

A road roller is shown paving a road. The roller is positioned in the upper right, and a fresh layer of asphalt is being laid. A prominent yellow double line runs down the center of the road, flanked by white dashed lines. The background is a light, textured surface.

# **Diabetic Retinal Disasters: A Roadmap to Prevention**

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# Expected Learning Objectives

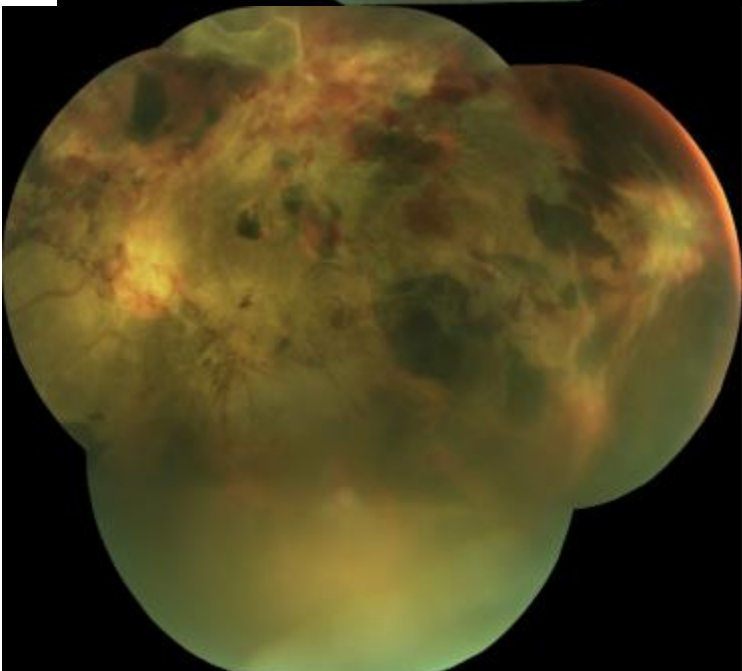
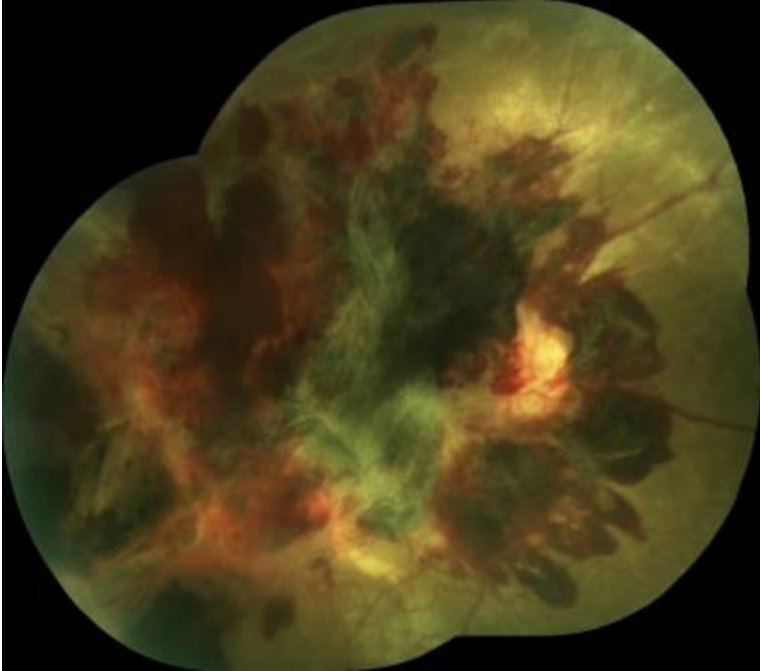
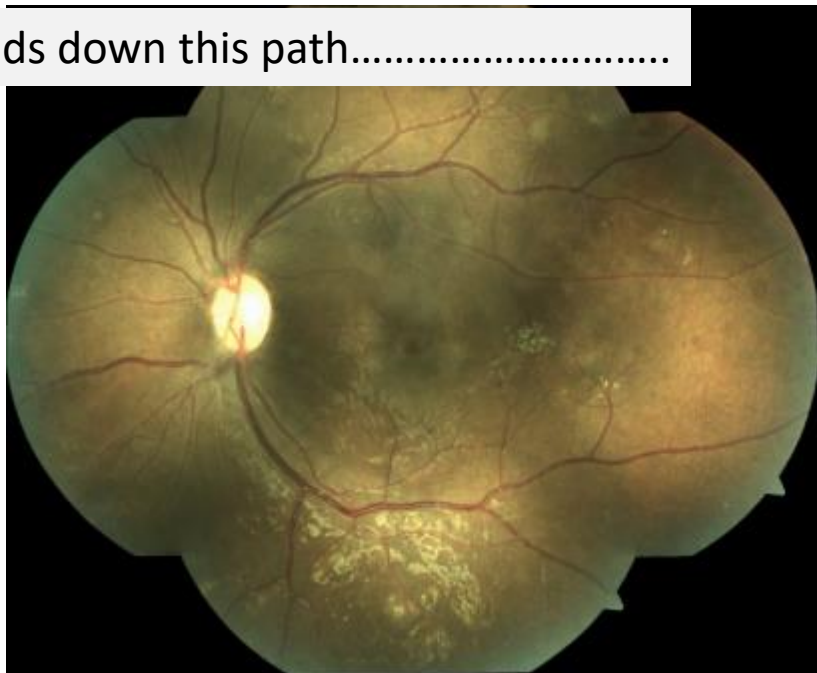
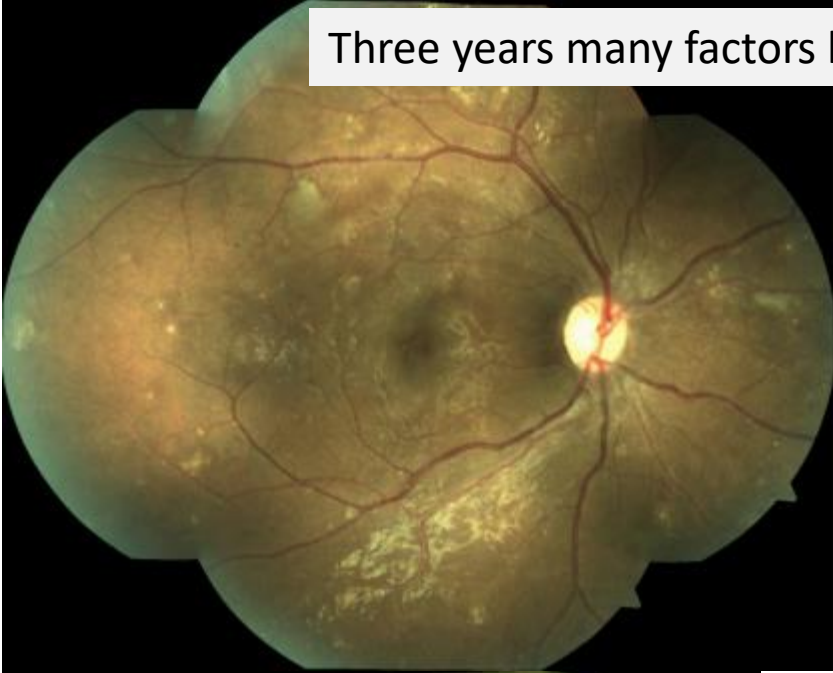
## At the end of the session, attendees should be able to:

1. To review demography and pathophysiology of diabetes and diabetic retinopathy
2. To review classification of diabetic retinopathy
3. To discuss appropriate follow-up intervals and indications for medical and/or surgical intervention for diabetic retinopathy
4. To review the common pitfalls preventing appropriate eye care in patient populations
5. To provide guidelines for proper patient education and communication with patients as well as other healthcare providers to improve overall disease outcomes
6. To exhibit case examples of very advance cases to demonstrate the catastrophic nature of neglected diabetic retinopathy as compared to successfully followed and managed patients



Preventable Diabetic Disasters

Three years many factors leads down this path.....





# The most common causes of death in the United States

**(August 2011)**—CDC Data indicates that the deaths from CLRD has surpassed CVA as 3rd leading cause of the death in the US. CLRD= asthma, chronic bronchitis, **emphysema**, others

1980

2000

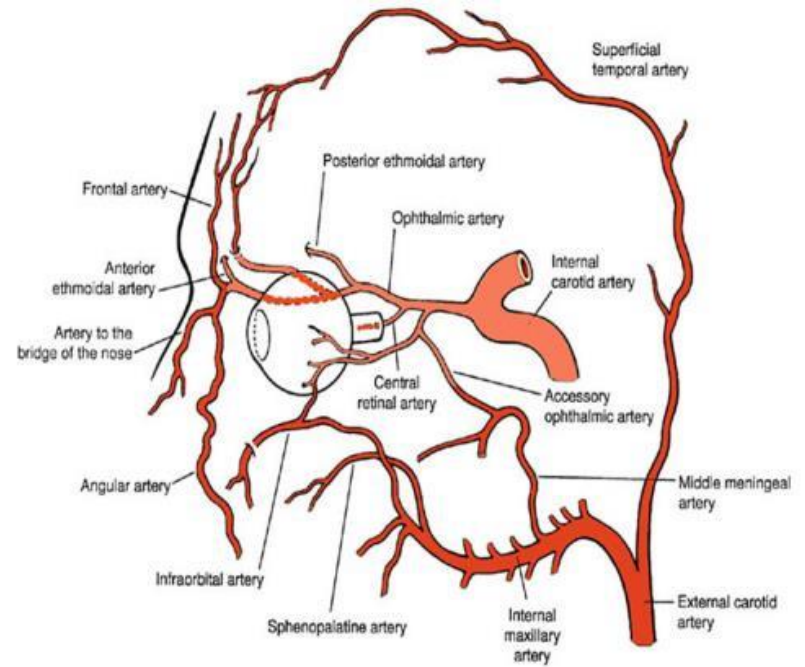
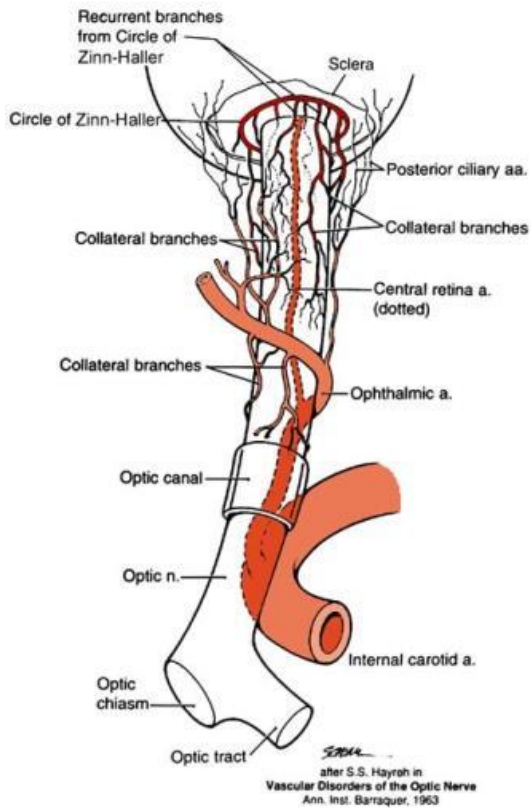
	<b>All causes</b>	<b>1,989,841</b>	<b>All causes</b>	<b>2,403,351</b>
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1	→	Diseases of heart	761,085	→	Diseases of heart	710,760
2		Malignant neoplasms [Cancer of All Types]	416,509		Malignant neoplasms [Cancer of All Types]	553,091
3	→	Cerebrovascular diseases	170,225	→	Cerebrovascular diseases	167,661
4		Unintentional injuries	105,718	★	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (CLRD)	122,009
5	★	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	56,050		Unintentional injuries	97,900
6		Pneumonia and influenza	54,619	→	Diabetes mellitus	69,301
7	→	Diabetes mellitus	34,851		Influenza and pneumonia	65,313



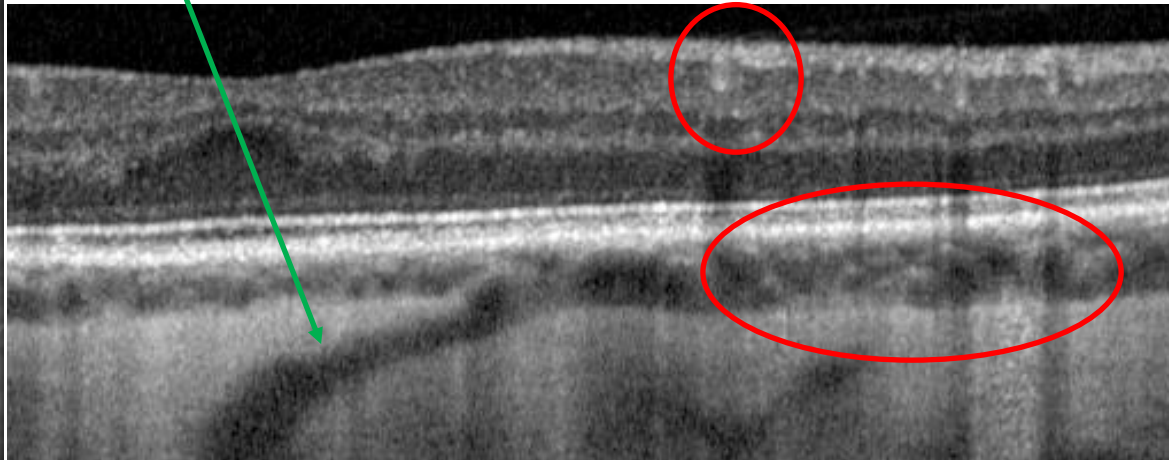
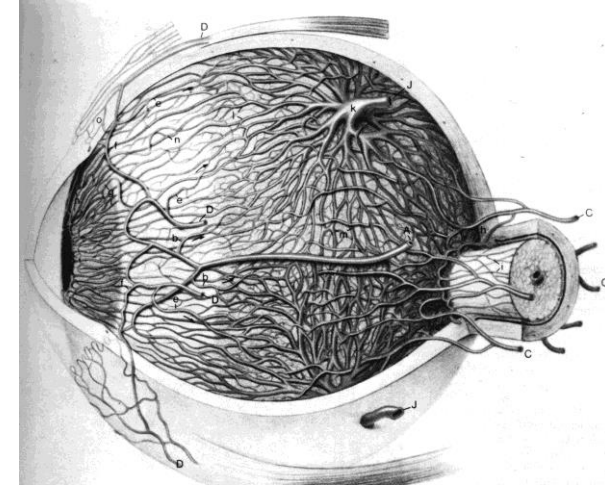
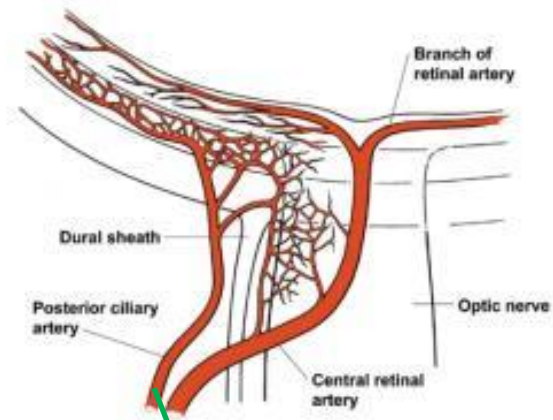
Am Lung Assoc. 2009, 21% US Adults smoke





# Vascular anatomy

# Vascular anatomy





# Mechanism of Retinal Vascular Disorders

- Conditions that physically alter blood vessels (Retina a/o choroid)
  - Locally or systemically
  - Arteriosclerosis
  - Atherosclerosis
- Conditions that effect hemodynamics
  - Systemic hypertension
- Conditions that alter blood chemistry
- Conditions that do some or all of the above

# Diabetes

- A group of metabolic diseases associated with high serum glucose level, either due to the body's inability to produce sufficient insulin, or cells do not respond to the produced insulin
- Incidence/Epidemiology ([www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org))
  - In 2015 1.5 million new cases among  $\geq 18$ . 1 in 4 adult have diabetes (>7 mil unaware)
- Type 2: primarily lifestyle factors
- Type 1: Multifactorial



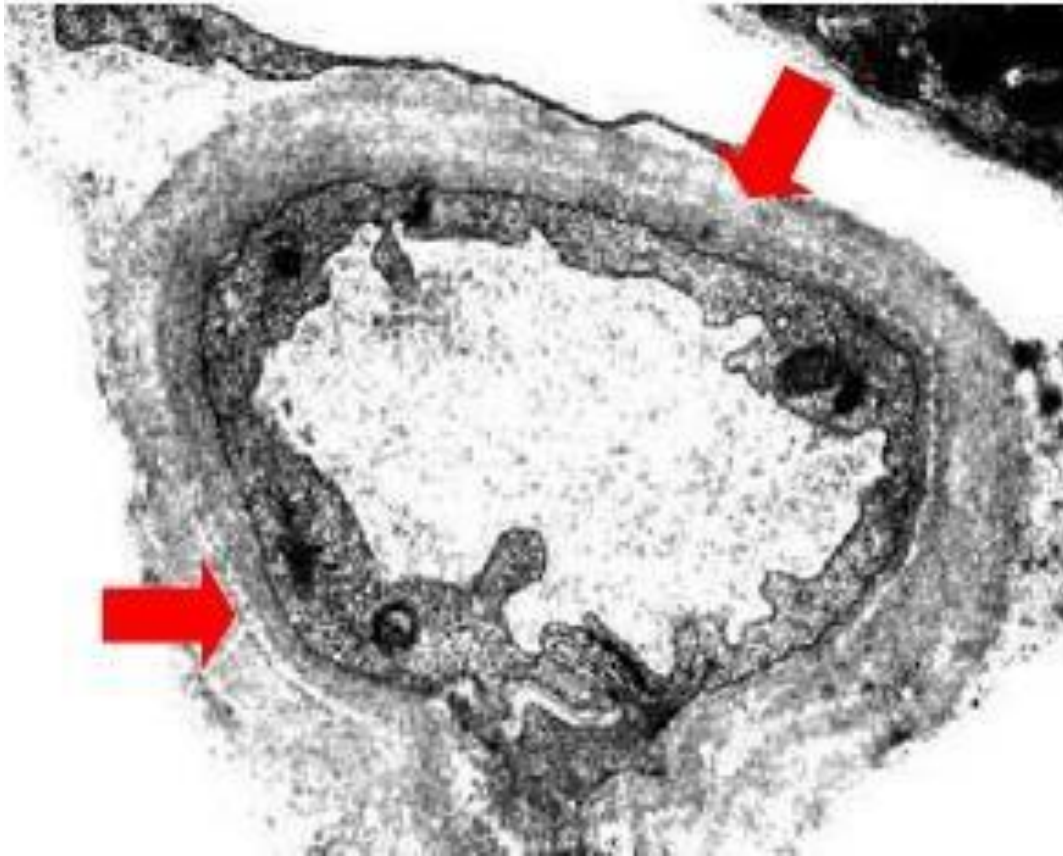
# Diabetes

## Morbidity and Mortality

- Major cause of death

## Complications

- Nephropathy, Neuropathy, Retinopathy
- Heart disease and stroke
- Hypertension
  - In 2003–2004, 75% of adults with also had hypertension
- Amputation
  - More than 60% of non-traumatic lower limb amputations



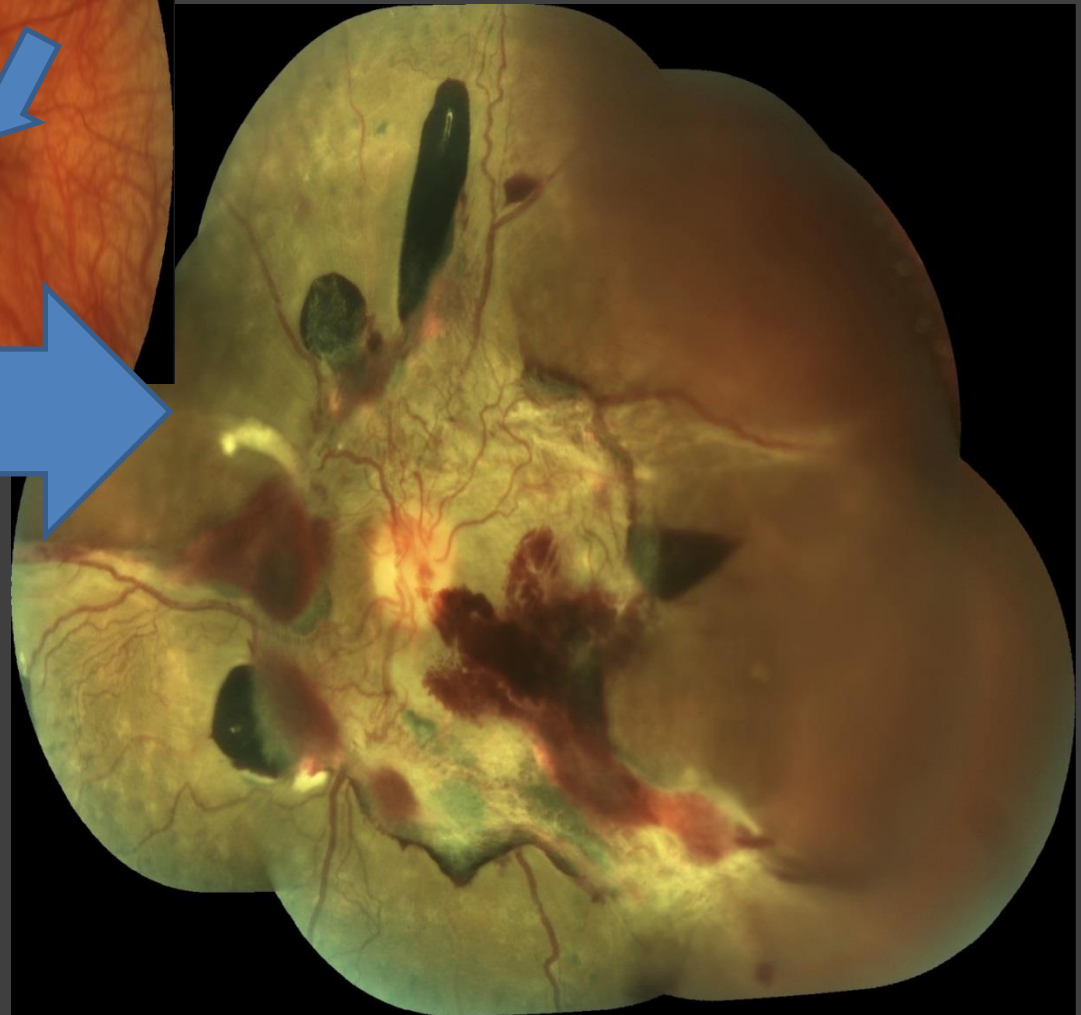
# Diabetes

- Diabetic Microangiopathy
  - Glycosylation
  - BM damage leak
  - Advance Glycation end Products “AGE” deposition
- Hyperglycemia
  - Abnormal blood viscosity (hemodynamic changes)

# Diabetic Retinopathy

- Most Common Vascular Retinopathy
- Diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of adult-onset blindness
- Research
  - [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov) (more than 900 studies listed)
  - [DRCR.net](https://drcr.net) (Diabetic Retinopathy Clinical Research Network)

Diabetic  
Disasters:  
Roadmap to  
Prevention



# Diabetic Retinopathy



How to detect



When and how to manage



Who to Refer



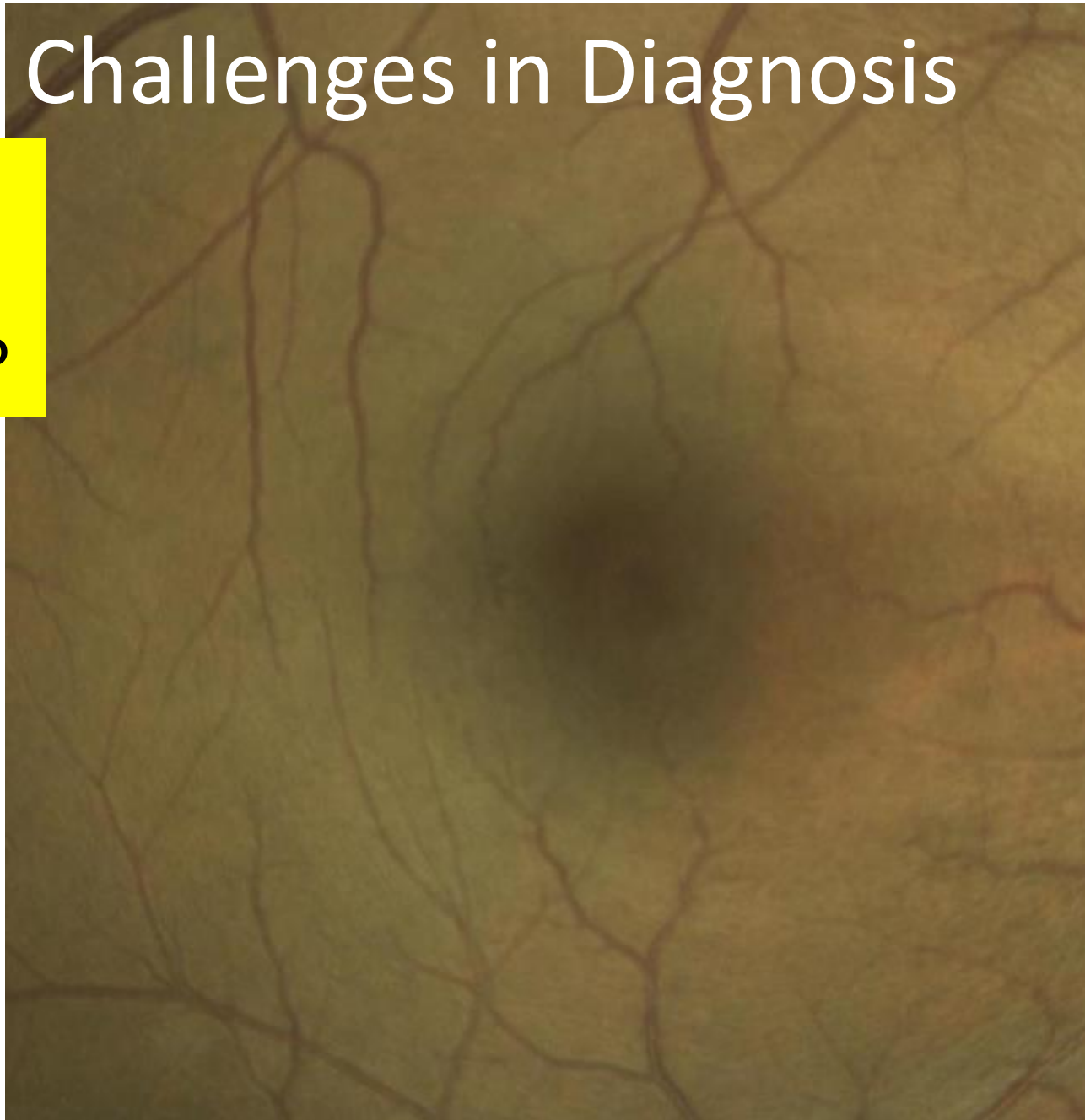
How to Co-Manage





# Challenges in Diagnosis

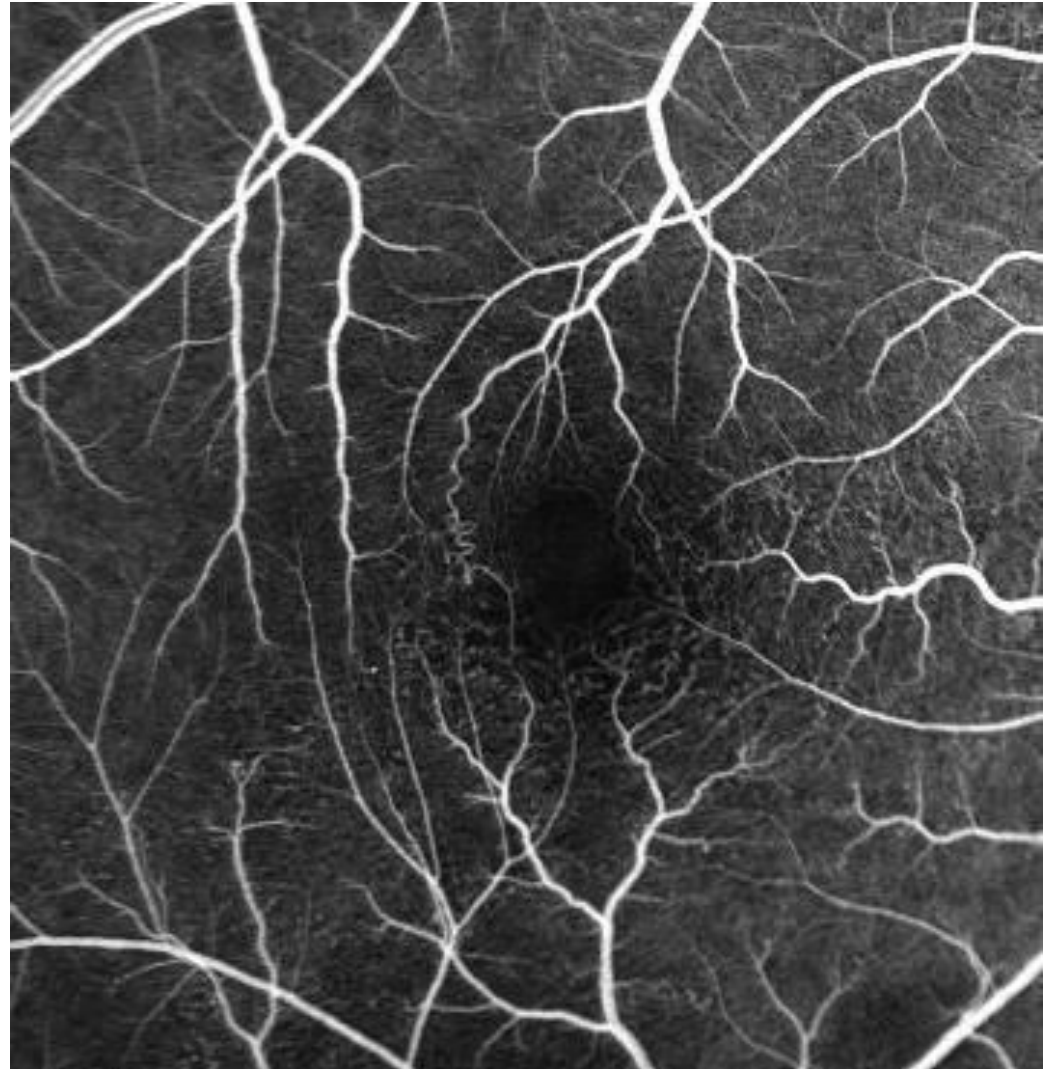
Is this a  
normal  
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## Pitfall:

What may  
look  
normal or  
nearly  
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may not  
be normal!





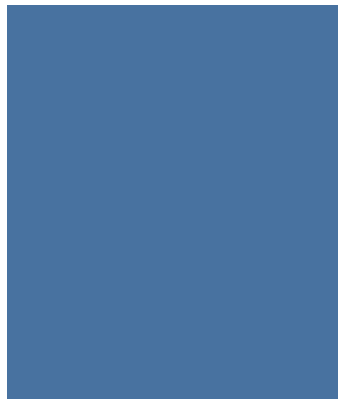
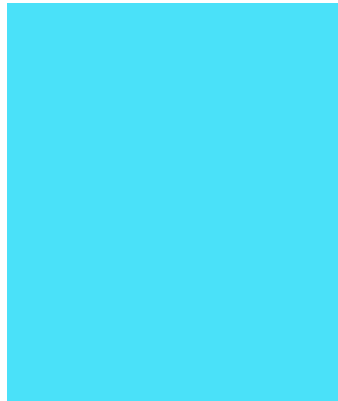
# Patient in her late 30s diabetic, Sent for Diabetic Eye Examination

20/20 OU all testing  
“normal”

Fundus exam as below



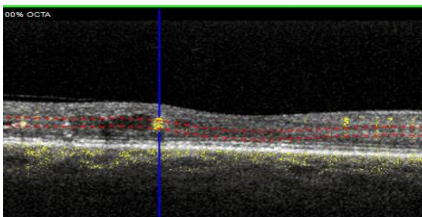
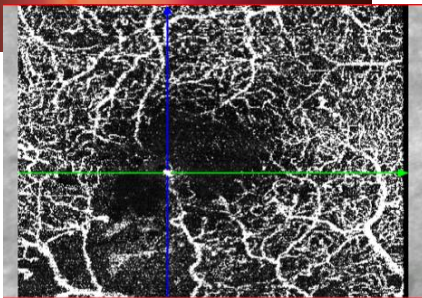
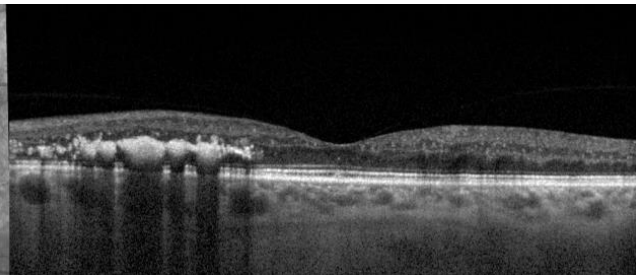
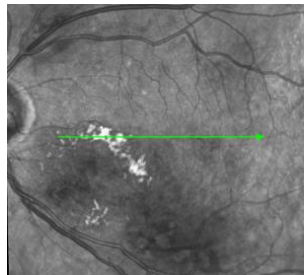
# Early Detection



- Visual Acuity
- A1c, Blood Sugar
- Concomitant disease



# Detection



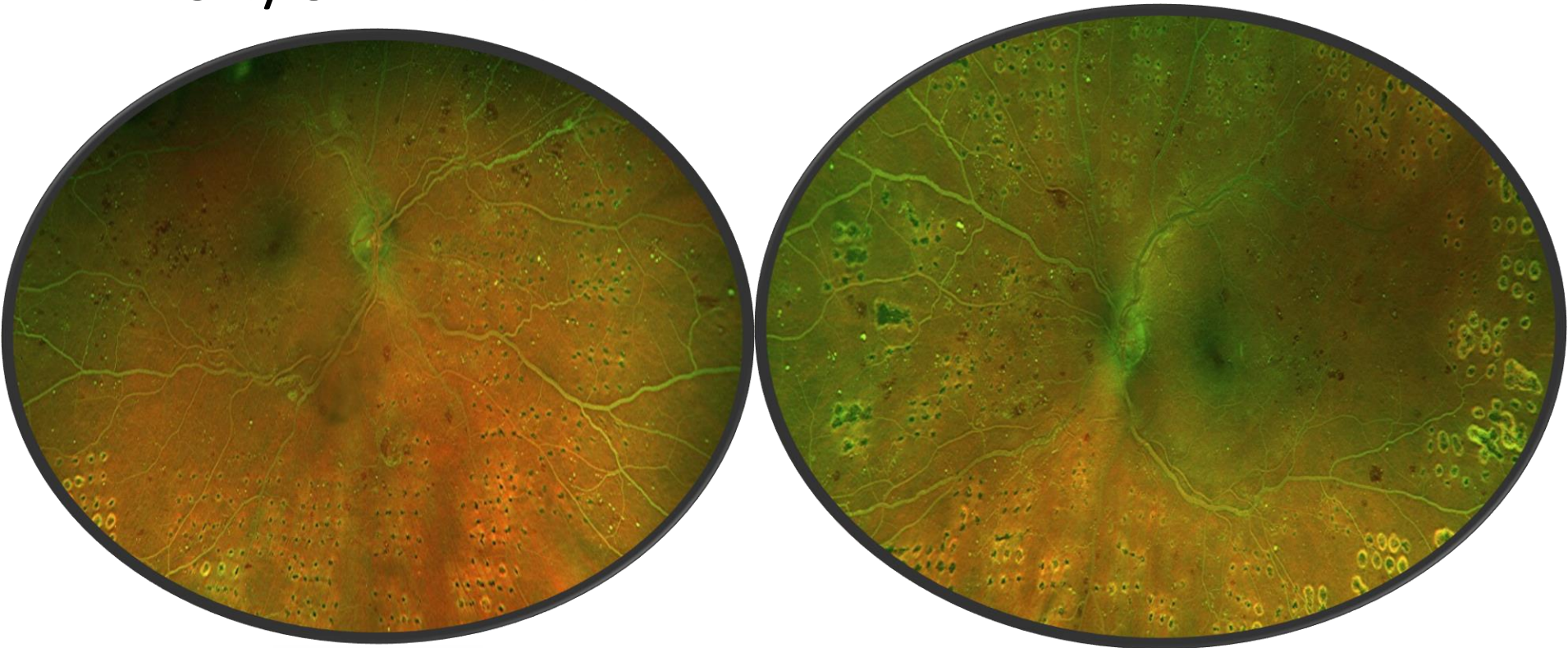
# Pertinent Information for Management

- Type
- Duration
- Control (Daily and Overall)
- Smoker (Y or N)
- Any other medical Dx (HTN, Sleep Apnea, Obesity)
- Any (other) associated complications (Renal Failure)
- Pregnant or plan to be



# Hypertriglyceridemia

45 Y/O WM DM +



PDR + lipemia retinalis

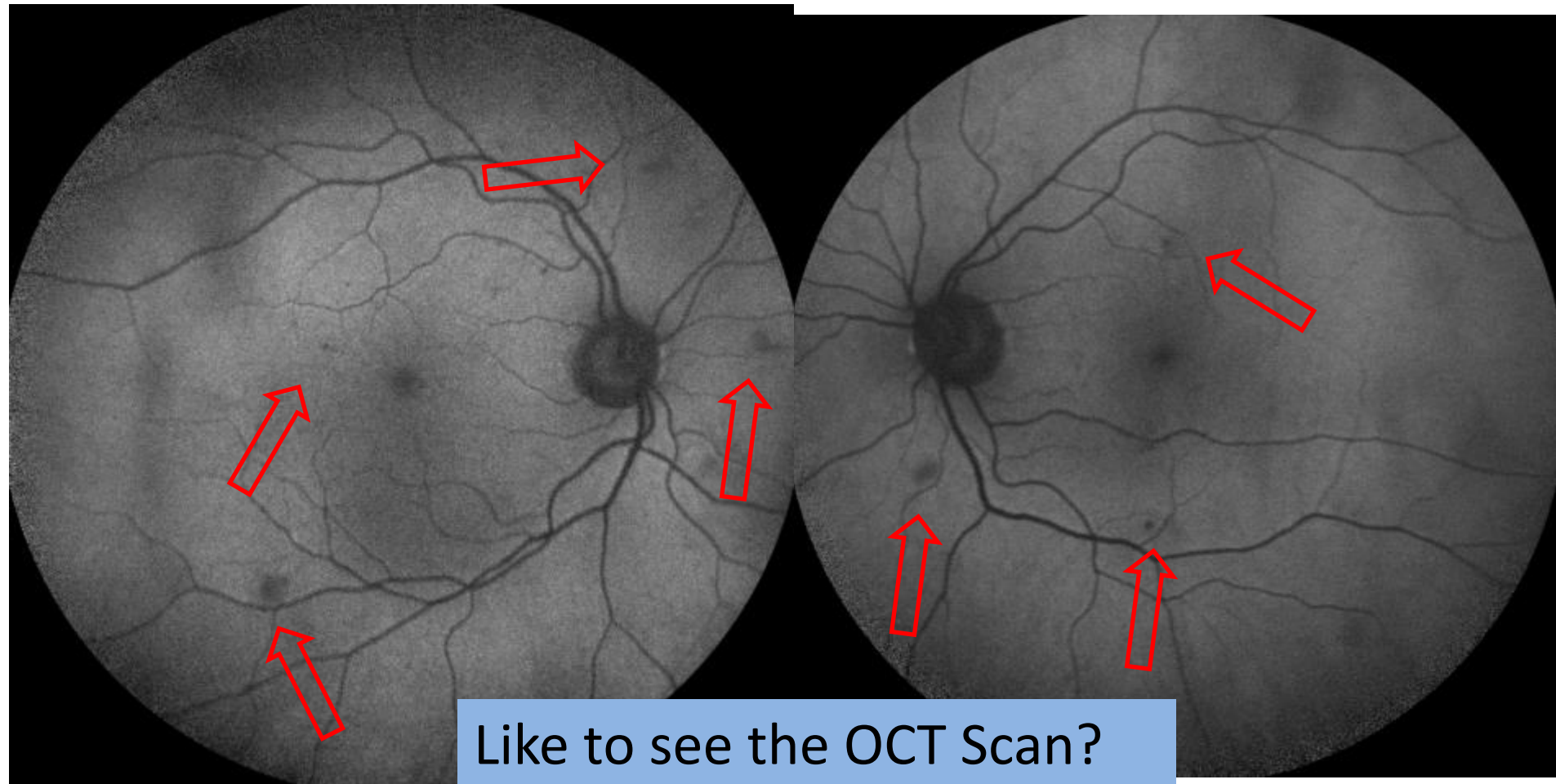
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Based on these pictures, how would you manage?





# 55° FAF

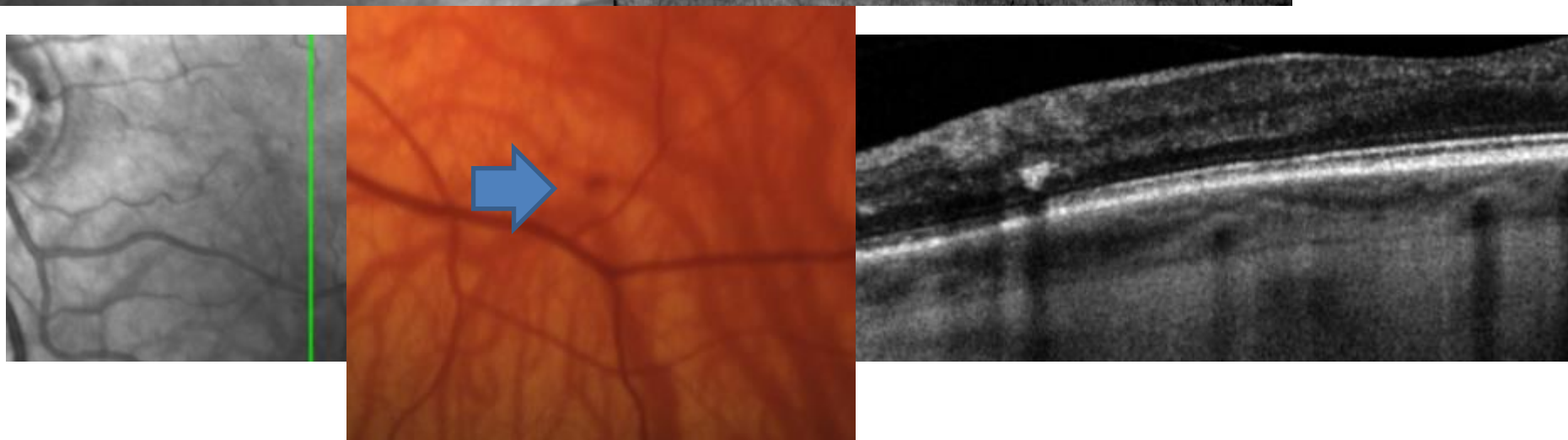


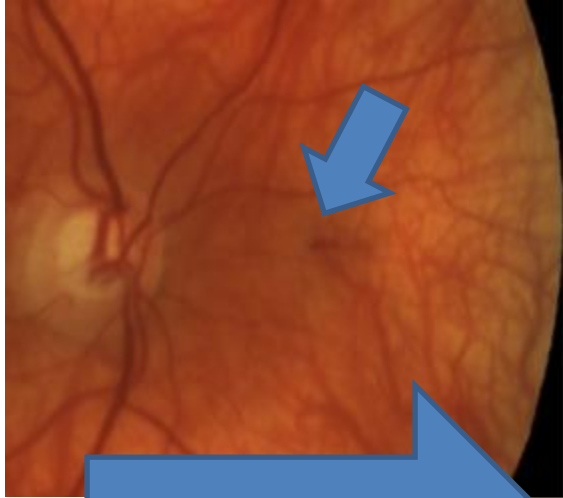
Like to see the OCT Scan?



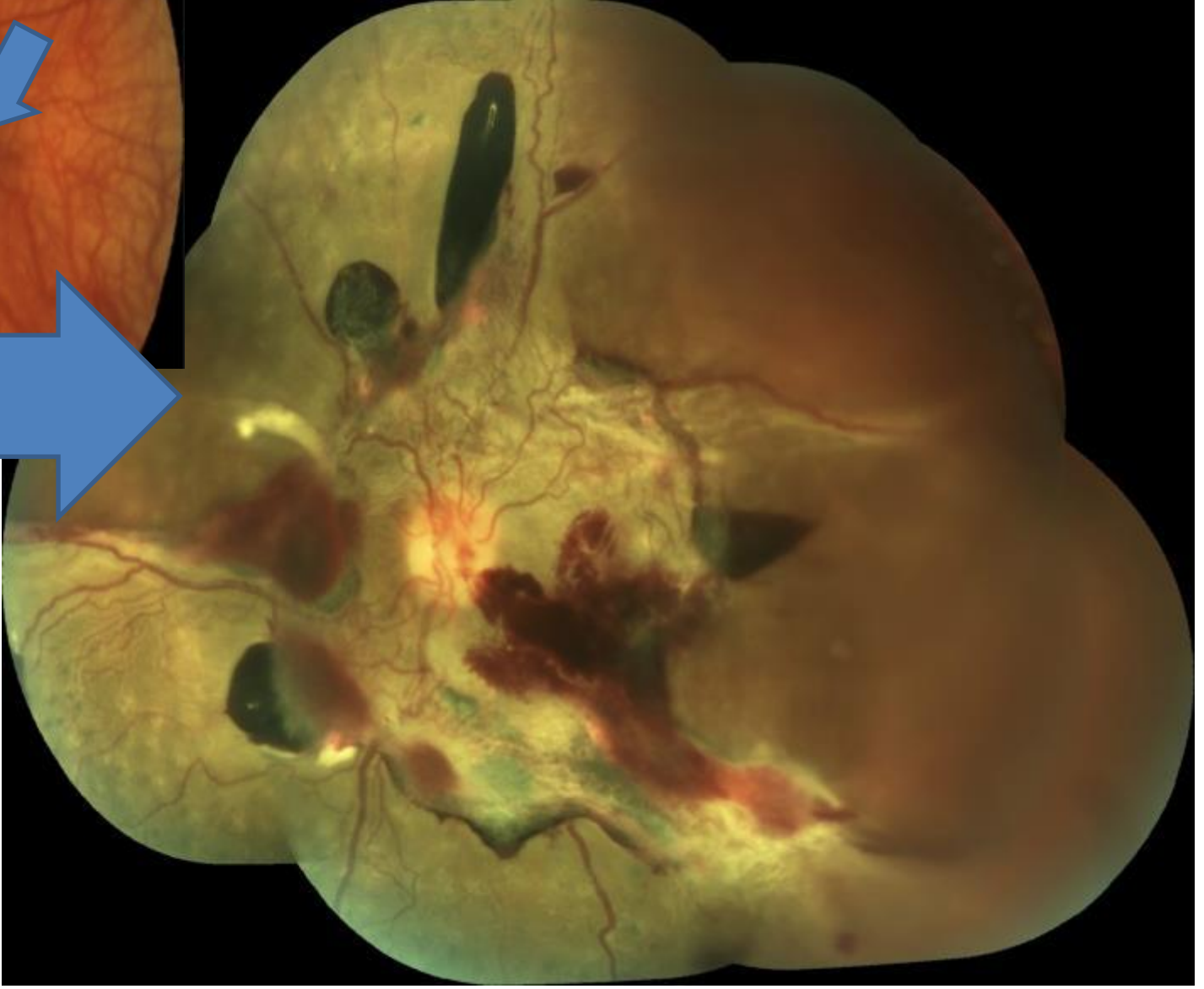
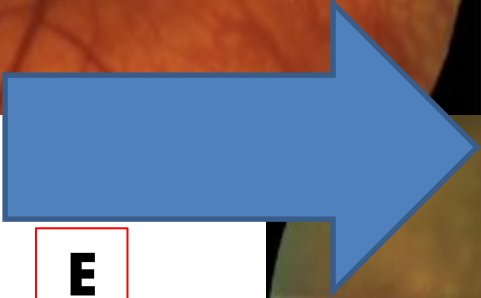
Does this change your plans for this patient?

