

WHEN GLAUCOMA ISN'T GLAUCOMA

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

- The attendee will be challenged with cases without clear-cut diagnoses
- The attendee will be presented with alternative diagnoses to optic nerve head disorders
- The attendee will gain a perspective on the use of complementary testing in glaucoma diagnoses
- The attendee will be presented with a template for optic disc and RNFL evaluation using clinical observations
- The attendee will appreciate that few cases are straightforward
- The attendee will be offered discussion and input on the conflict that occurs among clinical findings

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CONTEMPORARY GLAUCOMA DEFINITION

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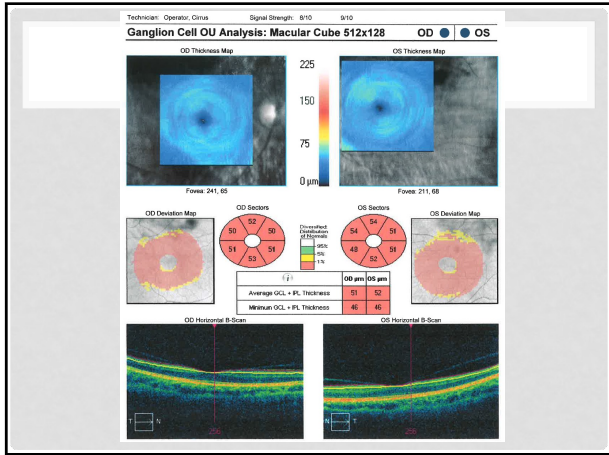
“Can glaucomatous optic neuropathy be induced by a primary non-IOP-related insult . . . alone??” -Claude Burgoyne

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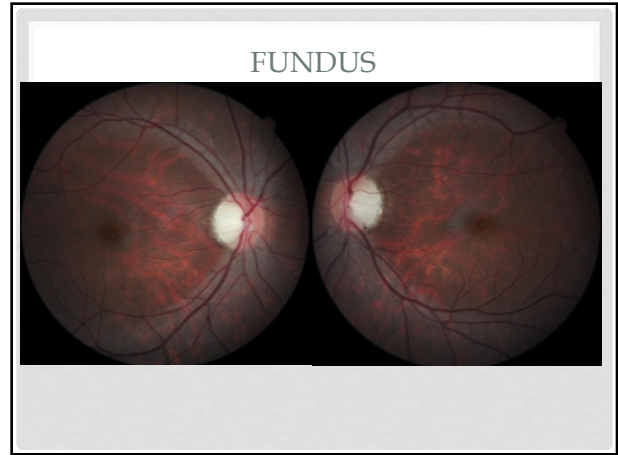
A CASE ILLUSTRATING POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION OF GCC RESULTS

- 40s AA Male
- Longstanding diagnosis of MS with systemic treatment
- BSCVA 20/40, 20/40
- Normal IOP and anterior segment

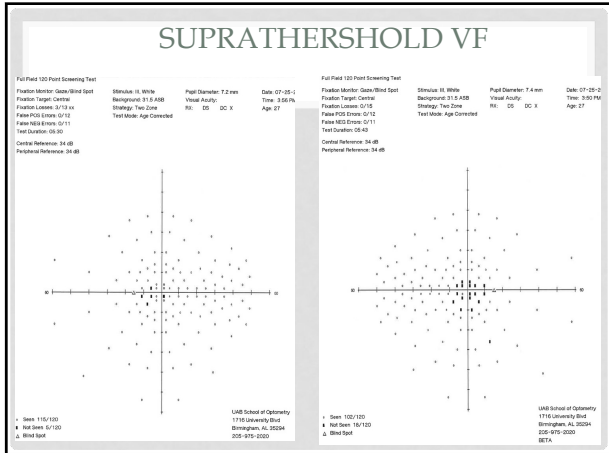
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- Comments
- Questions

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### FLD? GLAUCOMA? ???

