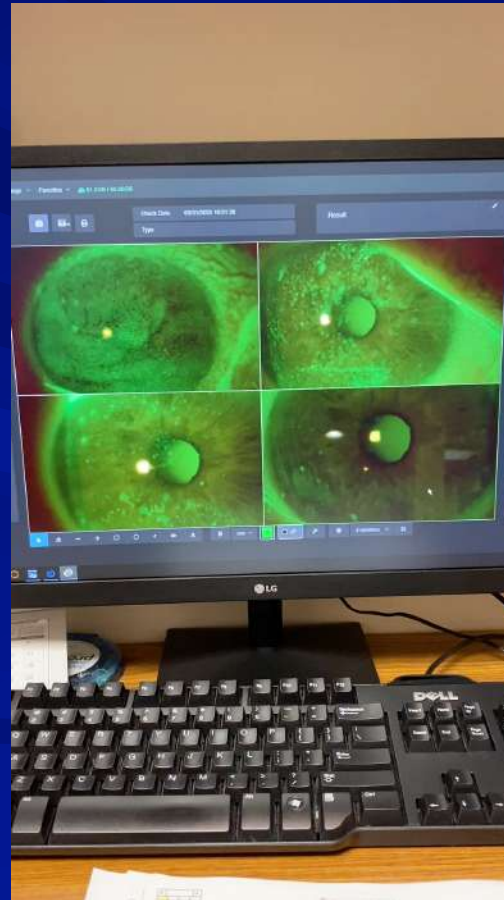
Continue for 8 weeks

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

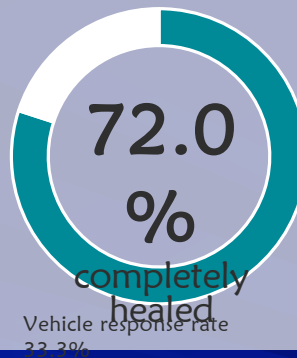
In the majority of patients across two clinical studies OXERVATE™ (cenegermin ophthalmic solution 0.002%) was well tolerated and more effective than vehicle in promoting complete corneal healing of moderate or severe NK.

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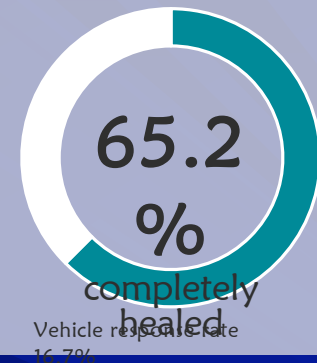
Study NGF0212
(REPARO)
(N=52 per
group)
European patients
with NK in one eye

NCT01756456



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

%

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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.

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- ⌘ ADRs: eye pain, inflammation, corneal deposits

Sutureless Amniotic Membrane

☞ Amniotic membrane is the innermost lining of the placenta (amnion)

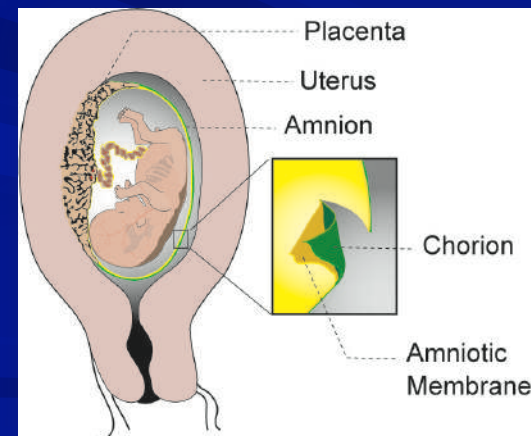
- ★ Shares the same cell origin as the fetus
- ★ Stem Cell behavior

☞ Regenerative platform that possesses natural growth factors and scaffolding properties that are

- ★ Anti-inflammatory
- ★ Anti-scarring
- ★ Anti-angiogenic

☞ **Therapeutic action**

- ★ Promotes Stem Cell Expansion
- ★ Suppresses pain
- ★ Promotes cellular migration
- ★ Expedites recovery