Effect of previously mentioned pertinent info on management





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# How to Manage



- Properly assess the condition
  - Classification
- Consider all the associated factors discussed
- **PATIENT EDUCATION**
- Follow-up under the standards of care
- Know who and when to refer

36 Y/O F

20/40

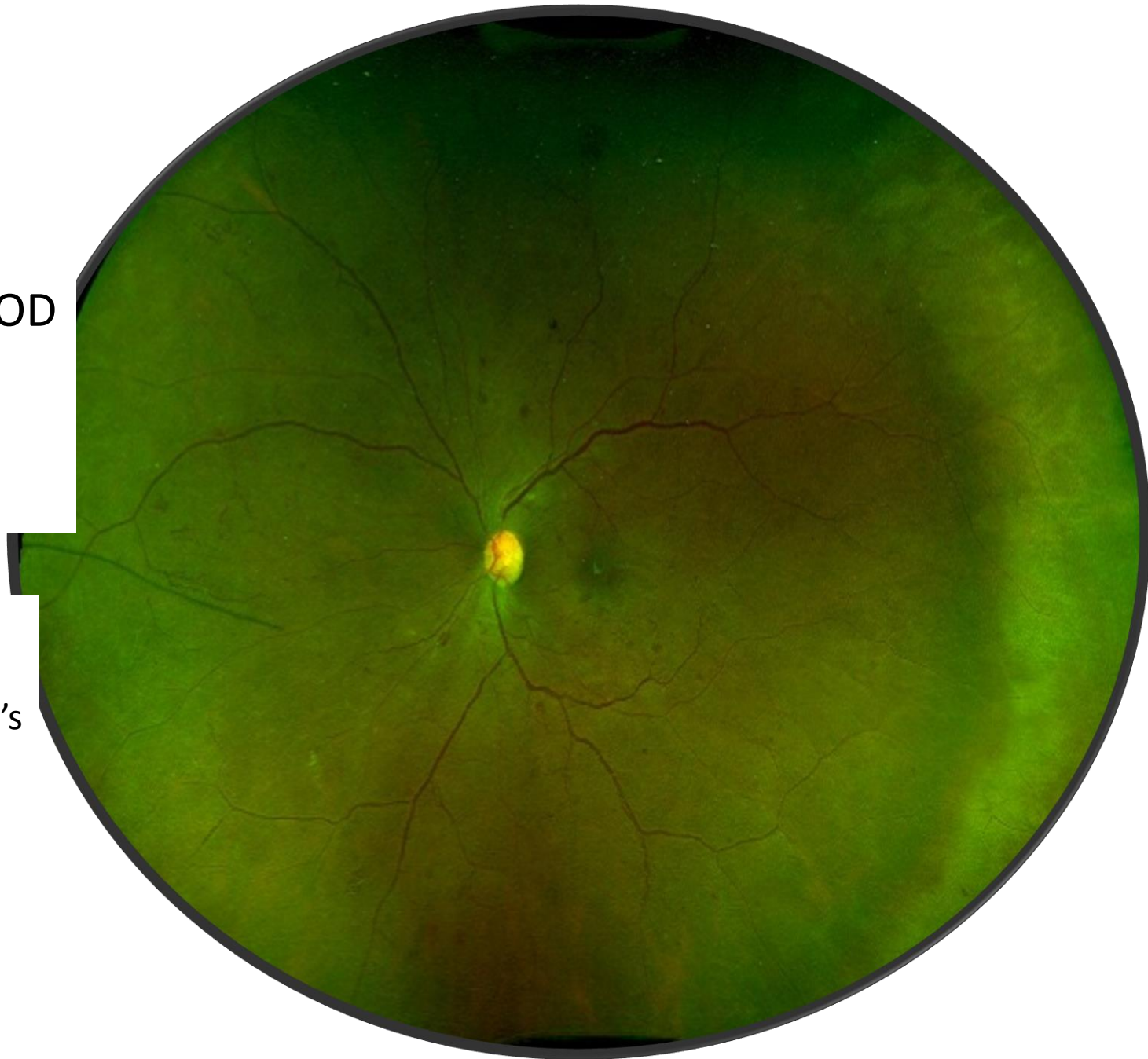
1+ NS

2-3 Cortical

Symptomatic OD

DM 10+yrs

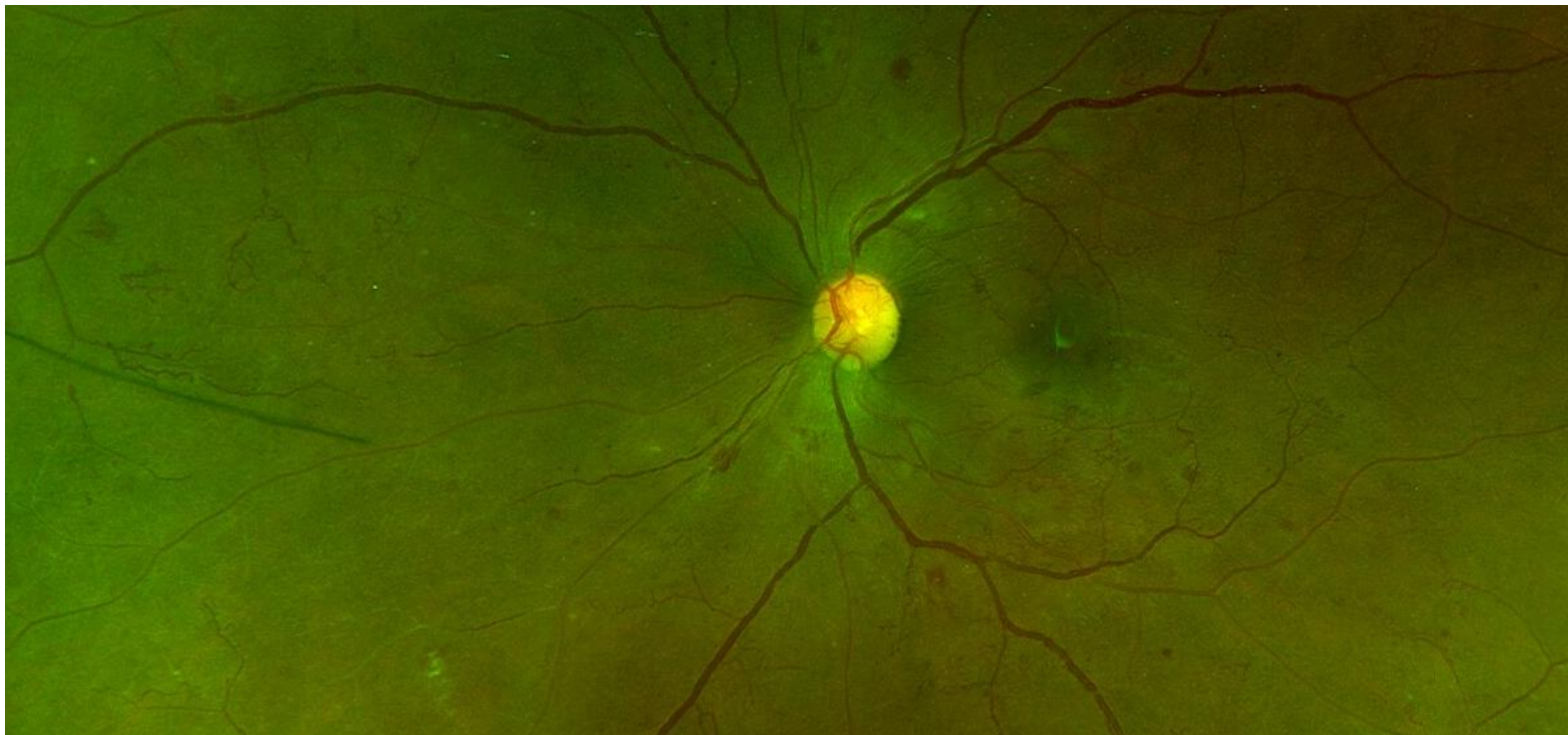
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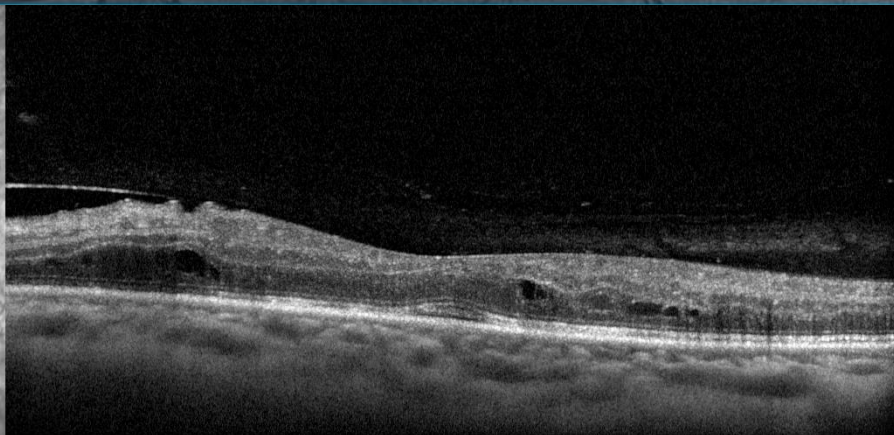
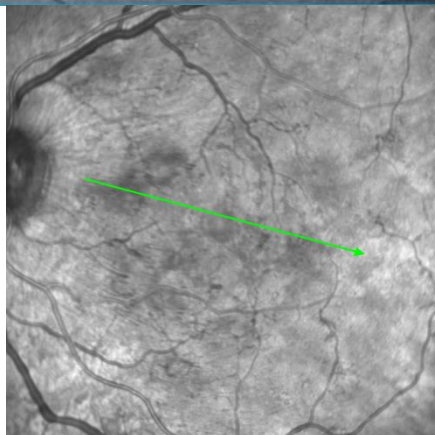
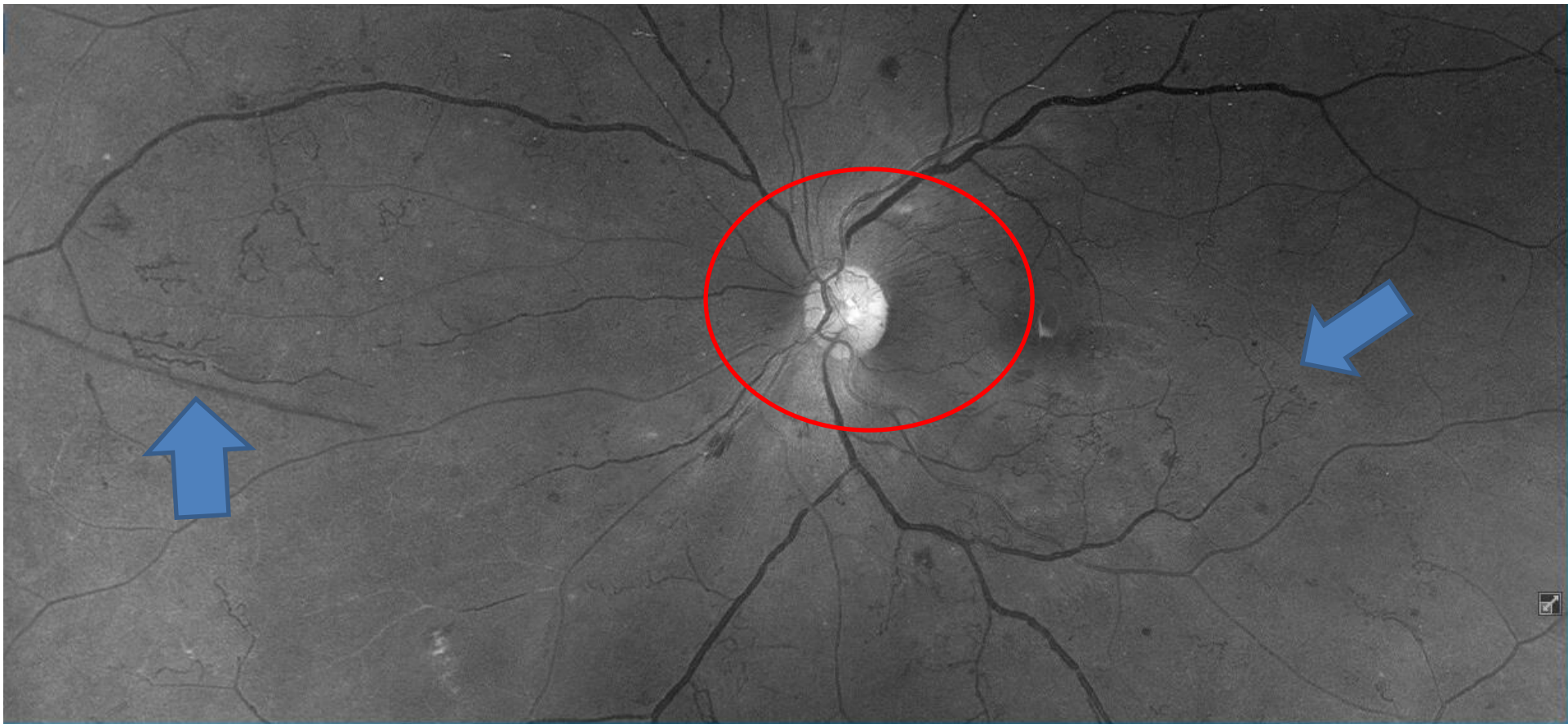


What is patient's  
assessment of OS?

What is the doctor's  
Assessment?

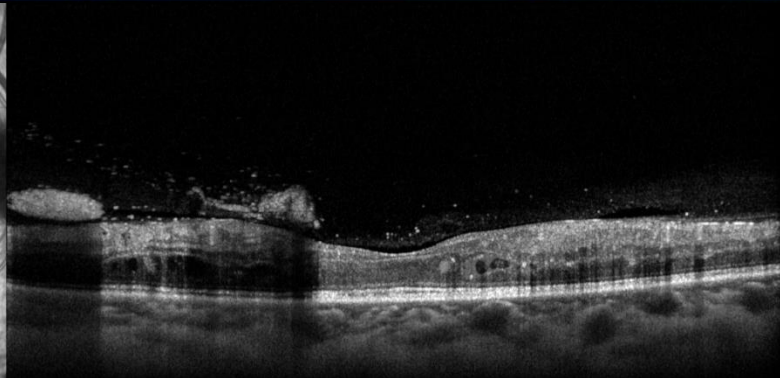
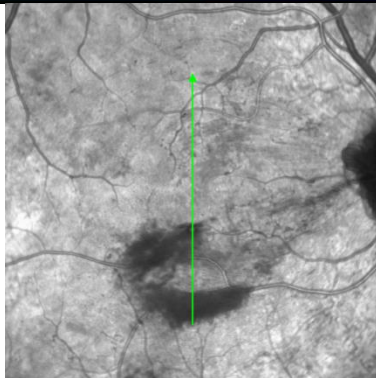
How would this be  
followed?





20/100

# Patient Education Timely DX and Management



# Stages

## Diabetic Retinopathy: A Position Statement by the American Diabetes Association

Sharon D. Solomon,<sup>1</sup> Emily Chew,<sup>2</sup>  
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[www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)

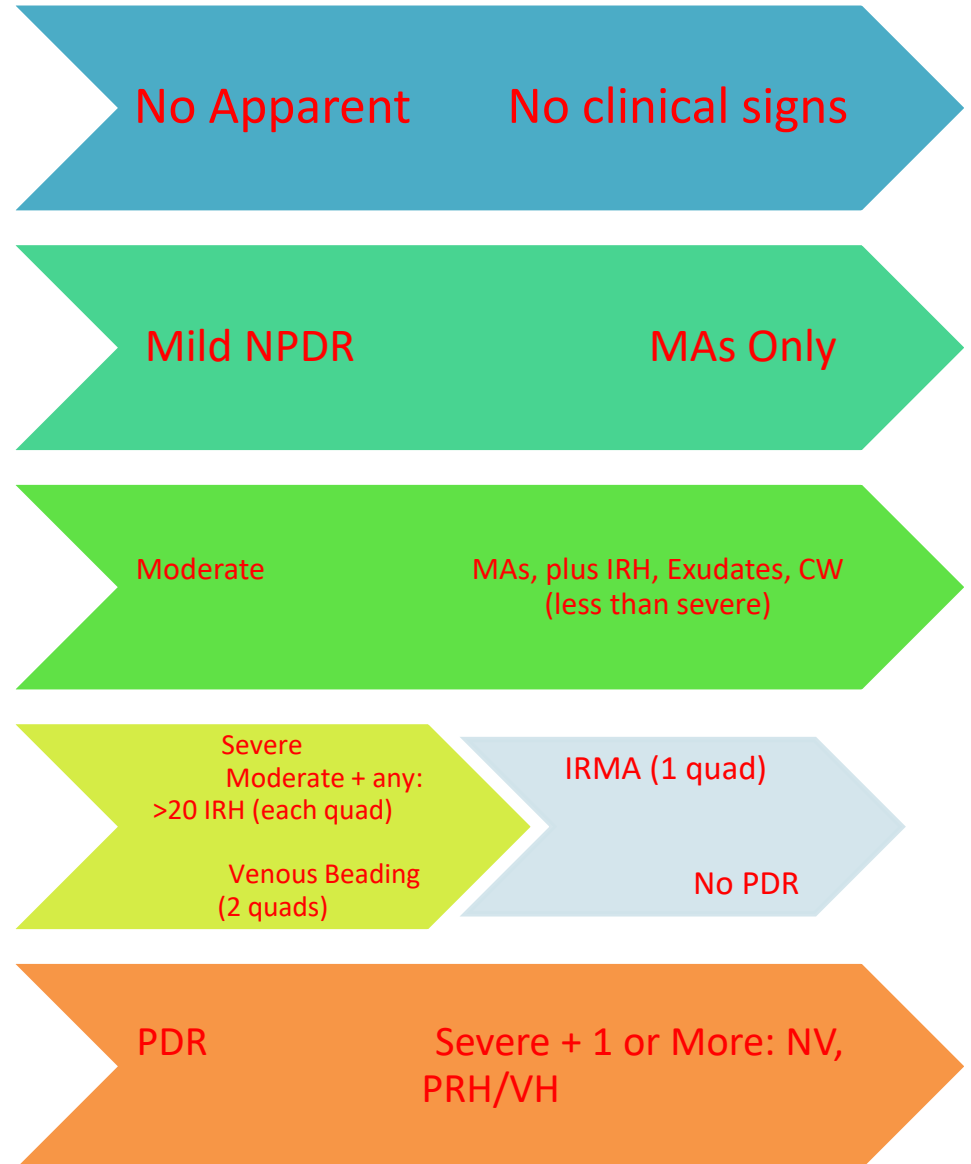
**Table 1—Diabetic retinopathy stages\***

<b>Diabetic retinopathy stage</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Mild NPDR</b>	<b>Small areas of balloon-like swelling in the retina’s tiny blood vessels, called microaneurysms, occur at this earliest stage of the disease. These microaneurysms may leak fluid into the retina.</b>
<b>Moderate NPDR</b>	<b>As the disease progresses, blood vessels that nourish the retina may swell and distort. They may also lose their ability to transport blood. Both conditions cause characteristic changes to the appearance of the retina and may contribute to DME.</b>
<b>Severe NPDR</b>	<b>Many more blood vessels are blocked, depriving blood supply to areas of the retina. These areas secrete growth factors that signal the retina to grow new blood vessels.</b>
<b>PDR</b>	<b>At this advanced stage, growth factors secreted by the retina trigger the proliferation of new blood vessels, which grow along the inside surface of the retina and into the vitreous gel, the fluid that fills the eye. The new blood vessels are fragile, which makes them more likely to leak and bleed. Accompanying scar tissue can contract and cause retinal detachment—the pulling away of the retina from underlying tissue, like wallpaper peeling away from a wall. Retinal detachment can lead to permanent vision loss.</b>

\*Adapted from <https://nei.nih.gov/health/diabetic/retinopathy>.

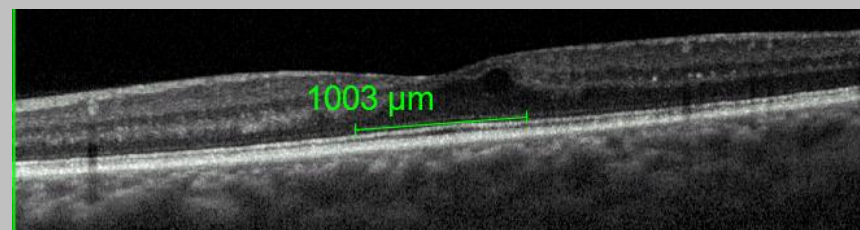
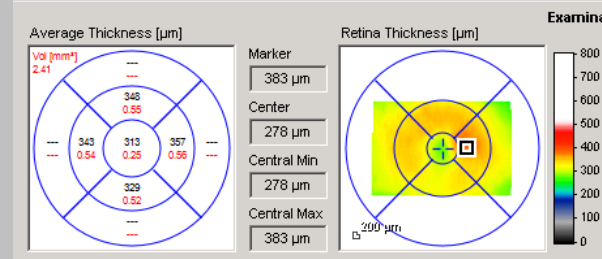
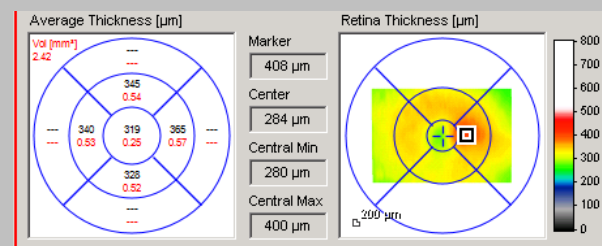


# International Classification of DR (ICO)

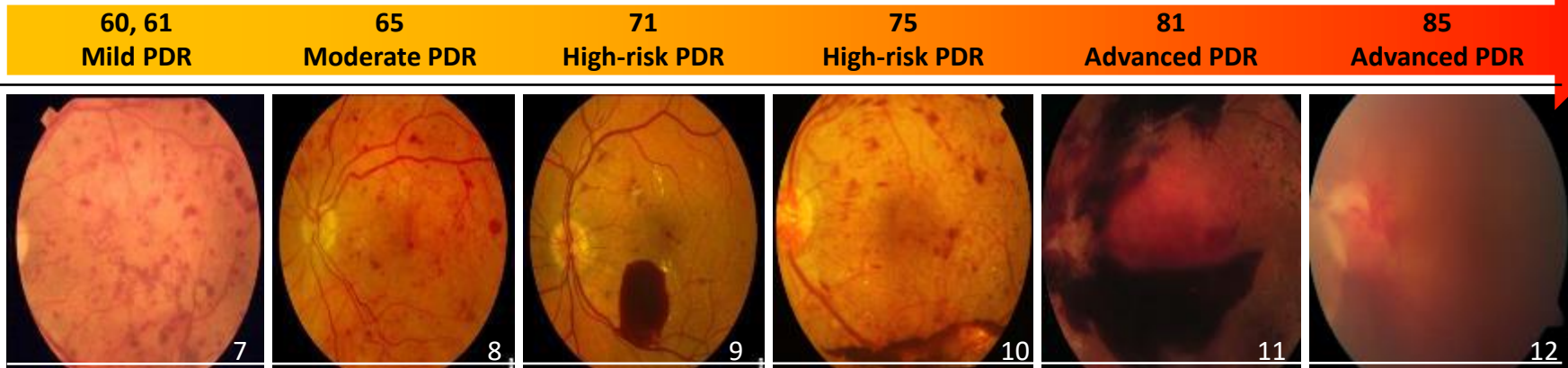
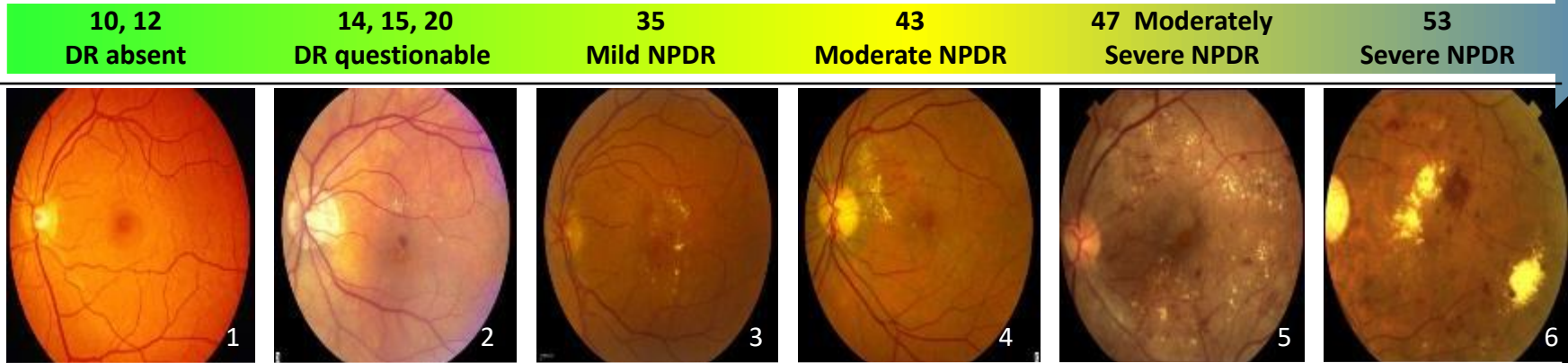


# International Classification of DME

- OCT: most sensitive test
- No DME: No Thickening, or Exudates in the Macula
- Non-Center involving DME: Thickening outside of 1mm of fovea
- Center involving DME: Thickening within the 1 mm diameter



# ETDRS Diabetic Retinopathy Severity Scale



- DR, diabetic retinopathy; ETDRS, Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study; NPDR, non-proliferative DR; PDR, proliferative DR.
- 1. ETDRS. *Ophthalmology*. 1991;98:823-833. 2. Ip MS, et al. *Arch Ophthalmol*. 2012;130:1145-1152.

# MAAs

Leakage

IRH

Ischemia

Exudates

Cotton-wool spots , venous loops,  
beading , IRMA

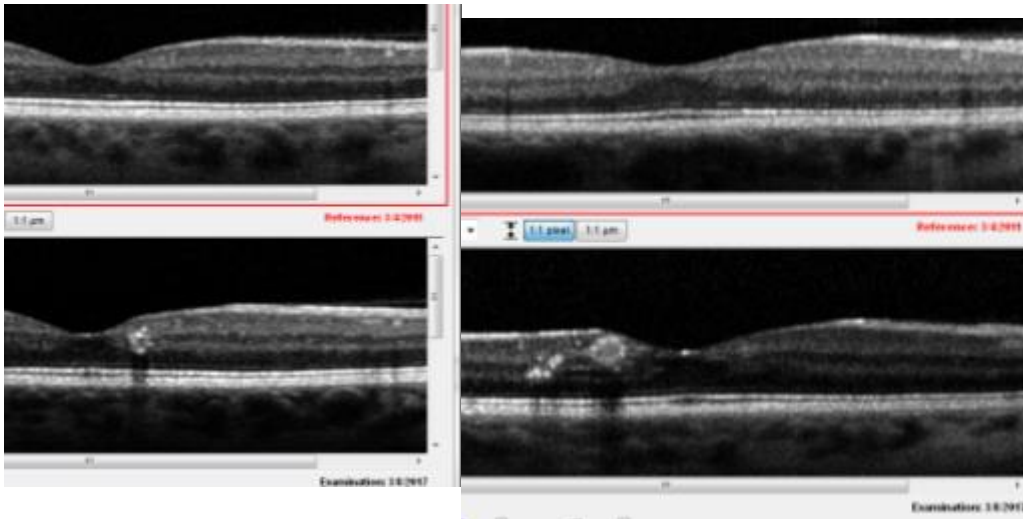
**Vision Loss**

Neovascularization

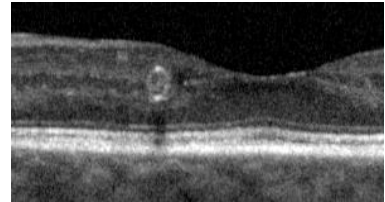
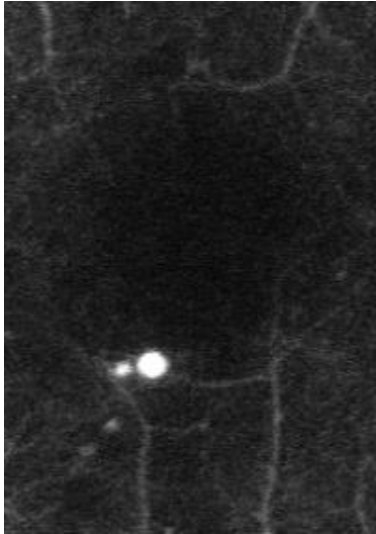
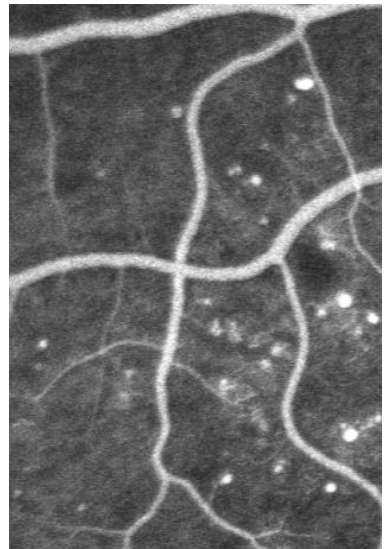
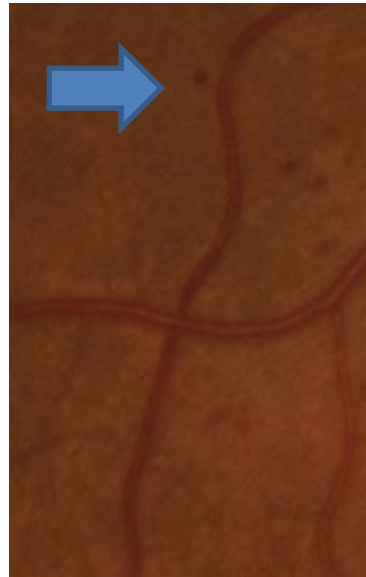
Vitreous Hemorrhage

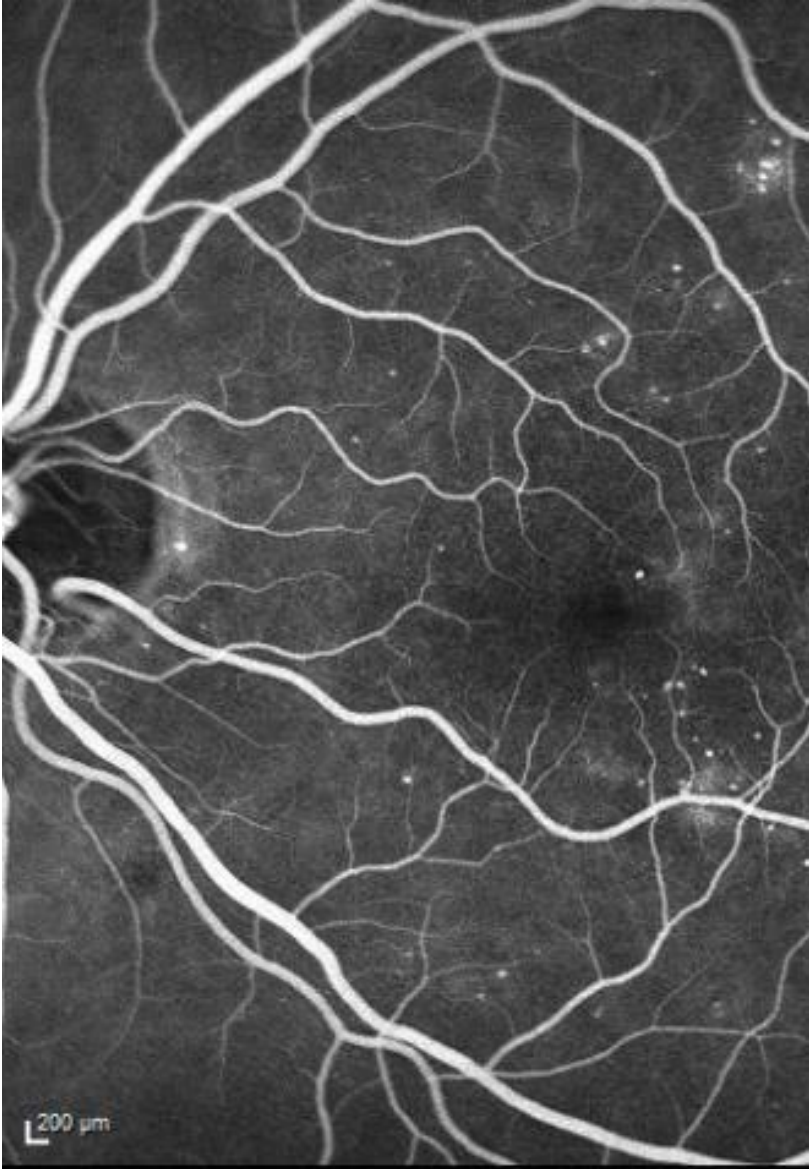
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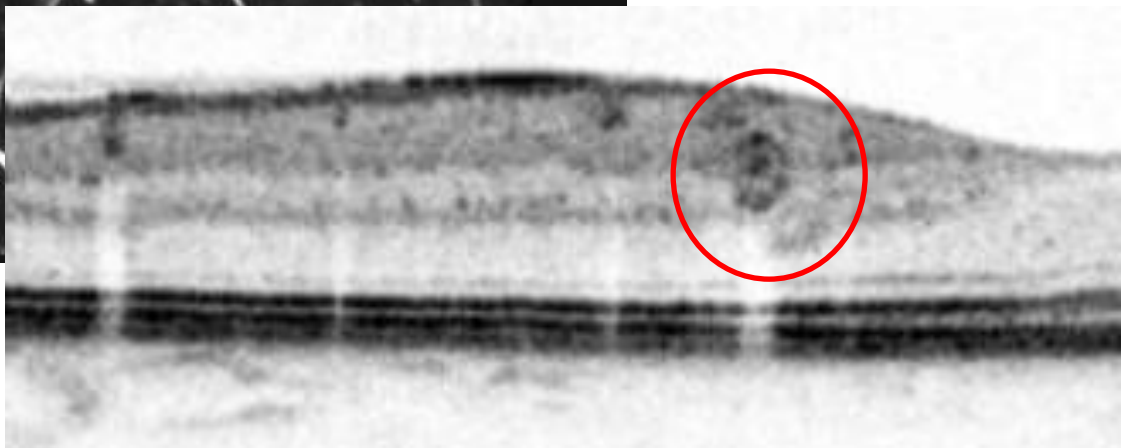
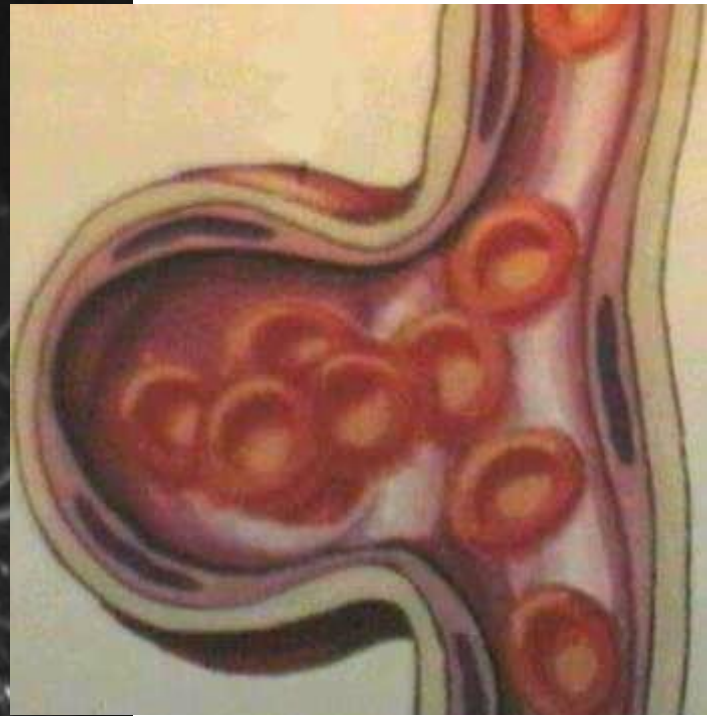
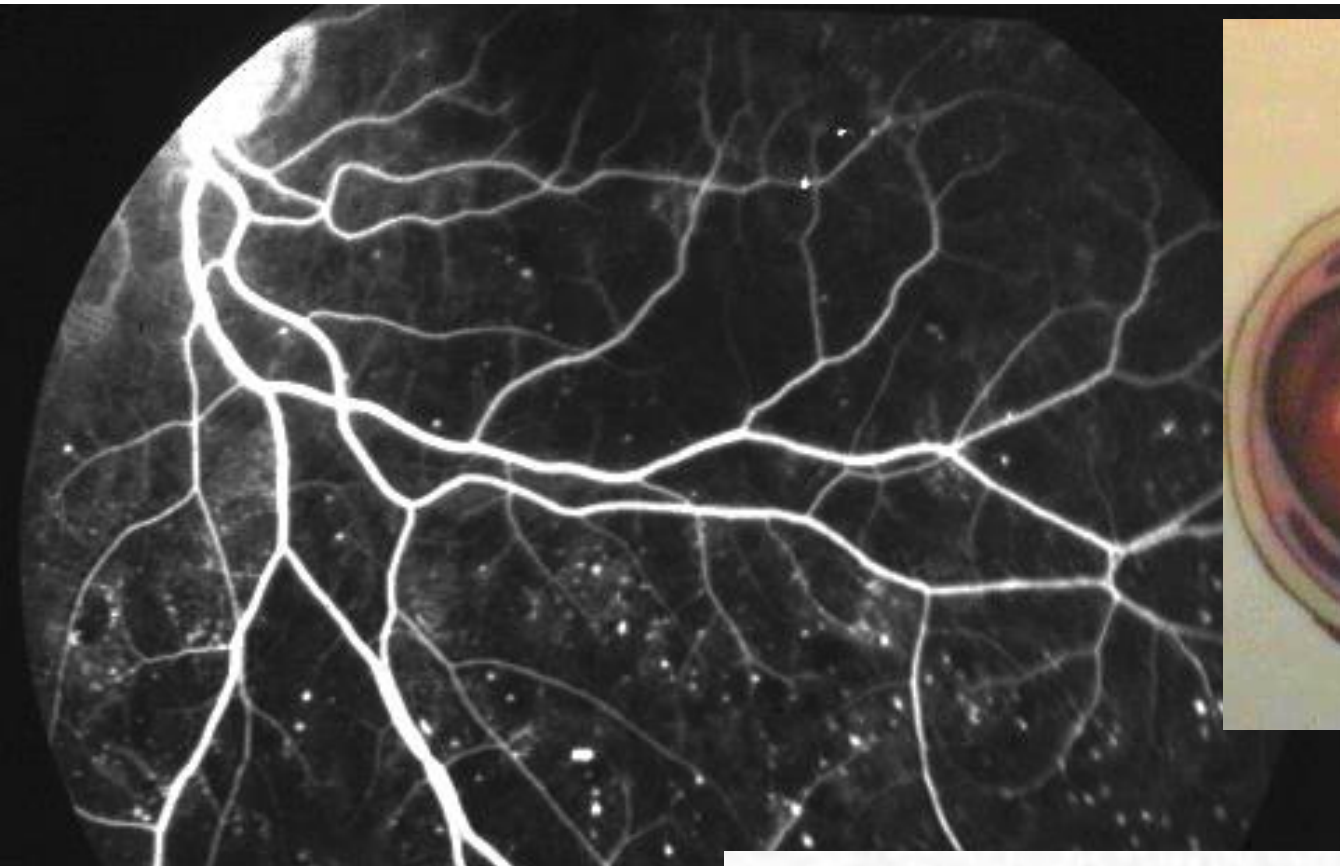
Neovascular Glaucoma



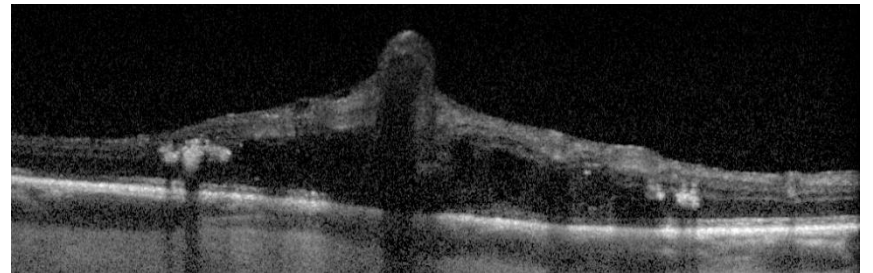
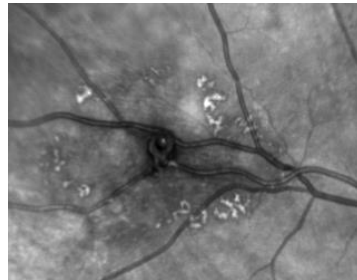
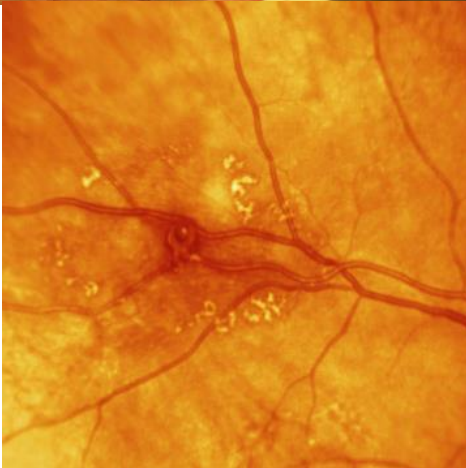
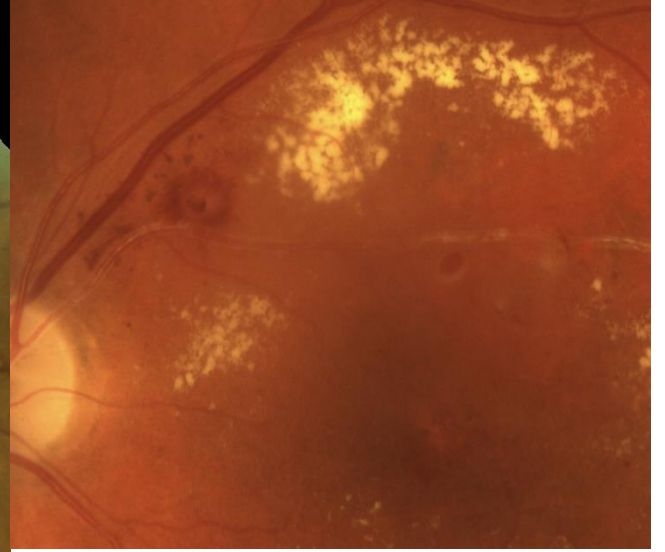
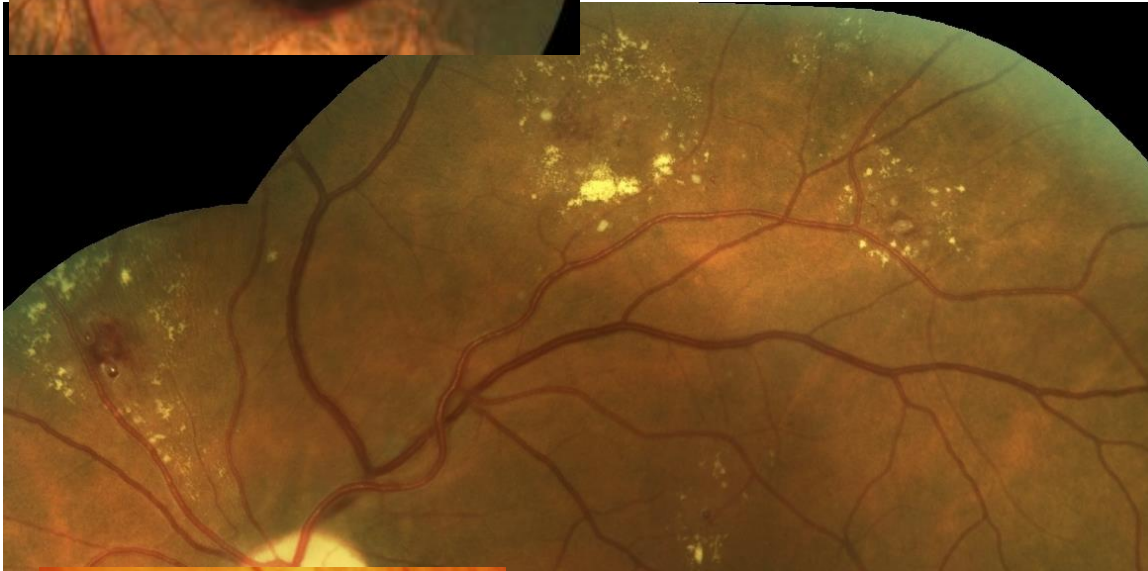
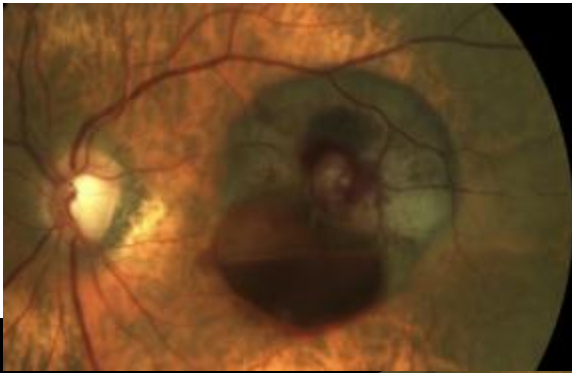
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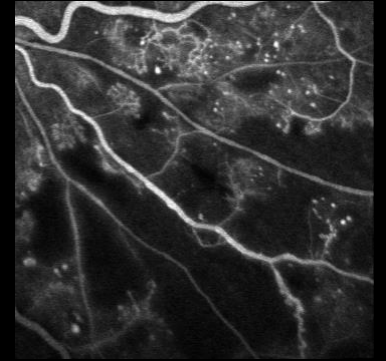
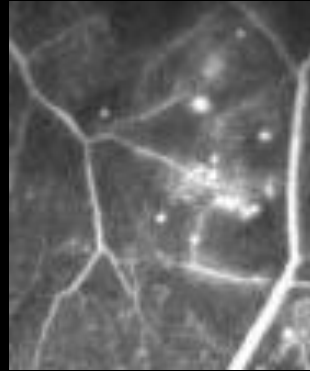




# RAM







# Typical Progression

- Patients may present at any stage
- Some still asymptomatic or attribute their symptoms to needing spectacle Rx change
- Most will not understand the significance of the condition
- This patient is suffering chronic macular edema obviously needing referral

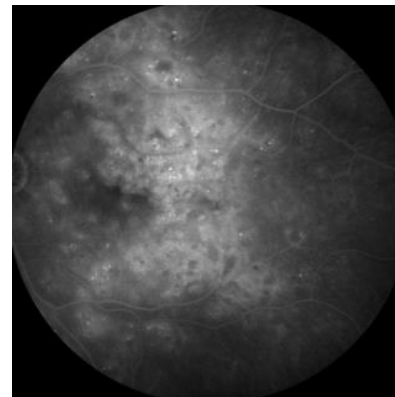
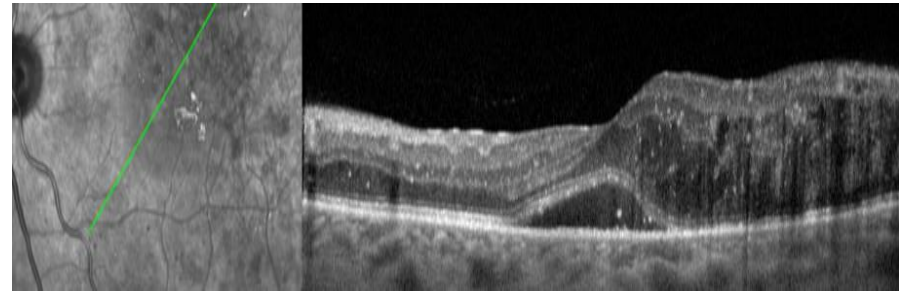
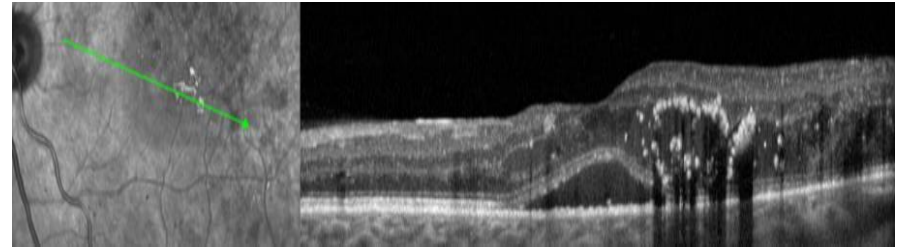


# Neglected- Leading to Further Progression

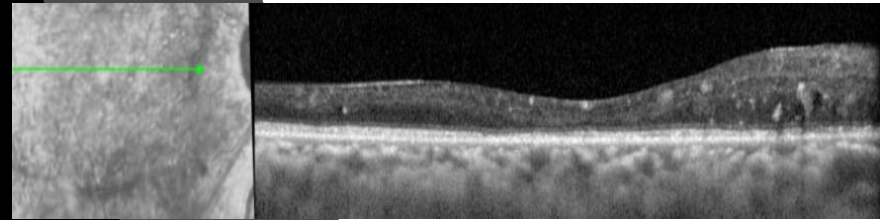
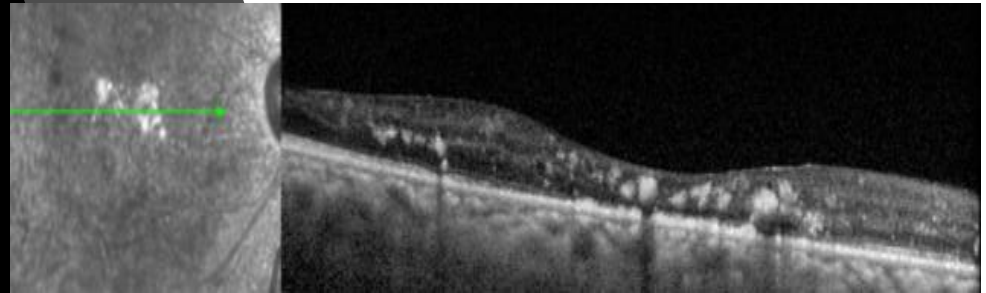
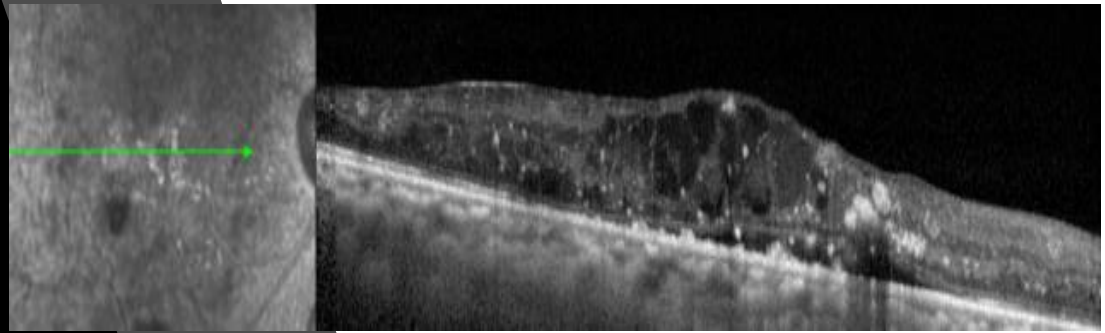