- A 24 year-old was referred to the Ocular Disease Service at UAB Eye Care for a glaucoma evaluation.
- Spectacle lens correction for myopic refractive error, personal ophthalmic history is otherwise negative.
- Maternal grandfather with glaucoma (unconfirmed).
- He has never smoked and drinks alcohol socially.
- He takes no Rx medications

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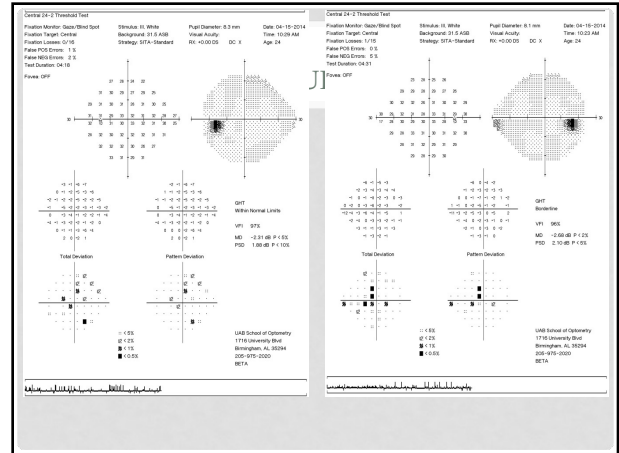
### FLD? GLAUCOMA? ???

- Visual acuity is correctable to 20/20 in each eye.
- Pupils are round and equally reactive without RAPD.
- Goldmann applanation tonometry: 16 mm Hg in each eye at 9:55 AM.
- Pachymetry: 619 and 622 um OD, OS, respectively.
- The anterior segments were unremarkable in each eye.

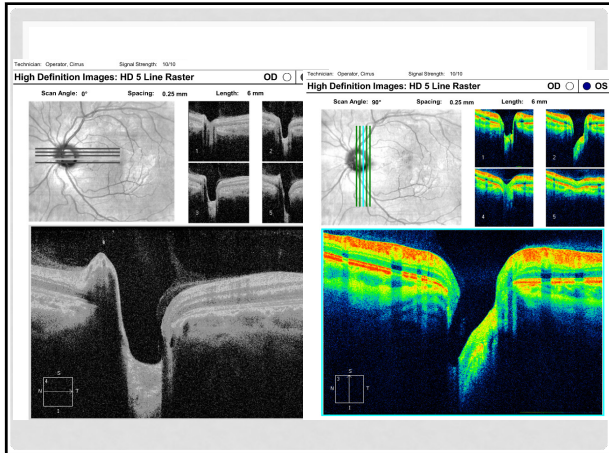
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## WHAT'S YOUR DIAGNOSIS?

- Congenital/developmental optic pit.  
*Distinguish from APON*

Javitt JC, Spaeth GL, Katz LJ, Poryzees E, Addiego R. Acquired pits of the optic nerve. Increased prevalence in patients with low-tension glaucoma. *Ophthalmology*. 1990 Aug;97(8):1038-43; discussion 1043-4.

- Careful stereoscopic observation may lead to the diagnosis but additional testing, such as the OCT images are helpful.
- Stereoscopically, the pit is evident.

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- What would not be clear at clinical examination is the extent of any communication between the pit and the sub-sensory retina space.
- The potential conduit can be seen in the cross-sectional images from the OCT.
- (Optic-pit maculopathy)

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## OPTIC PIT

- Questions
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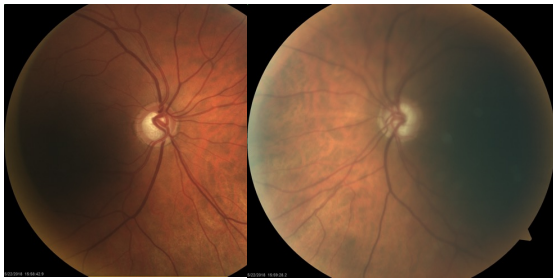
- Complained of vision loss superiorly in the left eye.
- VA 20/20 OD, OS; (L)RAPD 2+; IOP 11,9 mmHg.
- Seen by primary-care OD – Dx = NTG, initiated on latanoprost qhs.

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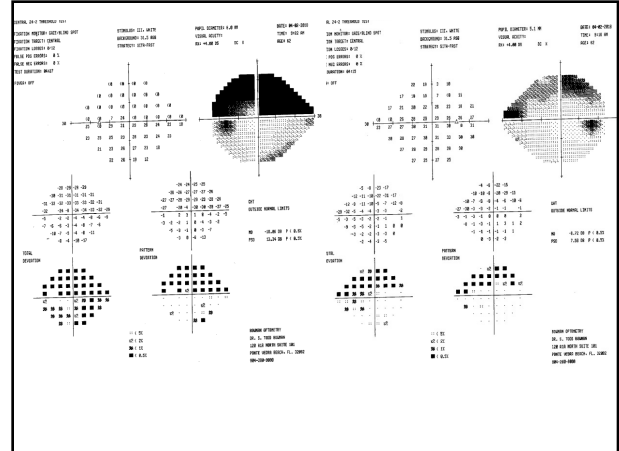
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- Seen by primary-care OD – Dx = NTG, initiated on latanoprost qhs.
- Sent for consultation/SLT due to significant VF depressions.