Cryopreserved and Dehydrated



☞ Cryopreserved

- ★ PROKERA- Biotissue

☞ Dehydrated

- ★ AmbioDisk -IOP Ophthalmics
- ★ BioDOptix – BioD

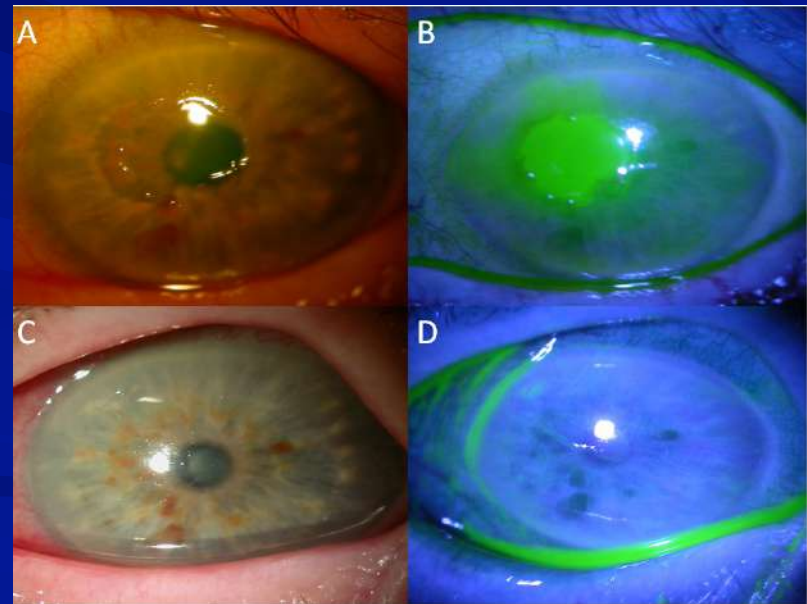
☞ Taped tarsorrhaphy/tapesorrhaphy



67-year-old woman with a history of recurrent HSV keratitis and dry eye

- She presented with mild ocular discomfort (cornea hypoesthesia) and progressive decrease of vision (20/400) for several weeks
- Examination revealed a central corneal epithelial defect surrounded by a rim of loose epithelium, stromal edema, and anterior chamber inflammatory reaction (Fig. A, B)
- Neurotrophic keratitis

- PROKERA® was placed along with punctal plug, tapesorrhaphy, and oral Acyclovir
- Complete healing occurred within one week, resulting in clear cornea, 20/20 vision, and improved tear meniscus (Fig. C, D).



Early intervention with PROKERA® promotes regenerative healing and prevents haze

Severe Neurotrophic Keratopathy

✍ May need surgical repair

- ★ Lamellar keratoplasty
- ★ Penetrating keratoplasty
- ★ Sutured multilayer amniotic membrane transplantation
 - ☐ Used in defects as deep as 90% of the depth of the stroma
- ★ Cyanoacrylate glue with a soft bandage contact lens
 - ☐ Defects smaller than 2 mm

Ocular Findings Associated with Herpes Family

- ↳ Episcleritis
- ↳ Scleritis
- ↳ SPK
- ↳ Pseudodendritic keratitis
- ↳ Stromal keratitis
- ↳ Uveitis
- ↳ Iris atrophy
- ↳ Glaucoma
- ↳ Vitritis
- ↳ Retinitis
- ↳ Choroiditis
- ↳ Optic neuritis
- ↳ CN palsy



Acute Retinal Necrosis (ARN)

↳ A rare presentation of herpetic or other viral disease

- ★ Varicella zoster is most common cause
- ★ HSV 1-2, CMV, EBV infections

↳ Characterized by large areas of retinal whitening and necrosis that spreads centripetally with a high rate of accompanying detachment and vascular occlusion

↳ Historically, ARN was believed to affect healthy adults

- ★ Increasing evidence suggests that patients who develop ARN have underlying immune dysfunction

↳ Polymerase chain reaction-based (PCR) analysis of the intraocular fluid is valuable in diagnosis of infectious retinitis

- ★ Aqueous or vitreal fluid
- ★ Small sample volume from the anterior chamber is usually sufficient to detect copies of VZV, HSV, CMV, or Toxoplasmosis gondii DNA in patients with infectious retinitis
- ★ Results within 1 week

Acute Retinal Necrosis (ARN)

👁️ HIV uninfected patients

- ★ VZV greater than 50%
- ★ HSV-1 and HSV-2
- ★ CMV, less common

👁️ Patient with HIV

- ★ VZV 33%
- ★ CMV then HSV-1/HSV-2



PORN

Progressive Outer Retina Necrosis (PORN)

- ★ Starting in posterior pole then outer retina
 - ▢ ARN emphasis is peripheral retina
- ★ Severely immunosuppressed patient
- ★ HIV positive patient
- ★ Minimal vitreous involvement despite extensive retina involvement

It is documented herpetic retinitis can affect any part of the retina

- ★ Regardless of immune status



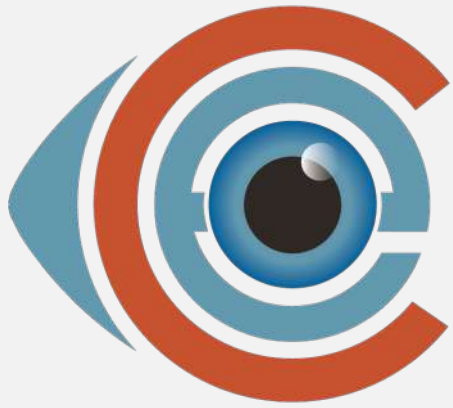
Treatment

- 👁️ Oral valacyclovir at 2 g TID can achieve systemic levels similar to intravenous acyclovir
- 👁️ Intravenous acyclovir 10-15mg/kg TID for 5-10 days followed by oral regimen for 6-12 weeks
- 👁️ Intra-vitreal injection of foscarnet or ganciclovir can be considered
- 👁️ Laser photocoagulation is controversial
- 👁️ Management of the retina detachment is both tractional and rhegmatogenous
 - ★ Vitreous condensation and inflammation
 - ★ PVR occurs in up to 75% of patients with ARN

Differential Diagnosis

☞ Necrotizing retinitis is typically from Herpes Family of viruses but keep in mind:

- ★ Syphilitic retinitis
- ★ Toxoplasmic retinochoroiditis
- ★ Primary vitreo-retinal lymphoma
- ★ Sarcoidosis
- ★ Tuberculosis
- ★ Toxocariasis
- ★ Fungal or bacterial retinitis/endophthalmitis
- ★ Behçet's disease



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