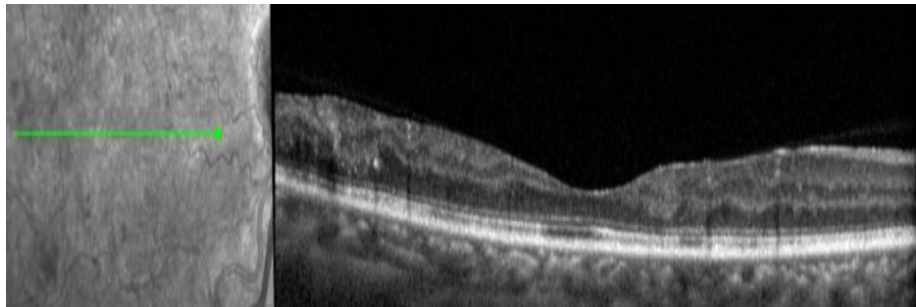
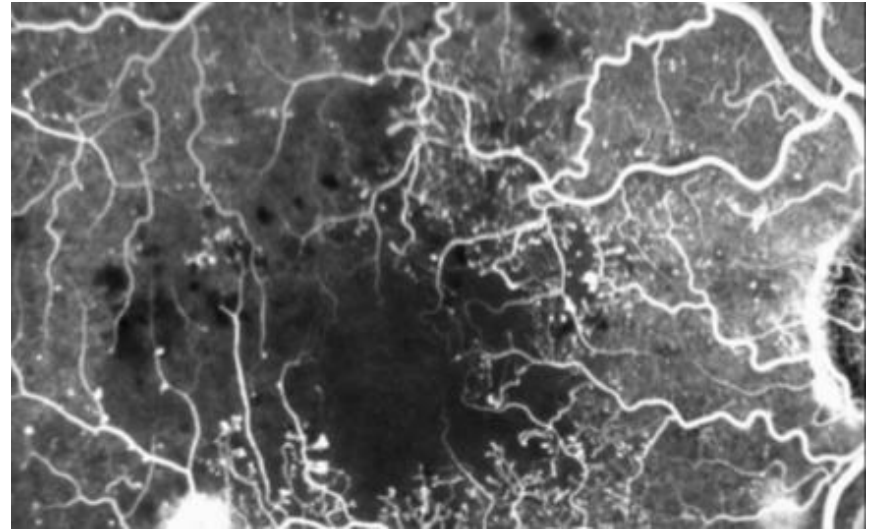
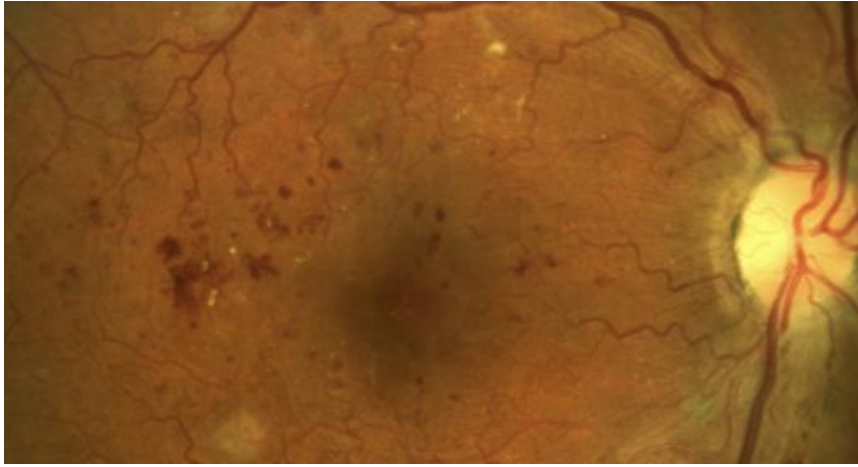
Now the  
Patient is  
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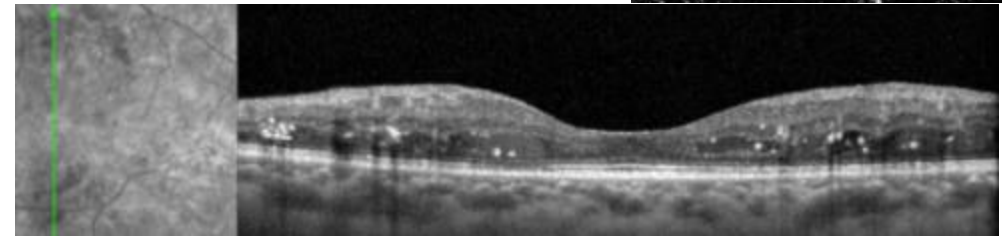
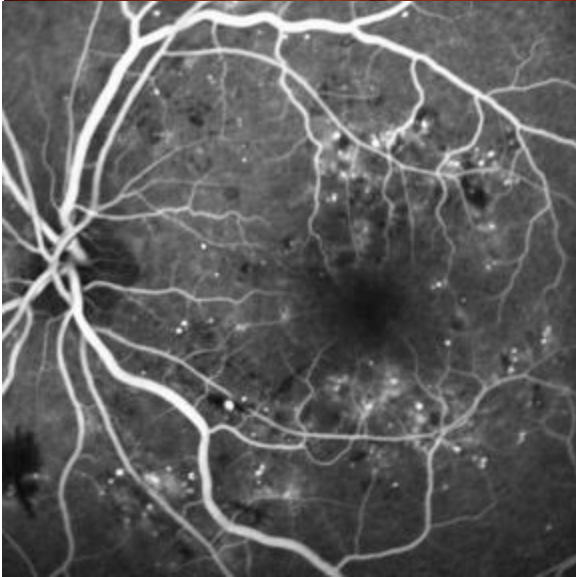
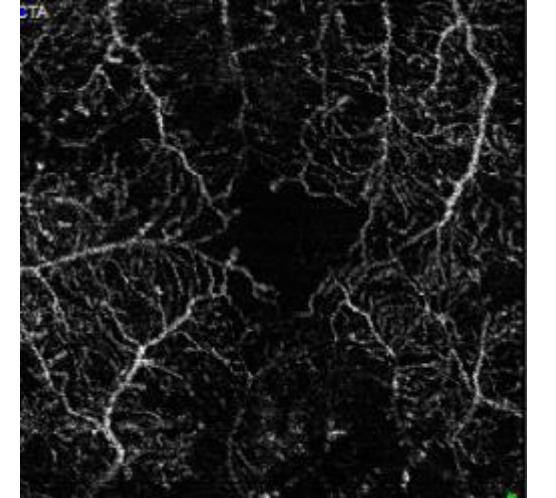
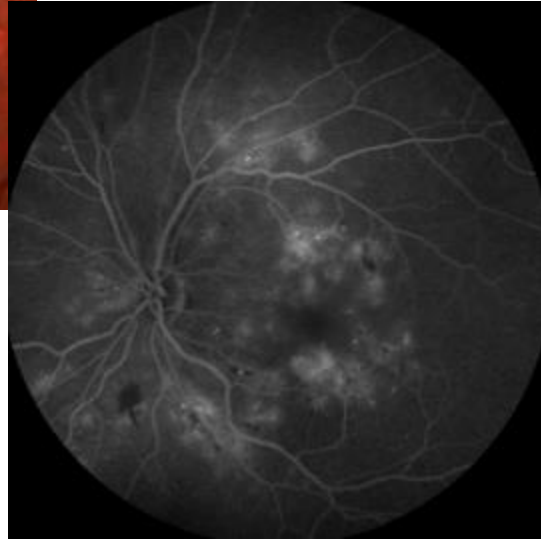
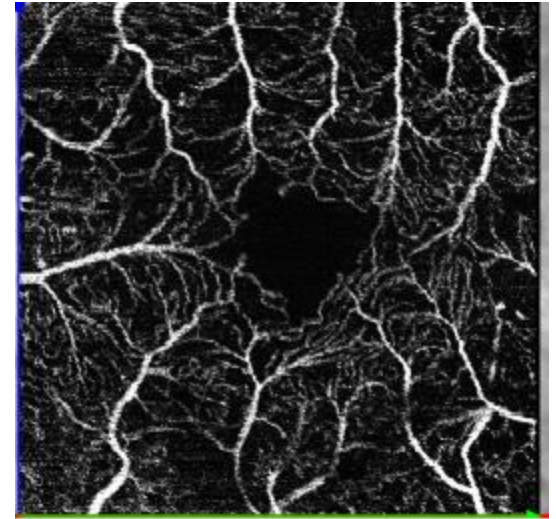
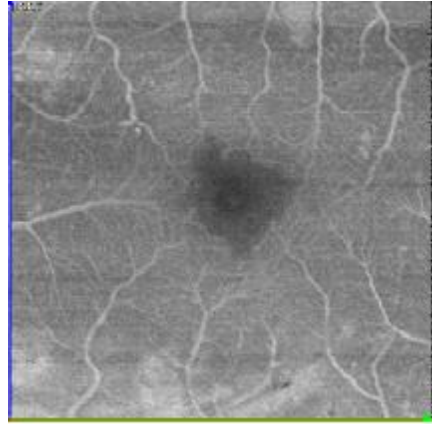
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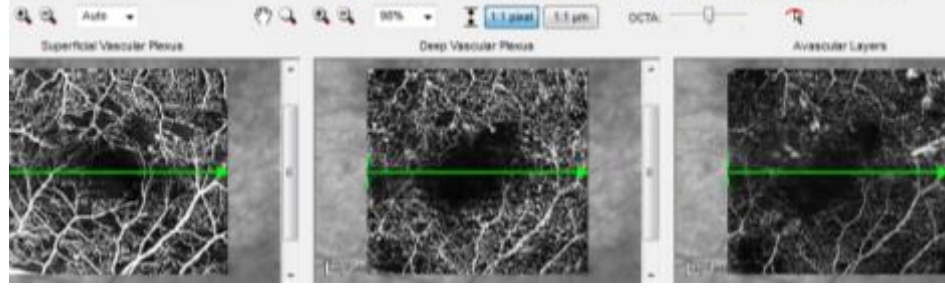
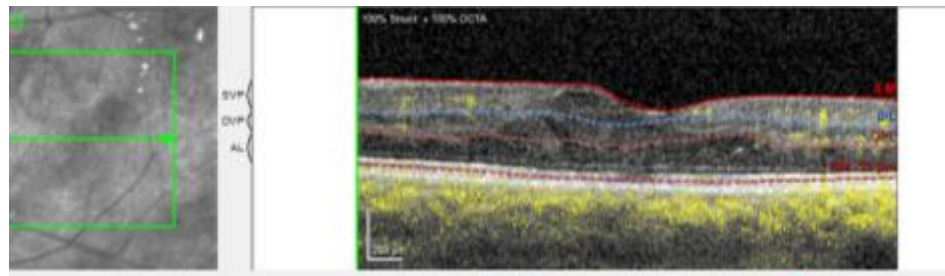
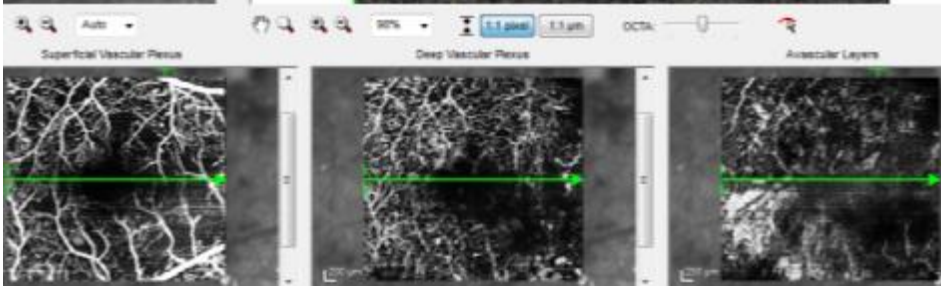
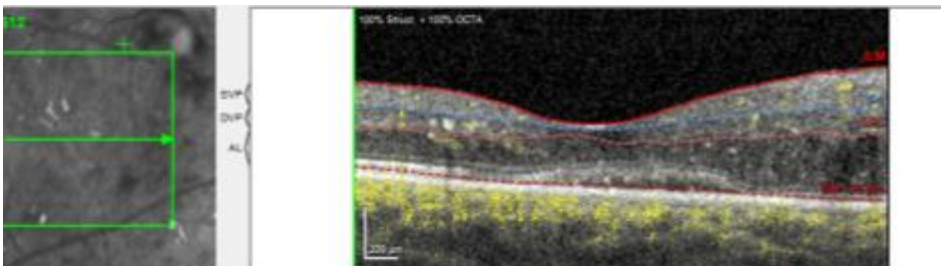
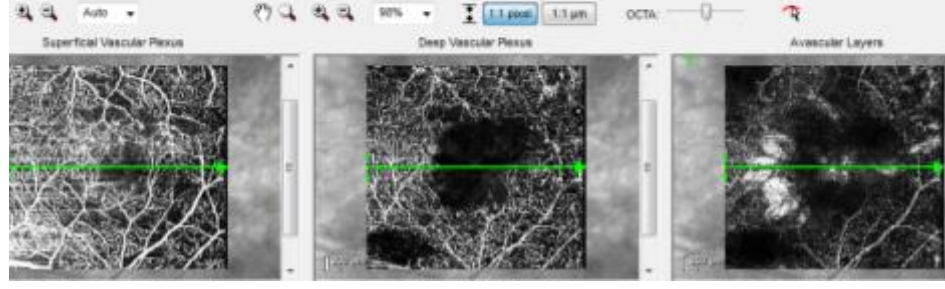
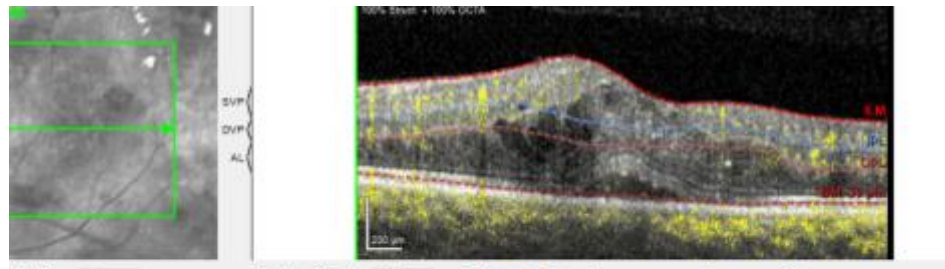
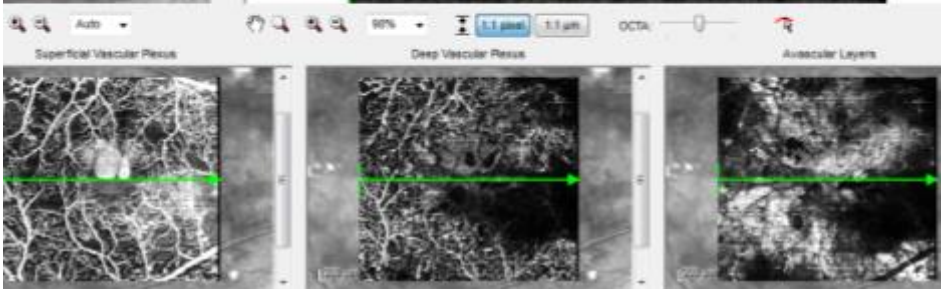
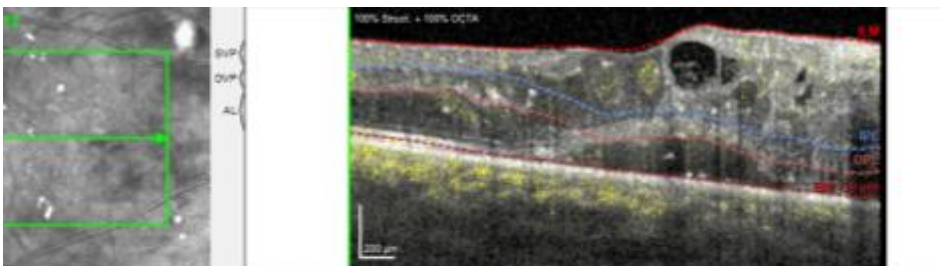


And Now, the Patient  
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Irreversible Damage,  
even after Resolution  
of Edema with Tx













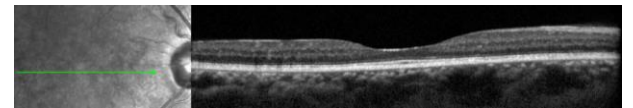
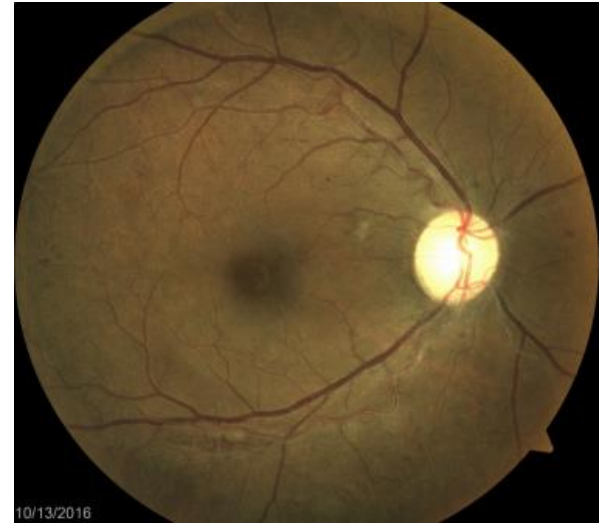
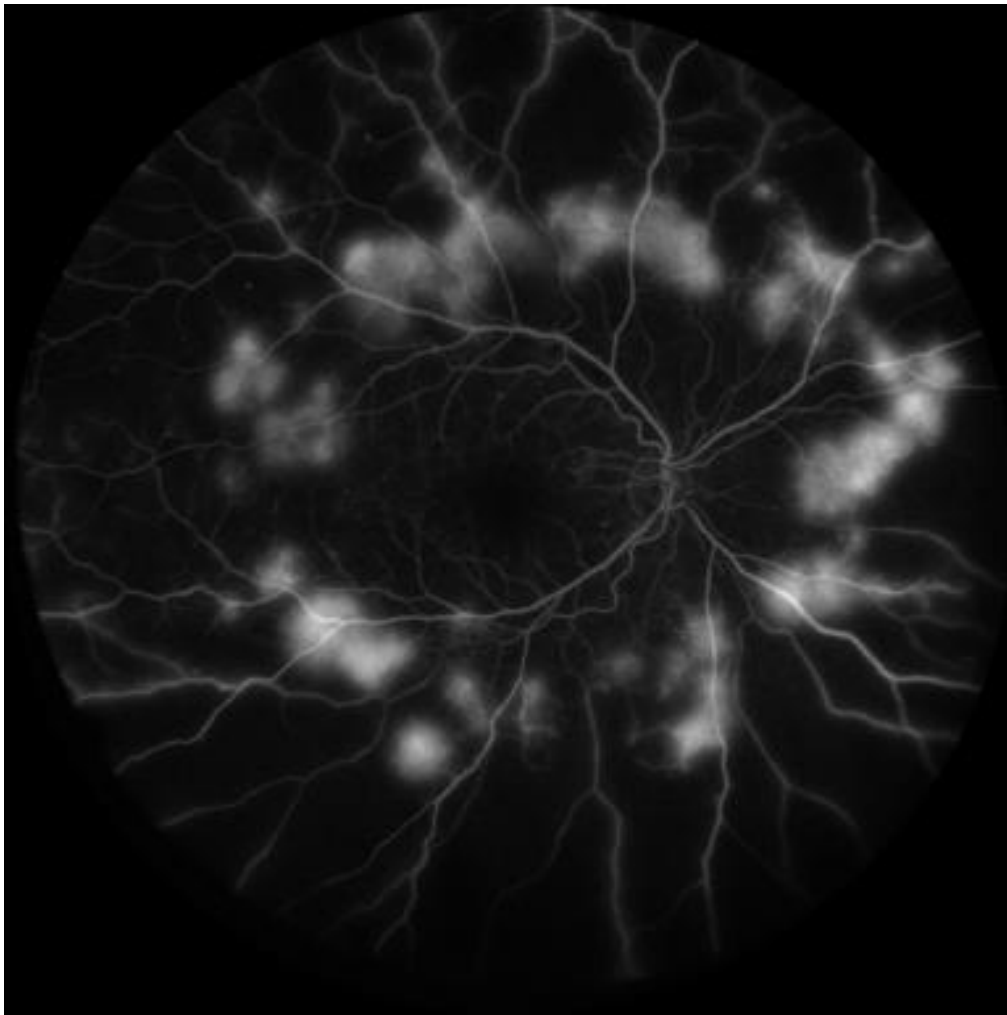


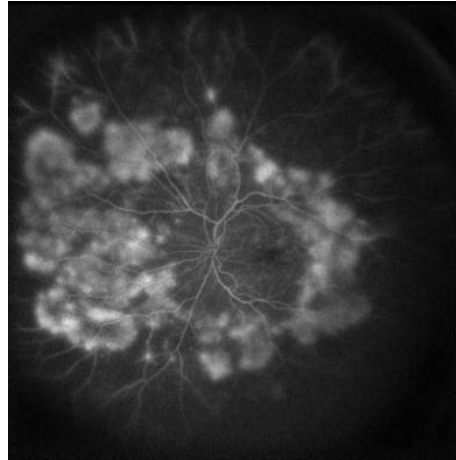
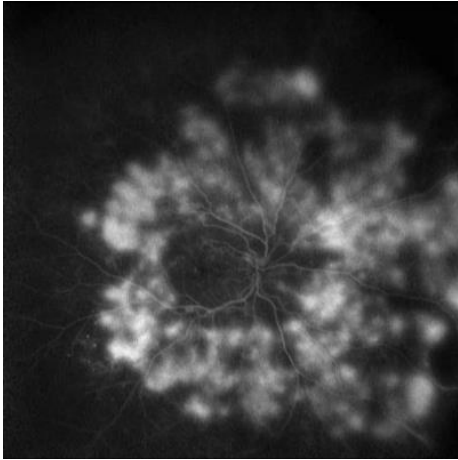




26 y/o - Type 1, First Dilated Exam

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 Subtle  
Hints of  
Advancing  
Disease

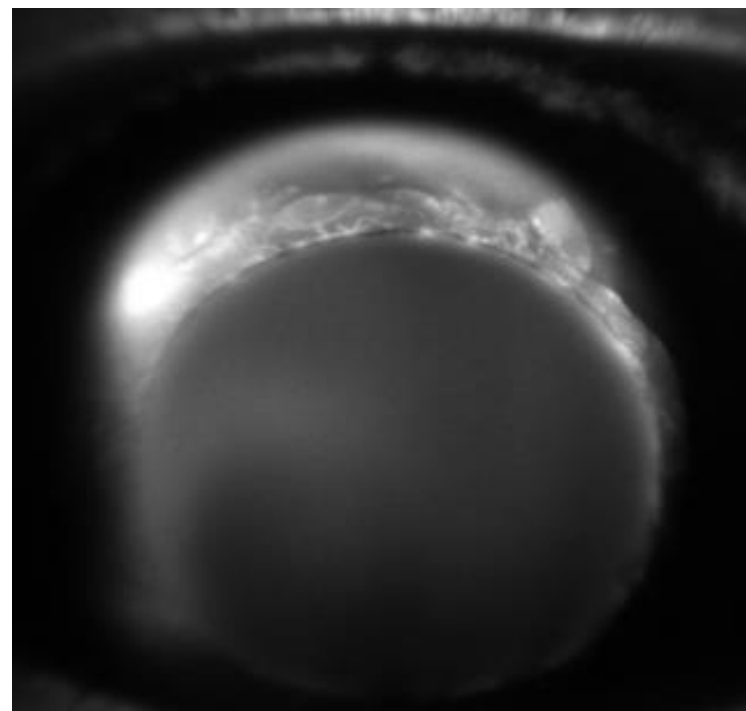
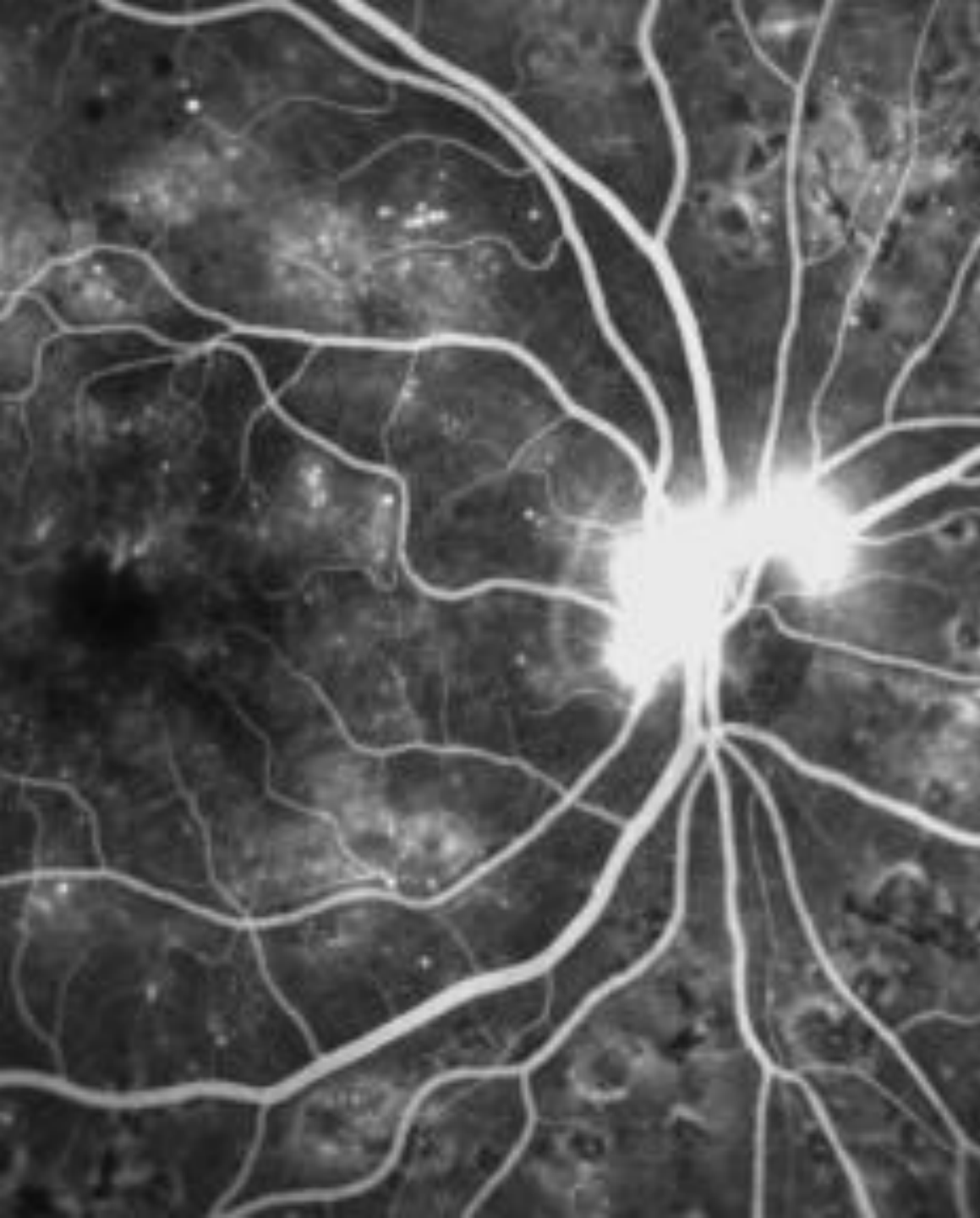
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# Crucial Follow-up Care Unreliability of Symptoms



OS: HM .....







# Screening and Follow-up

2017 American Diabetic Association Guidelines

- **Adults with type 1 diabetes should have an initial dilated and comprehensive eye examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist within 5 years after the onset of diabetes. B**
- **Patients with type 2 diabetes should have an initial dilated and comprehensive eye examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist at the time of the diabetes diagnosis. B**
- **If there is no evidence of retinopathy for one or more annual eye exams, then exams every 2 years may be considered. If any level of diabetic retinopathy is present, subsequent dilated retinal examinations for patients with type 1 or type 2 diabetes should be repeated at least annually by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. If retinopathy is progressing or sight-threatening, then examinations will be required more frequently. B**



# Screening and Follow-up

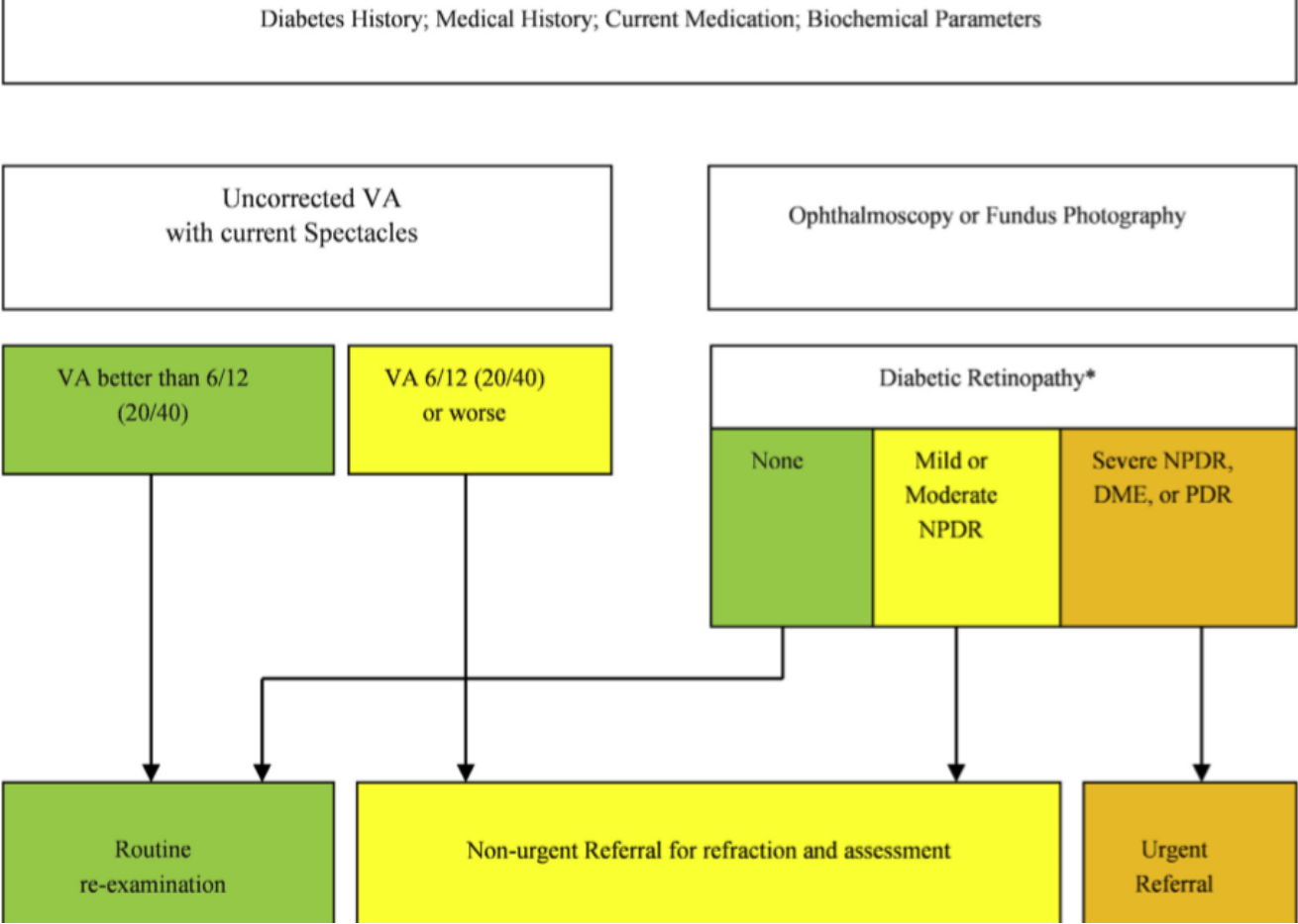
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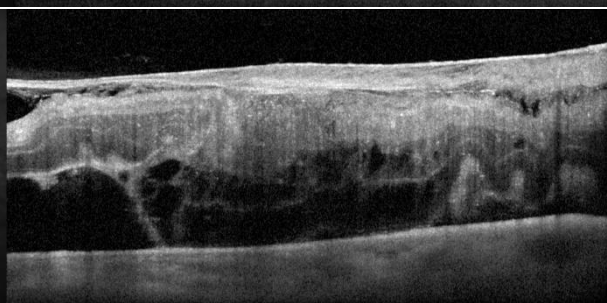
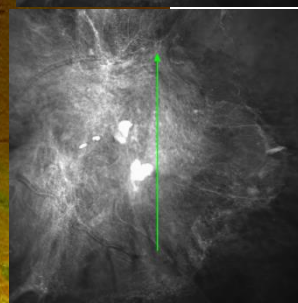
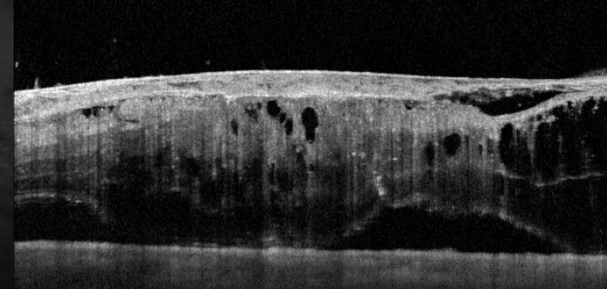
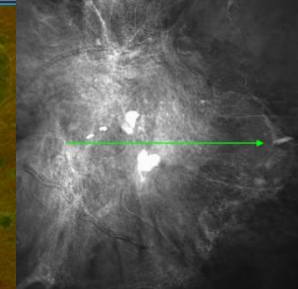
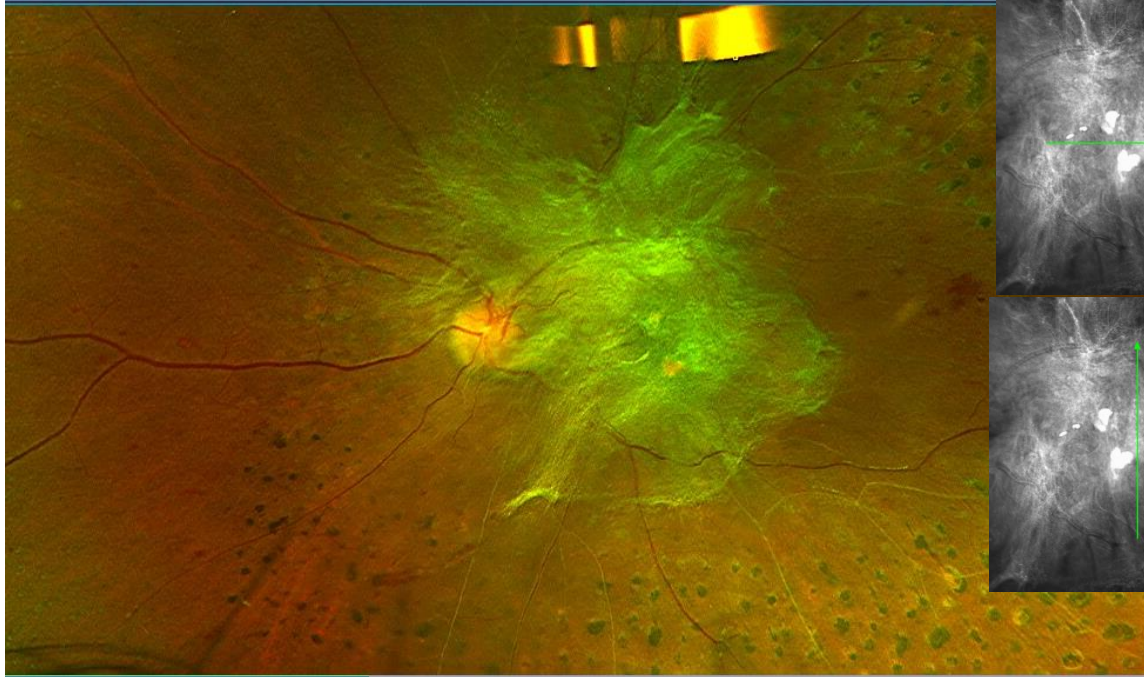
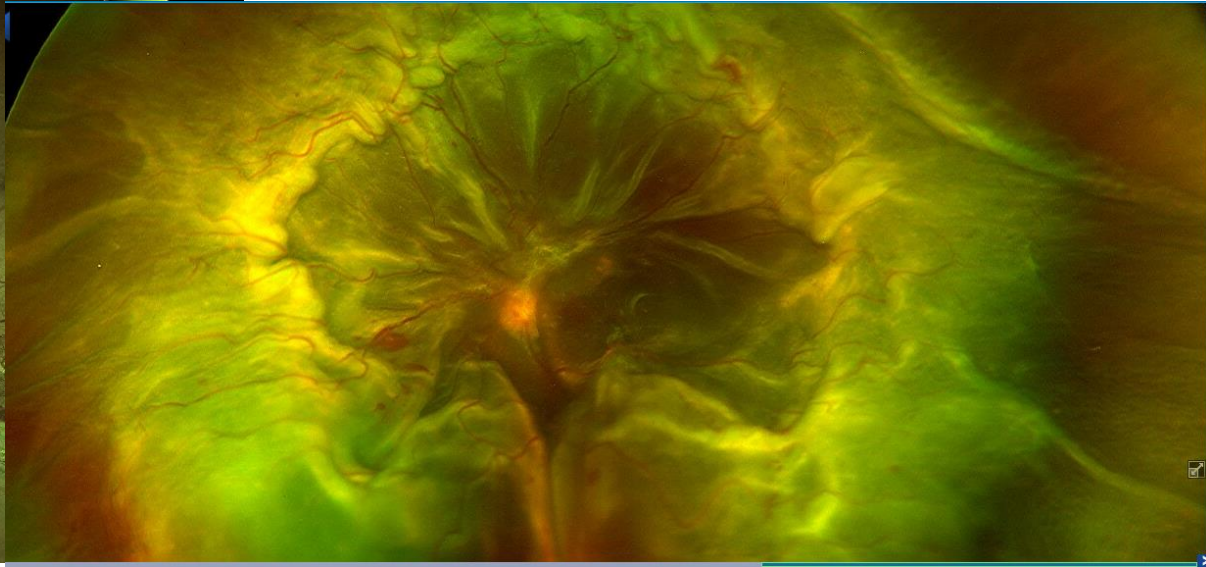
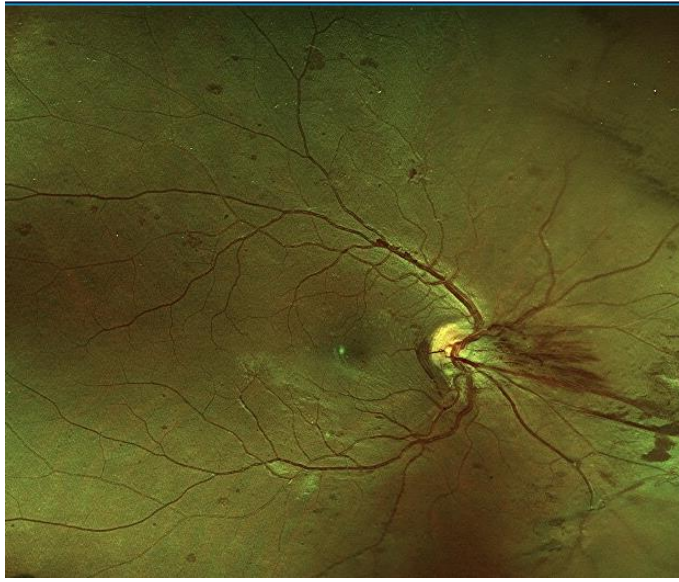
- **Women with preexisting type 1 or type 2 diabetes who are planning pregnancy or who have become pregnant should be counseled on the risk of development and/or progression of diabetic retinopathy. B**

- **Eye examinations should occur before pregnancy or in the first trimester in patients with preexisting type 1 or type 2 diabetes, and then these patients should be monitored every trimester and for 1 year postpartum as indicated by the degree of retinopathy. B**

- **While retinal photography may serve as a screening tool for retinopathy, it is not a substitute for a comprehensive eye exam, which should be performed at least initially and at intervals thereafter as recommended by an eye care professional. E**

# ICO Guidelines







# ICO Recommendations for Follow-up

Table 2. Screening and Referral Recommendations Based on International Classification of Diabetic Retinopathy\* and Diabetic Macular Edema for High-Resource Settings

Classification	Re-examination or Next Screening Schedule	Referral to Ophthalmologist
<b>DR</b>		
No apparent DR, mild nonproliferative DR, and no DME	Re-examination in 1–2 yrs	Referral not required
Mild nonproliferative DR	6–12 mos	Referral not required
Moderate nonproliferative DR	3–6 mos	Referral required
Severe nonproliferative DR	<3 mos	Referral required
Proliferative DR	<1 mo	Referral required
<b>DME</b>		
Non–center-involving DME	3 mos	Referral required
Center-involving DME	1 mo	Referral required

DME = diabetic macular edema; DR = diabetic retinopathy.

\*In cases where diabetes is controlled.



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# Follow-up Care Exceptions

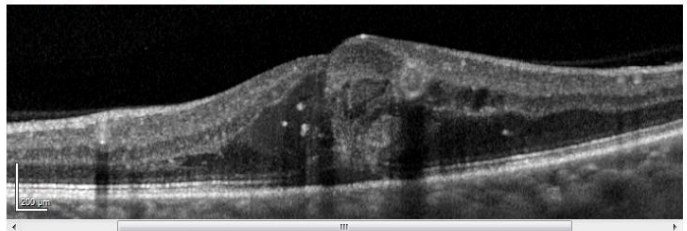
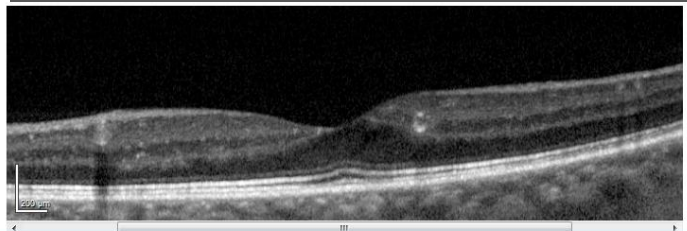
## Pregnancy

- Antenatal Screening
  - If No DR then 28 weeks
  - If DR 16-20 weeks

## Cataract

- DR and DME can progress faster with Cat SX
- Cat SX when visually or Optically Significant
- Severe NPDR PRP before SX
- DME Focal or Anti-VEGF stabilize DME
- If View not adequate for laser (if DME anti-VEGF before SX) monitor closely after cataract surgery

# When to Refer



Examination: 8/14/2018



Any Macular Edema

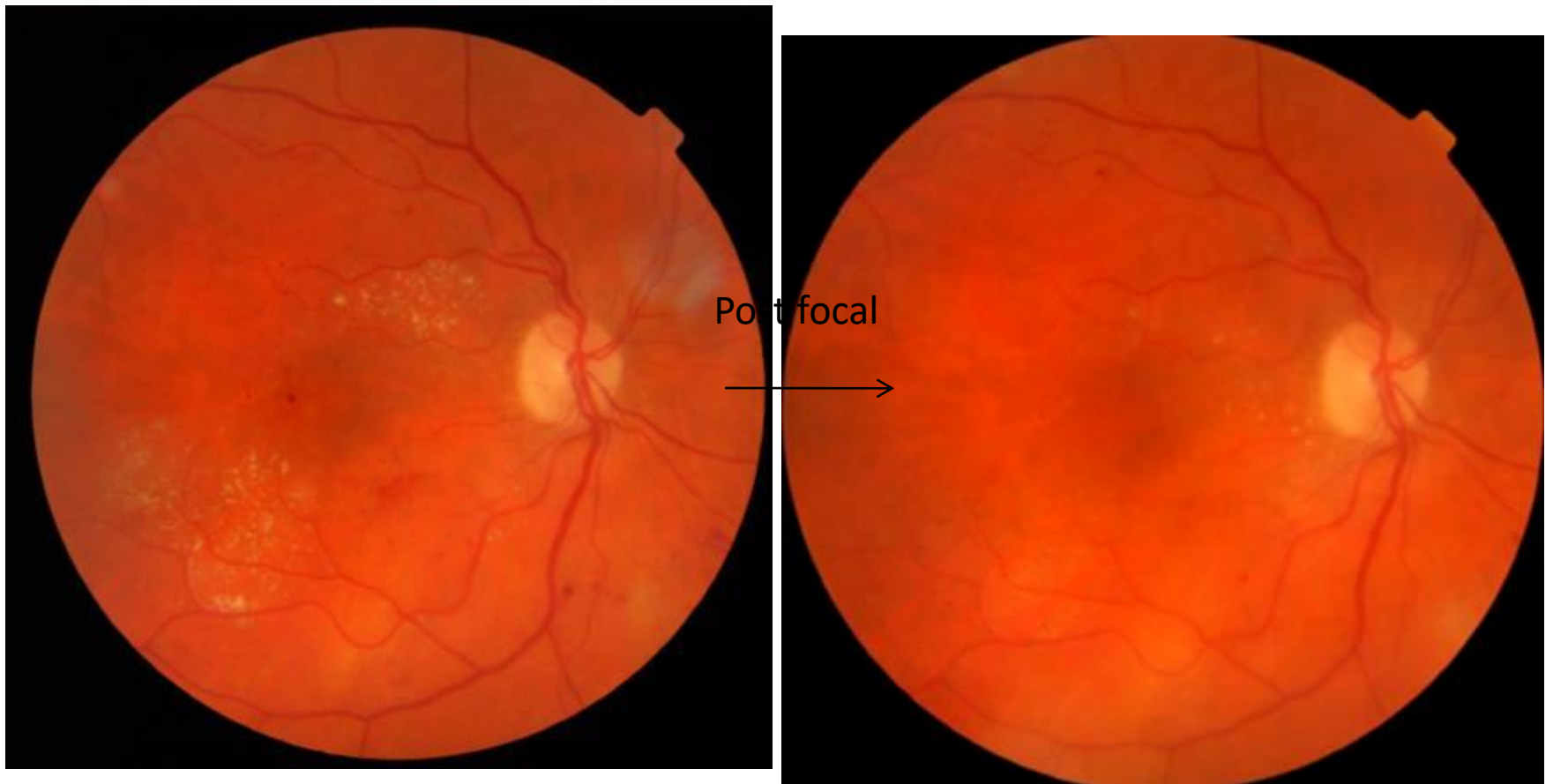
Severe NPDR,  
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NV (PDR), VH, TRD

NVI urgent

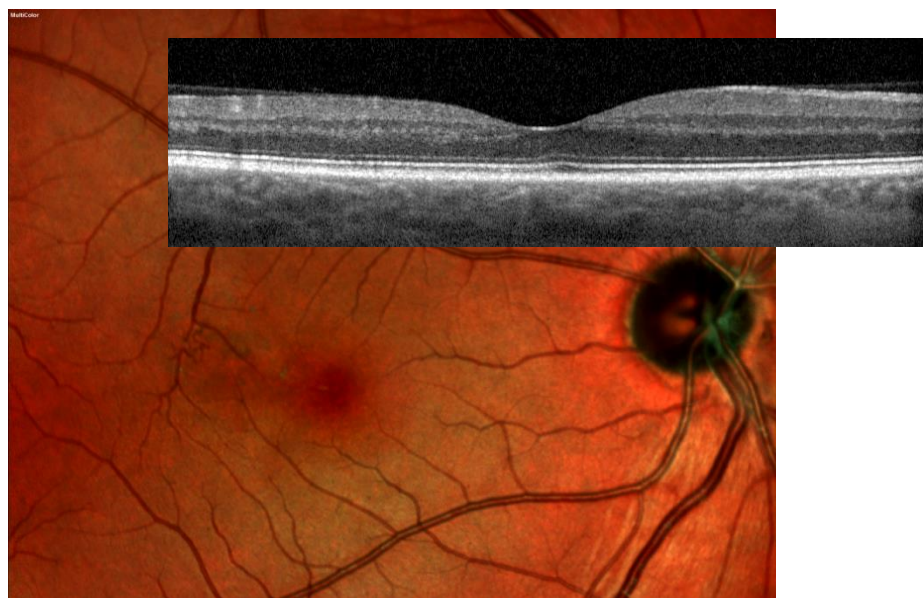
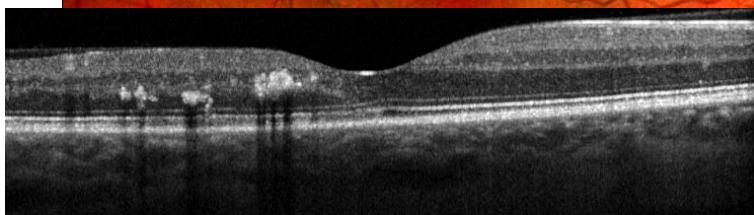
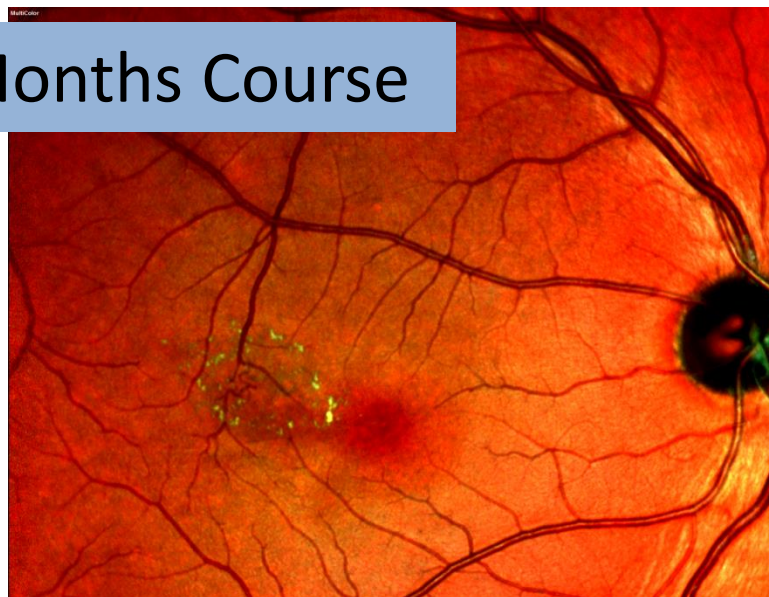
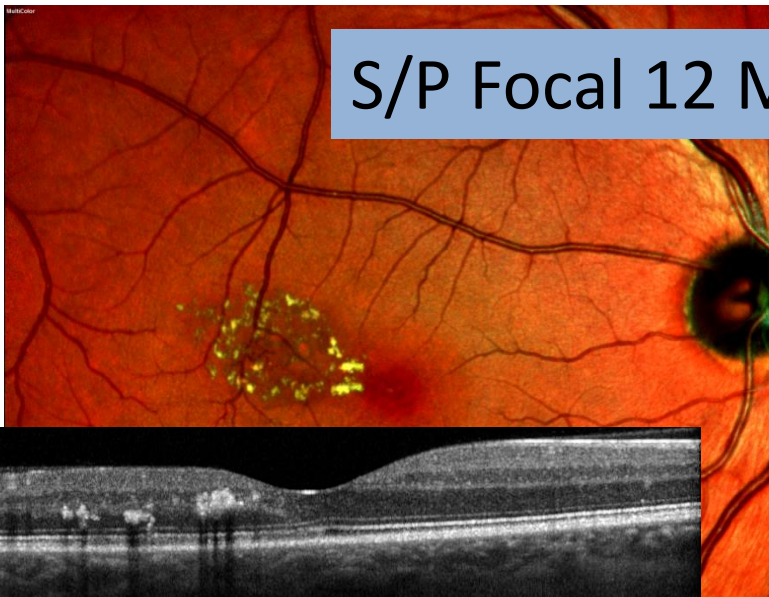
# CSME/DME