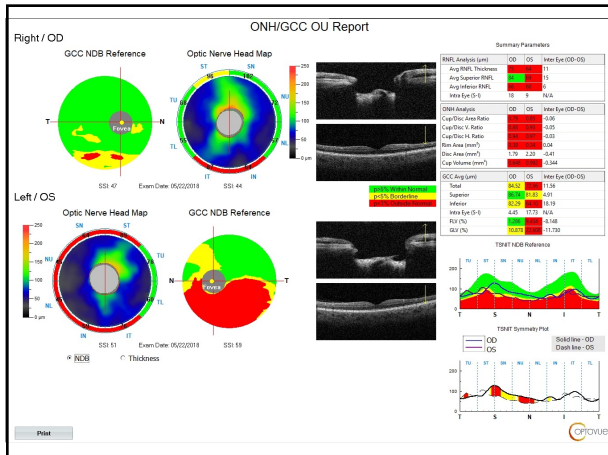
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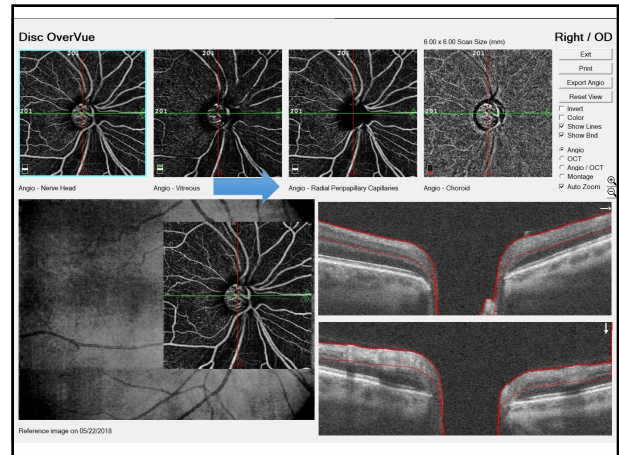
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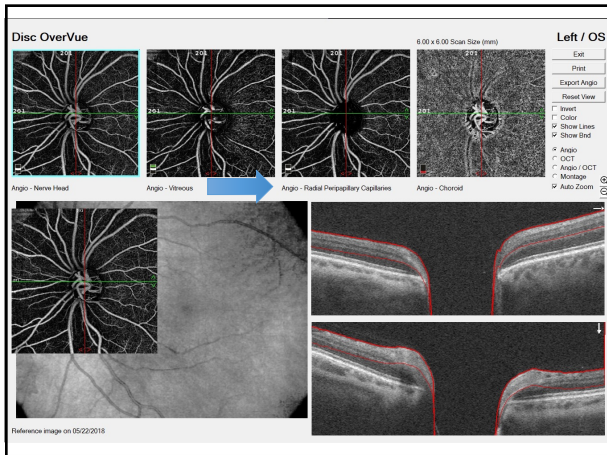


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### Additional information

- Patient reveals in social conversation the he suffers from Reynauds syndrome

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- Patient reveals in social conversation the he suffers from Reynauds syndrome
- Patient further reveals in casual conversation that he takes a prescription medication for ED, and that it makes his vision blurry!

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BIOCHEMISTRY

#### Cryo-EM structure of phosphodiesterase 6 reveals insights into the allosteric regulation of type I phosphodiesterases

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Cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterases (PDEs) work in conjunction with adenylylate/guanylylate cyclases to regulate the key second messengers of G-protein-coupled receptor signaling. Previous attempts to determine the full-length structure of PDE family members at high resolution have been hindered by structural flexibility, especially in their linker regions and N- and C-terminal ends. Therefore, most structure-activity relationships studies have so far focused on truncated and conserved catalytic domains rather than the regulatory domains that allosterically govern the activity of most PDEs. Here, we used single-particle cryo-electron microscopy to determine the structure of the full-length PDE6 $\alpha$ 2 $\gamma$  complex. The final density map resolved at 3.6 Å reveals several previously unseen structural features, including a coiled N-terminal domain and the interface of PDE $\gamma$  subunits with the PDE6 $\alpha$  heterodimer. Comparison of the PDE6 $\alpha$ 2 $\gamma$  complex with the closed state of PDE2A sheds light on the conformational changes associated with the allosteric activation of type I PDEs.