- Focal Laser: Safe, Durable, Effective



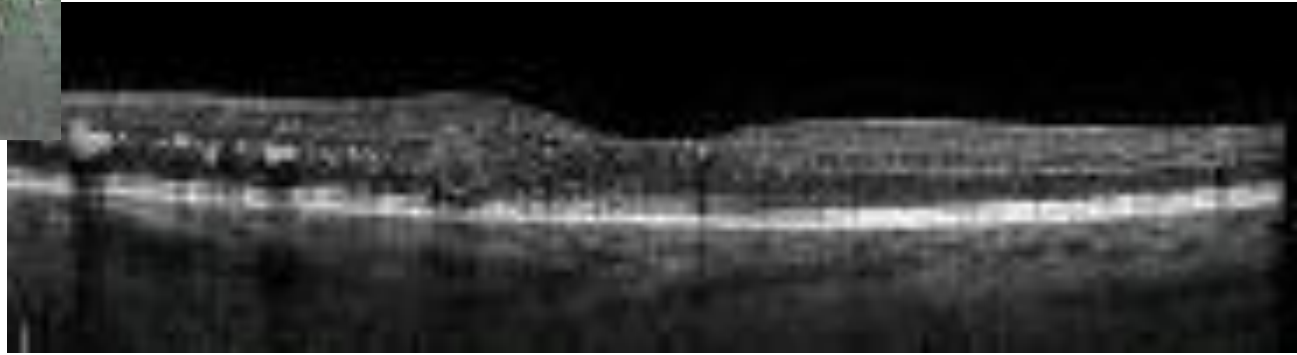


# S/P Focal 12 Months Course

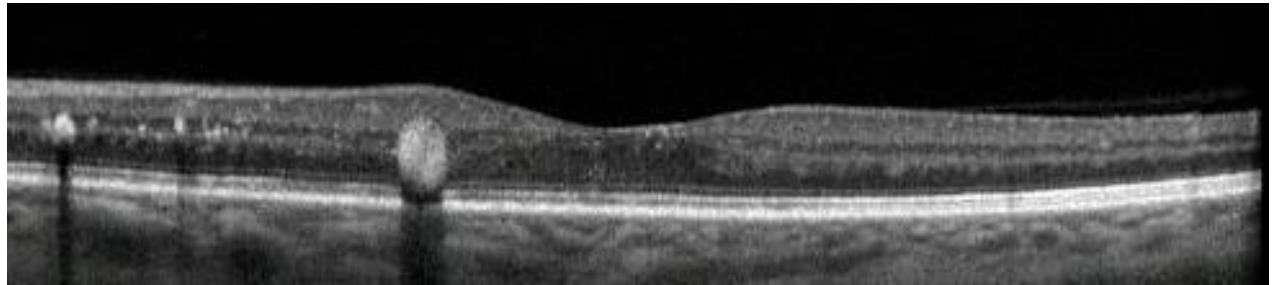




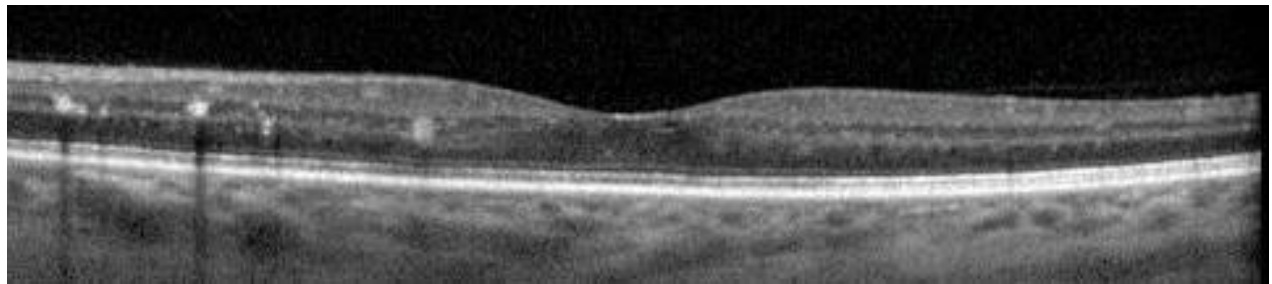
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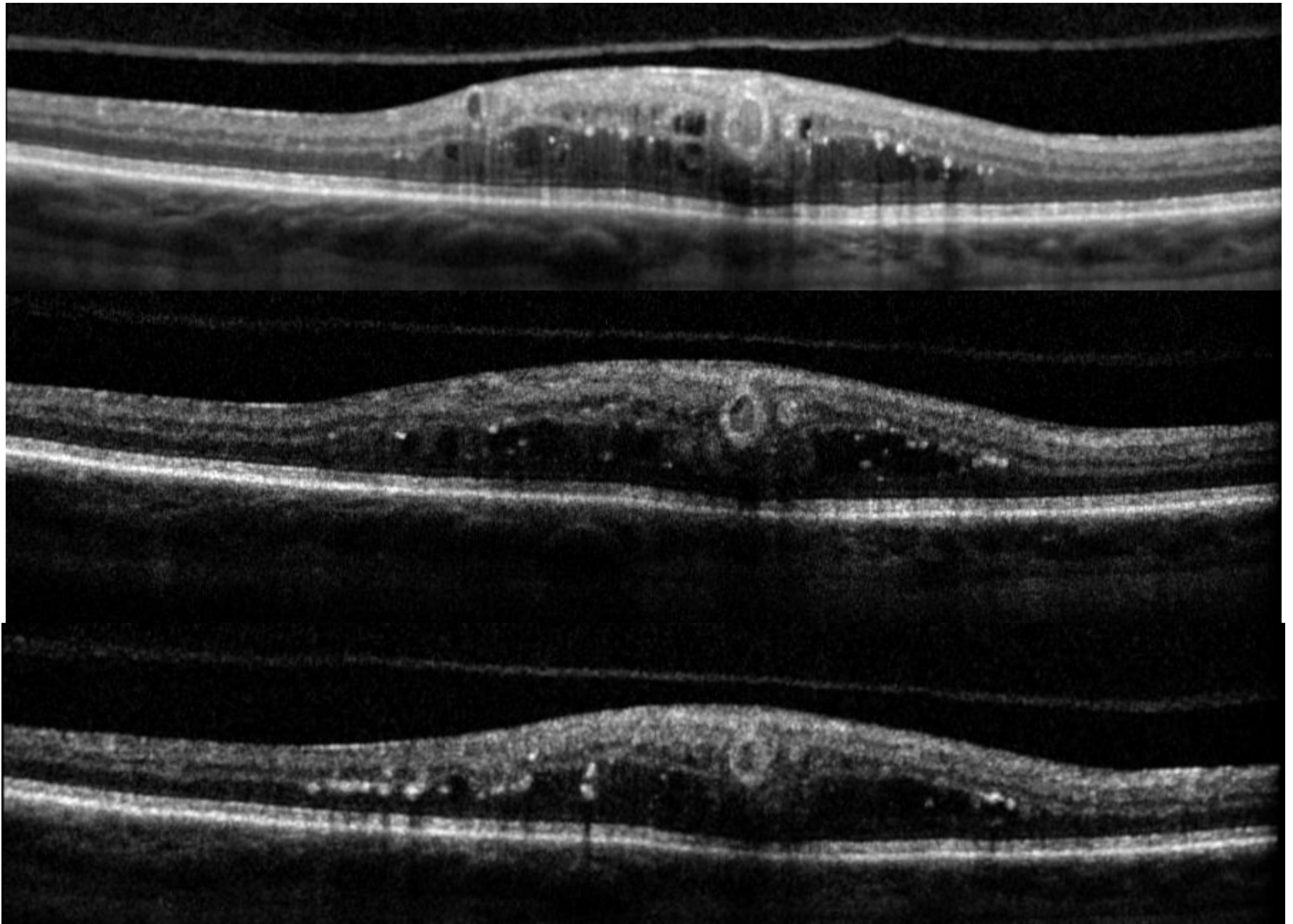


1 month after laser



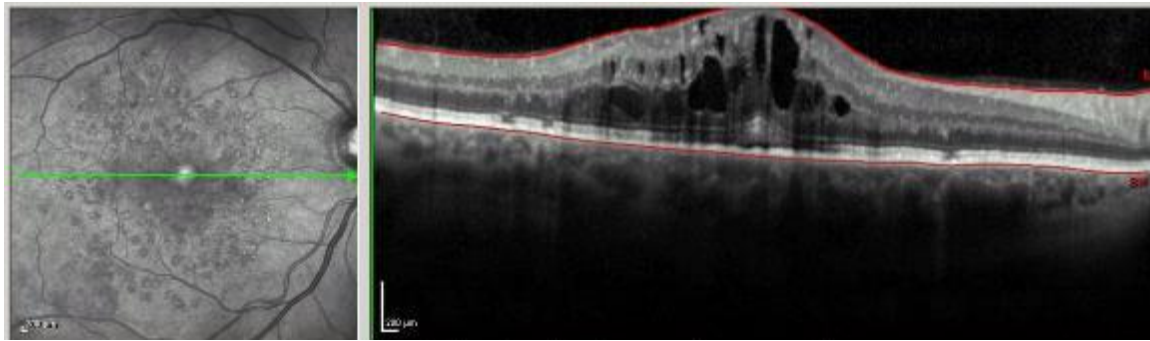
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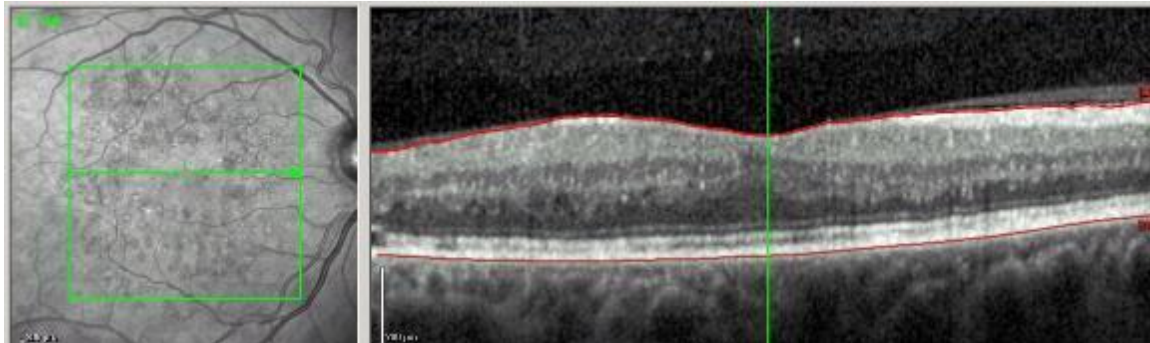


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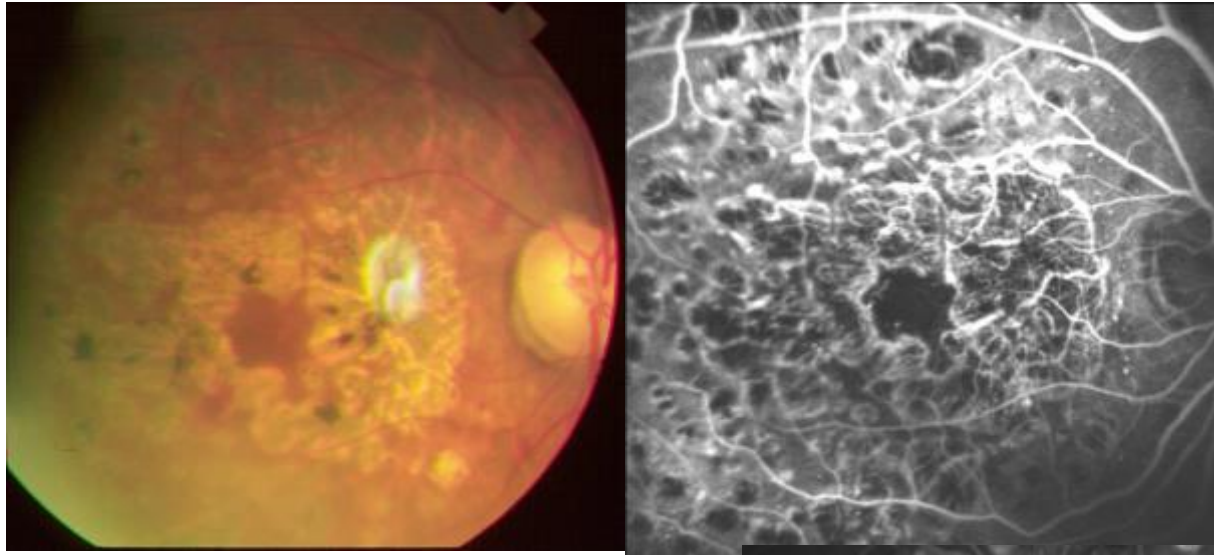
After 360 foveal focal by outside doctor



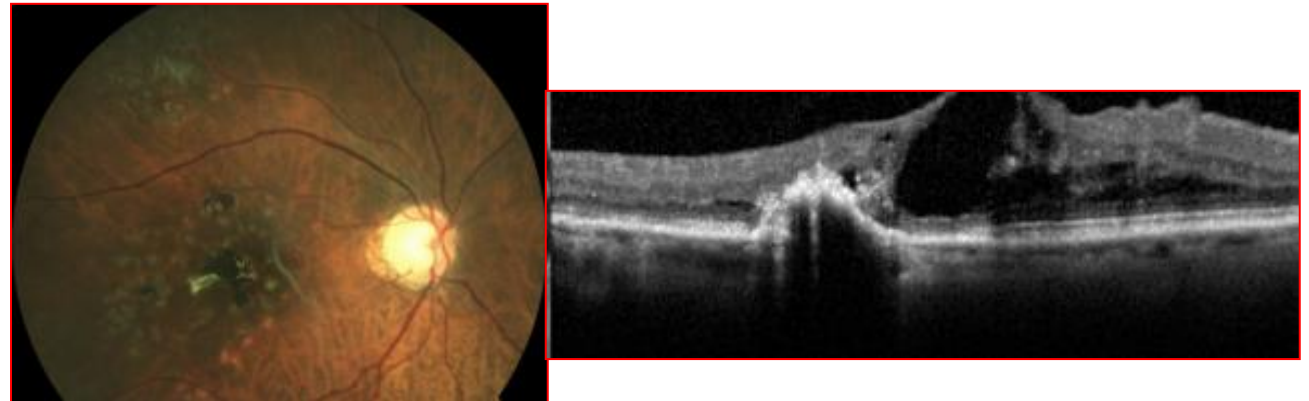
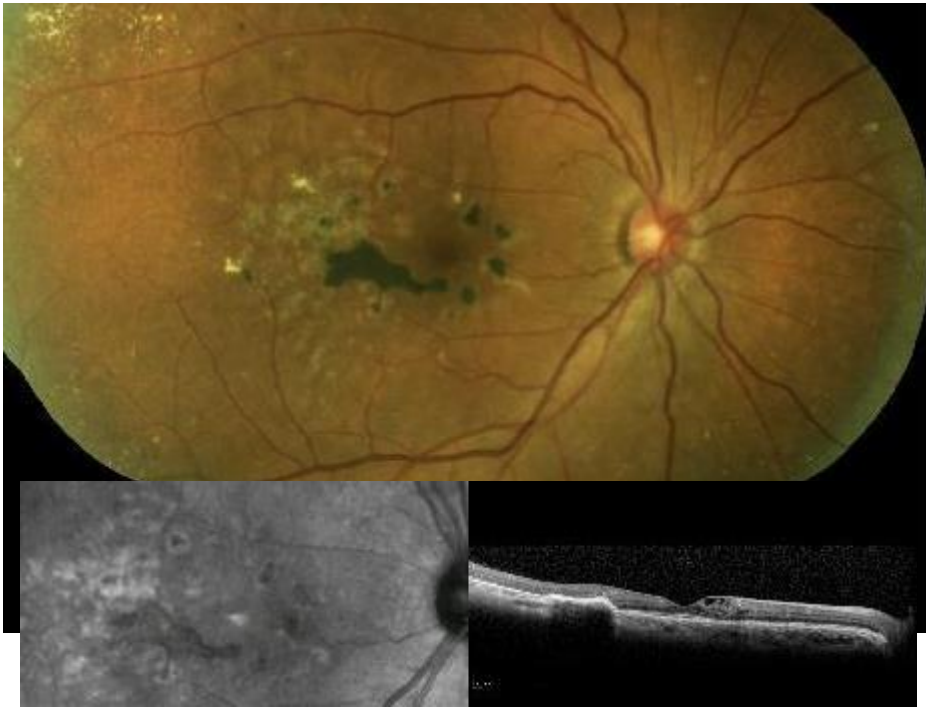
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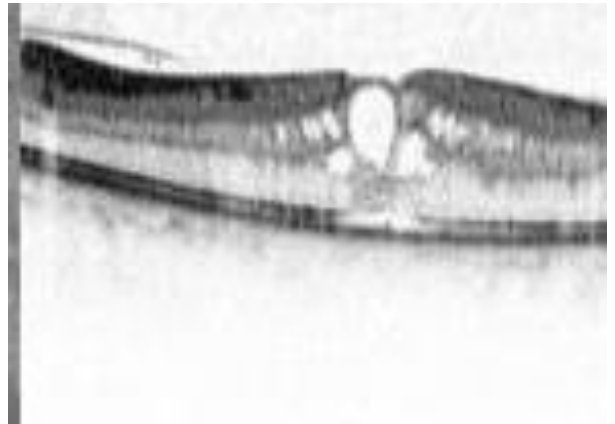
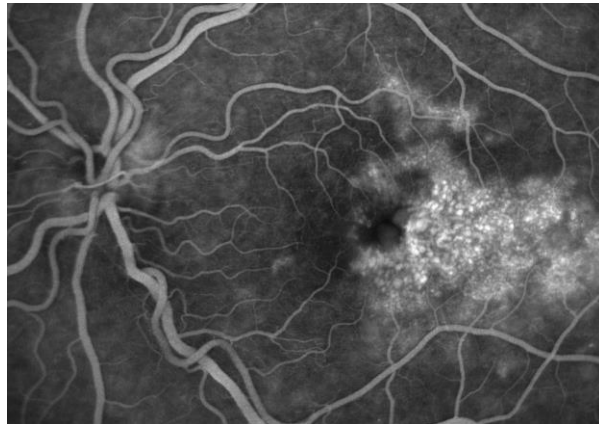
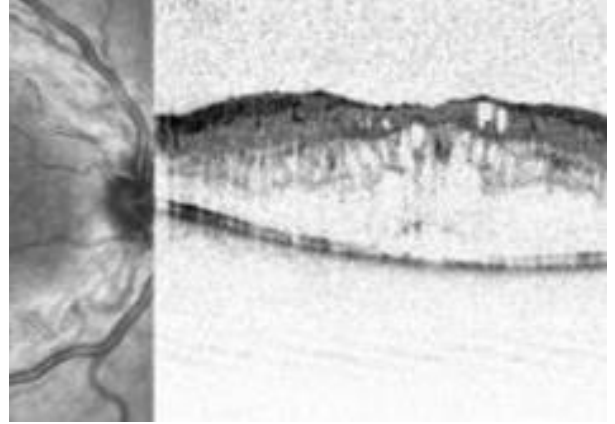
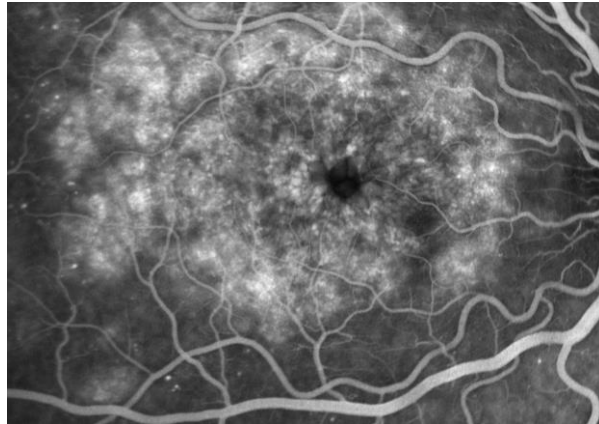
# Focal-(example of poor TX)



# Heavy Focal Examples



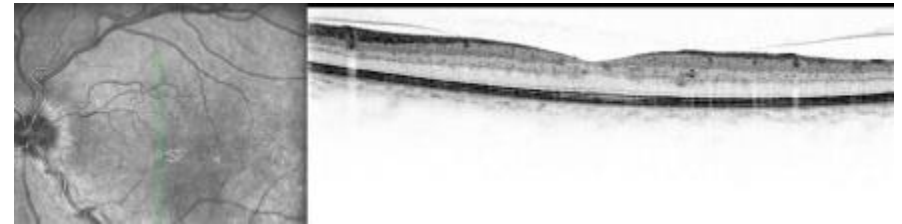
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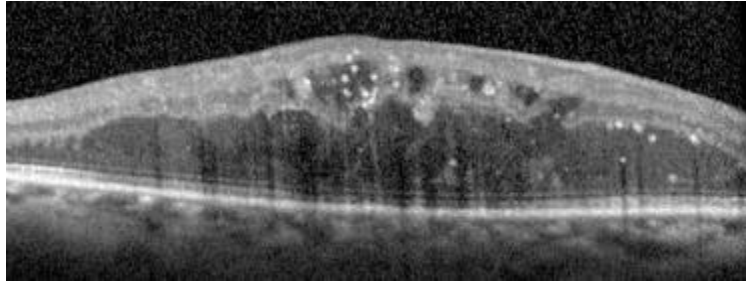
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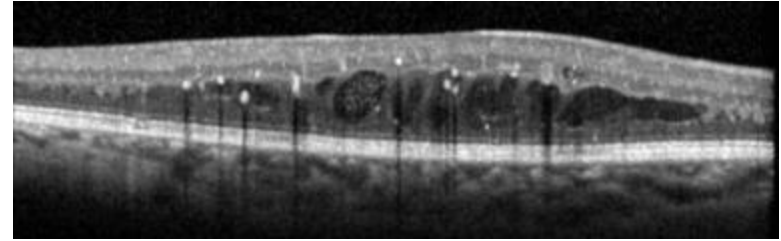




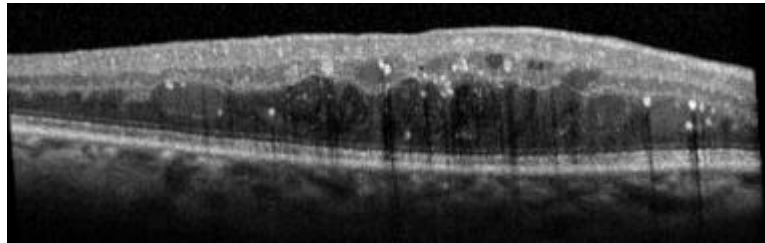
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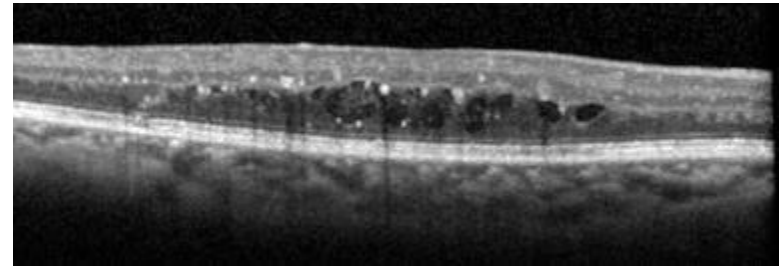
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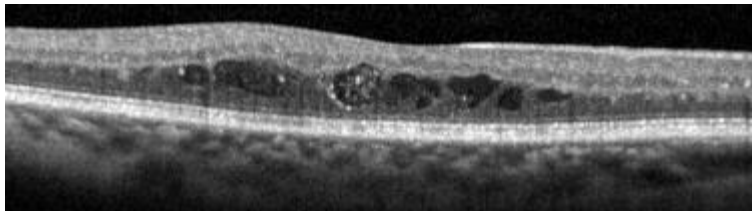
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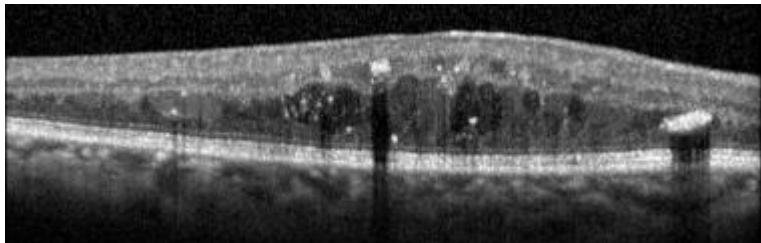
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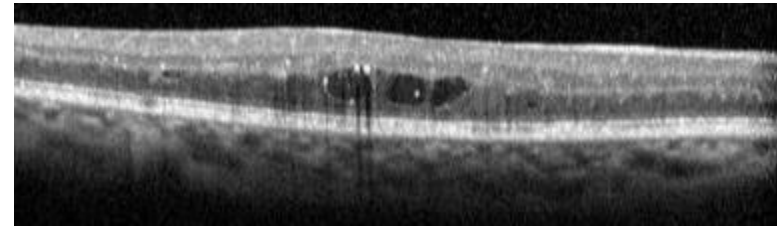
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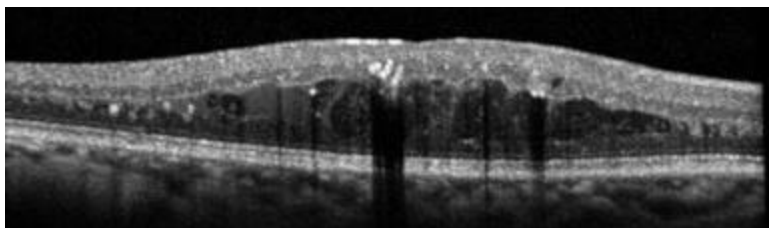
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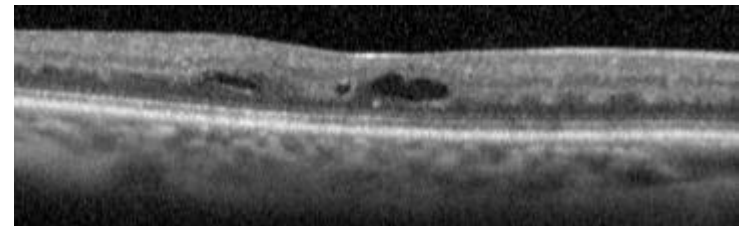
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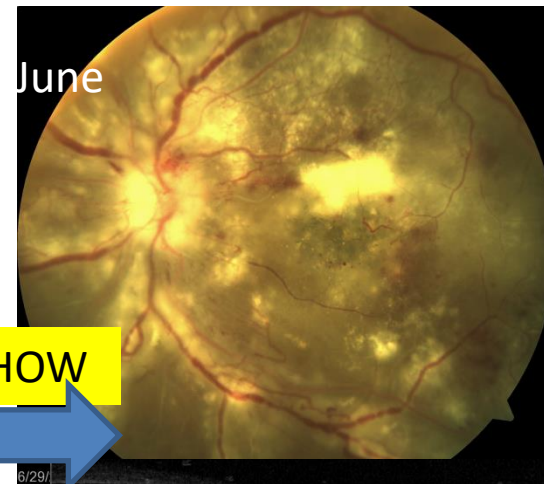
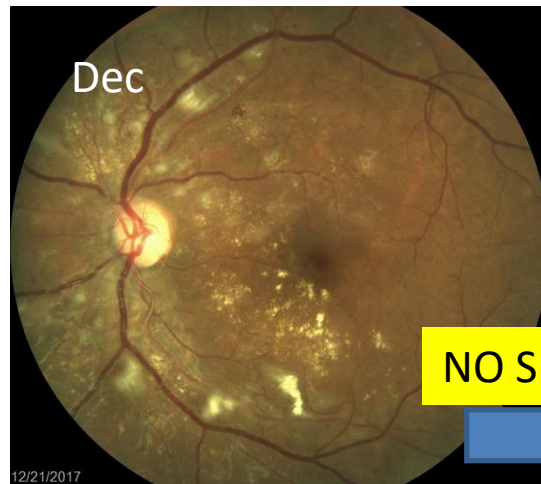
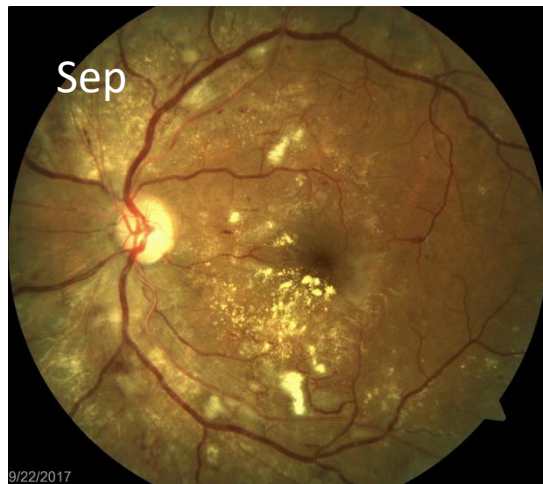
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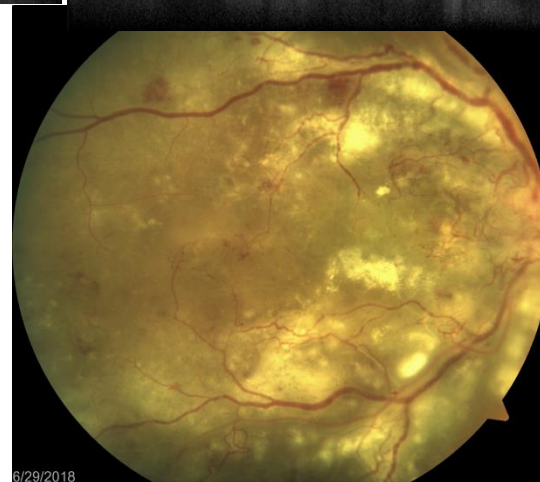
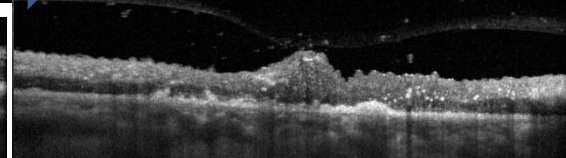
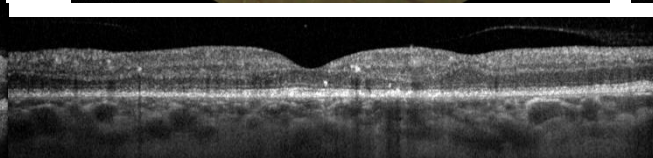
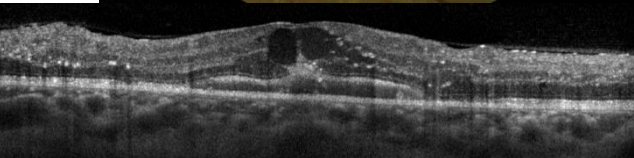
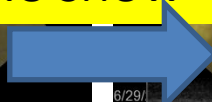
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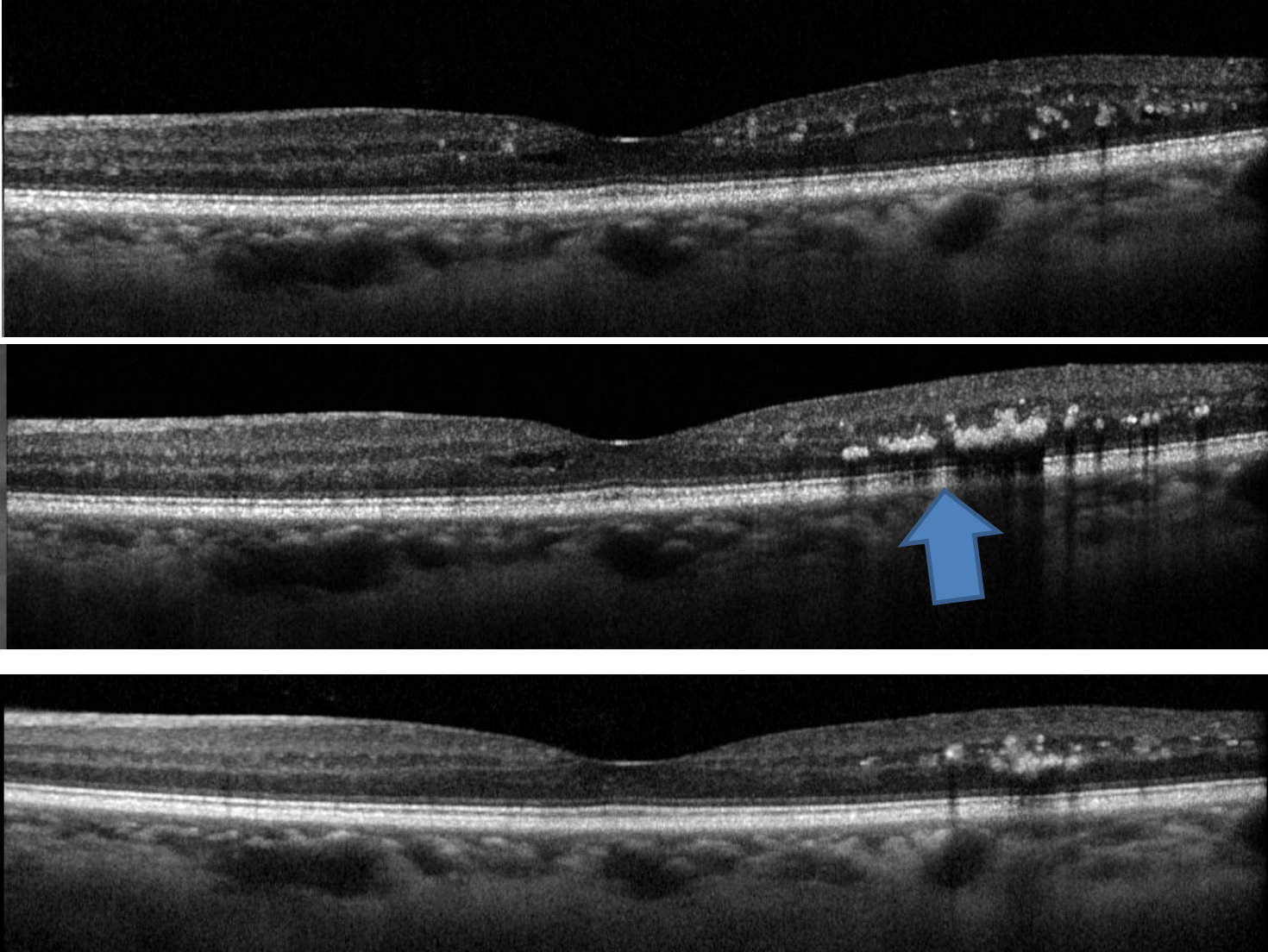
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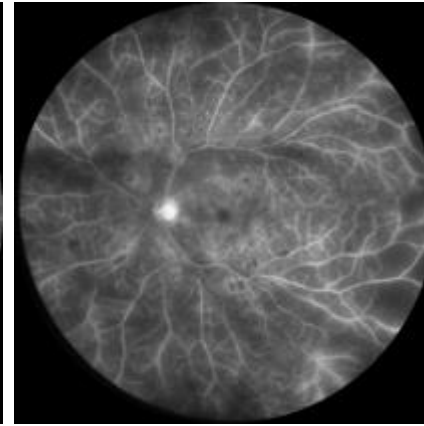
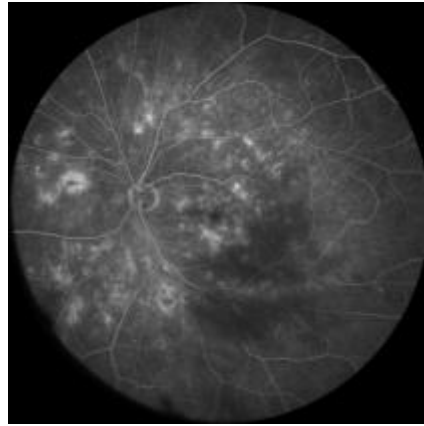
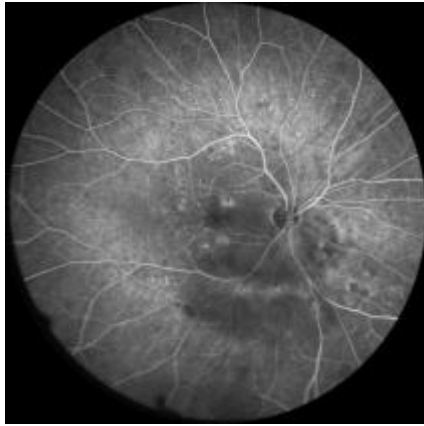
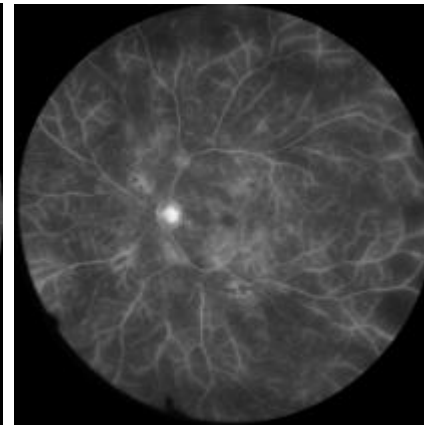
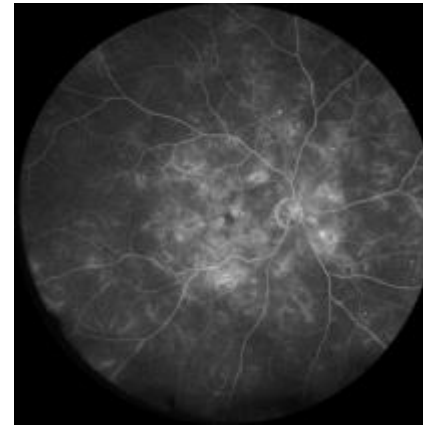
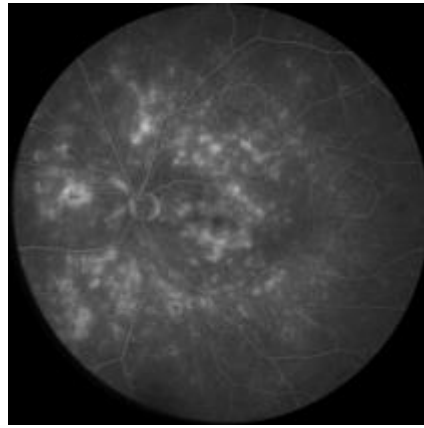
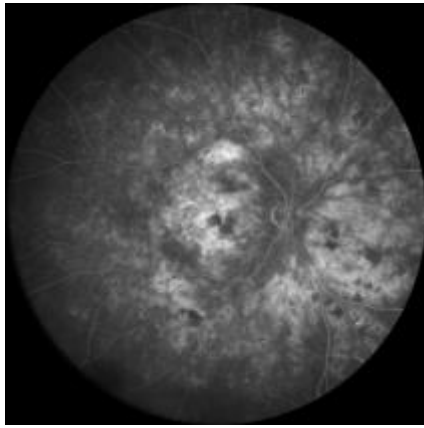
# Increased Exudates After DME TX





# Moderate and Severe NPDR

- New Paradigm in Managing
  - Ride and Rise Studies  
Demonstrated Reversal
  - Protocol S (DRCR)
    - Compared ranibizumab (Lucentis) to PRP FDA approves it for NPDR (Jan 2017)
    - Panorama (Regeneron)
- Anti-VEGF for Severe NPDR (EDTRS 47 and 53 severity) will perhaps become standard of care
  - Many unanswered

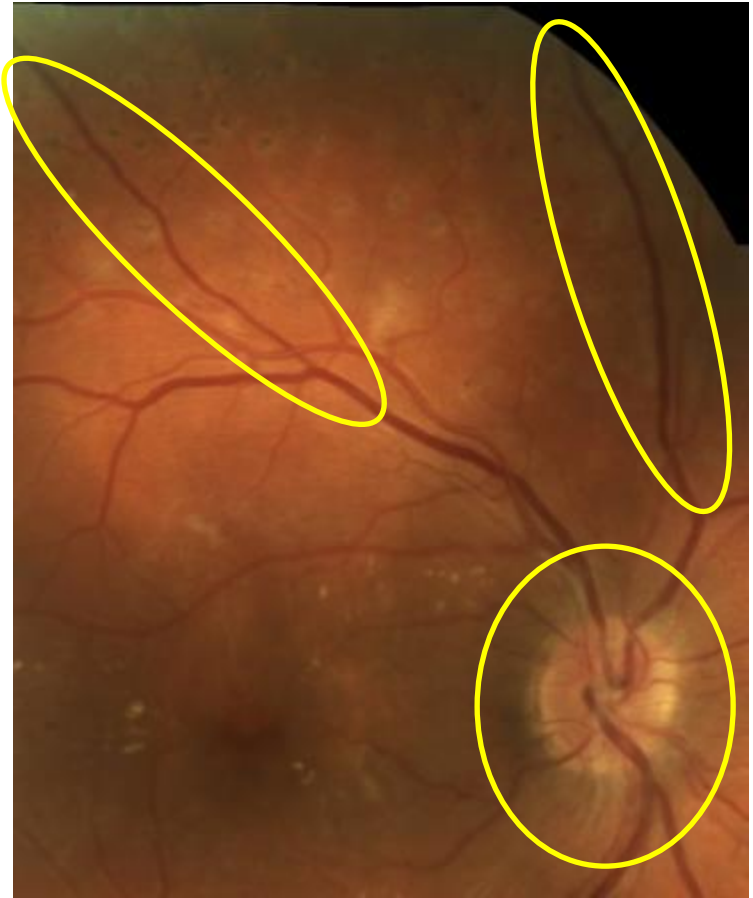


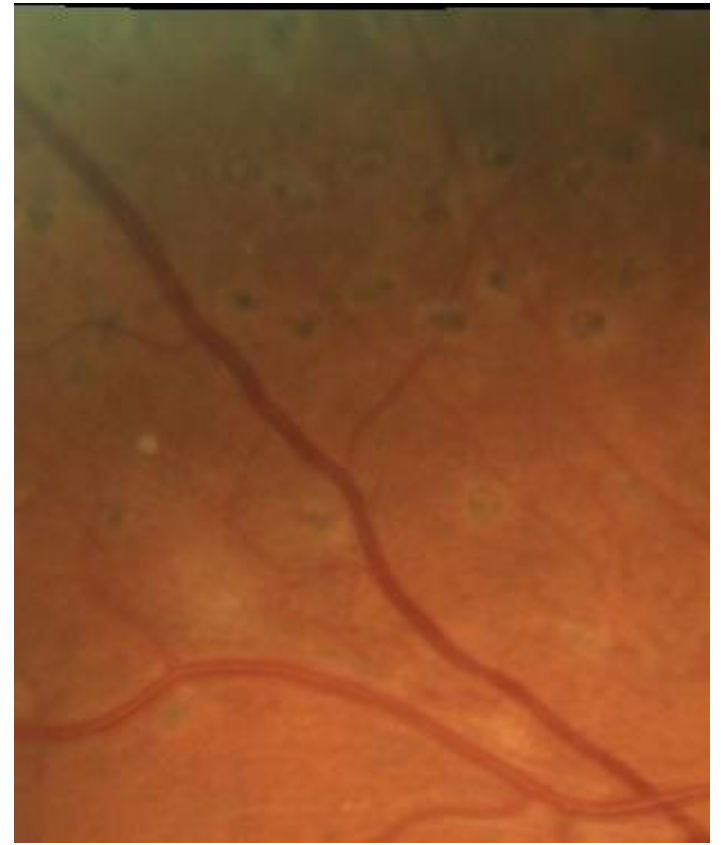
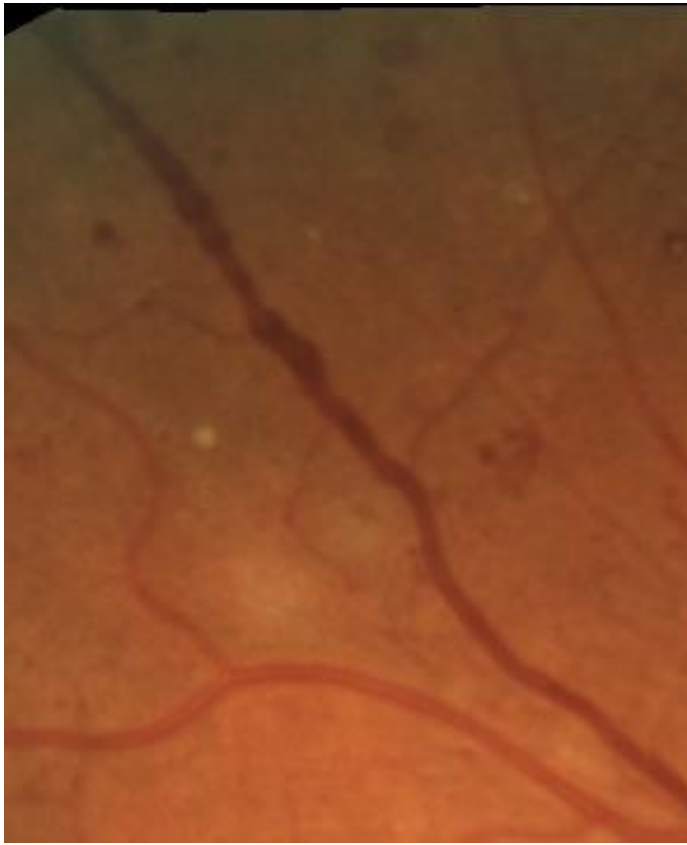
Both patient's OD Anti-VEGF treated upper slides before treatment  
Bottom slides 2 months later (two monthly treatments)

# PDR

- PRP
- Anti-VEGF
- Combo
- Vitrectomy

# Reversal of w/ treatment! (Anti-VEGF and PRP)



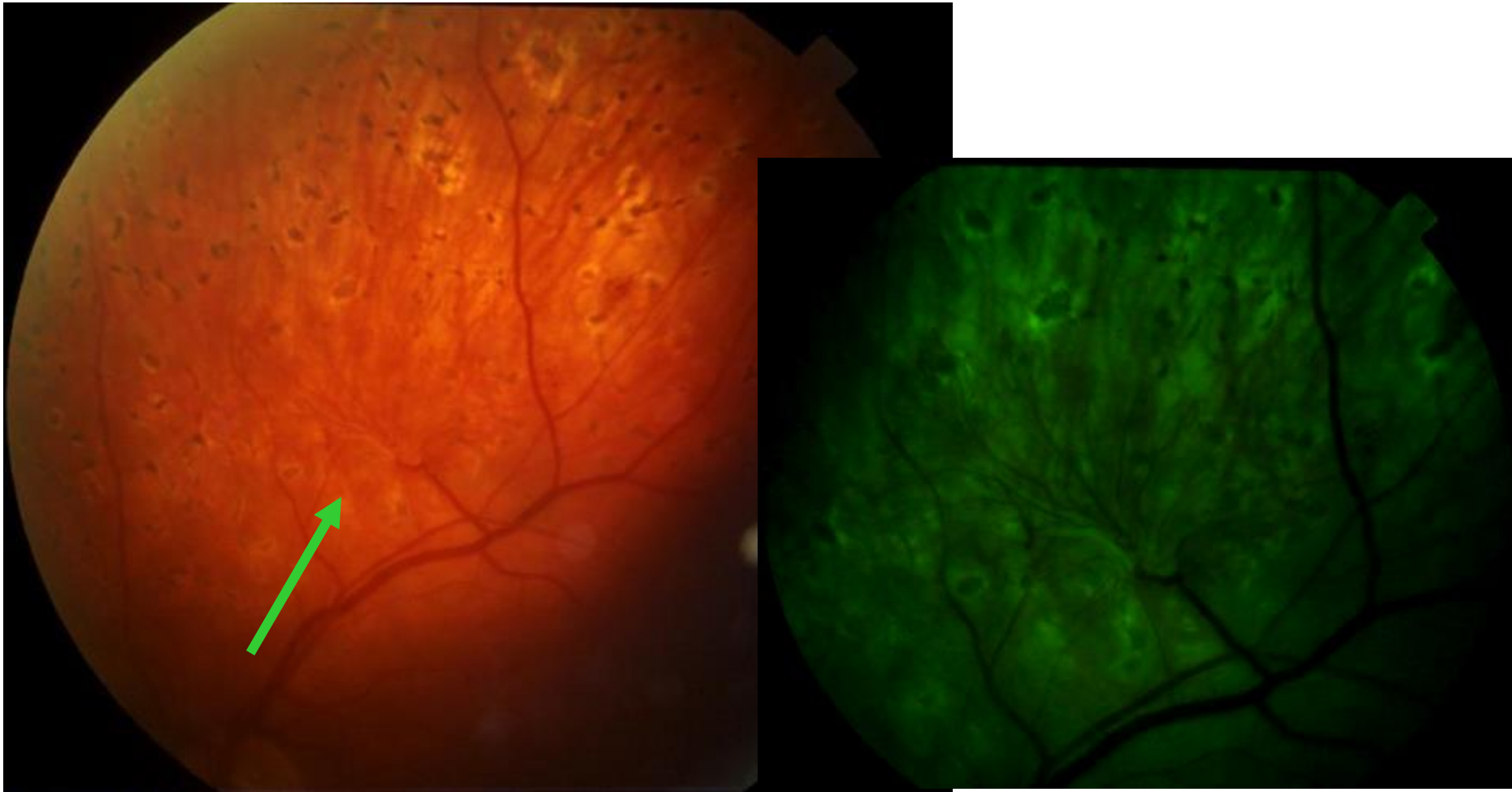


Reversal with Treatment

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# PDR-NV (IVA)

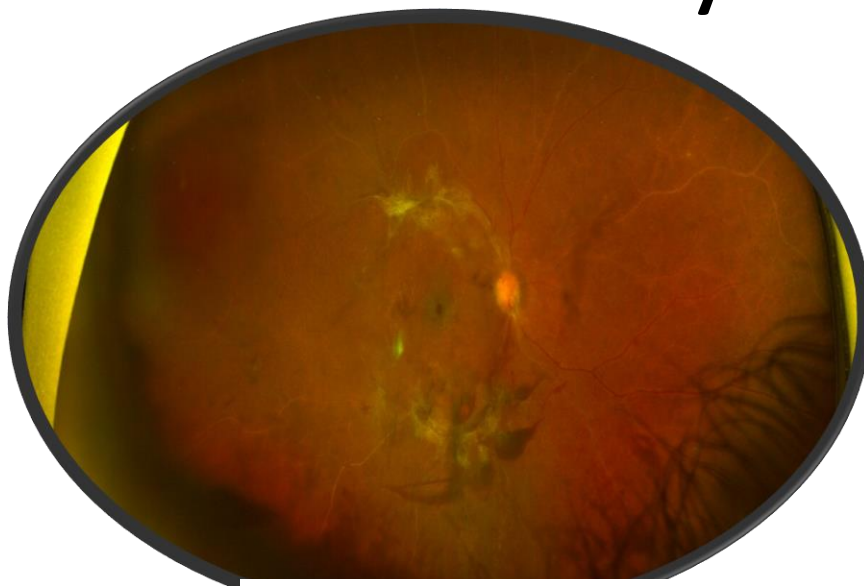
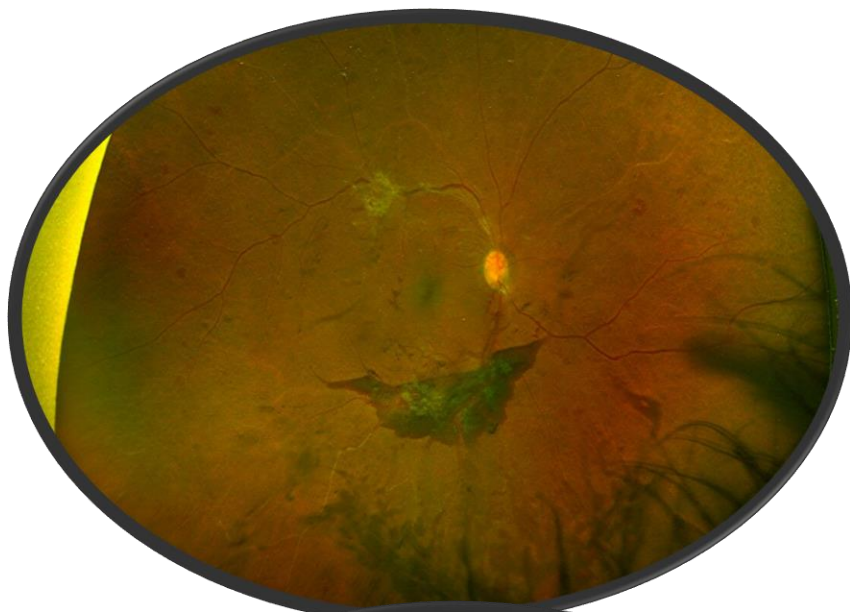


# S/P IVA

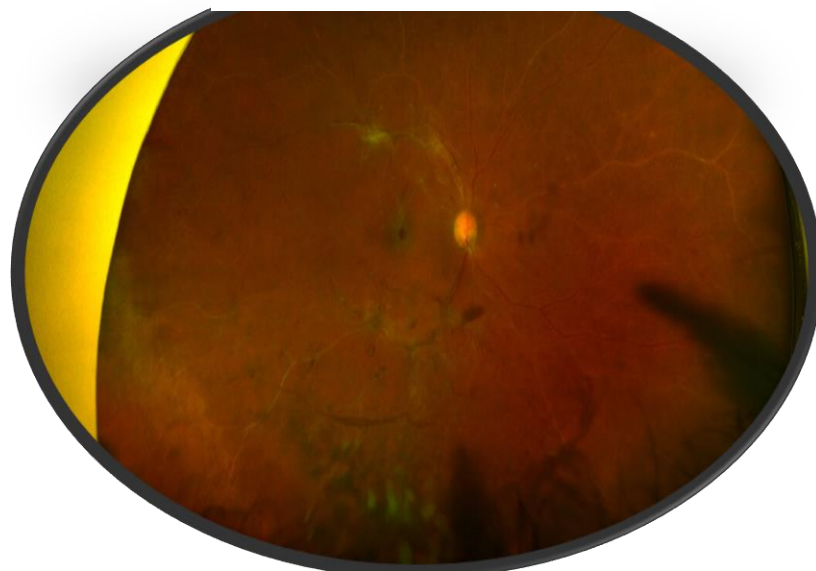
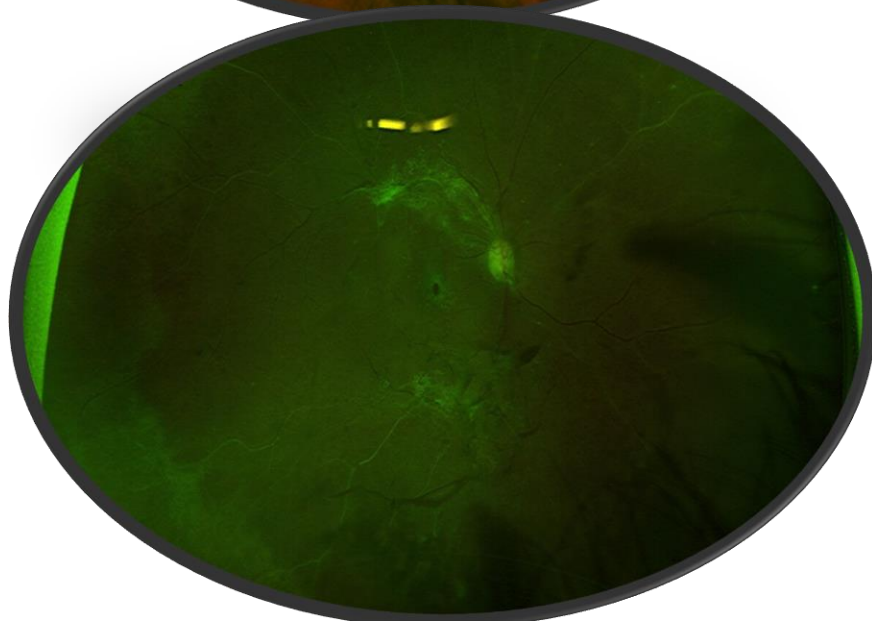
Subsequent  
recurrence  
followed by  
additional  
PRP, recent  
VH



# PDR Treatment Anti-VEGF Only

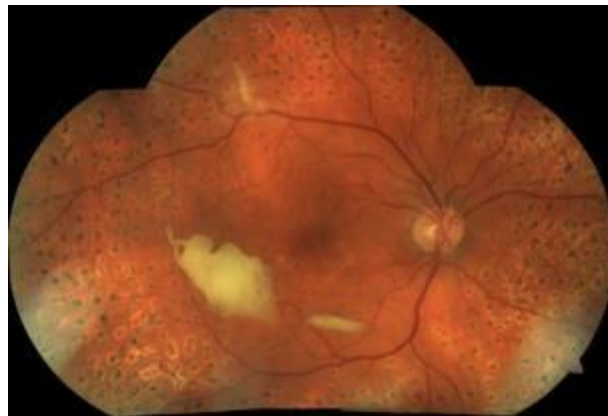


Ischemia not fixable



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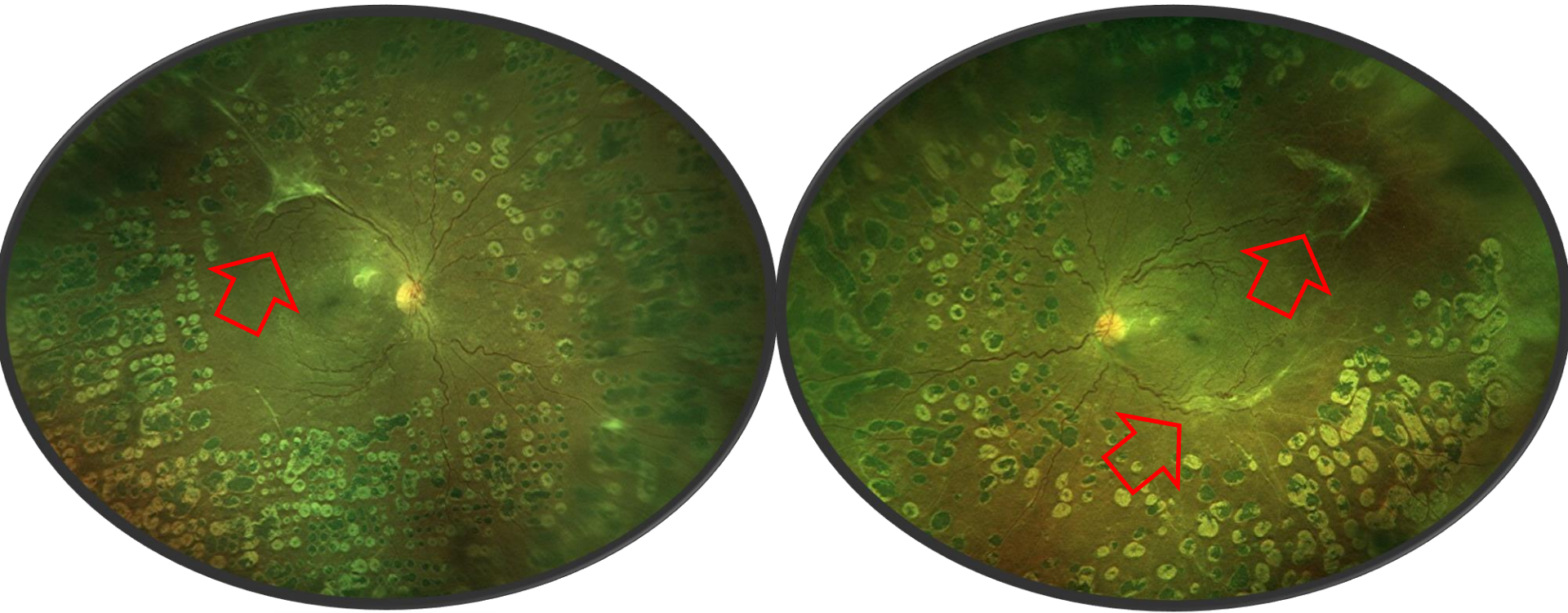
Anti-VEGF + PRP



Predictable changes  
over time  
(complaint patient)

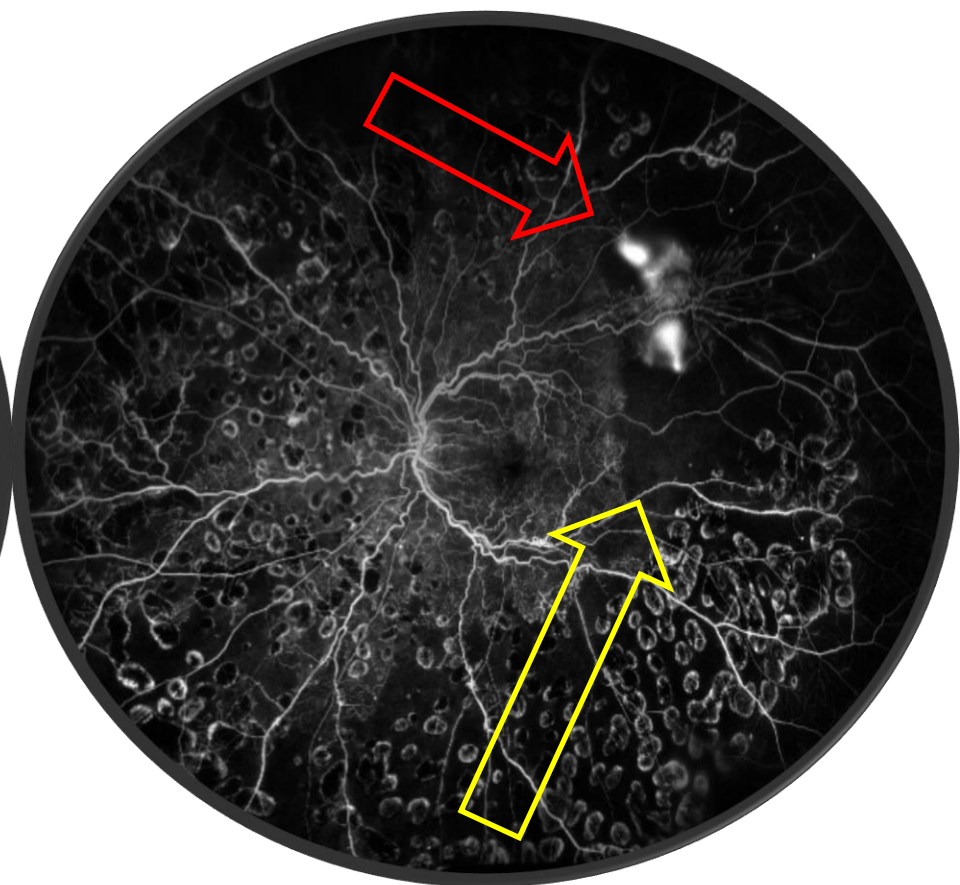
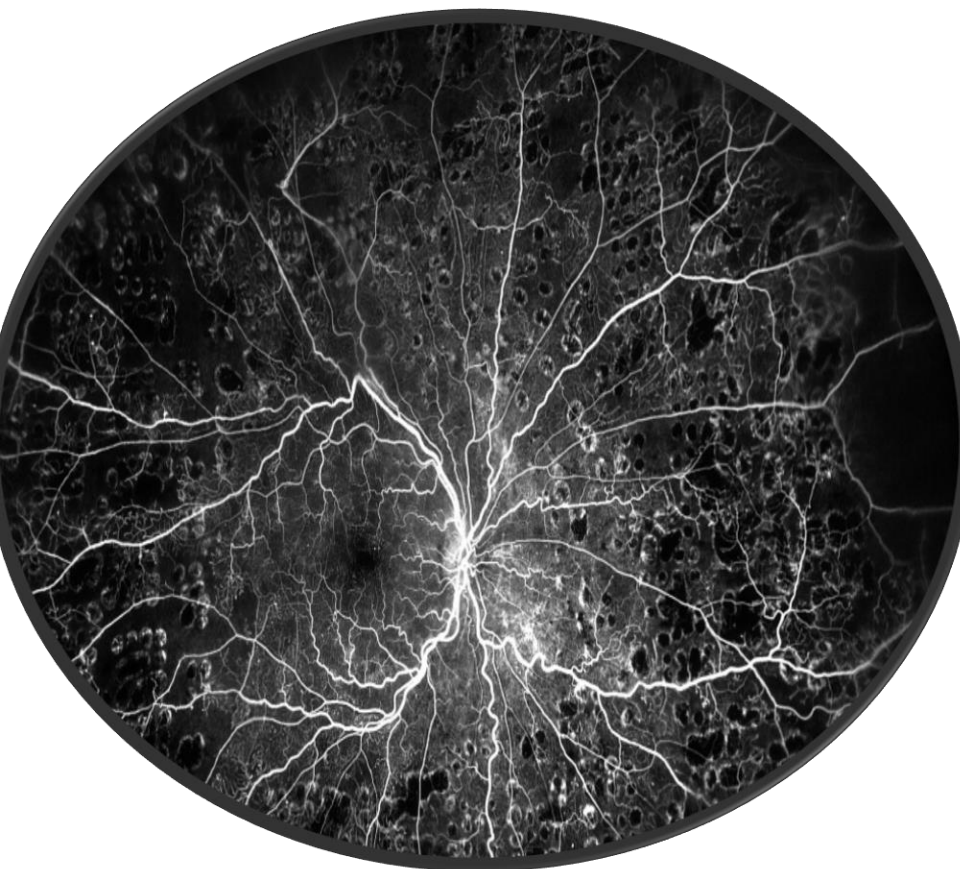


# Need for Continued Follow-ups Post Treatment



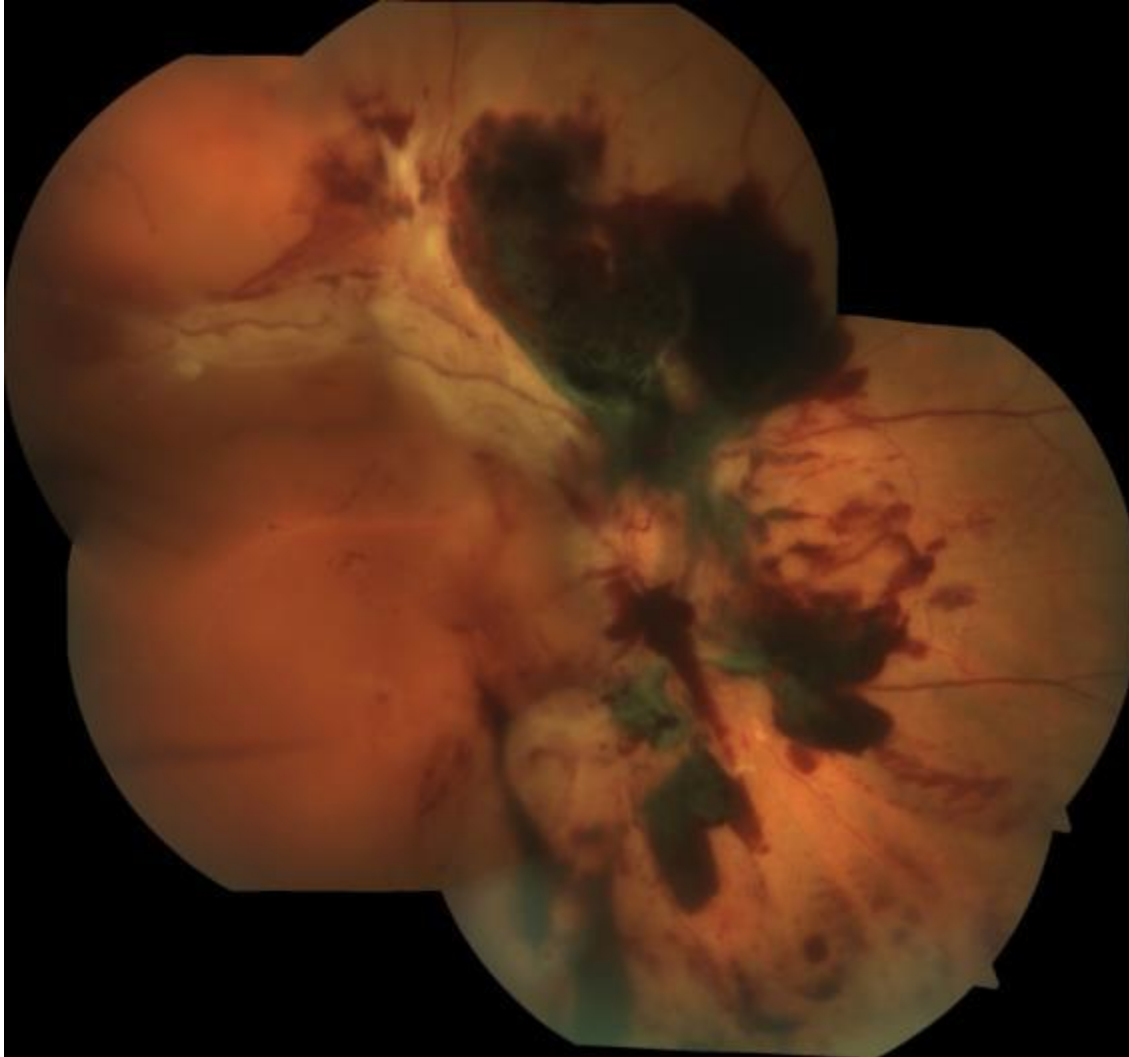
Preretinal fibrosis, Inactive NVE

Actively Leaking NV



Significant Nonperfusion

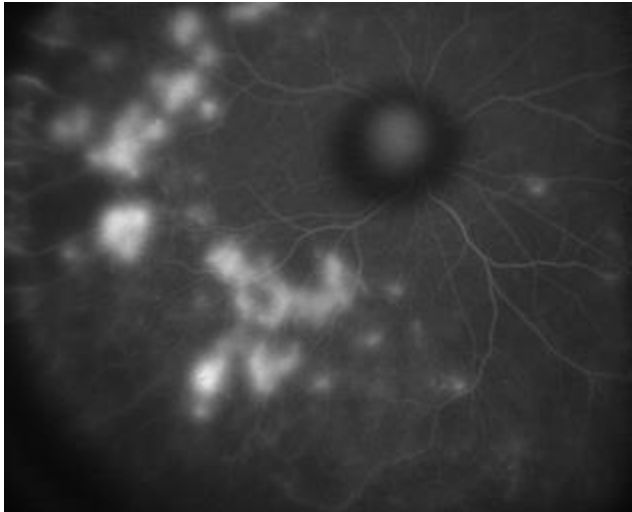
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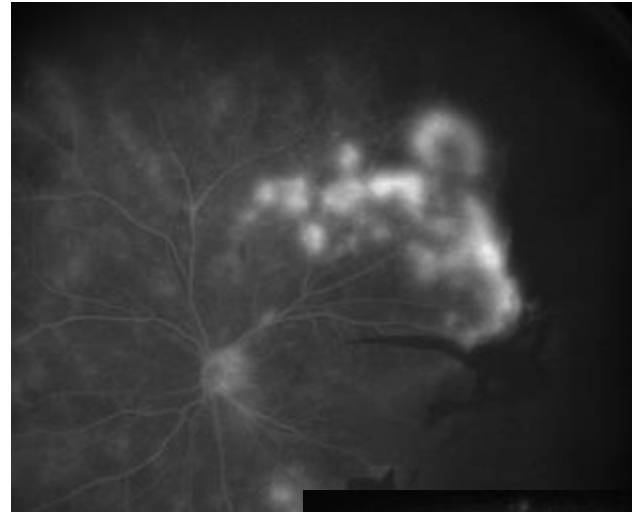
To delay or avoid PPV



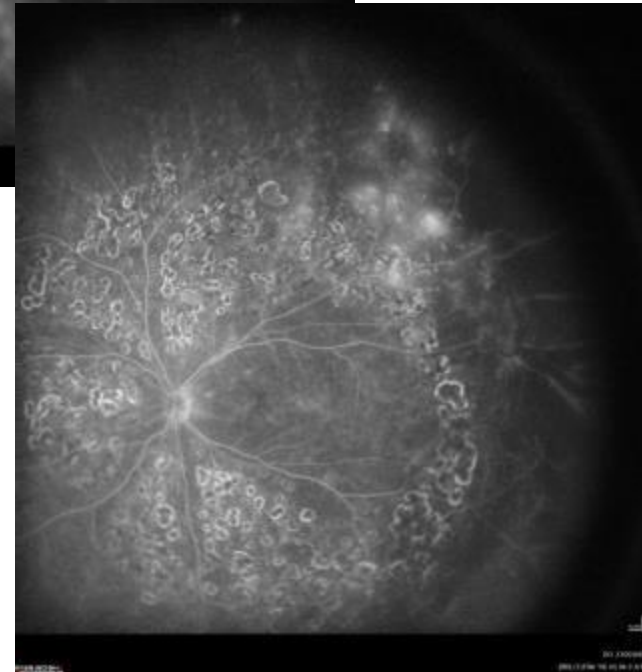
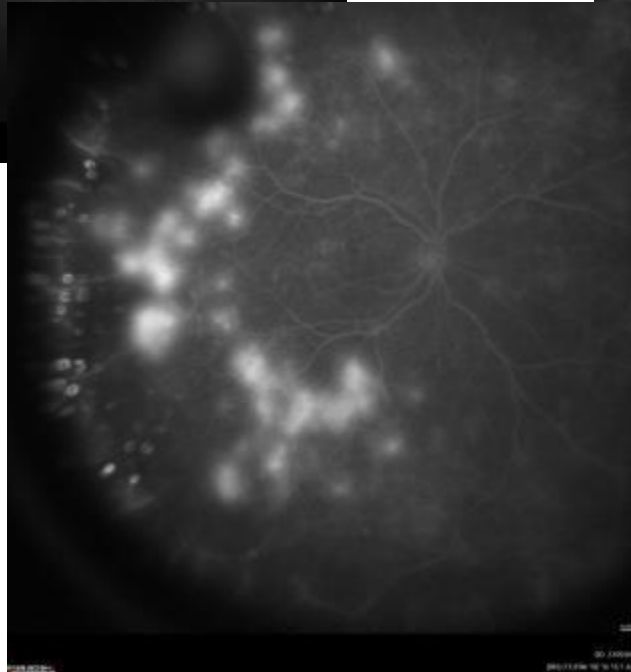
# PRP IVI vs. PPV



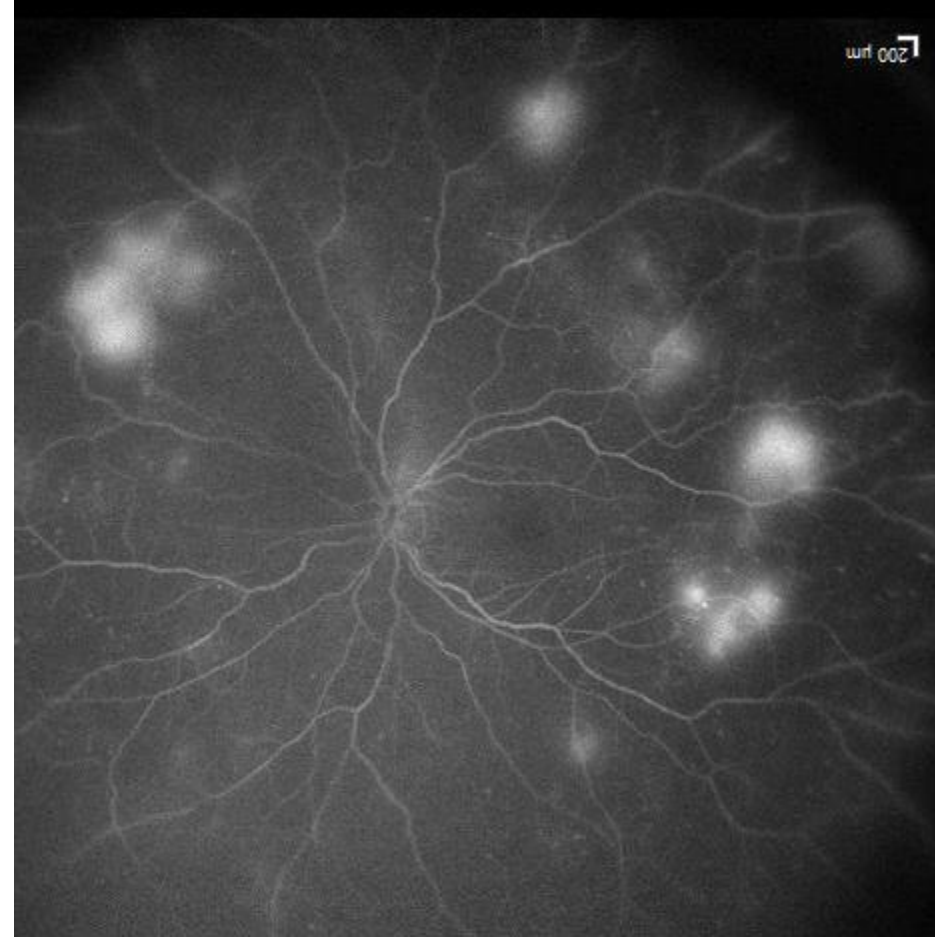
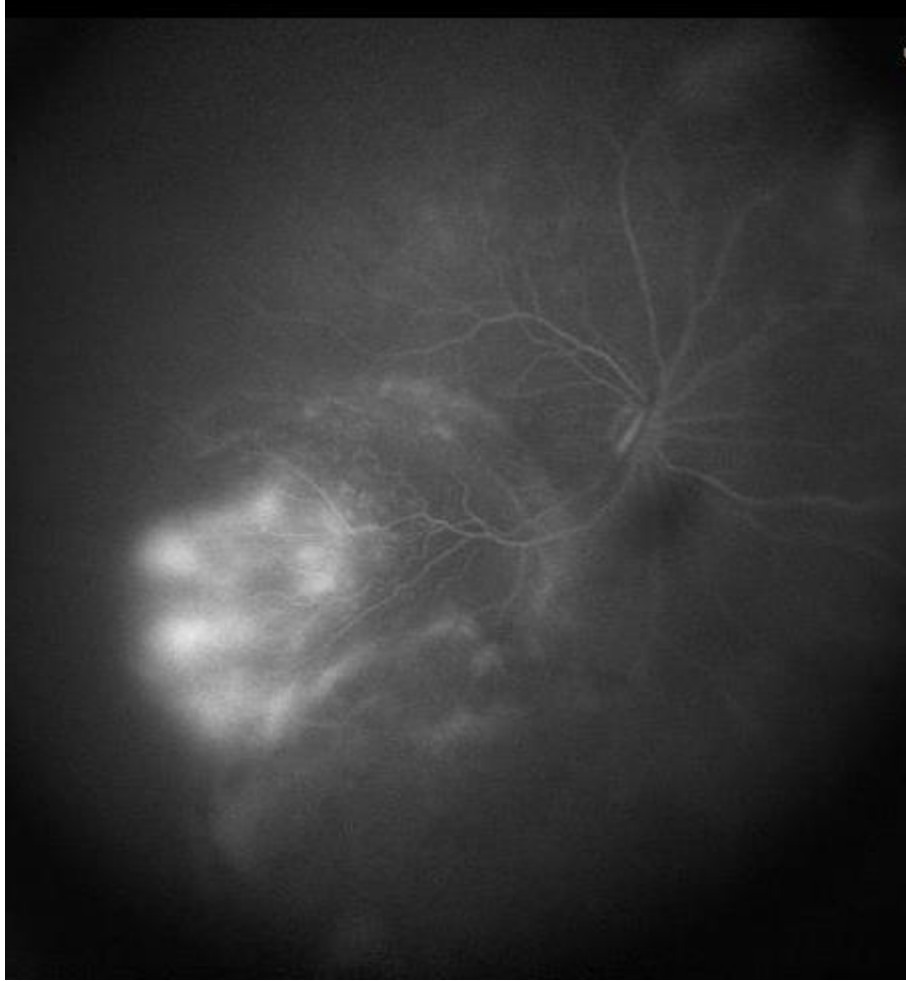
Pre-  
Post-  
IVA PRP



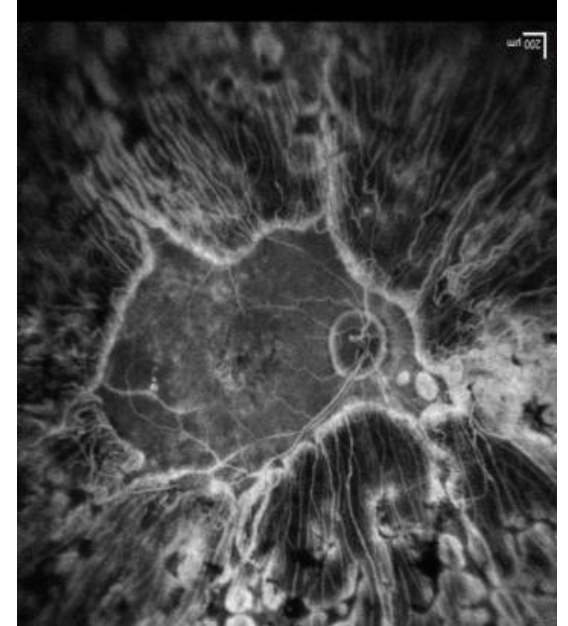
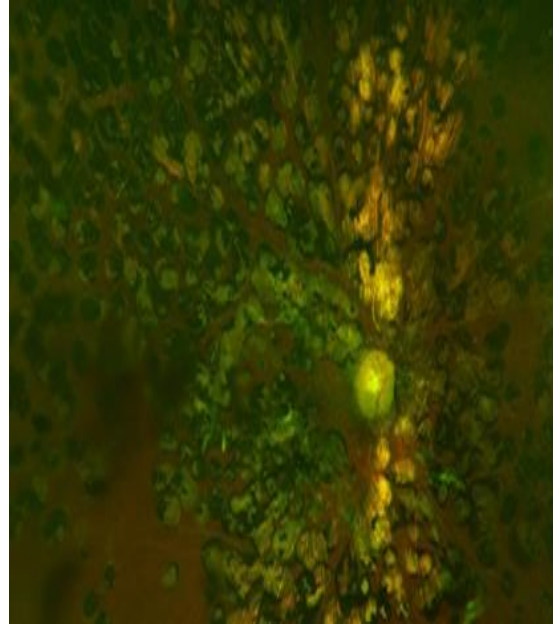
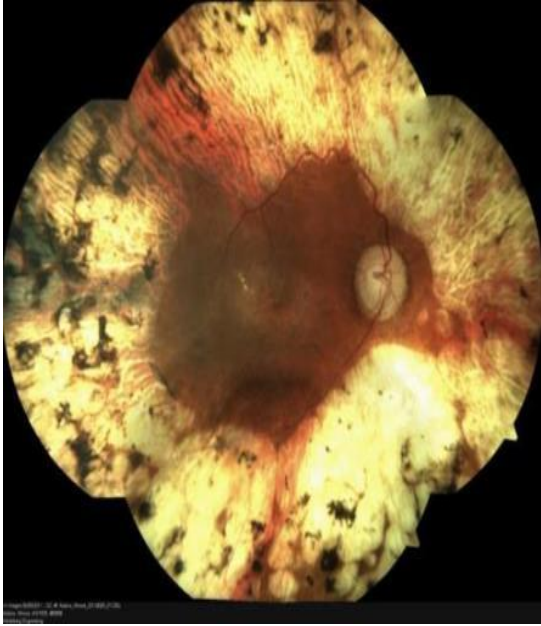
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# Which Eye More Important to Treat?

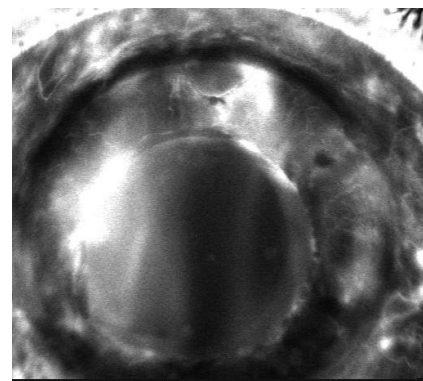
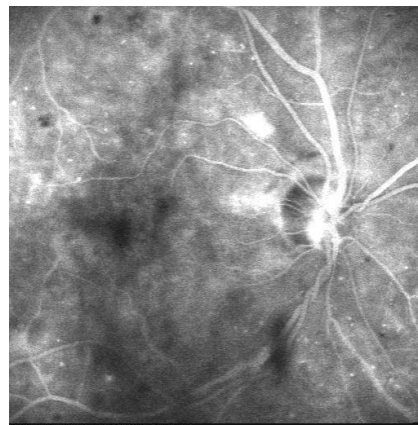
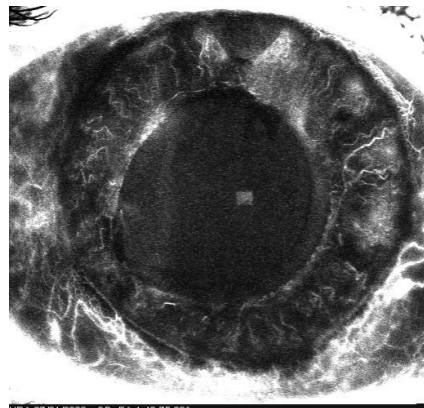
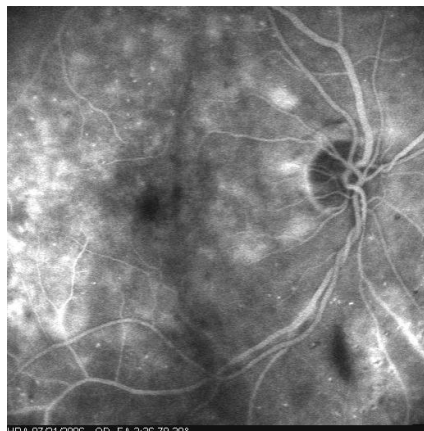


Patient perception OD recent onset poor vision OS no problems



PDR-(Over Tx)

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# Patient Education

Vision

Vision not indicator presence, absence or a measure for level and status of retinopathy

Know

Patients undergoing treatment must know this is a chronic condition needs chronic and continuous care

Convey

Patient education must convey understanding of the gravity of the condition and avoidable catastrophes



# How to Co- Manage

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Establishing a relationship with the treating provider

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Your comfort level to deal with high risk high complexity conditions

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Having the proper diagnostic tools

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Recognizing the chronicity of these conditions some requiring long-term care

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**Diabetic Retinopathy is a Chronic Disease Needing Continuous Care**



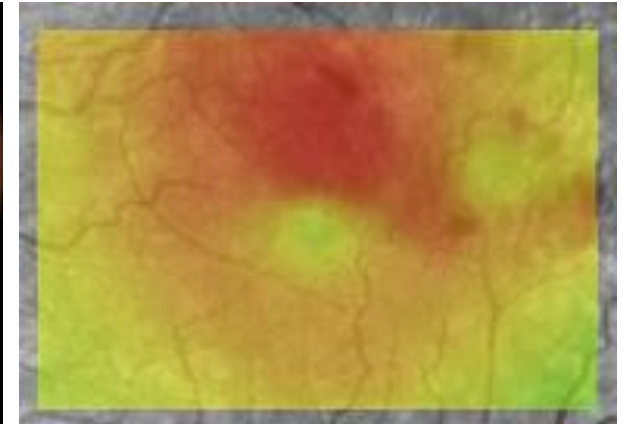
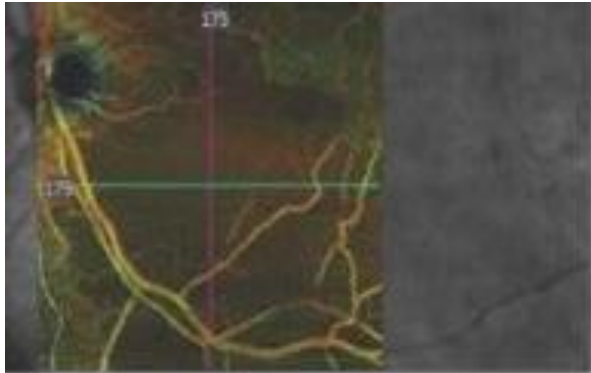
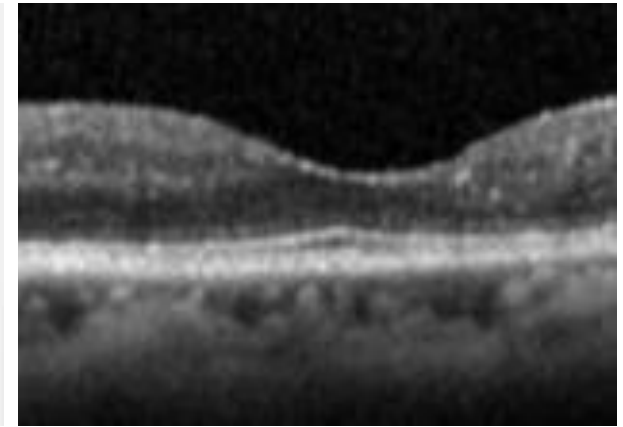
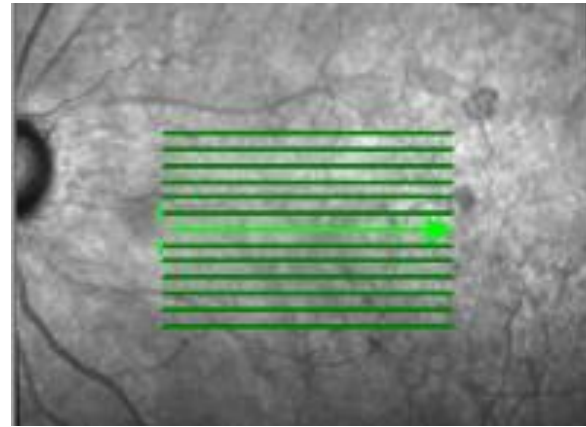
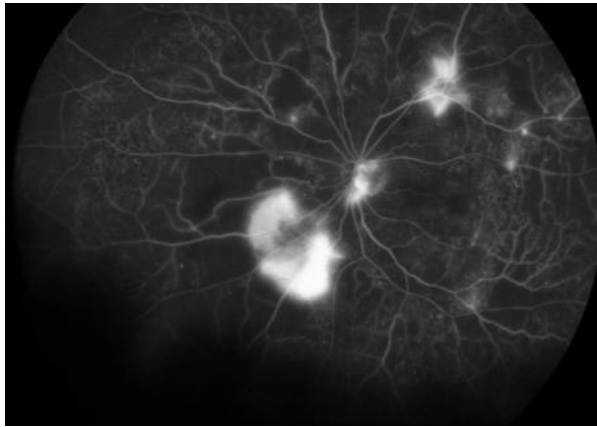
# Pitfalls Leading to Disasters

- Beyond patient's misconceptions
  - Poor follow-up compliance
- Inadequate screening (Examination)
- Inadequate attention to certain findings



“I was not having any vision problems don't know how this happened to the RE and I have no problems with my LE don't want treatment!”



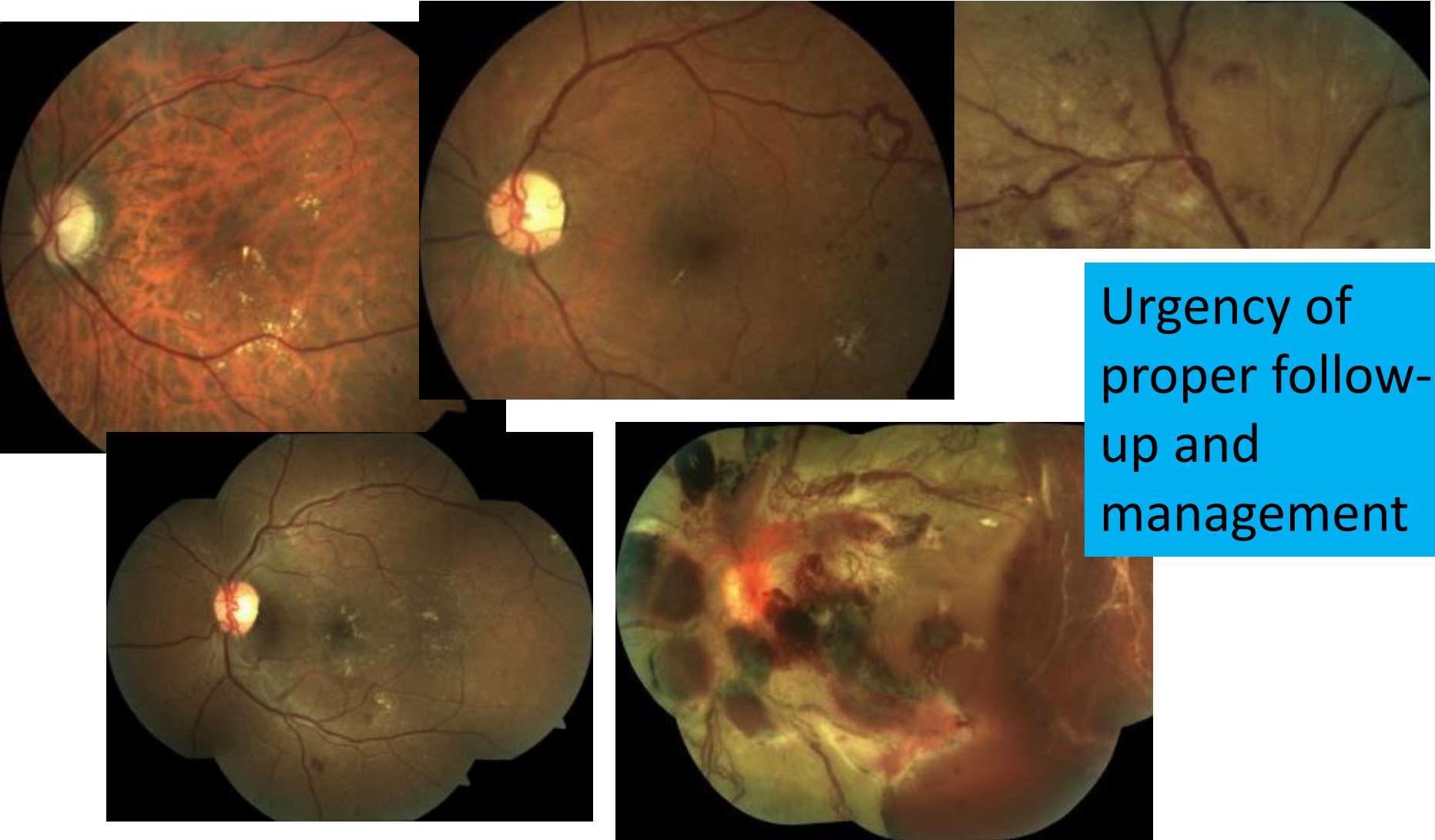


① Interoperation and Clinical Correlation and Knowing  
Limitation of Each Device and Technique

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# Attention signs of Advancing Disease

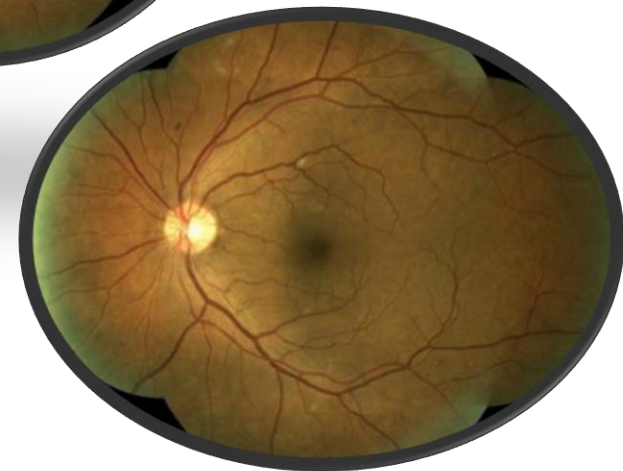
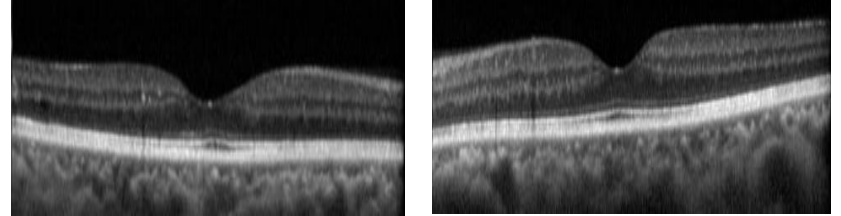


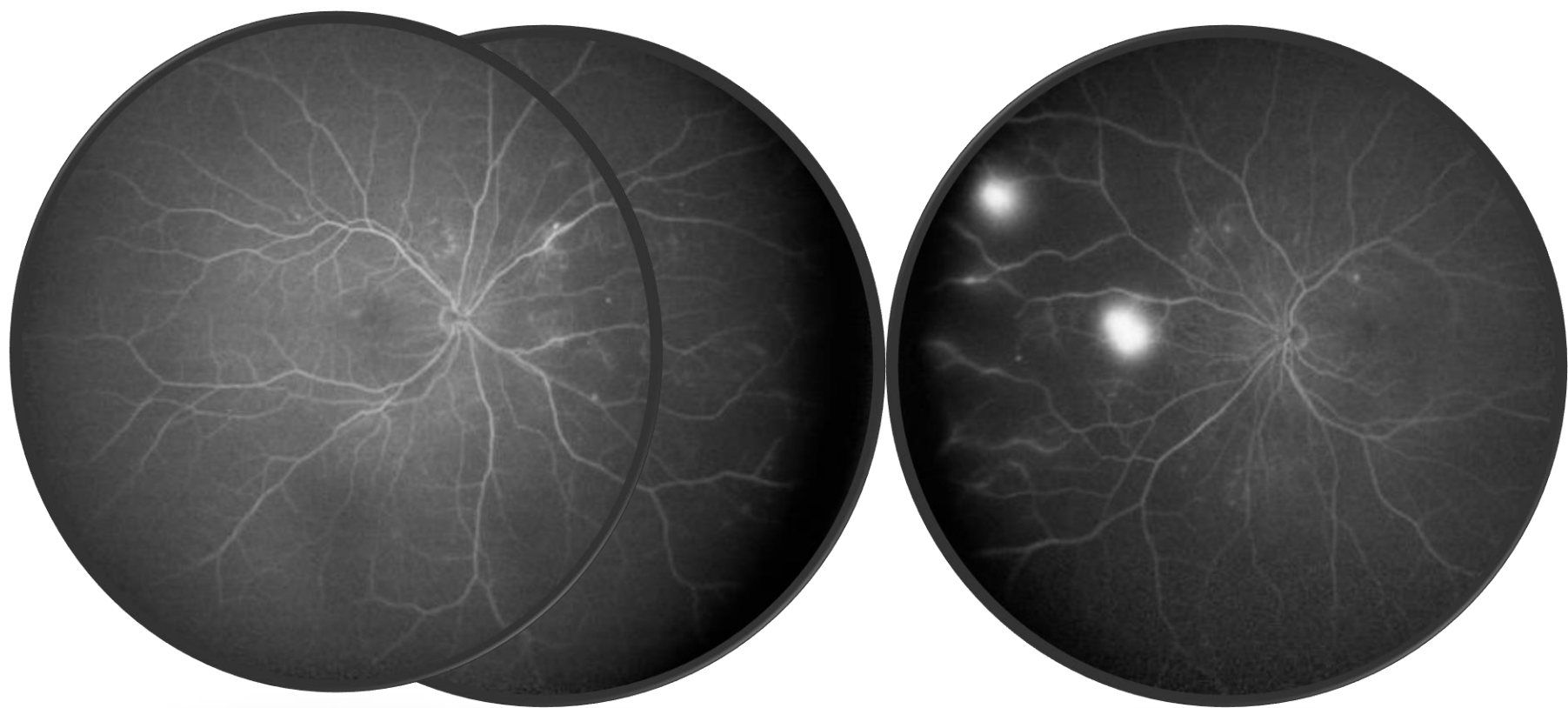
Urgency of proper follow-up and management



Deceiving  
when not  
carefully  
examined -  
OCT pitfalls

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# Diabetic Retinopathy Progression



Examining the patient at one point in time, with poor attention to past and future!