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the PDE family (4, 5) and other related enzymes (6). In particular, inhibitors of PDE5, including sildenafil and vardenafil, are widely used for the treatment of erectile dysfunction and pulmonary hypertension (7). However, PDE5 inhibitors have been associated with several ocular side effects, including blurred vision, changes in color vision, transient alterations in the electroretinogram, conjunctival hyperemia, ocular pain, photophobia, and, in extreme cases, damage to the optic nerve (8). These secondary effects are mediated

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### But not all data support the risk for AION

- Analysis included reports from MEDLINE, EMBASE, Toxline and VigiBase for NAION and PDE-5 inhibitors
  - Four observational studies, [3 had good methodological protocols]
  - 50 case reports, 12 of which did not have risk factors for NAION, but regular administration was observed in 24/50 (48%) & 39 (78%) were treated for ED
- 608 spontaneous reports

and

Conclusion: According to the available evidence, the treatment with phosphodiesterase - 5 inhibitors was not found to be associated with NAION.

Penedones A, Alves C, Batel Marques F. Risk of nonarteritic ischaemic optic neuropathy with phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Acta Ophthalmol. 2020 Feb;98(1):22-31. doi: 10.1111/aos.14253. Epub 2019 Sep 27.

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AION ?=?  
NTG

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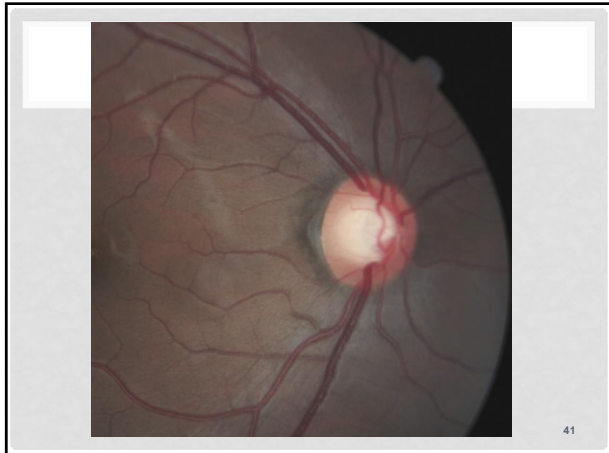
FROSTY GETS CAUGHT PICKING HIS NOSE

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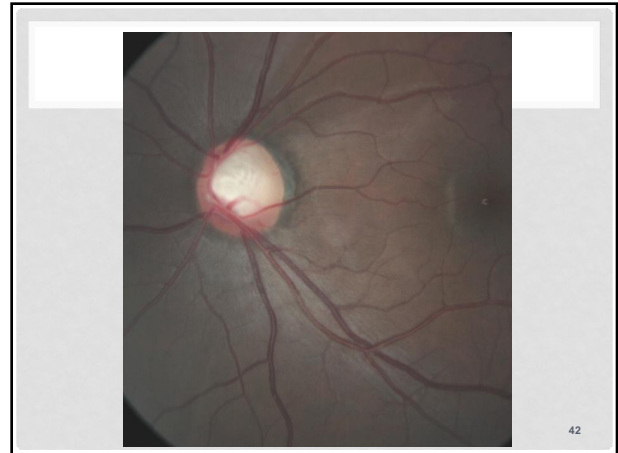
27 YO ASIAN MALE

- Presents for periodic ophthalmic evaluation
- Unremarkable ocular [ex. myopia] and family history
- Noncontributory medical history
- BSCVA 20/20 (OD, OS)
- Anterior segment – unremarkable (OD, OS)
- IOP 16, 17 mmHg, (OD, OS); (Pachymetry not obtained)

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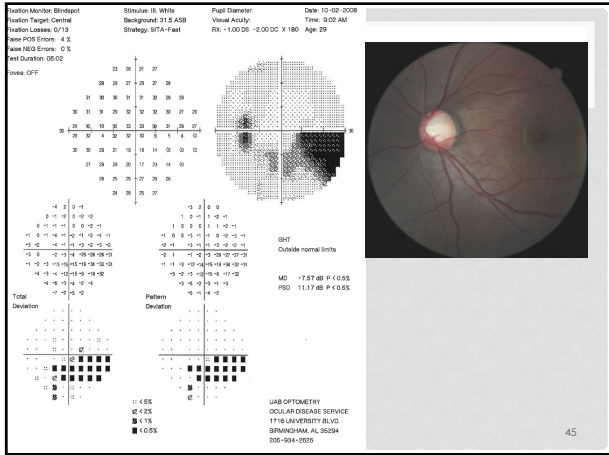
29 A/M 20/20 (-7.50 OD, OS) VS

What do you expect for the VF?

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Visual field test results showing a normal field with a grid overlay and data tables.

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### CLINICAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PRESENT CASE

Doshi A, Kreidl KO, Lombardi L, Sakamoto DK, Singh K. *Nonprogressive glaucomatous cupping and visual field abnormalities in young Chinese males. Ophthalmology. 2007 Mar; 114(3):472-9.*  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17123617>

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### PROPOSED MECHANISM TO EXPLAIN CLINICAL FINDINGS

**A. Normal**

**B. Deformed ONH (now obliquely inserted with stable RNFL thickness, ONH appearance and VF.**

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Stable over 8 years 42 – 50

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### FOLLOW-UP DATA AND GUIDANCE (2011)

- Treated and untreated patients suspected of having glaucoma should be followed for several years to determine progression regardless of whether their condition is related to myopia.
- Among young Chinese myopes, the best course may be to initiate treatment "gently" [1 or 2 meds] unless or until there is demonstration of rapid progression.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21623224>  
 Kumar RS, Baskaran M, Singh K, Aung T. Clinical Characterization of Young Chinese Myopes With Optic Nerve and Visual Field Changes Resembling Glaucoma. *J Glaucoma. 2011 May 26.*

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### FURTHER REPORT

Key conclusions

- Optic disc rotation-VF defect correspondence may be an important prognostic factor for patients with myopic NTG for predicting progression.

(ONH hemorrhage and IOP reduction may contribute as well)

Sung MS, Kang YS, Heo H, Park SW. Optic Disc Rotation as a Clue for Predicting Visual Field Progression in Myopic Normal-Tension Glaucoma. *Ophthalmology. 2016 May 5. pii: S0161-6420(16)30086-0. doi: 10.1016/j.ophtha.2016.03.040. [Epub ahead of print] <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27157844>*

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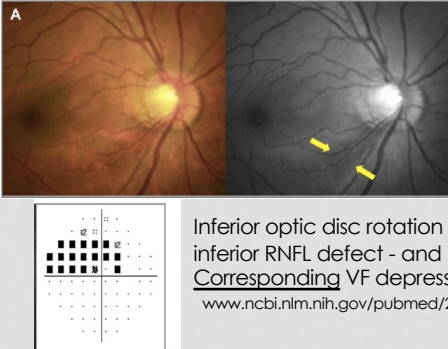
Clinical guidance

- Distinguishing between the direction of ONH rotation and corresponding or non-corresponding VF depressions may allow us to distinguish those myopic patients who are likely to progress.

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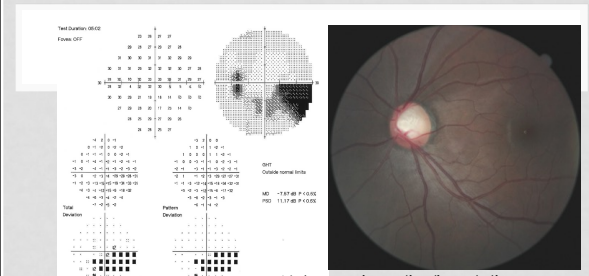
## CONNECTING THE DOTS



Inferior optic disc rotation with inferior RNFL defect - and Corresponding VF depressions

[www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27157844](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27157844)

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Note superior optic disc rotation and ST RNFL defect [Designated as ONH-VF correspondence].

\* Cranial imaging was unremarkable for mass.

This configuration places this patient is at risk for progression.

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## AFFIRMATION OF OPTIC DISC TILT AND VISUAL FIELD PROGRESSION IN MYOPIC GLAUCOMA

### Visual Field Progression Pattern Associated With Optic Disc Tilt Morphology in Myopic Open-Angle Glaucoma

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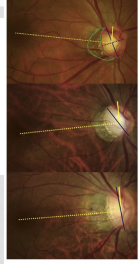
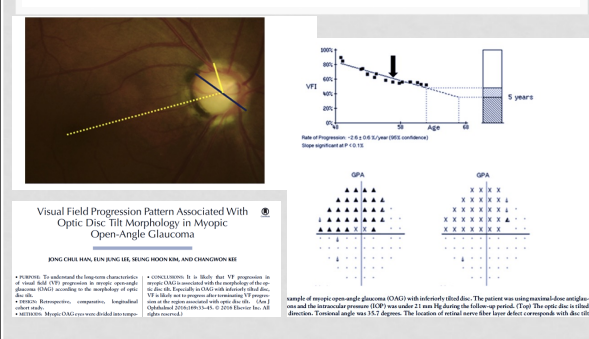


FIGURE 3. Measurement of optic disc tilt and progression patterns (TEM) (Left) and inferiorly tilted disc and progression patterns (INF) (Right). The optic disc tilt was divided into temporal (TEM) and inferior (INF) groups. The location of the optic disc tilt was divided into the superior and inferior groups. The location of the optic disc tilt was divided into the superior and inferior groups. The location of the optic disc tilt was divided into the superior and inferior groups.