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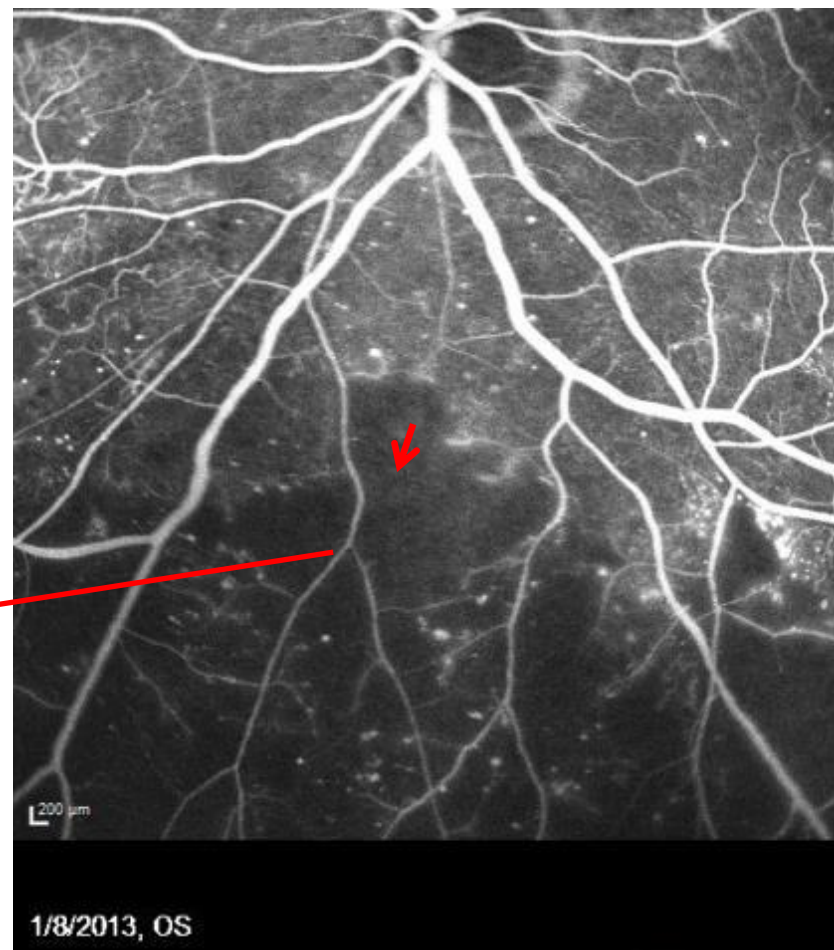
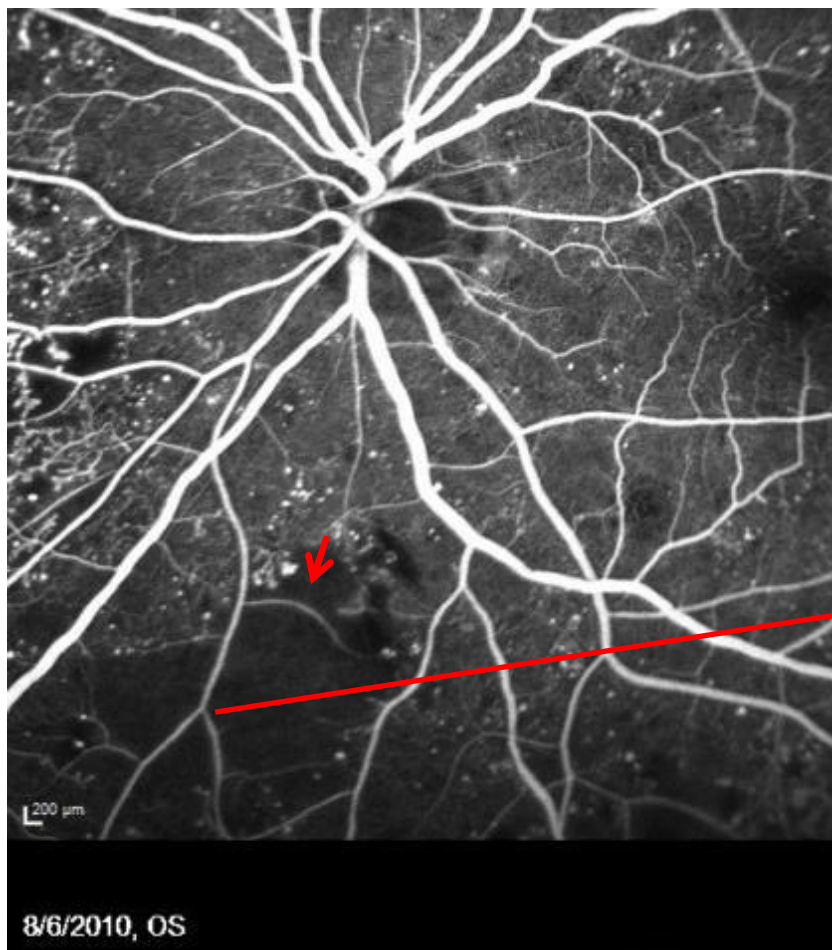


2.5 years is it really getting better?

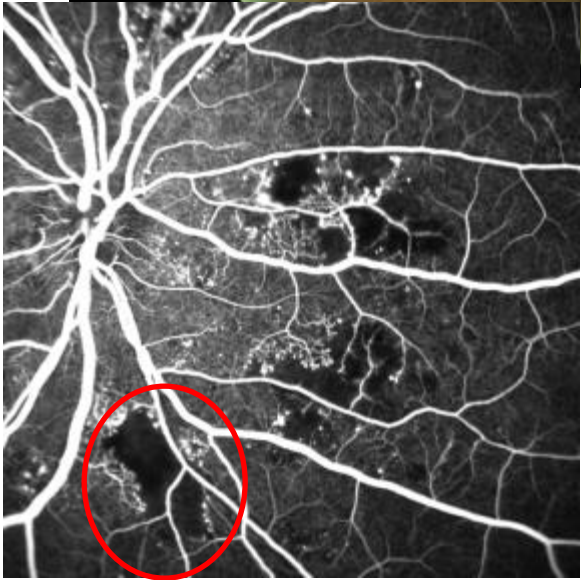
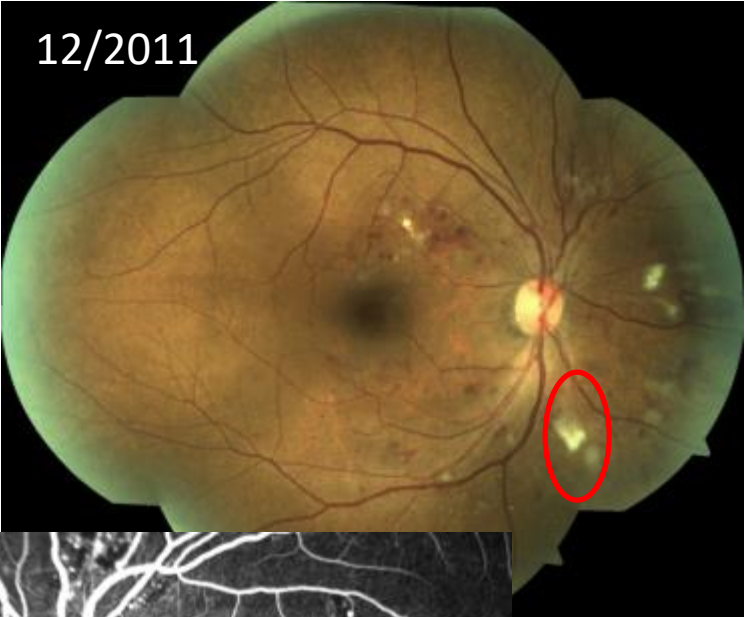
Callousness to what may not make sense

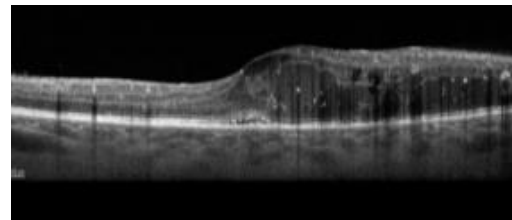
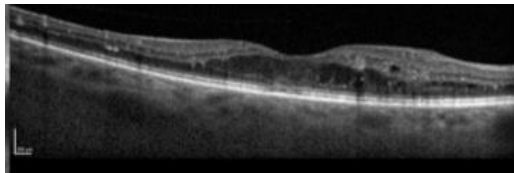
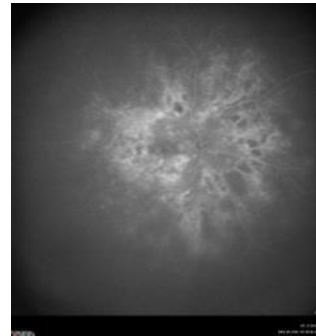
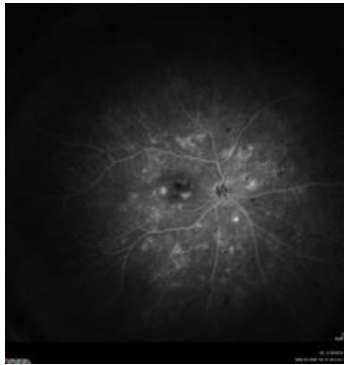


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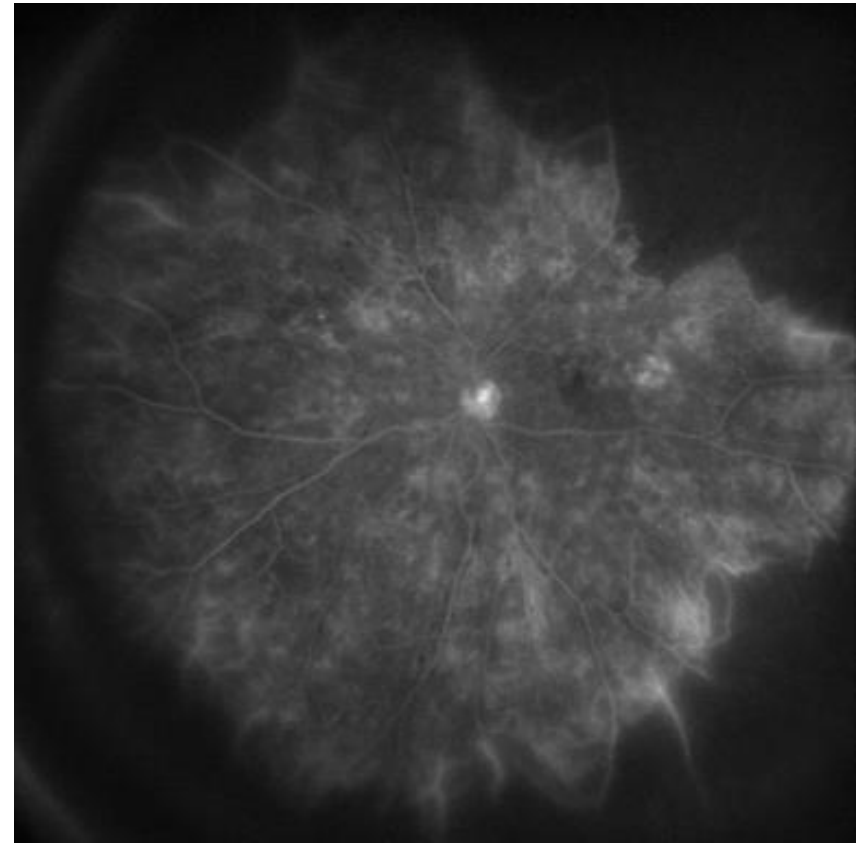
# Exhibit 3 (NPDR to PDR) FA vs Clinical Exam





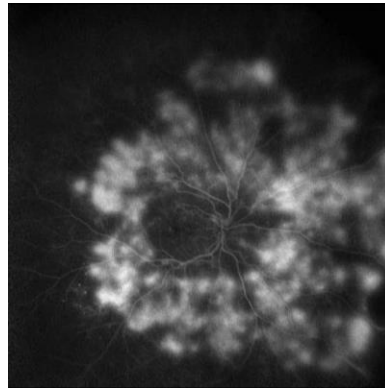
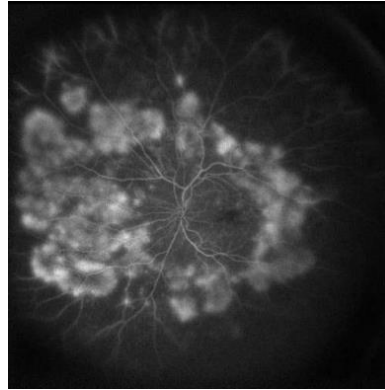
A disease that does not always have the “classic” textbook presentation


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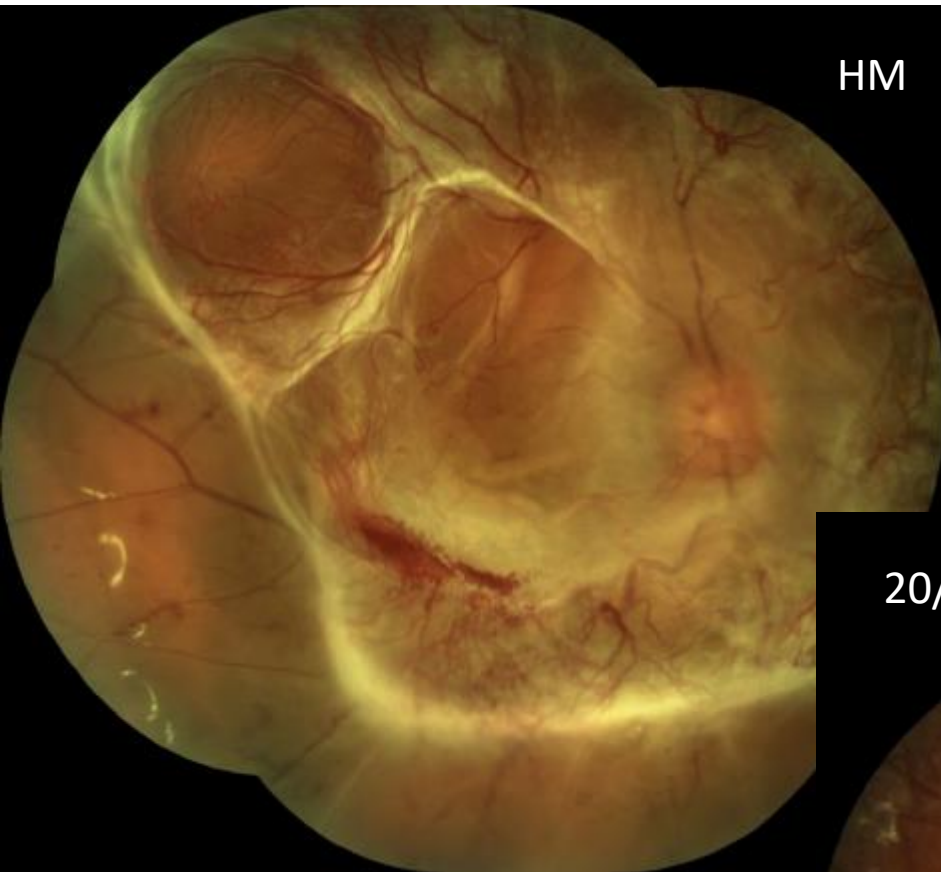


Spectrum of Disease  
and co-factors

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Subtle  
Hints of  
Advancing  
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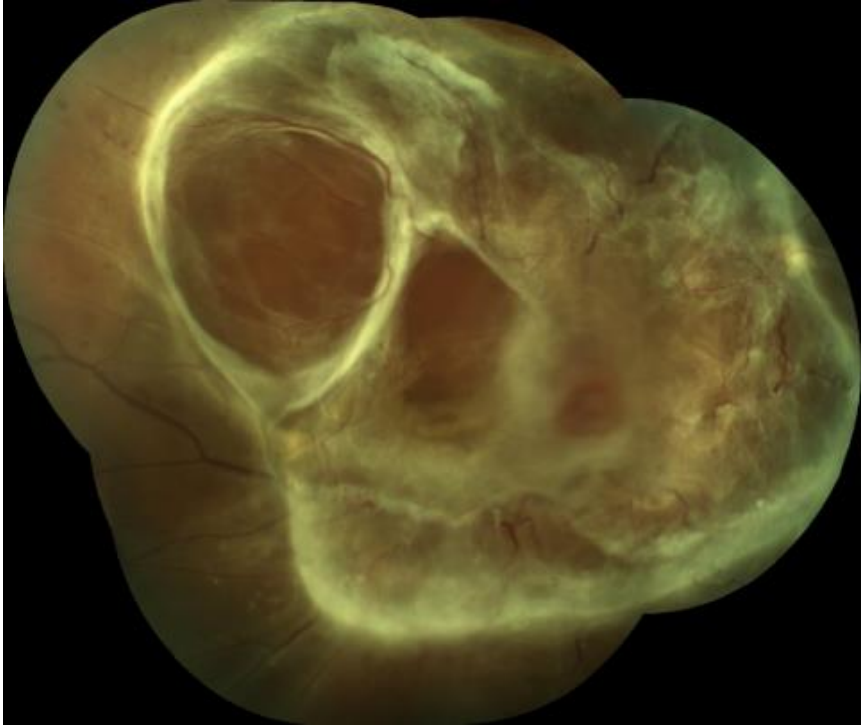
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26 Y/O WM type 1 uncontrolled



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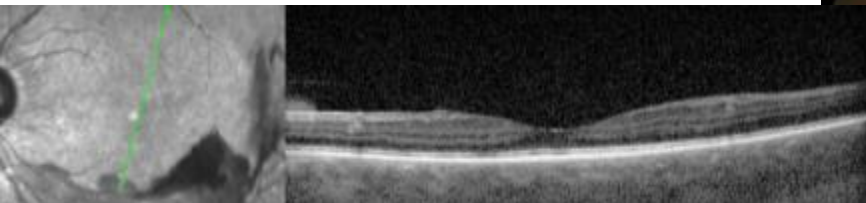
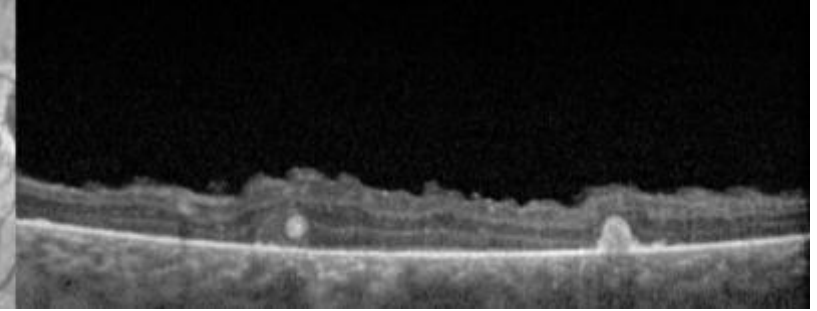
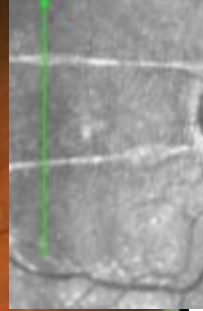
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1 Mo



PPV OD

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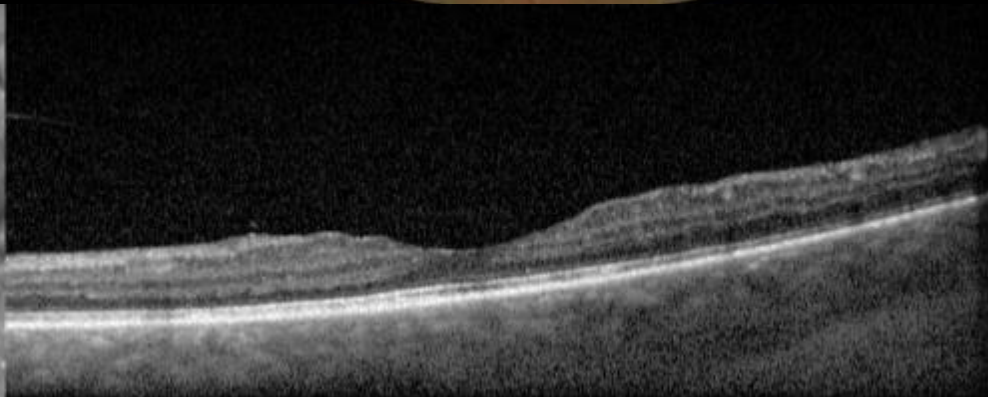
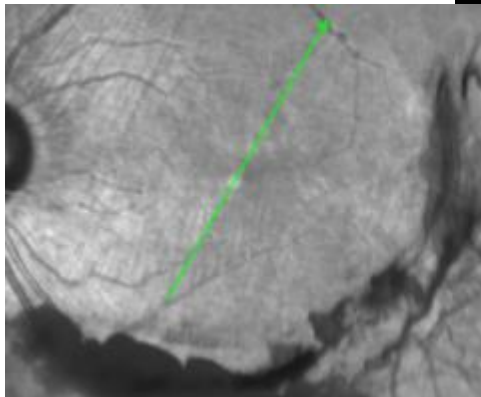
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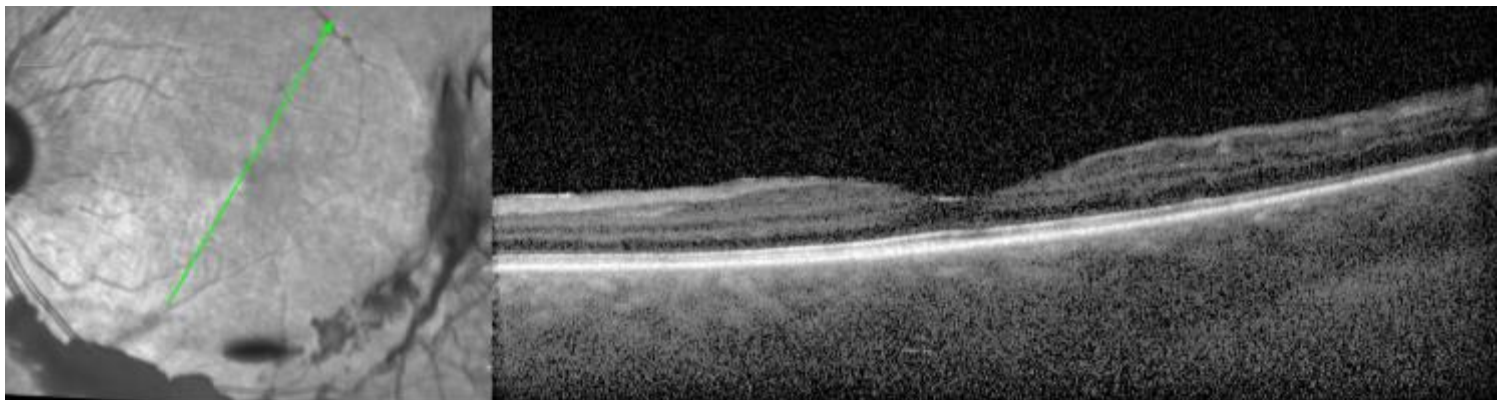


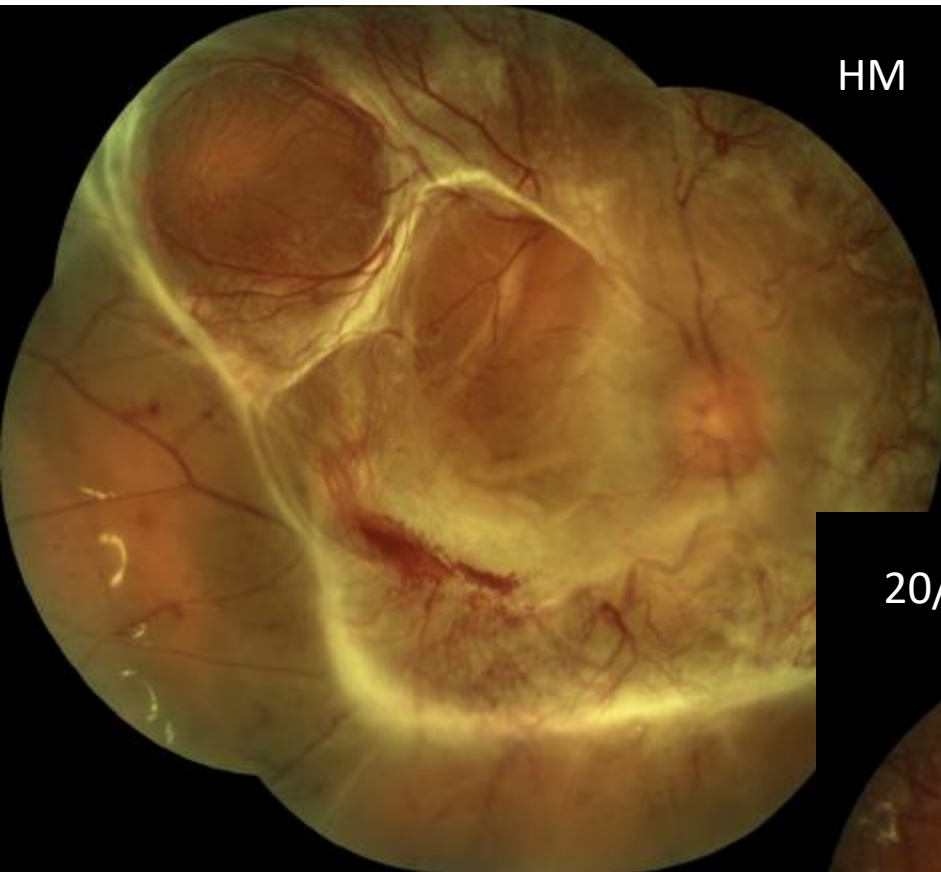
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Return 6 weeks





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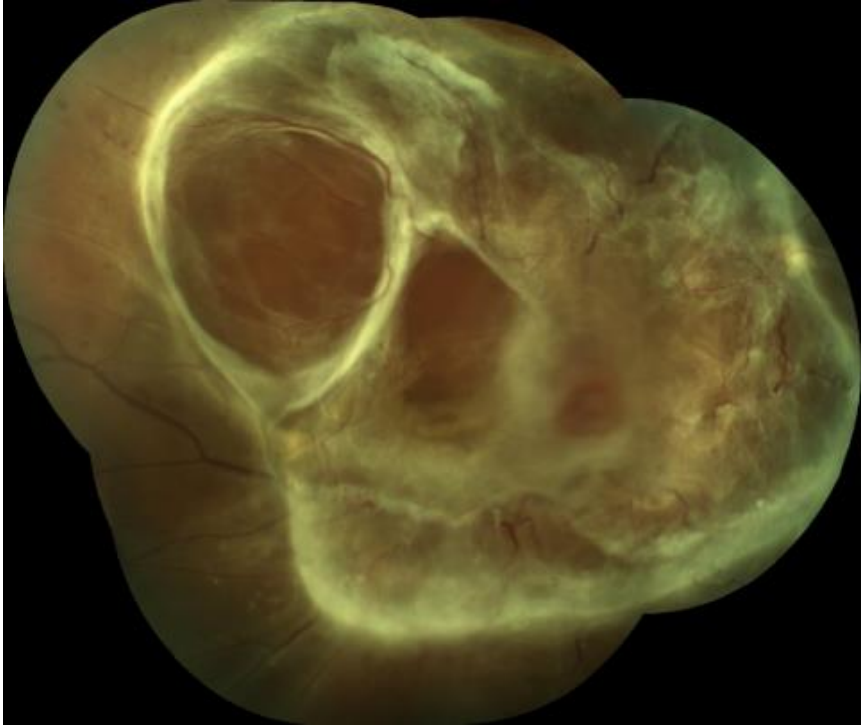
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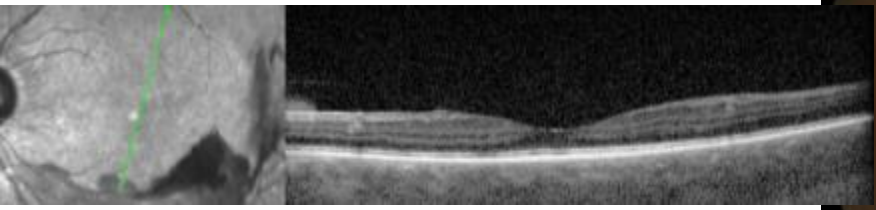
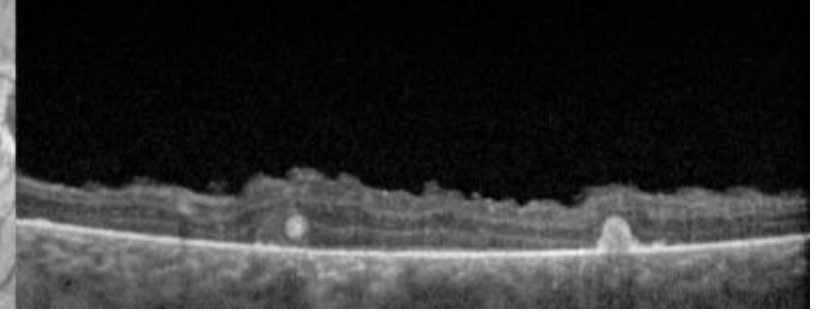
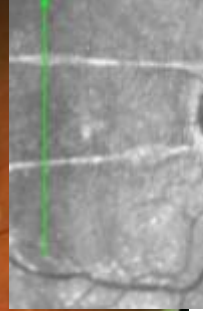
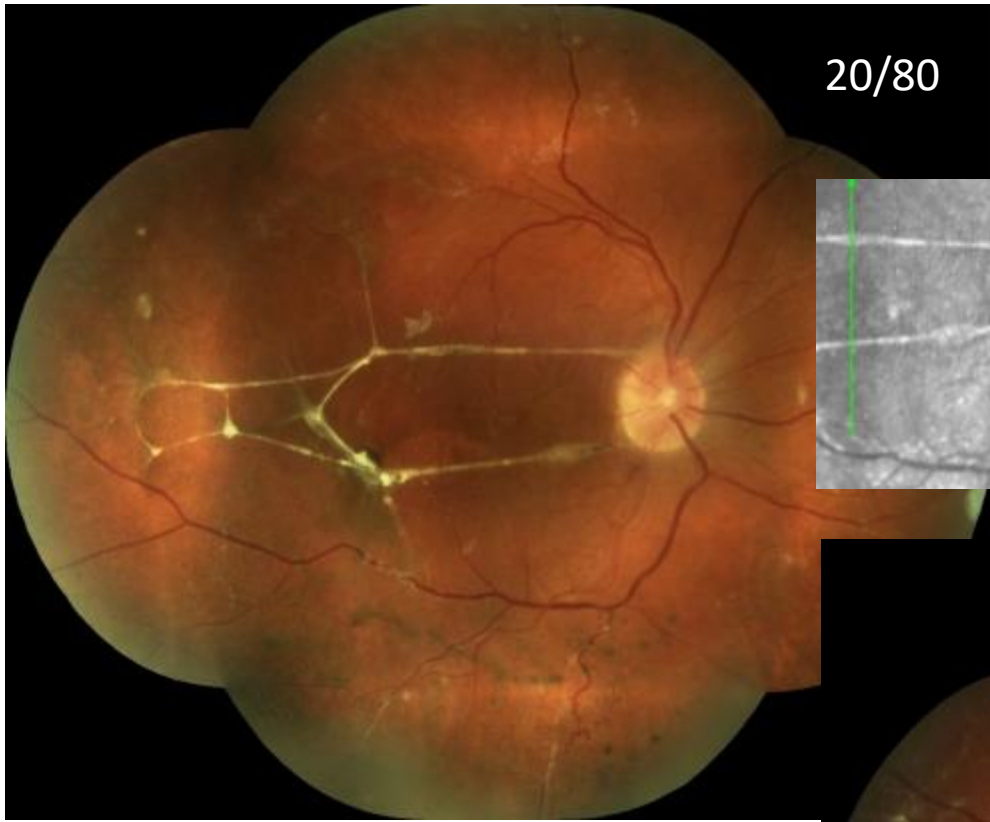
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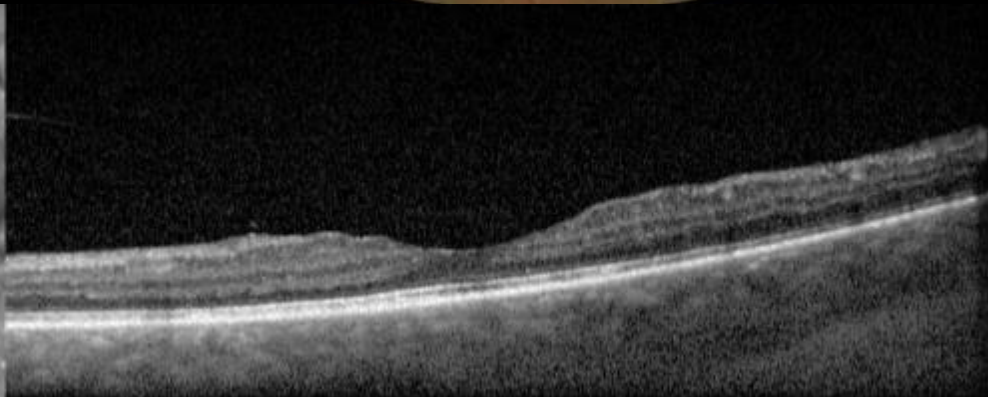
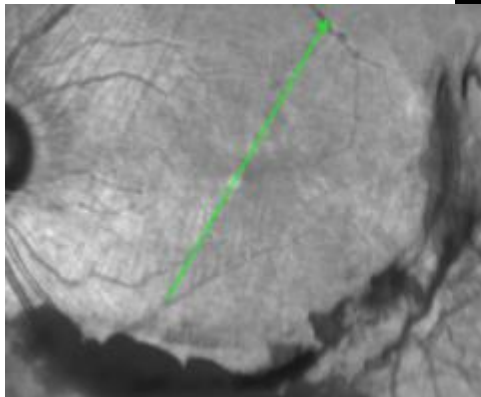
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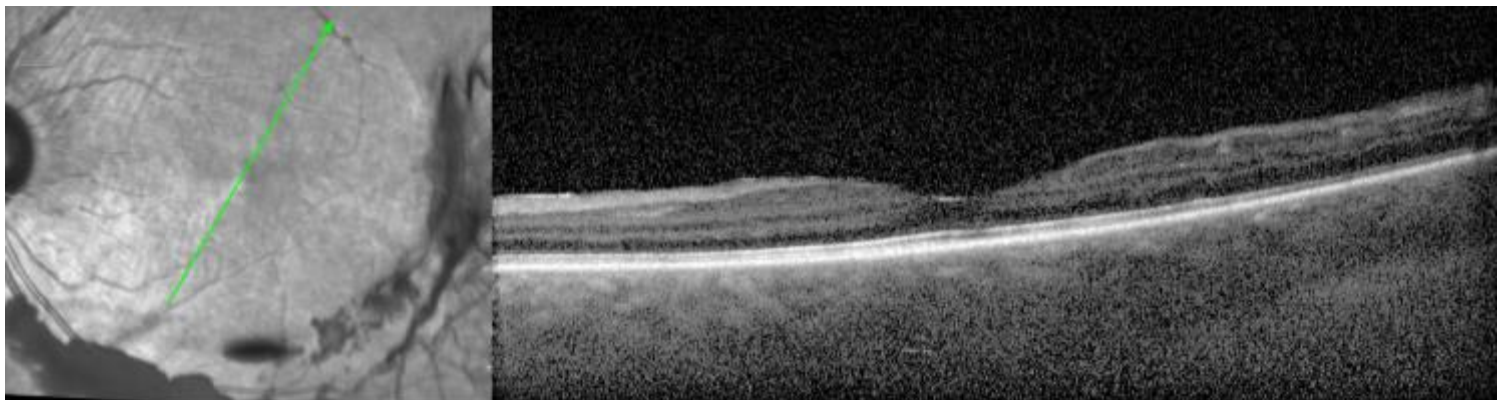


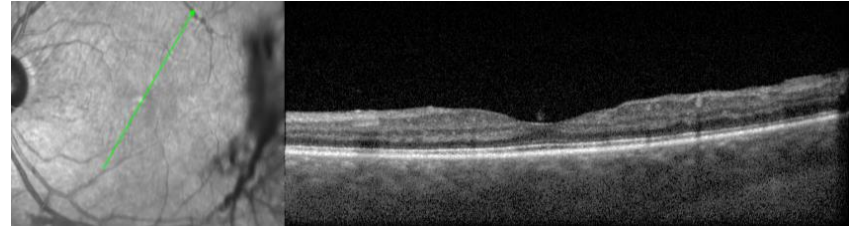
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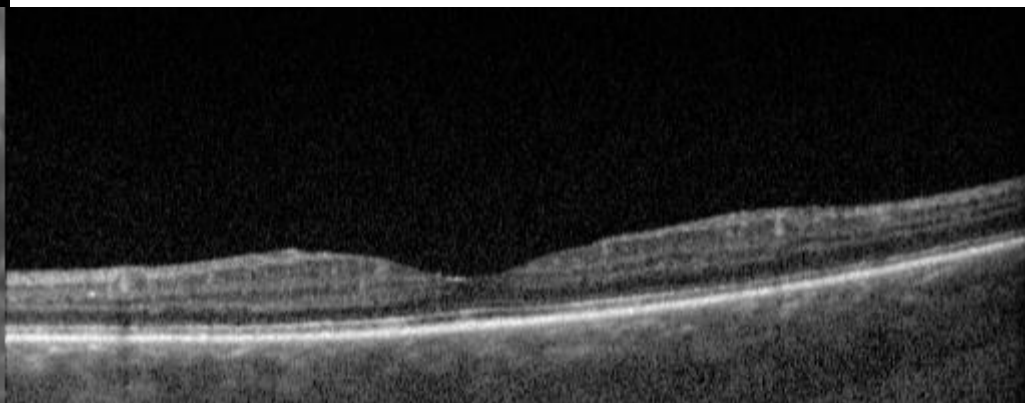
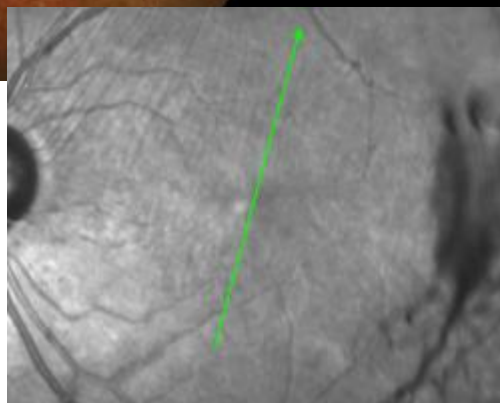
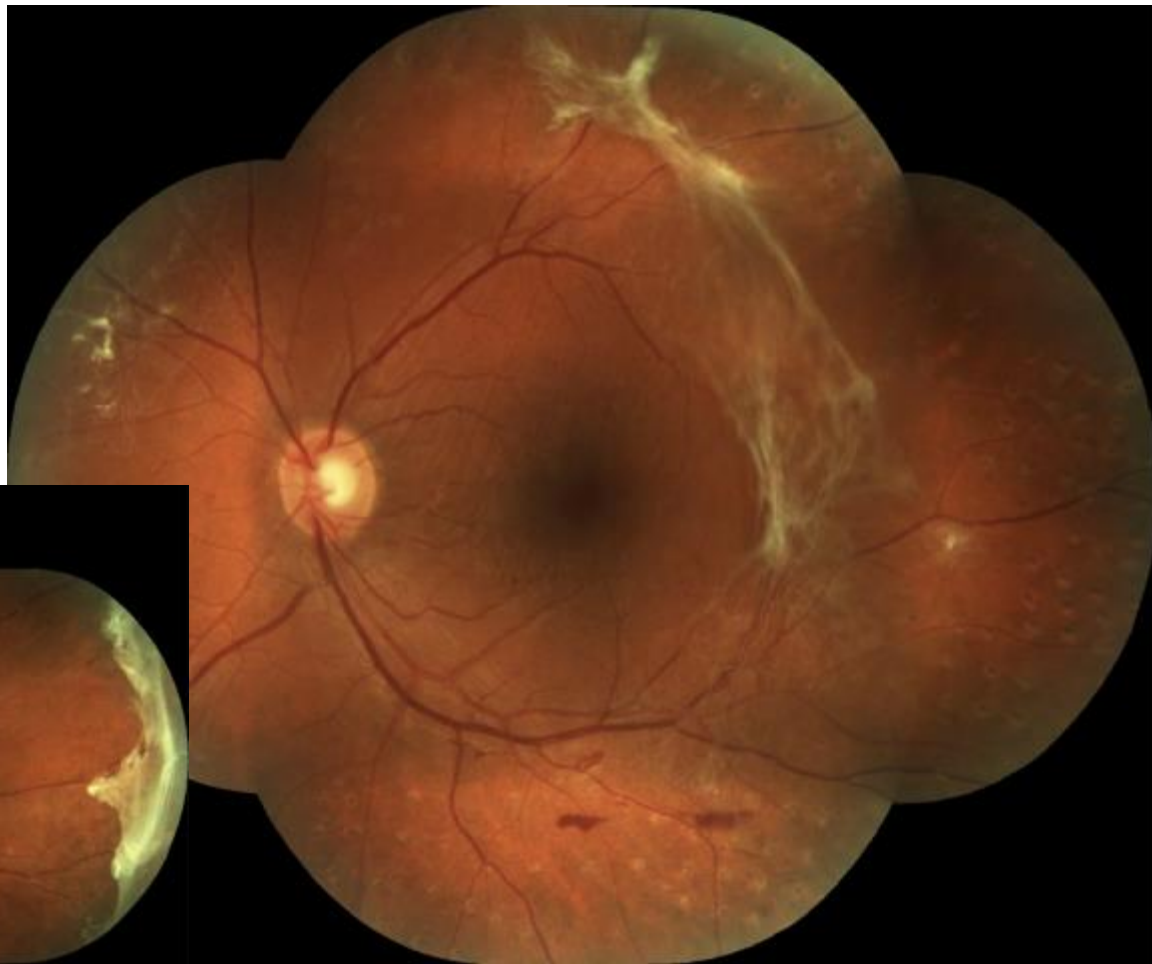
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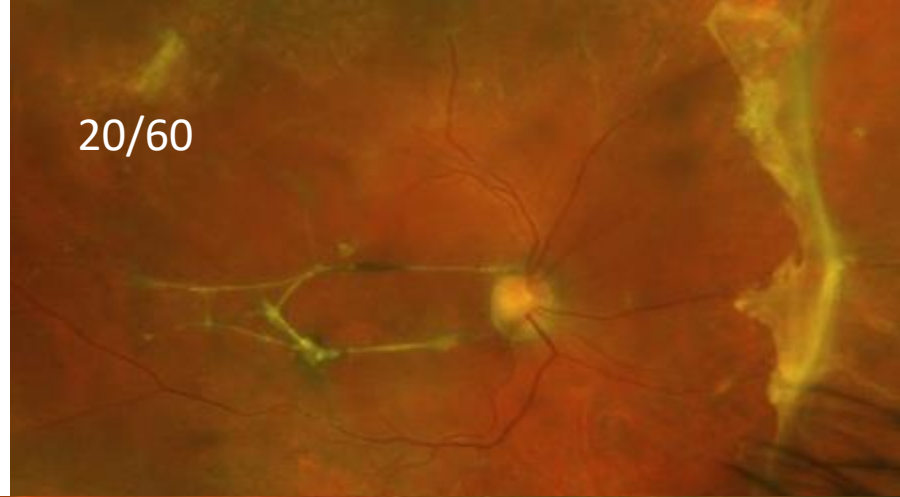
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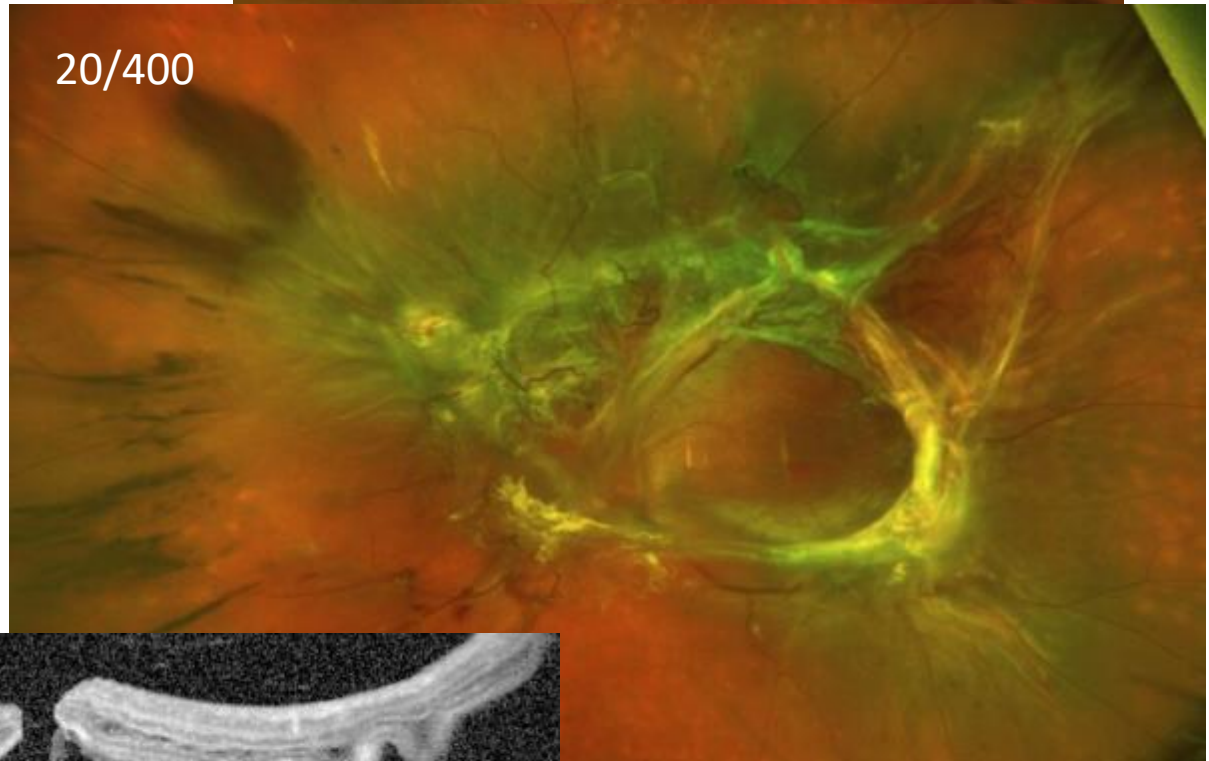


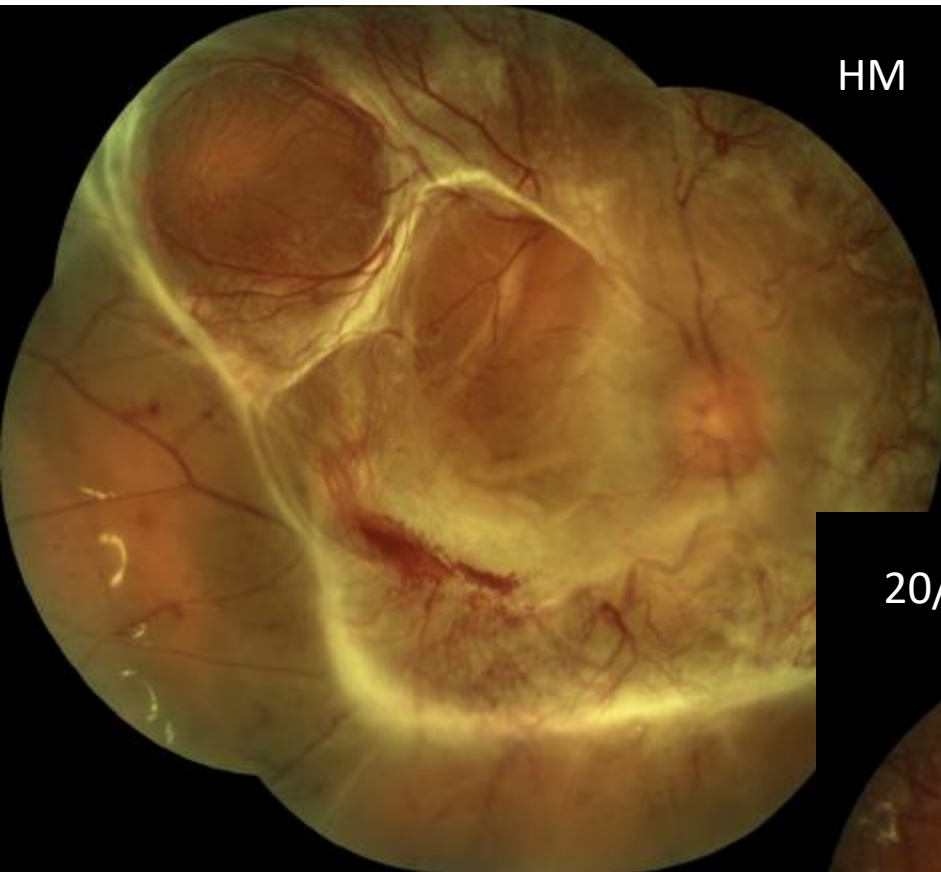
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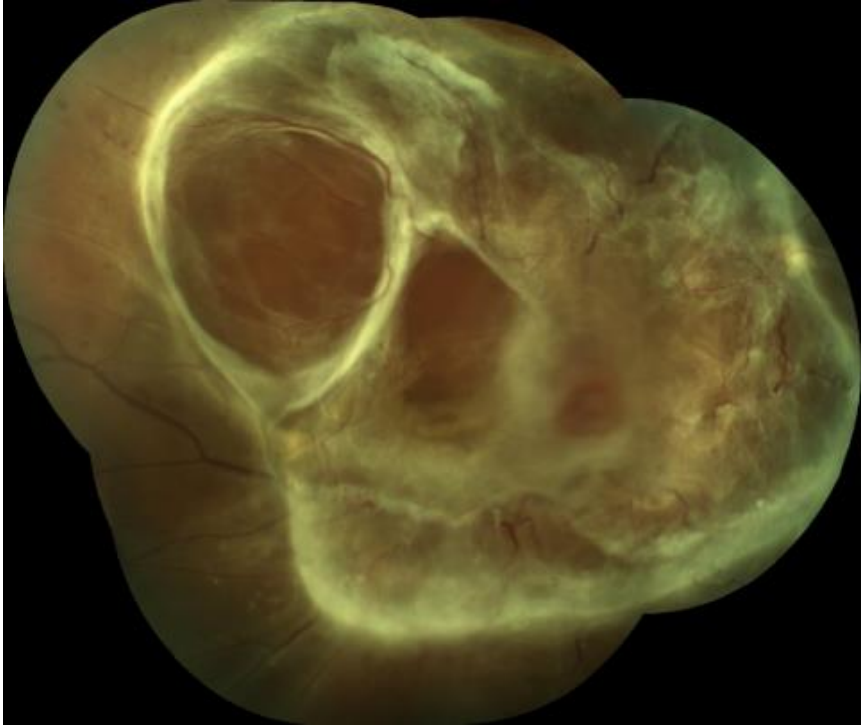
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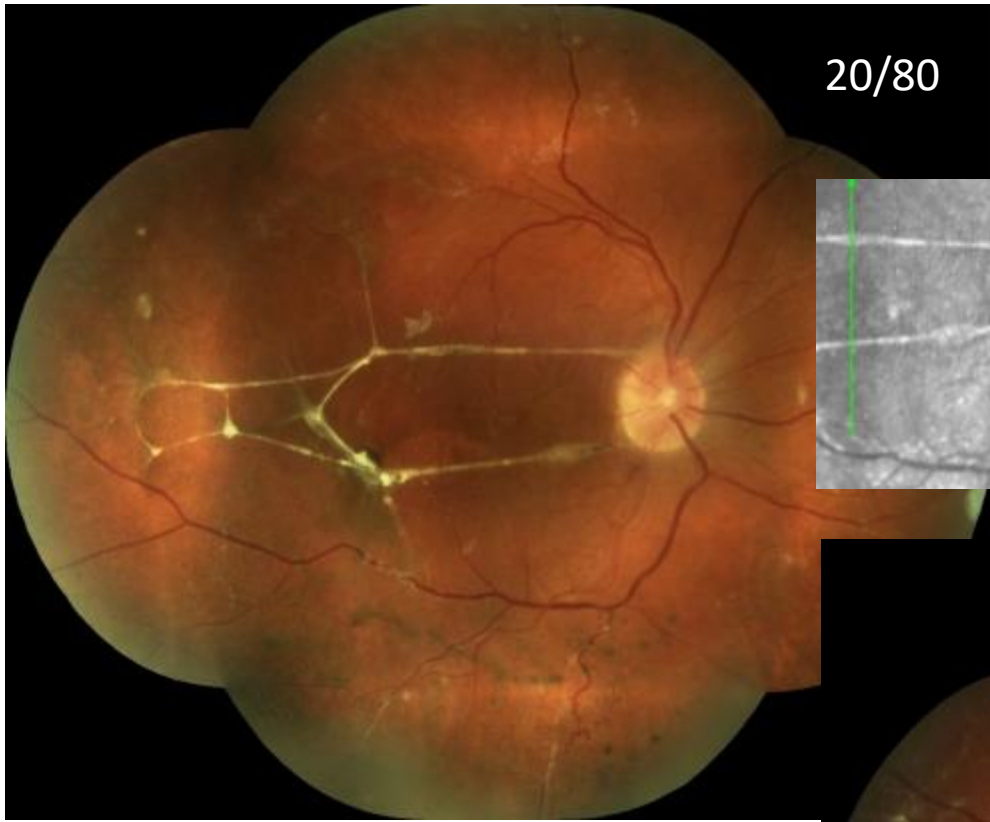
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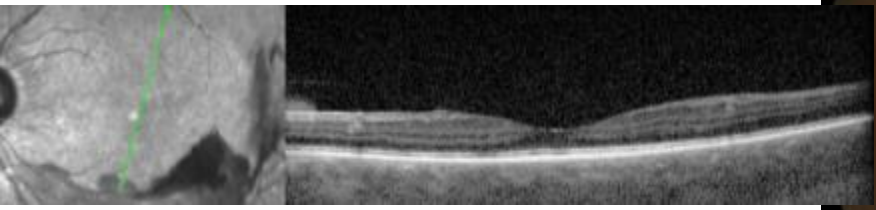
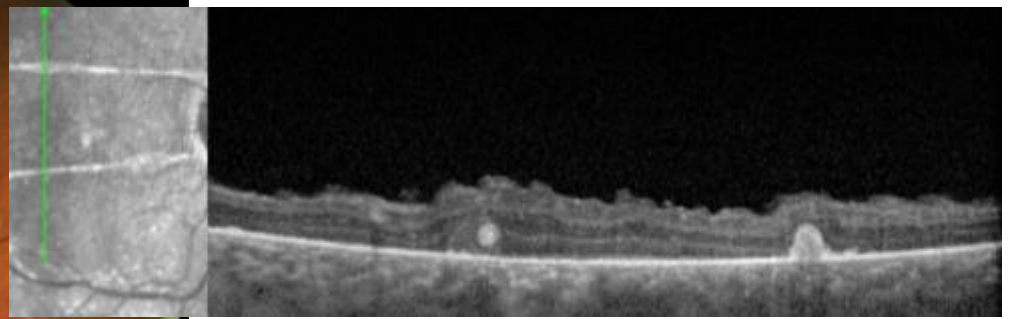
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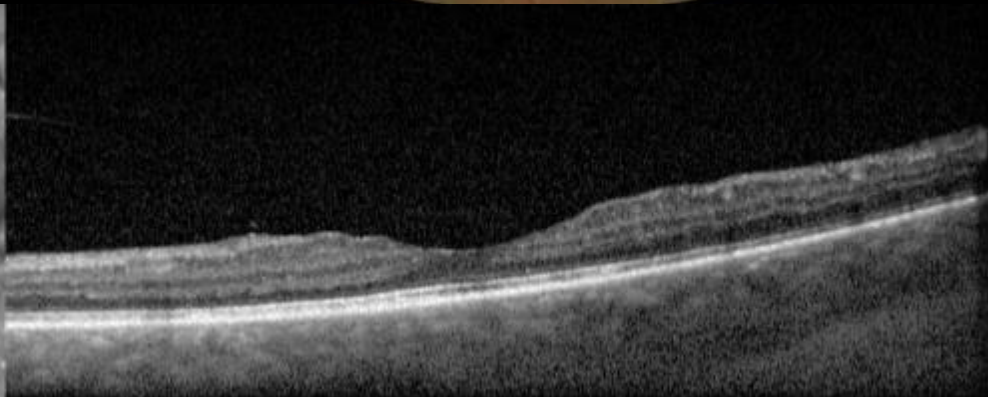
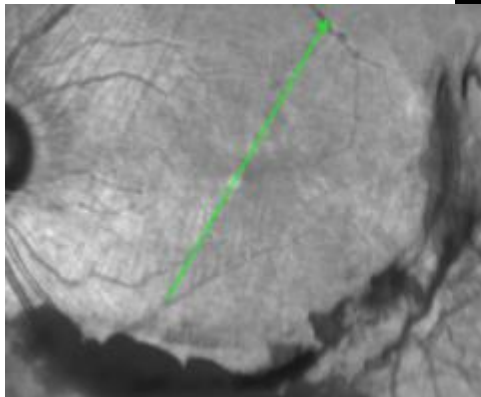


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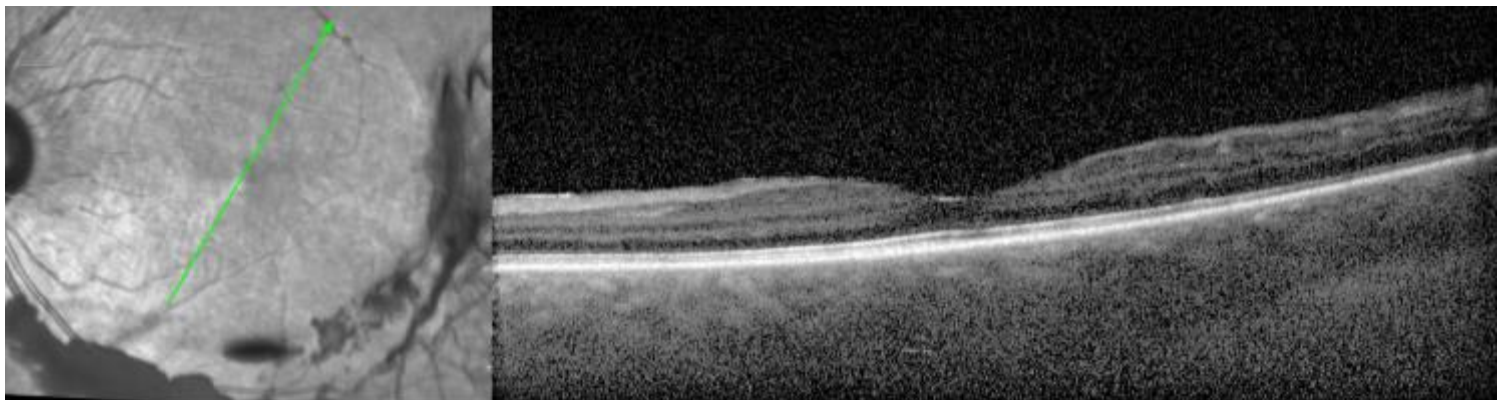


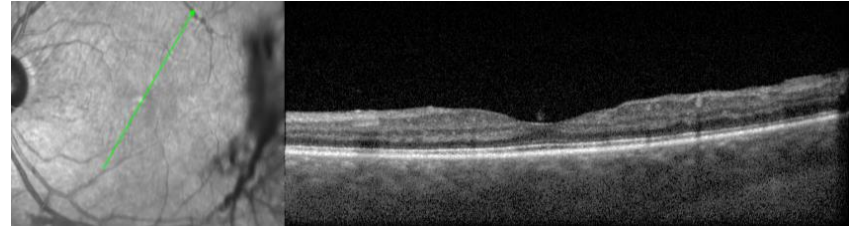
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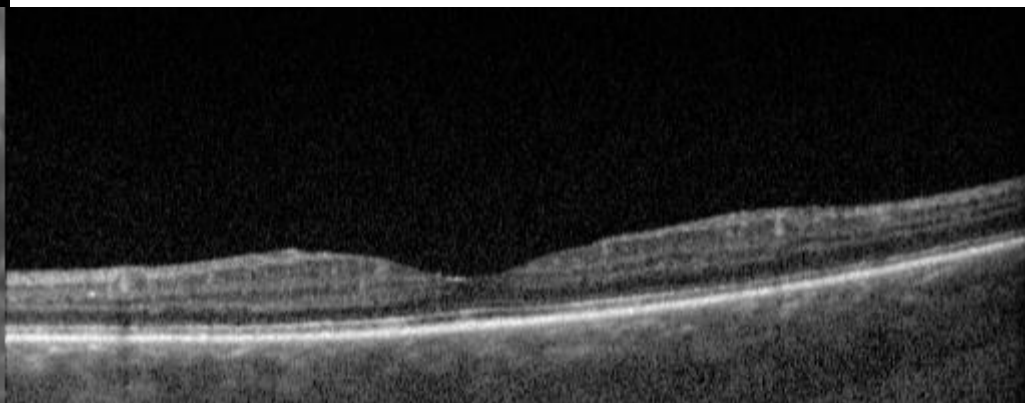
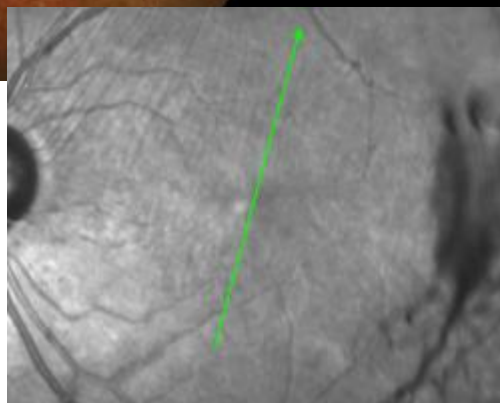
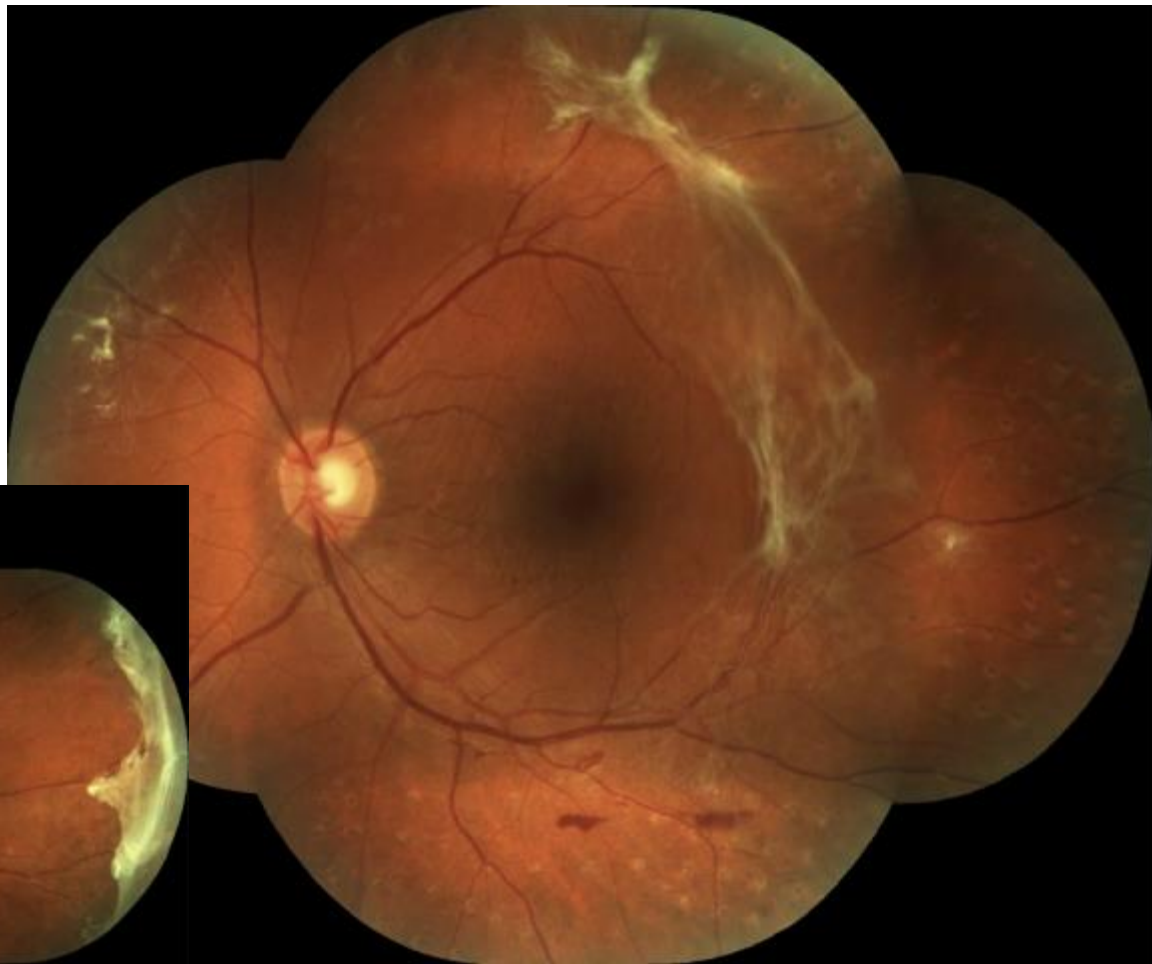
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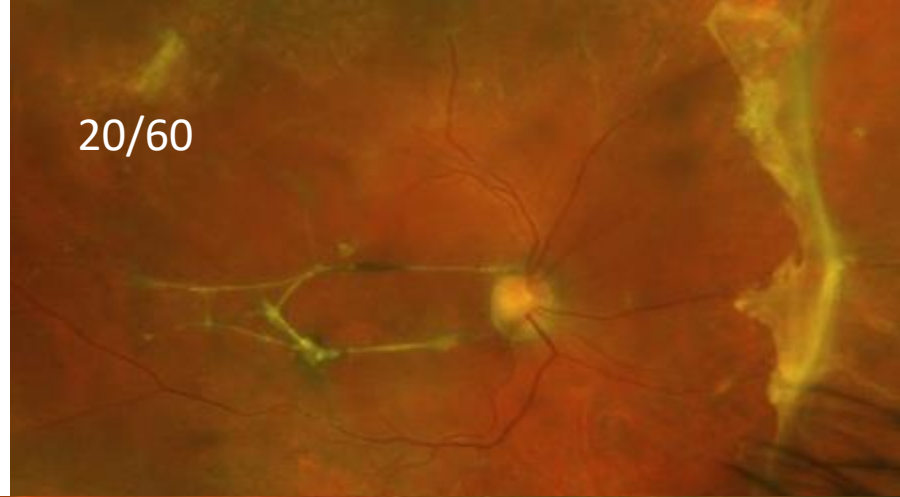
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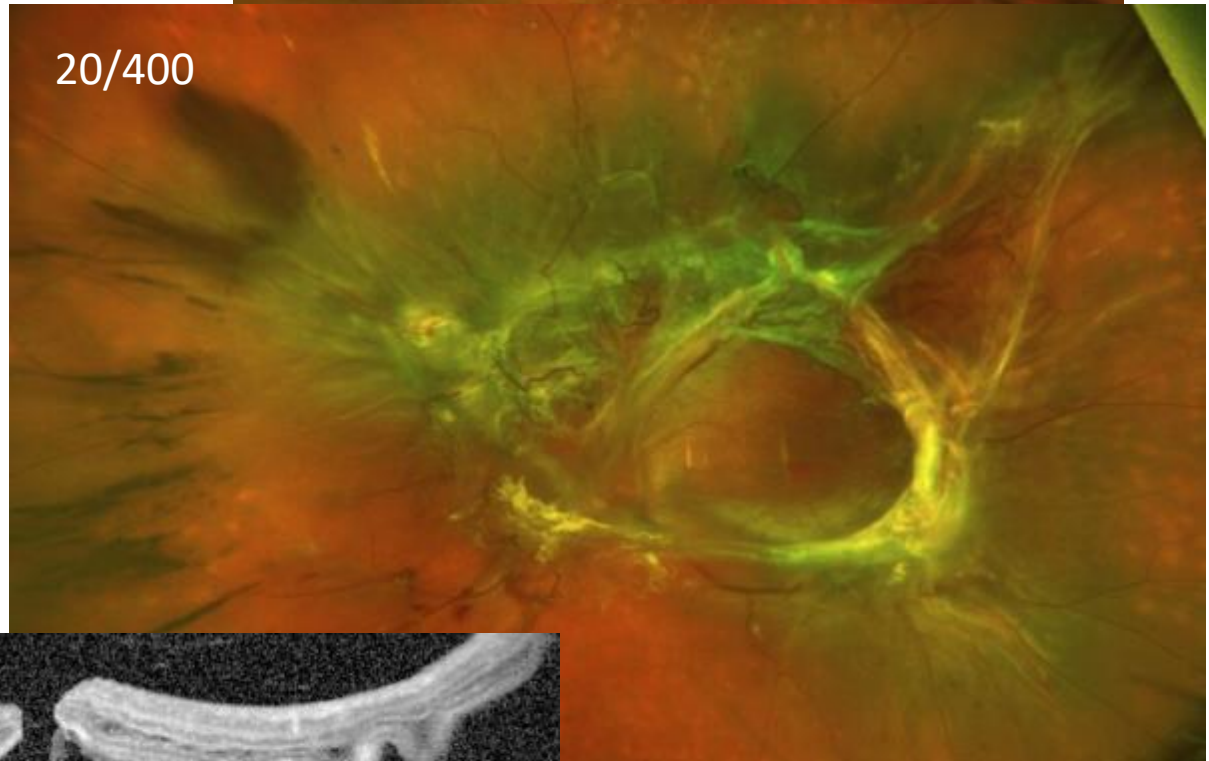


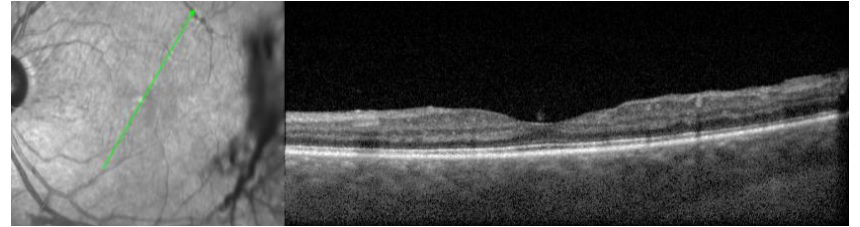
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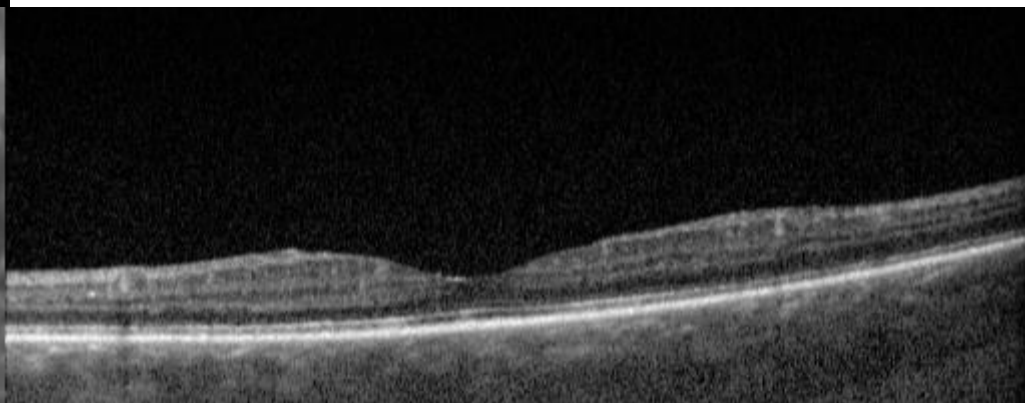
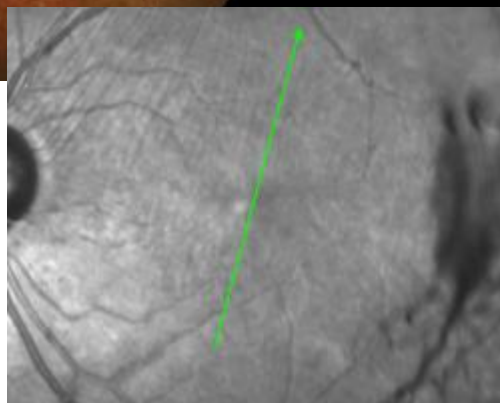
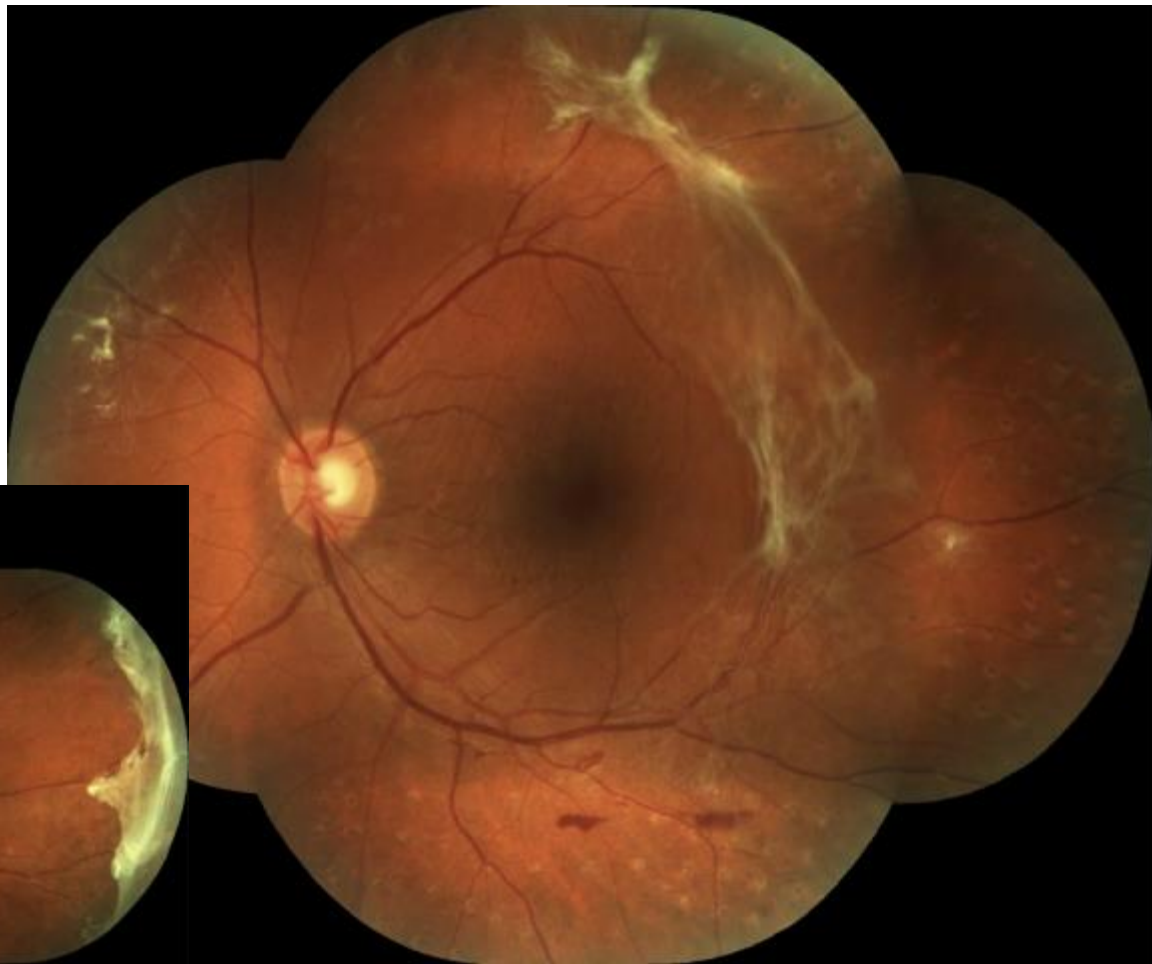
4 months later

IVA

1 Mo later

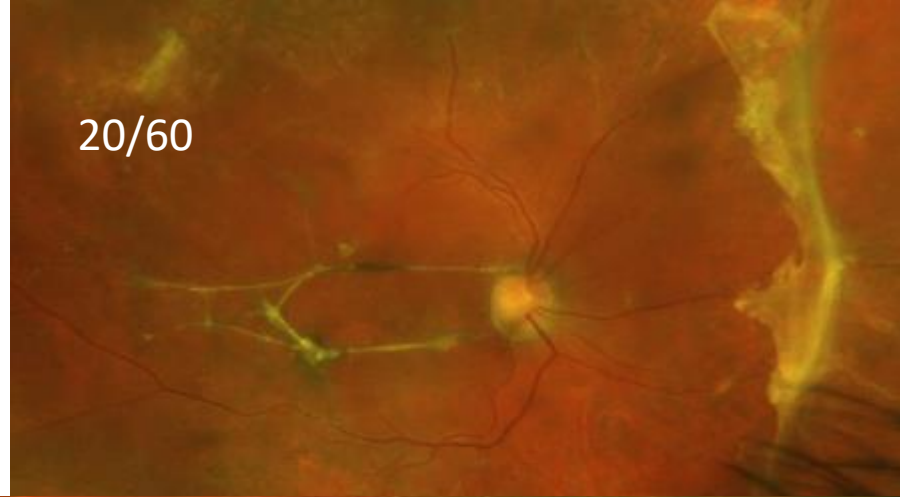
IVA

Patient is starting college,  
care transferred to local  
clinic

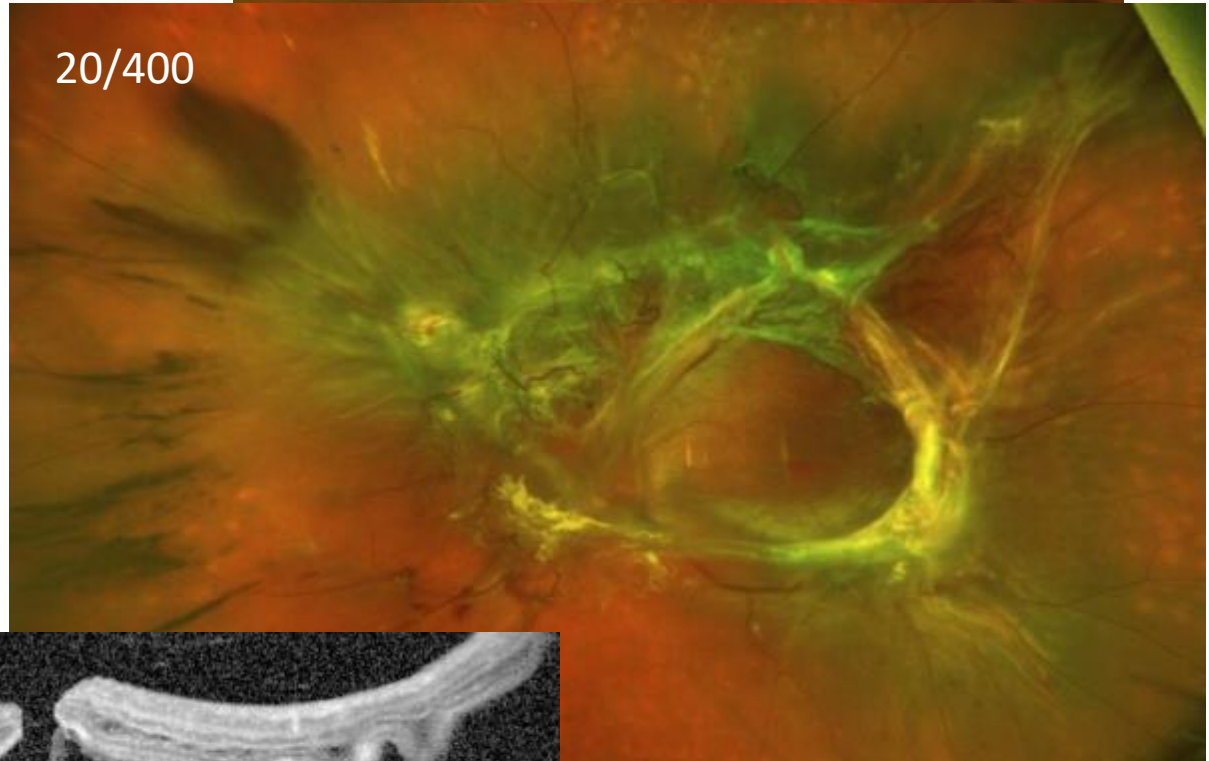


Patient returns 17 mo later  
Patient neglected follow-up care  
Still not well controlled

20/60



20/400



# Case Examples

Patient 1



Patient 2



What would you do as far as referring these patients?

When it doesn't add up!

# Patient 2



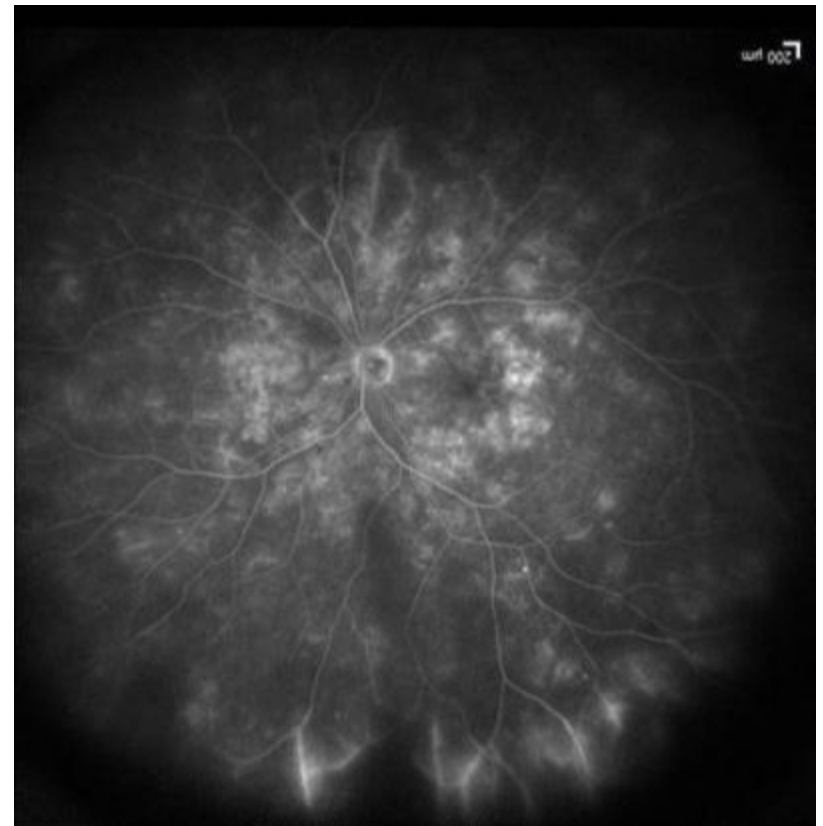
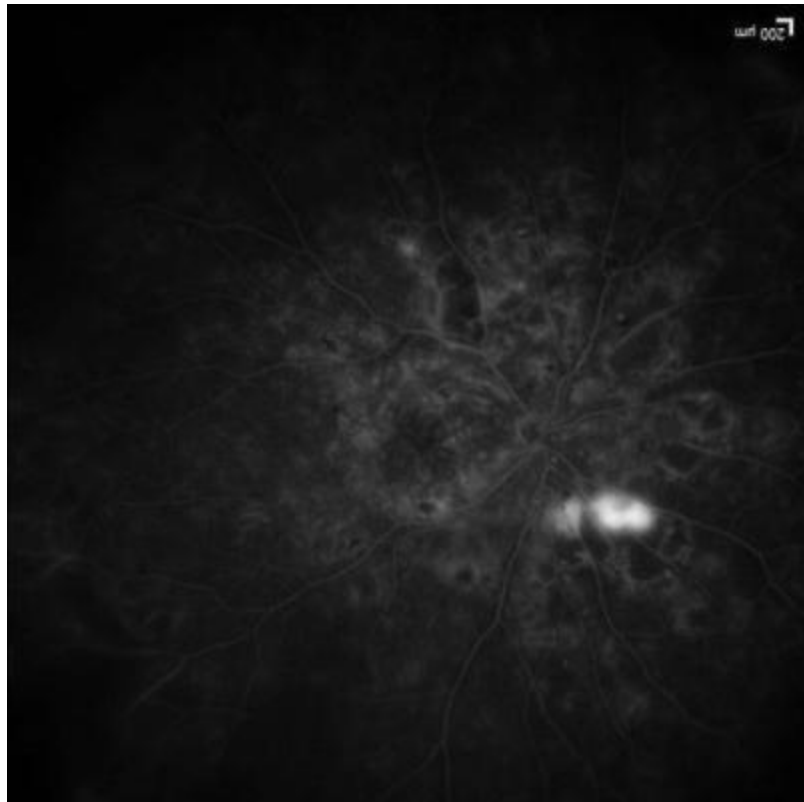
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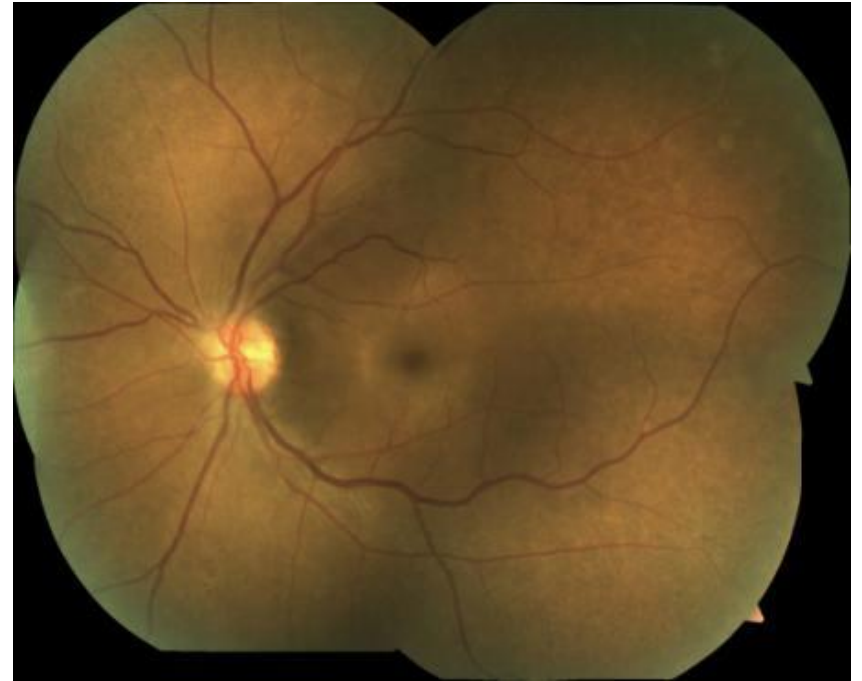
No Clinical NV



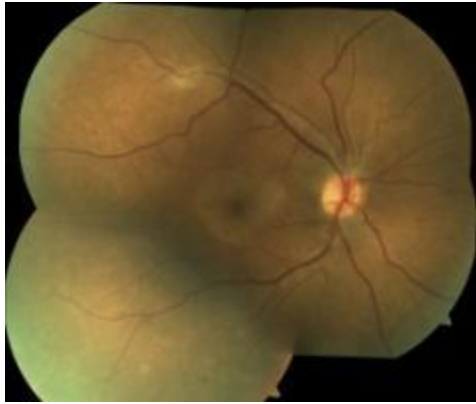
Patient 1



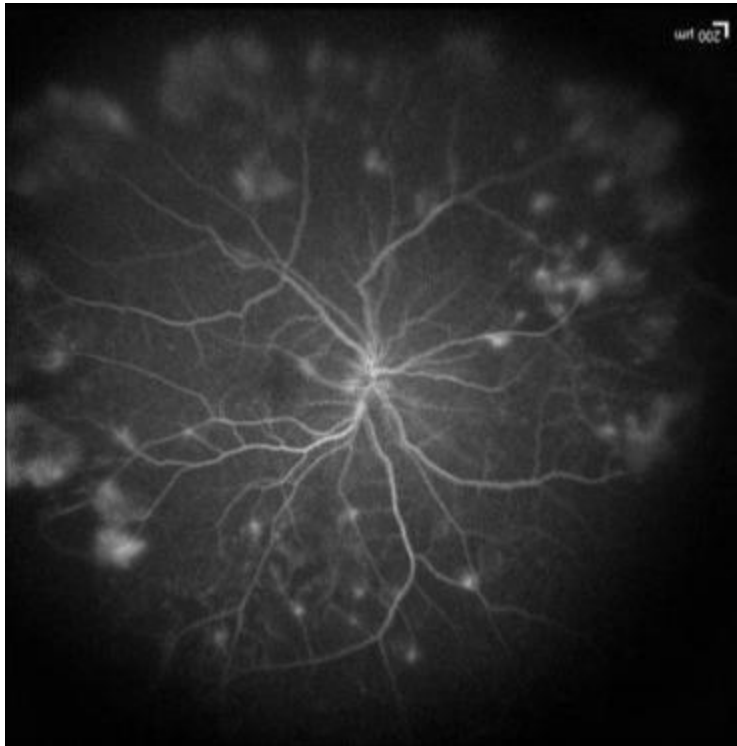




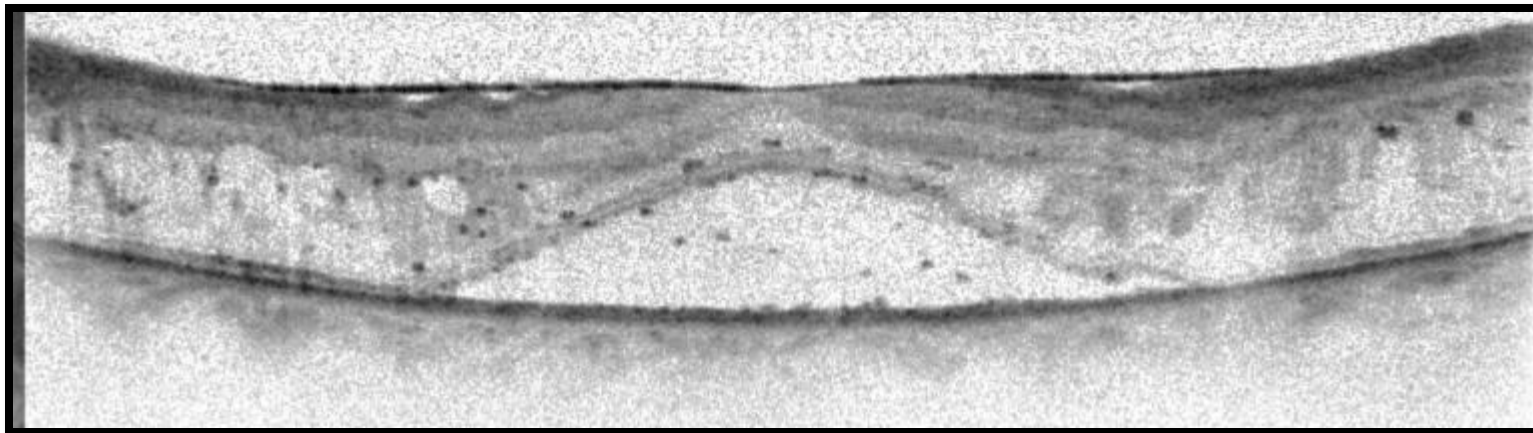
Patient 2



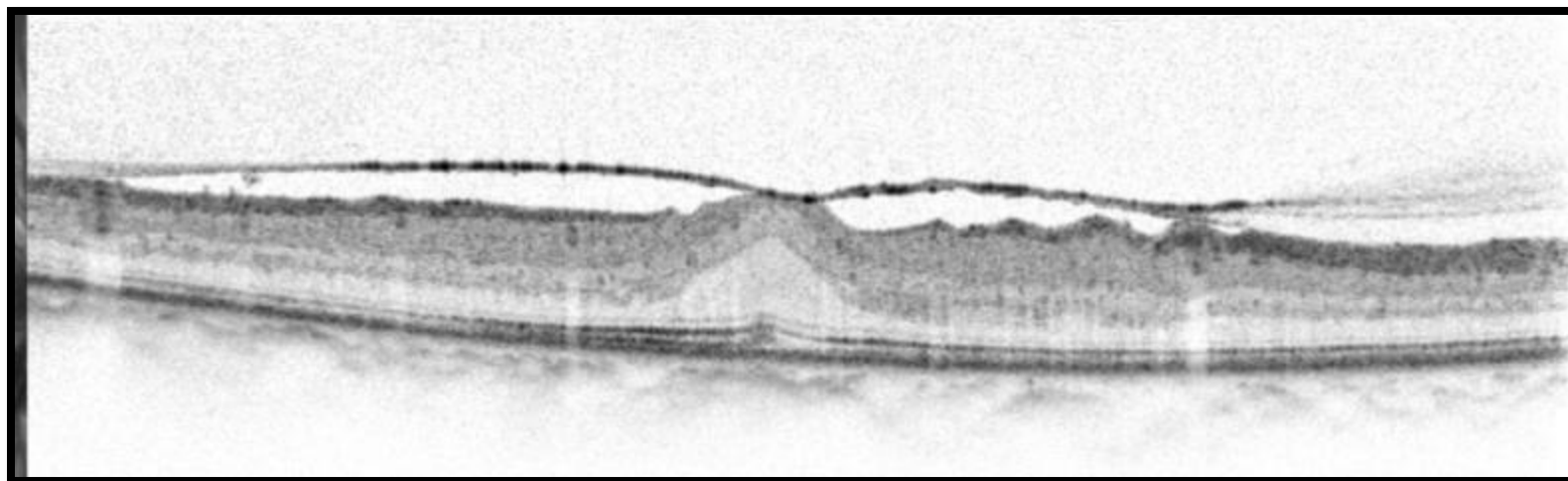
Patient 2



Patient 1 OD



Patient 2 OD

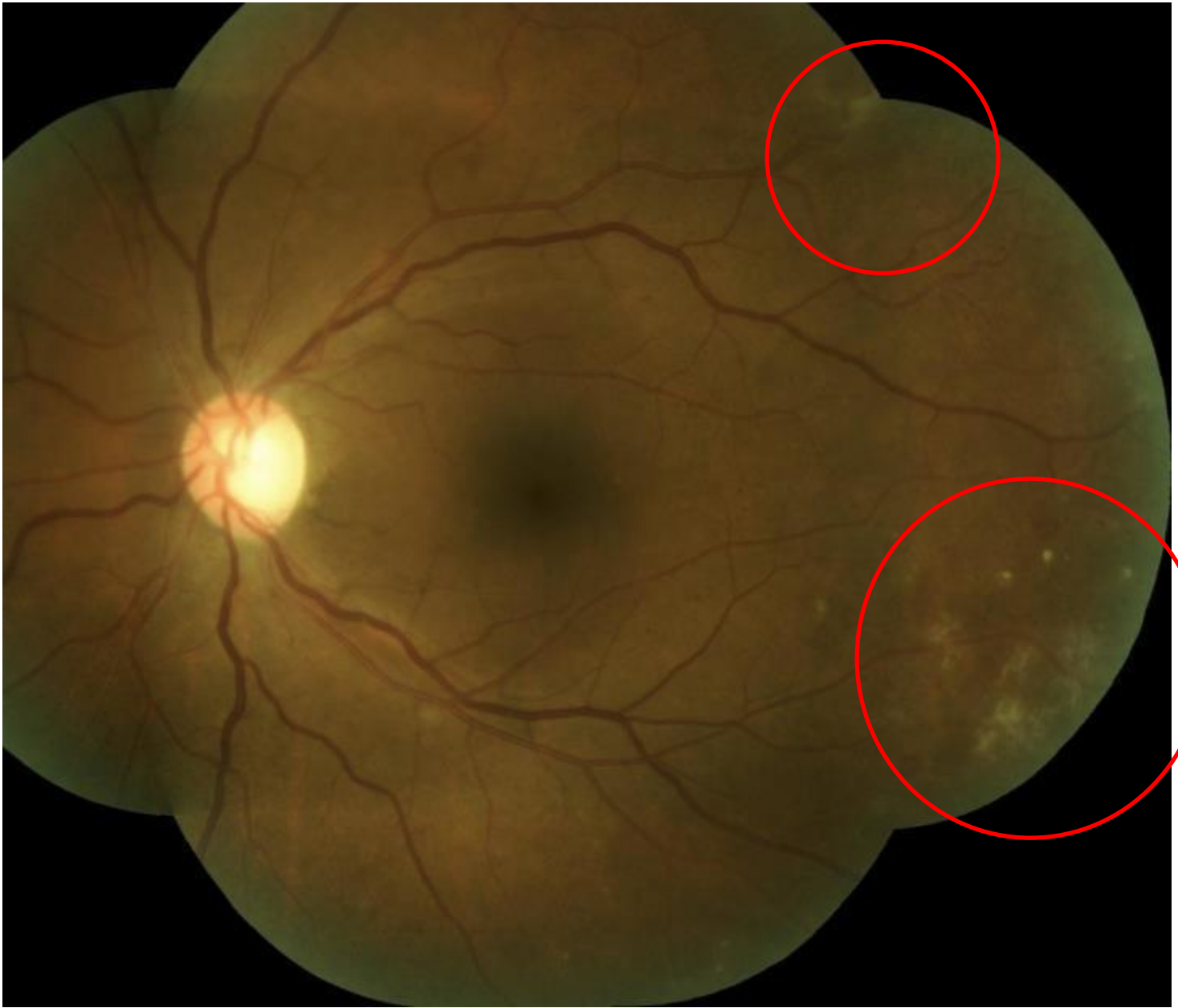


# Case of unexpected findings and patient's disappointment!

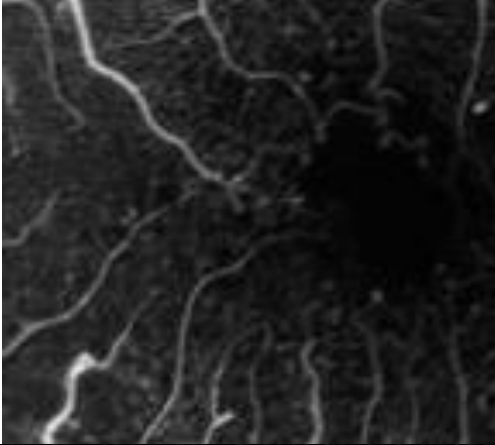
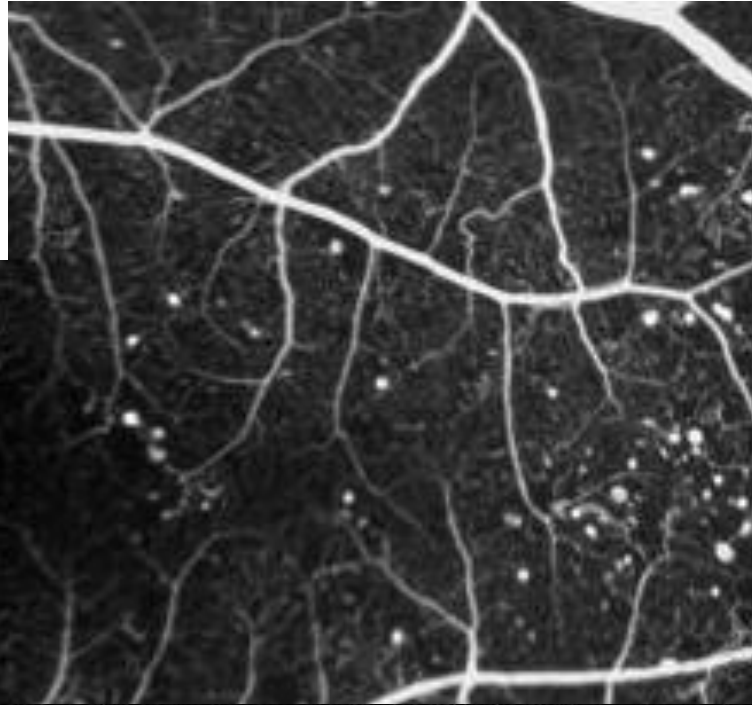
When it doesn't add up!