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## INFERIOR TILT CORRESPONDING WITH SUPERIOR VF DEPRESSIONS



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Rate of Progression: -2.8 ± 0.8 dB/year (95% confidence interval) (slope significant at  $P < 0.01$ )

5 years

example of myopic open-angle glaucoma (OAG) with inferiorly tilted disc. The patient was using maximal-dose anti-glaucoma and the intraocular pressure (IOP) was under 21 mm Hg during the follow-up period. (Top) The optic disc is tilted inferiorly. Discoidal angle was 18.2 degrees. The location of vertical nerve fiber layer defect correspond with the tilt direction.

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## HERE'S ONE CLOSE TO HOME

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### FROM A FORMER STUDENT LAST MONTH

- 59 year old white female.
- H/o high myopia.
- Post-LASIK CCT 482/472.
- Dad and PGF have glaucoma.
- T<sub>app</sub> at 1:44 pm: 10/11, Tmax 17/16.

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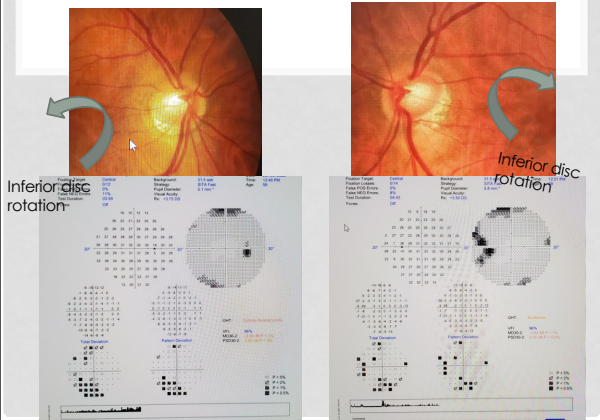
### COLOR FUNDUS PHOTORAPHY

- Discs are large and oval shaped with symmetric, moderate cup depth OU. So generalized rim thinning not really surprising.



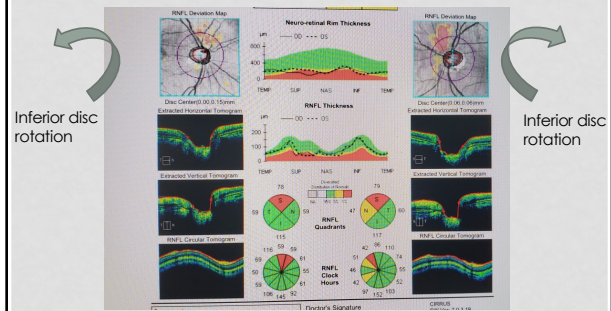
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Noncorresponding VF/Disc rotation = low likelihood of progression



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OCT 9/10 signal strength OD/OS.  
Inferior VF defects correspond to OCT thinning but opposite to disc appearance/direction of tilt by observation.



Noncorresponding VF/Disc rotation = low likelihood of progression

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### WORLDWIDE SUPPORT FOR THE RELATIONSHIP OF MYOPIA & GLAUCOMA

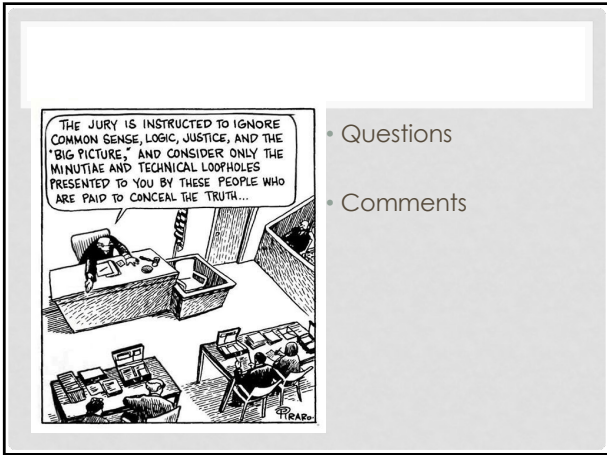
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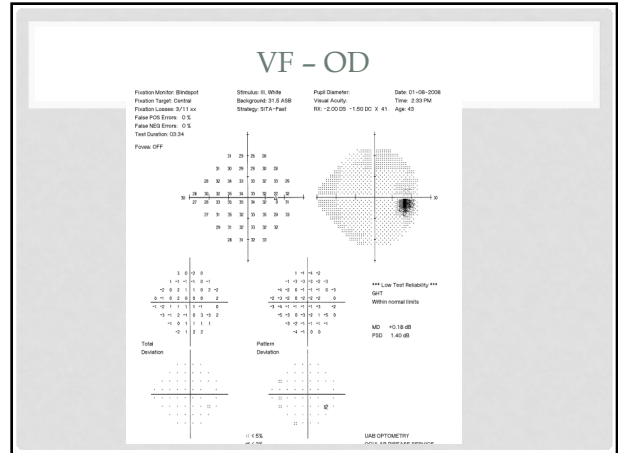
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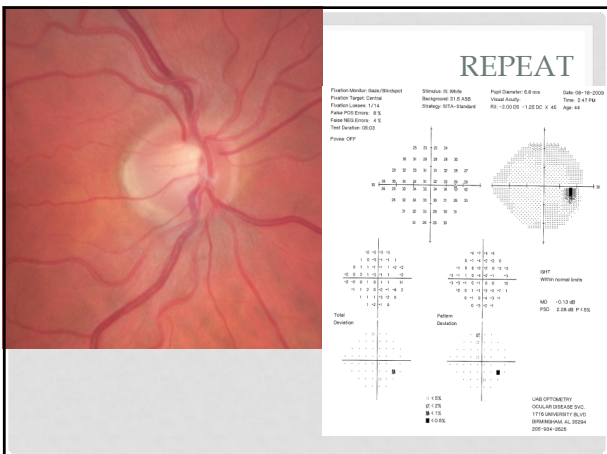
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**FINAL EXAM QUESTION 64  
(POSTERIOR SEGMENT OPT-225)**

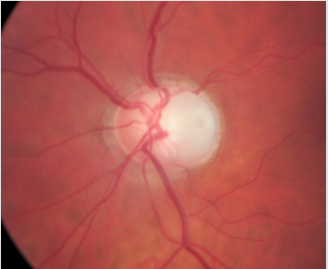
A. Glaucoma  
 B. Coloboma  
 C. Staphyloma  
 D. Melanoma

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**FINAL EXAM QUESTION 31  
(GLAUCOMA OPT-314)**

- A. Glaucoma
- B. Coloboma
- C. Staphyloma
- D. Melanoma



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**WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MYOPIA AND GLAUCOMA (2011)**

**Myopia as a Risk Factor for Open-Angle Glaucoma: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis**

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**Objective:** To determine the association between myopia and open-angle glaucoma.  
**Design:** Systematic review and meta-analysis of observational studies.  
**Participants:** Thirteen studies involving 48 161 individuals.  
**Methods:** Articles published between 1984 and 2010 were identified in PubMed, Embase, and reference lists. Study-specific odds ratios (ORs) were pooled using a random effects model.  
**Main Outcome Measures:** Odds ratios with 95% confidence intervals (CIs) of myopia as a risk factor for open-angle glaucoma.  
**Results:** Data from 11 population-based cross-sectional studies were included in the main analysis. The pooled OR of the association between myopia and glaucoma based on 11 risk estimates was 1.92 (95% CI, 1.54–2.38). On the basis of 7 risk estimates, the pooled ORs of the associations between low myopia (myopia up to -3.0) and glaucoma and between high myopia (> -3.0) and glaucoma were 1.65 (1.58–2.17) and 2.46 (1.93–3.15), respectively. There was considerable heterogeneity among studies that reported an association between any myopia and glaucoma ( $I^2=55\%$ ) and low myopia and glaucoma ( $I^2=29\%$ ), but not for high myopia and glaucoma ( $I^2=0\%$ ). After omitting studies that contributed significantly to the heterogeneity, the pooled ORs were 1.88 (1.62–2.20) for any myopia and glaucoma and 1.77 (1.41–2.23) for low myopia and glaucoma.  
**Conclusions:** Individuals with myopia have an increased risk of developing open-angle glaucoma.