- 55 Y/O BF
- DM x20yrs
- Referred as emergency “macular on” RD recent onset vision loss (NPDR OS) Patient arrives end of the day!!!
- OD:HM  
OS:20/50
- “Wants her vision fixed today need to get back to work!”

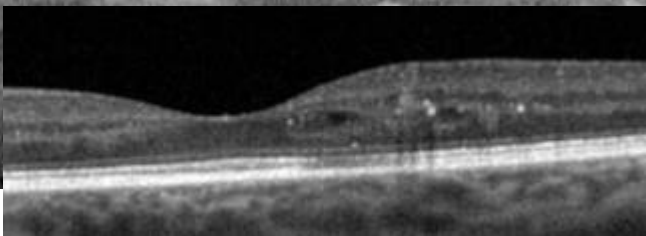


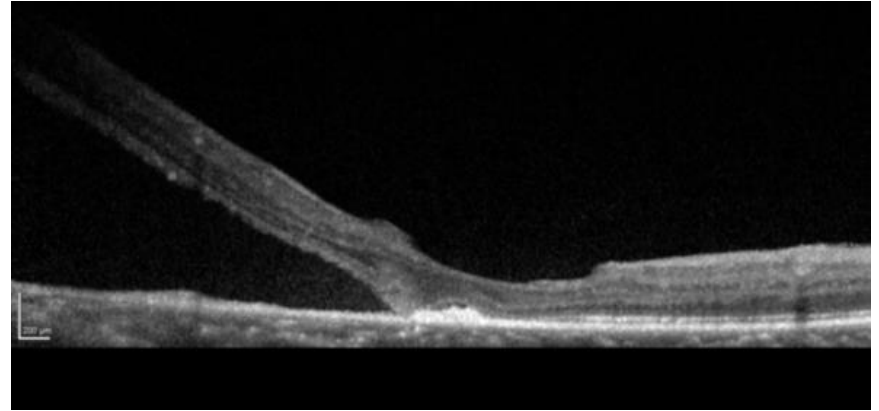


- Future of this area
- Mechanism of sight loss
- What can be done about it?



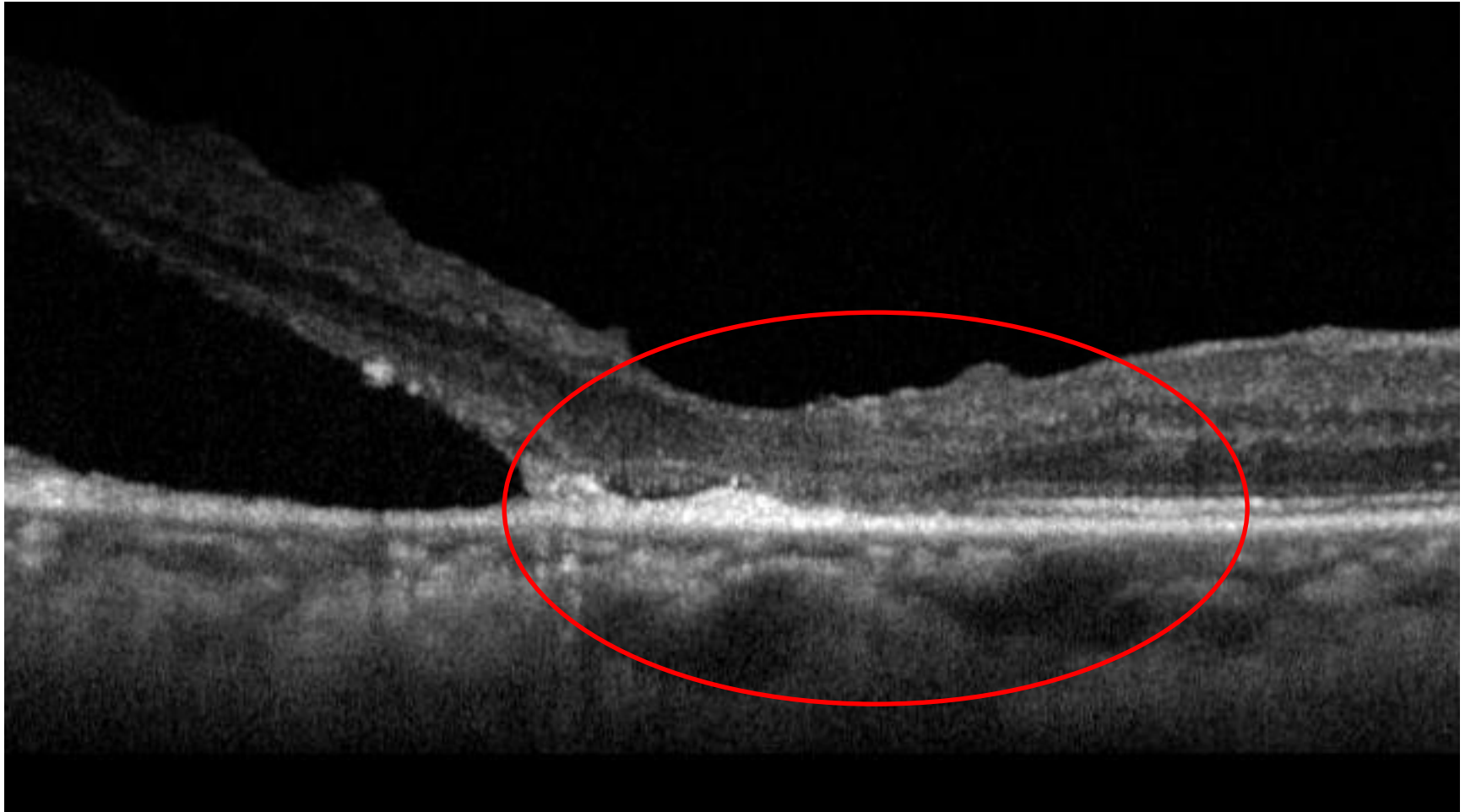
- Status of Fellow Eye
- Coexisting Disease





Macula On vs. OFF

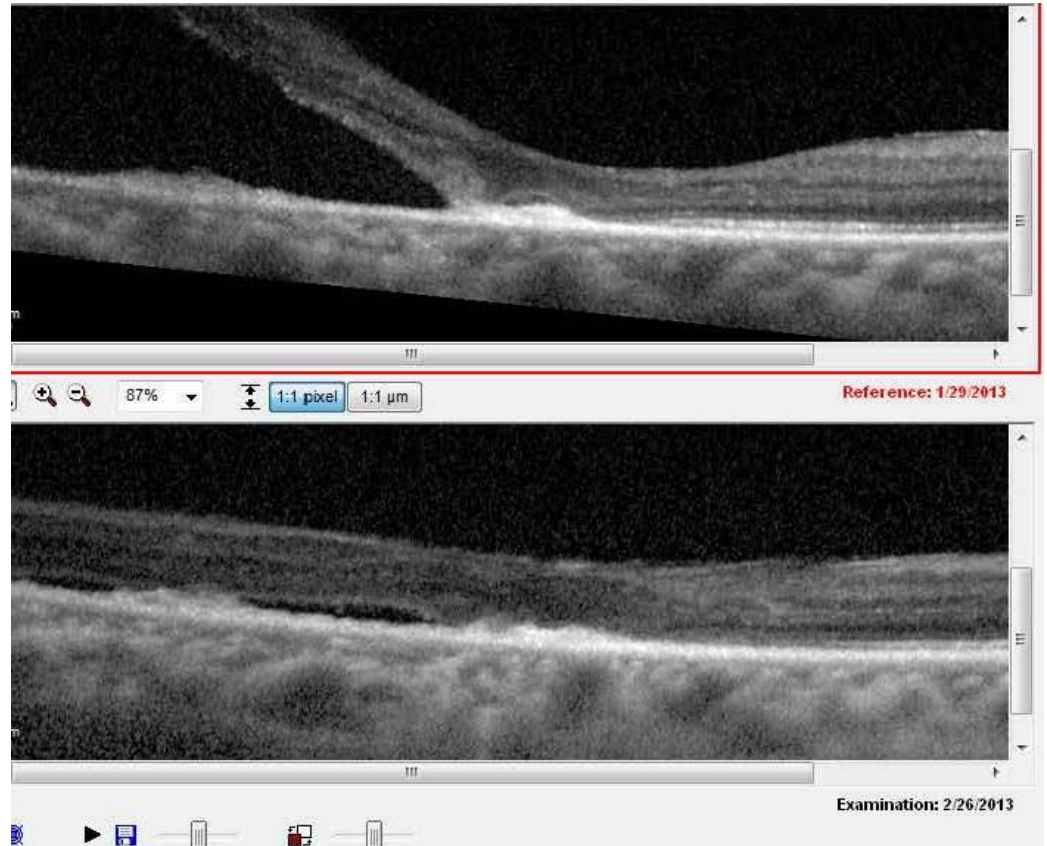
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When  
patient not  
happy with  
the  
outcome

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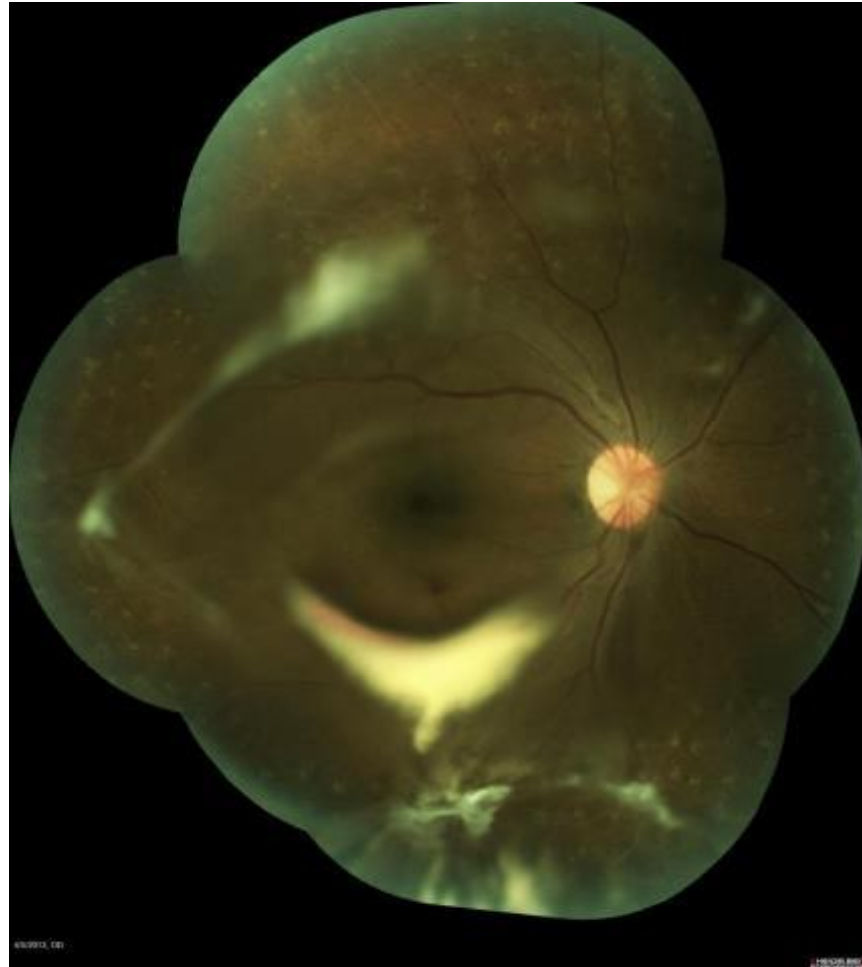


# I have been blinded by treatment!

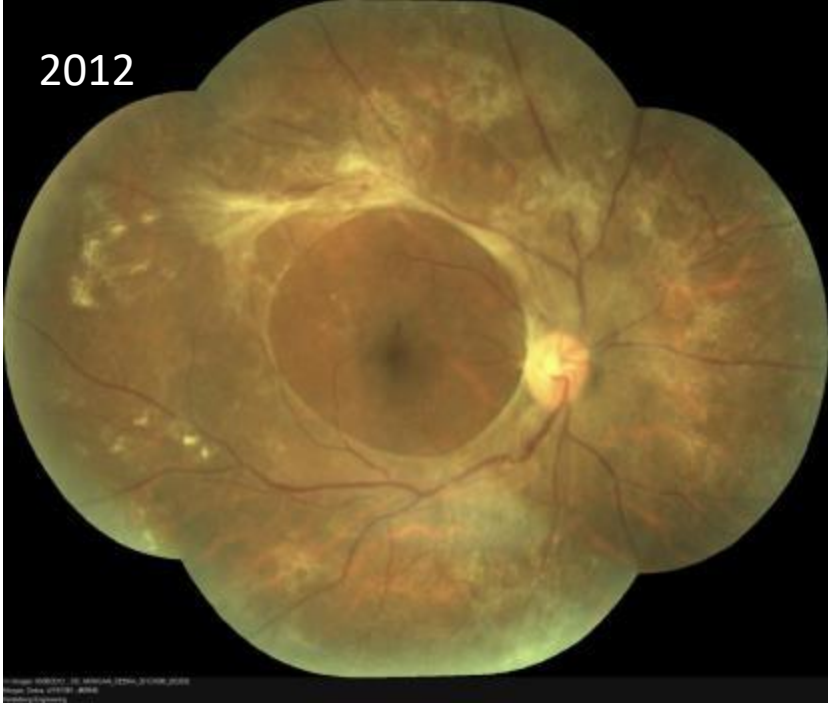
(should not have had it, will tell everyone laser blinds you!!!)



When patient blames the doctor or treatment

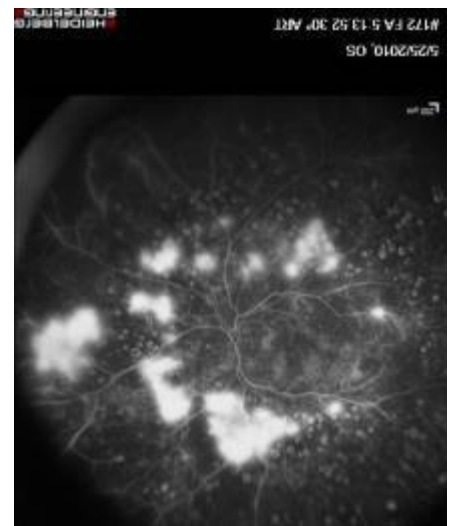
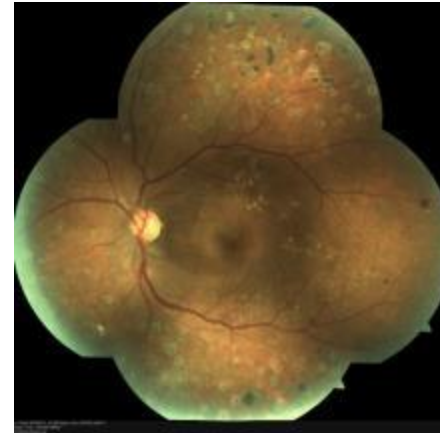
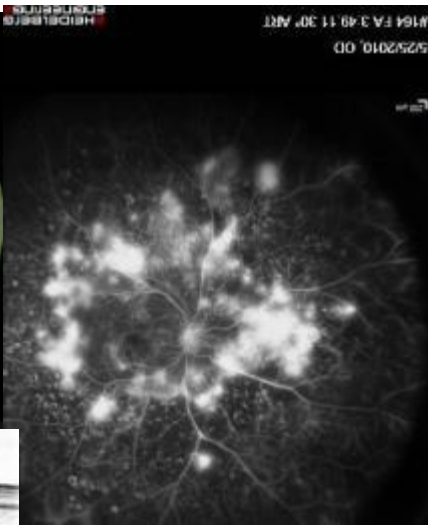
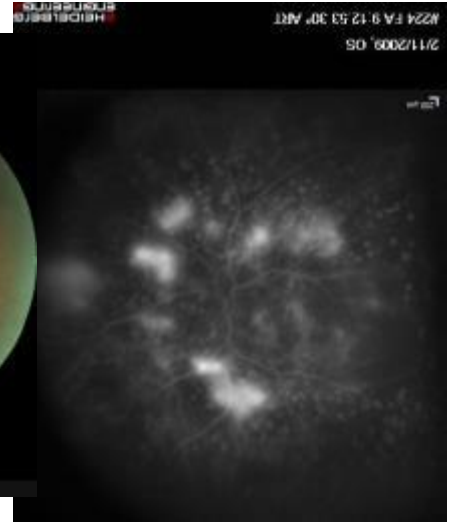
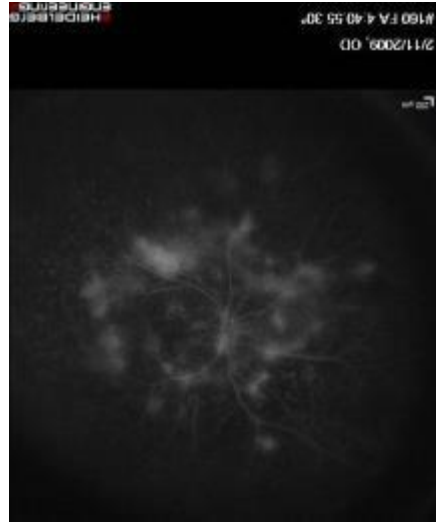
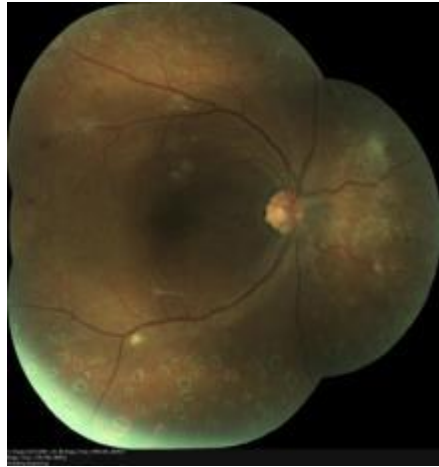


# Crucial Follow-up Care- Unreliability of Symptoms



OS: HM .....

# VOD predictable changes (noncompliant patient)

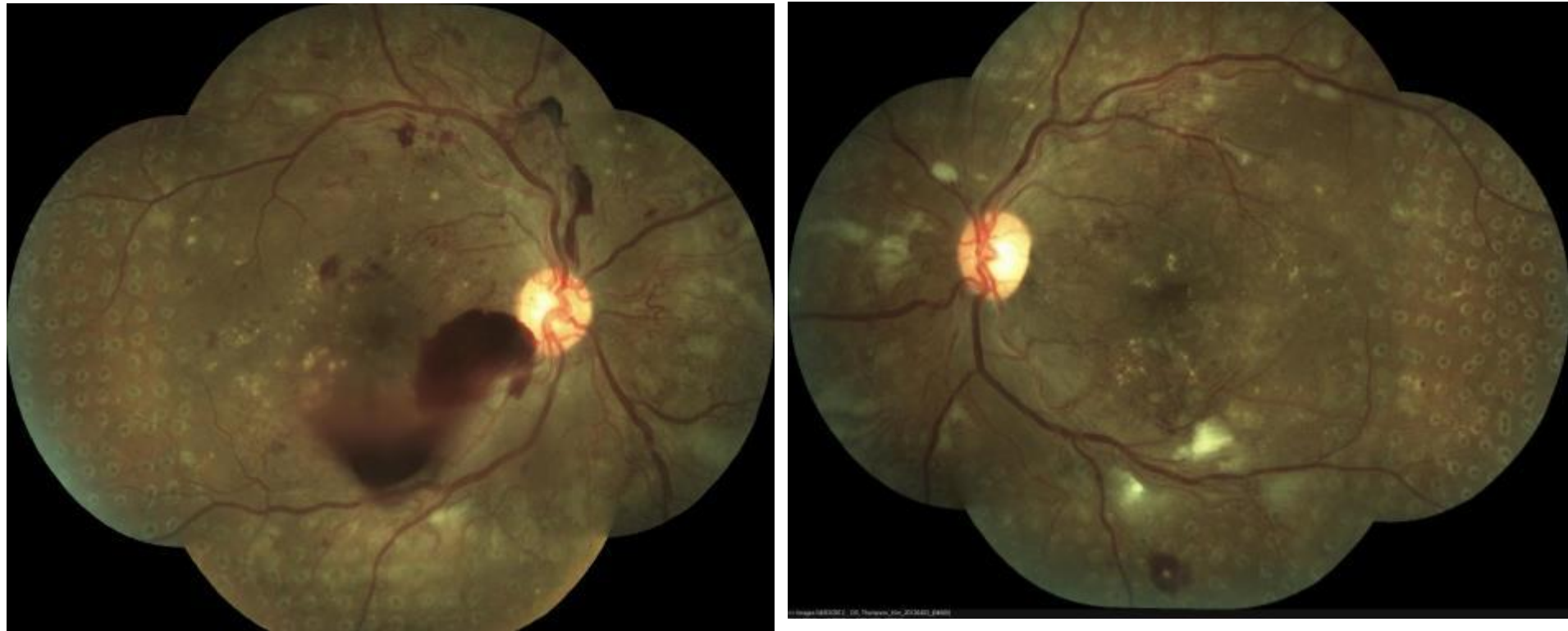


# PDR Progression



April 2011

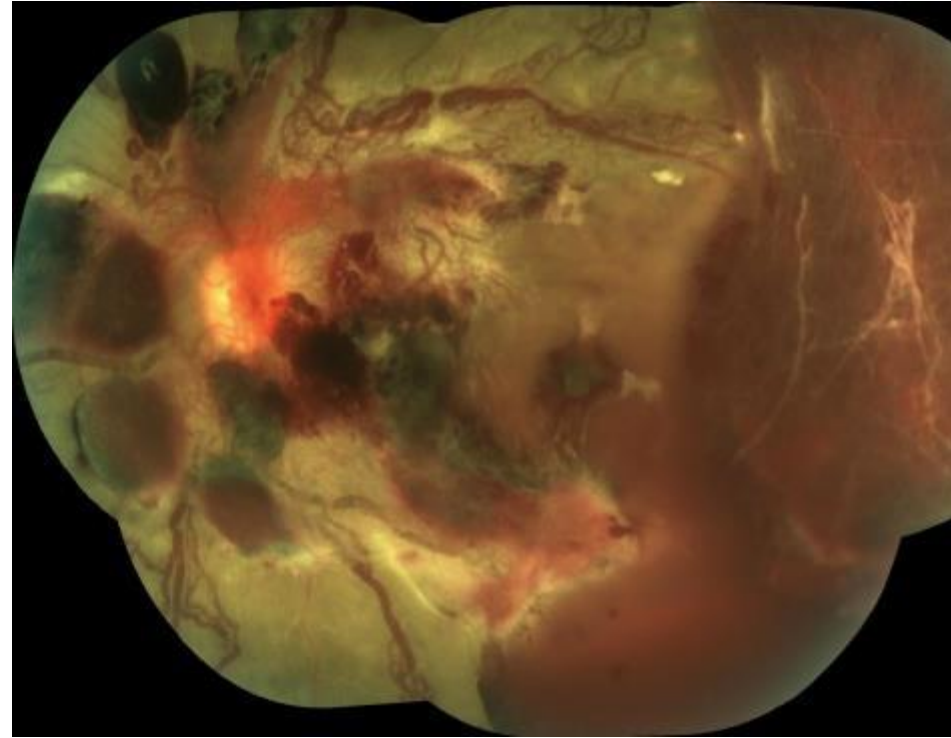
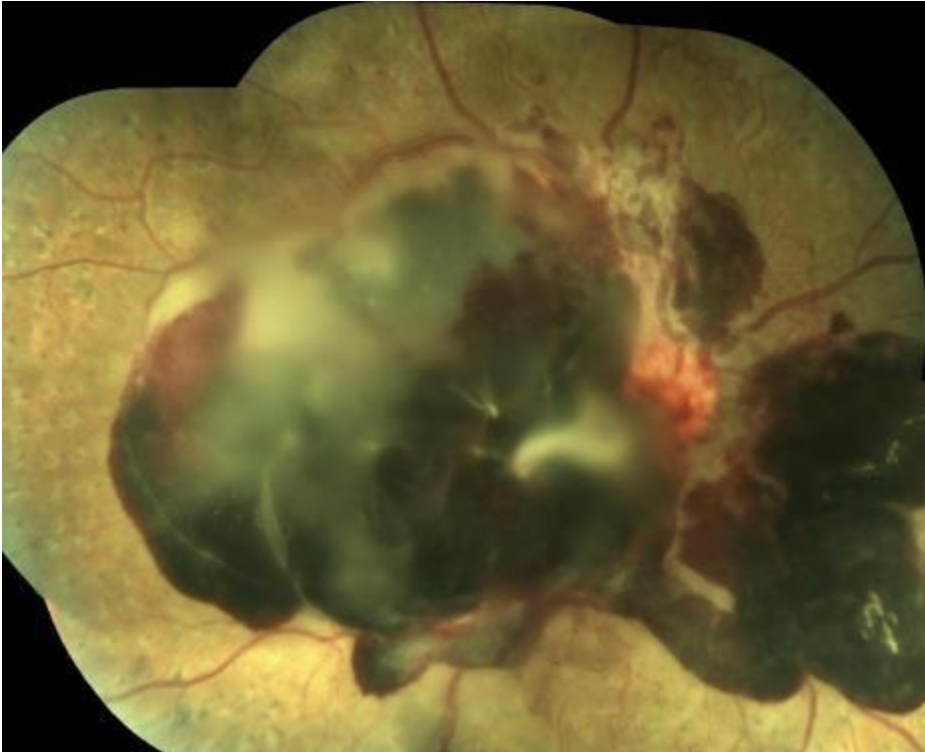
# PDR Progression



April 2012 by June 2012 Vas 20/40 OD/OS Ongoing Treatment and much improved.

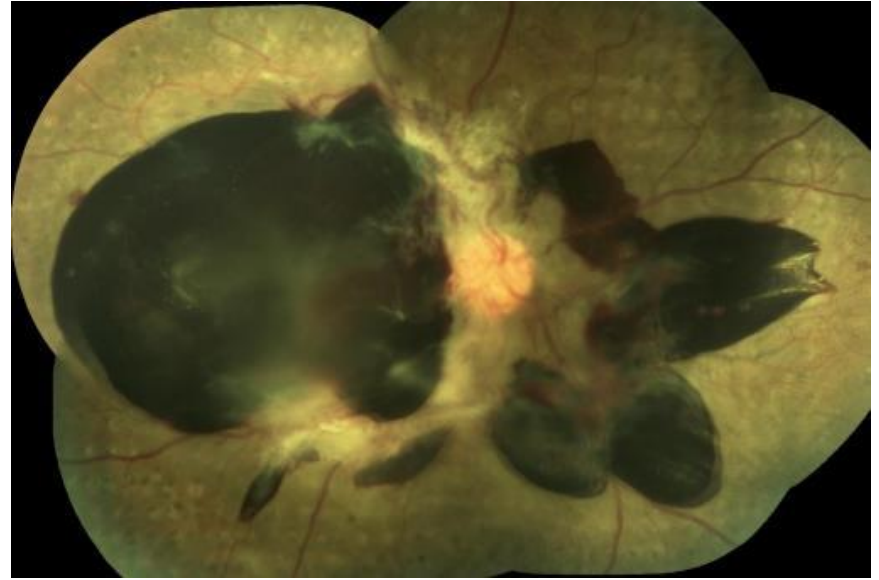
**Noncompliance not by choice!**

# PDR Progression



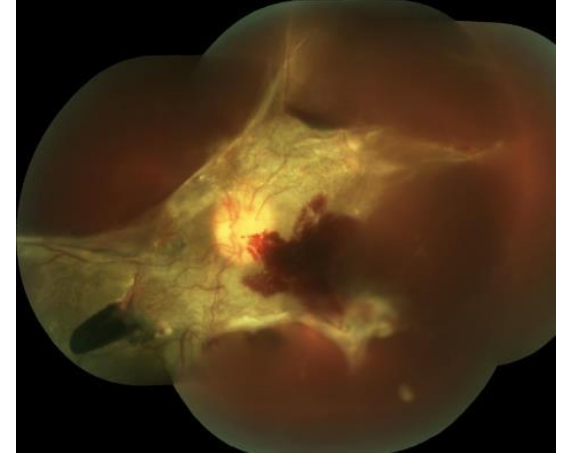
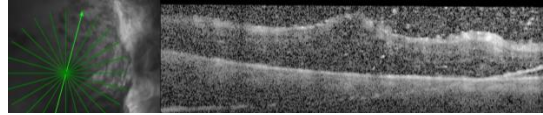
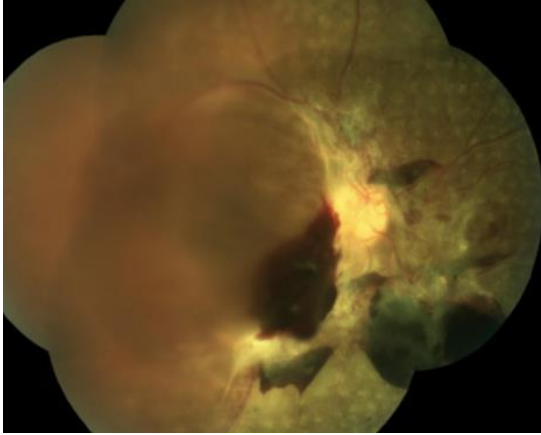
Missed Jul 2012 appt shows Late sep HM OU (Now on kidney dialysis)





PDR Progression (following first IVA)

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PDR Progression (following second IVA)

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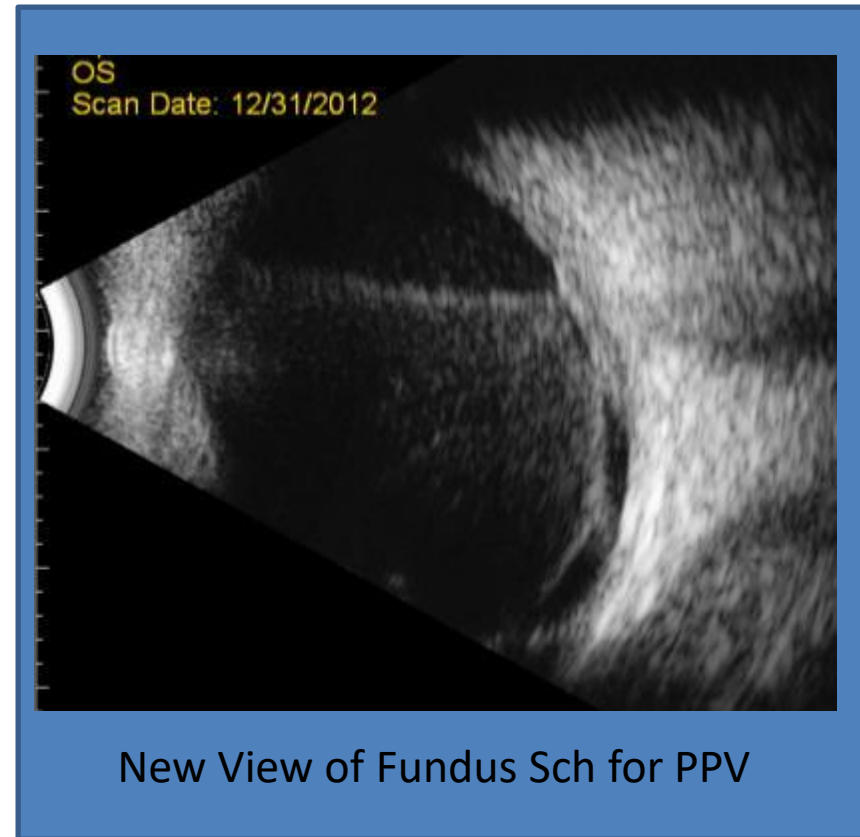
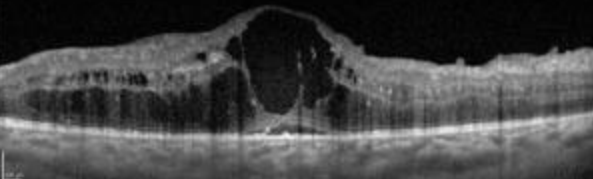
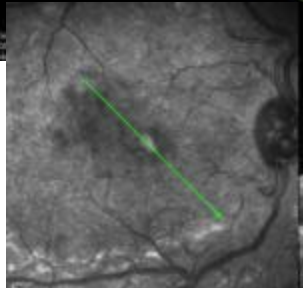
1 Day Post-op 20/200

PDR Progression (OD following PPV)

# PDR Progression (OD following PPV)



3 wks s/p VA 20/100



New View of Fundus Sch for PPV

# PDR Progression (OS following PPV)

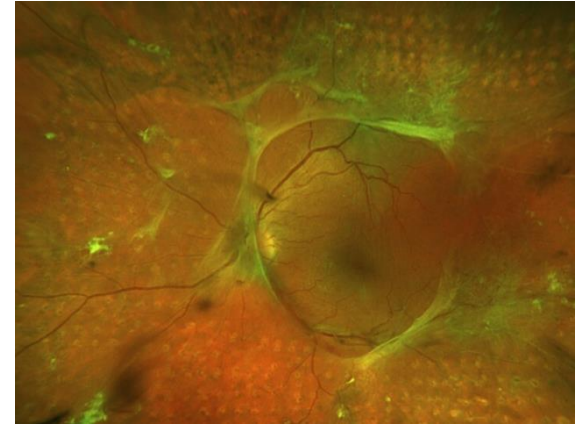
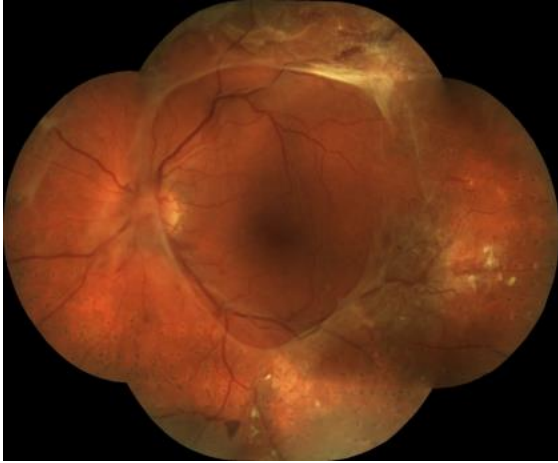


Eventually got to this point  
and **started noncompliance by choice!**

20/400

20/30





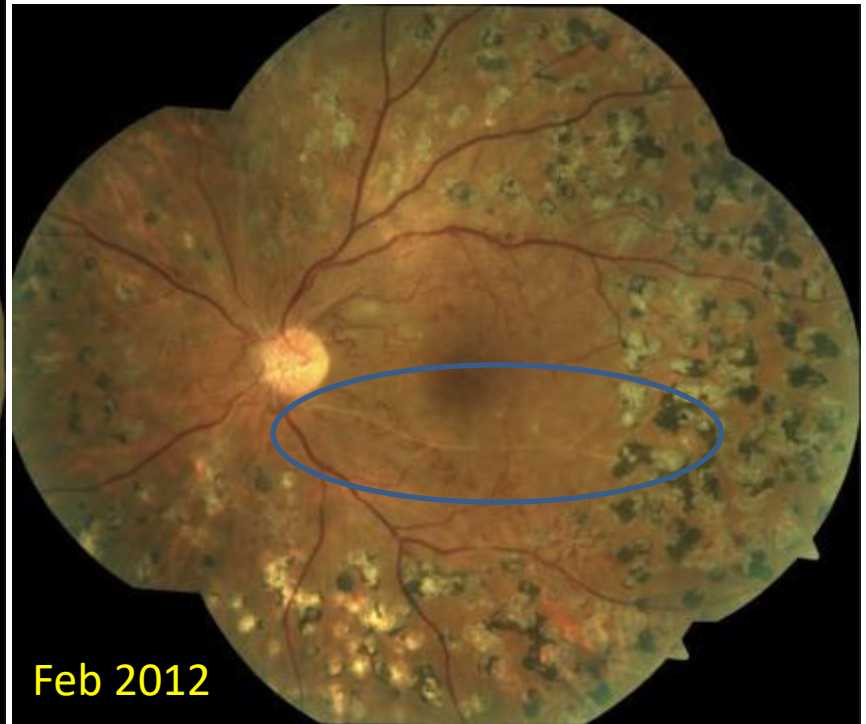
Compliant patient PRN anti-VEGF  
Fellow Eye NLP

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# PDR-Other Factors (Ischemic disease/Renal Failure)



40 Y/O Af/Am F



Multiple Treatment, Active Disease,  
Evidence arterial attenuation and  
occlusion!

Limitation of treatment outcomes



# PDR-Other Factors (Ischemic disease/Renal Failure)



March 2013

In and out of hospital CHF, Renal Dz  
Active NV, IVA

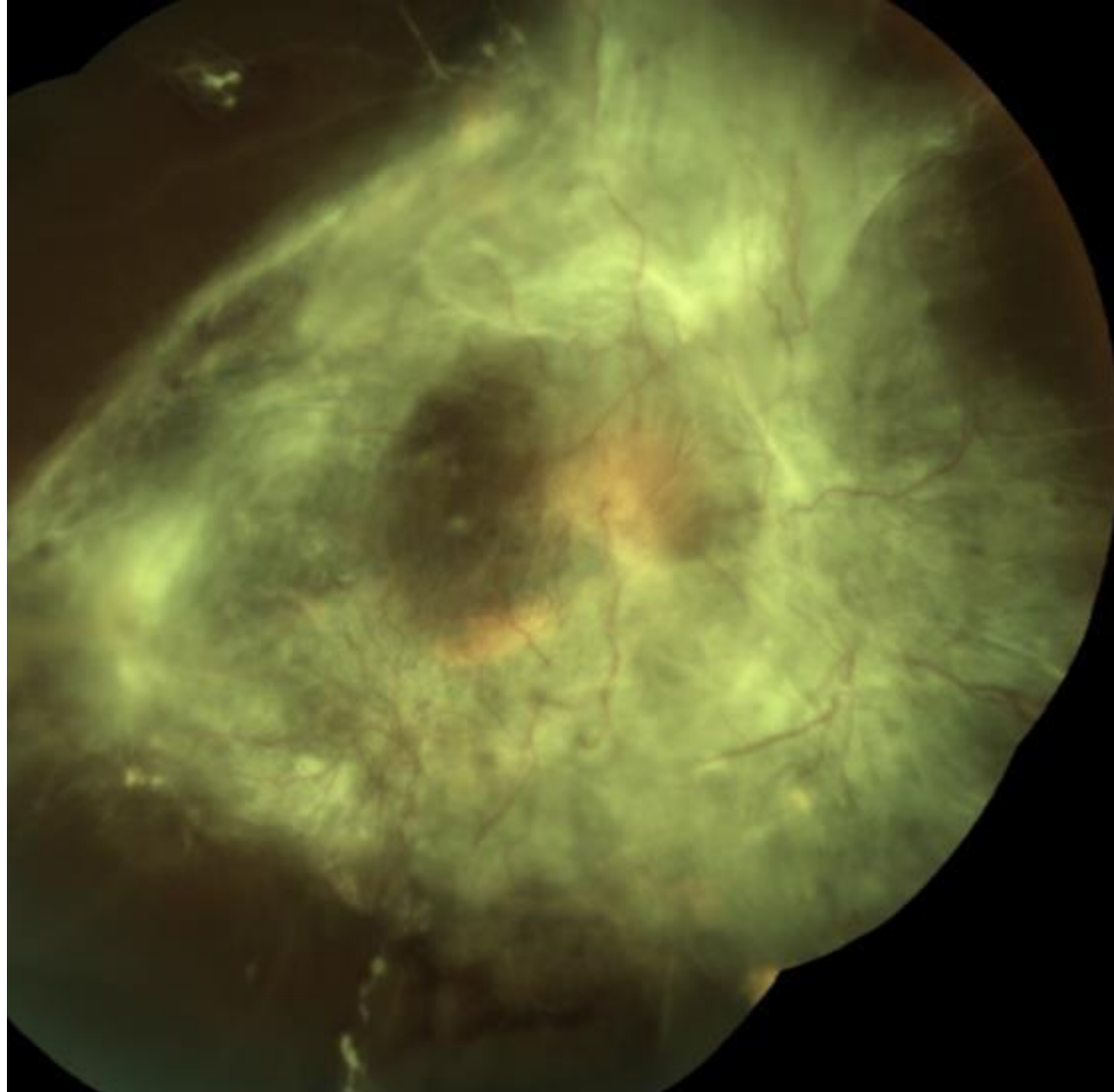


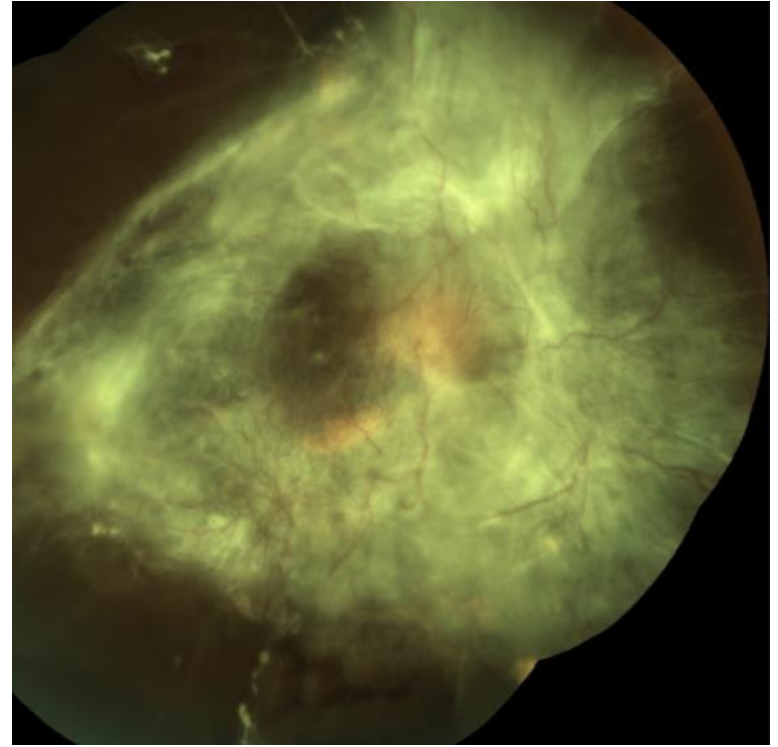
July 2013

Complete arterio-venous occlusion HM/LP

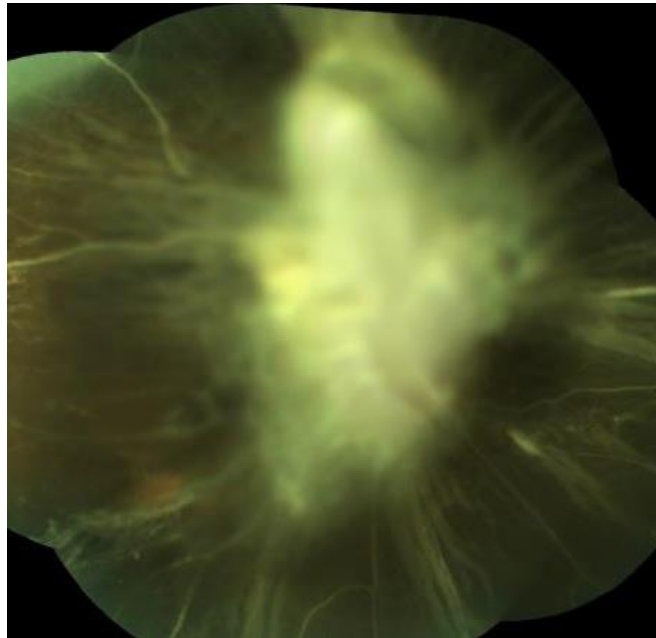
Poor prognosis

# PDR-TRD (Highly Vascularized Retina Pre-OP)





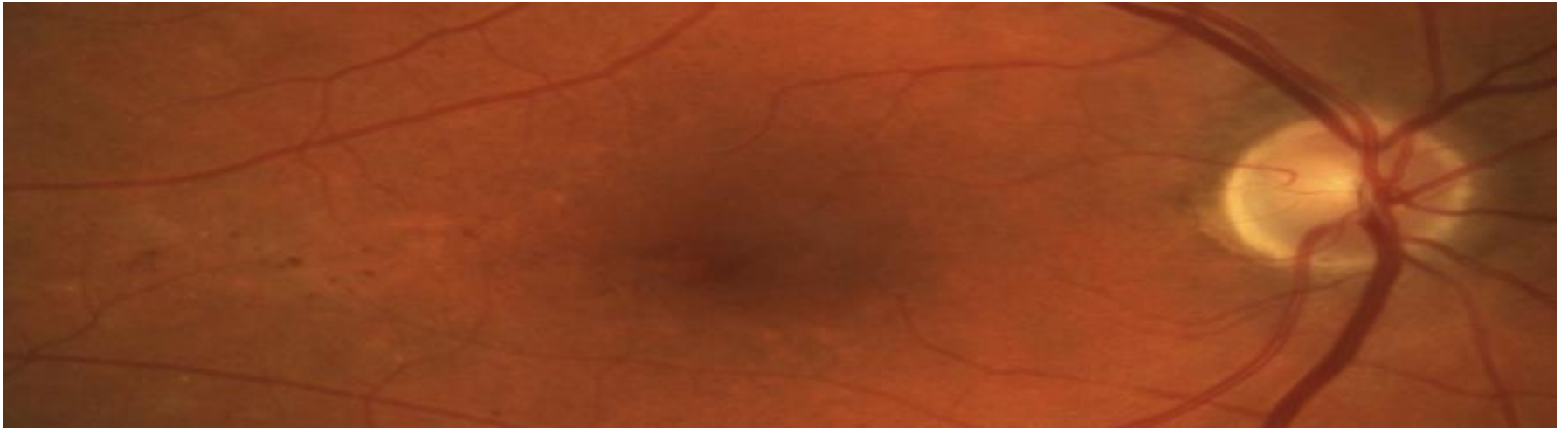
PDR-TRD (Highly Vascularized Retina  
Post-OP)



TRD

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Next time you see this



Remember these!



Thank you