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**GLAUCOMA SUSPECT**  
THIS CASE APPEARED IN PCON FEBRUARY 2-14

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**33 F (NURSE)**

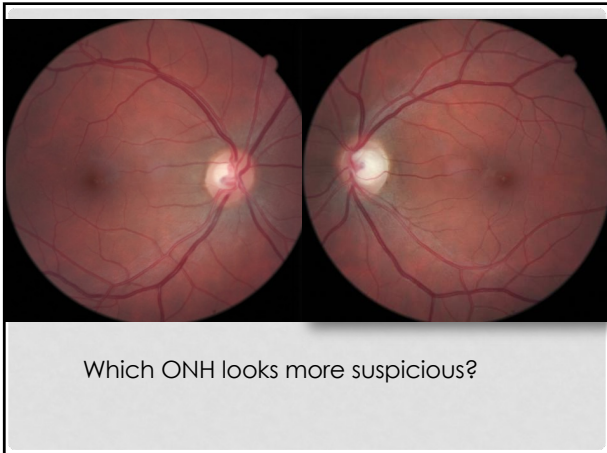
- Referred to UAB Eye Care as a glaucoma suspect
- Medical history non-contributory
- Family history positive for "glaucoma"
- Ocular history: refractive correction and mention of amblyopia.
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**33 F (NURSE)**

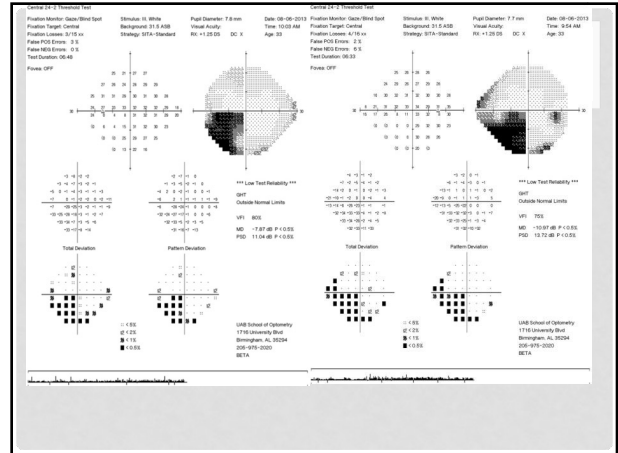
- BSCVA 20/20 OD, OS. Minimal hyperopic refraction
- IOP: 16 mm Hg OD and 18 mm Hg OS
- Pachymetry: 567 microns OD and 562 microns OS
- Angles open with visible CB 360 OS, OS
- Anterior segment unremarkable

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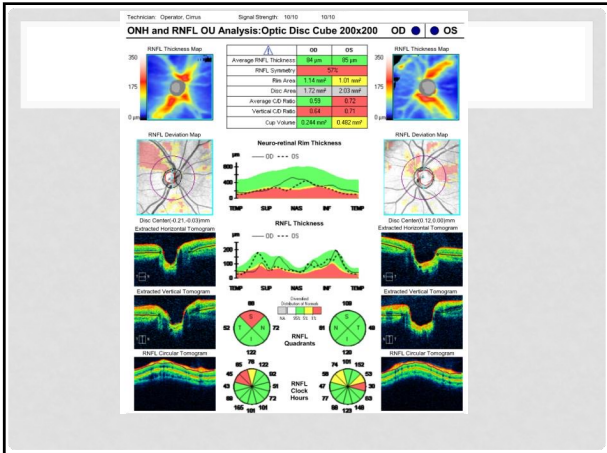


Which ONH looks more suspicious?

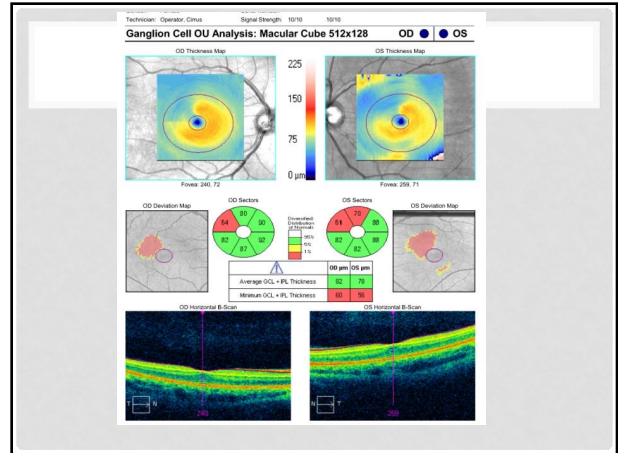
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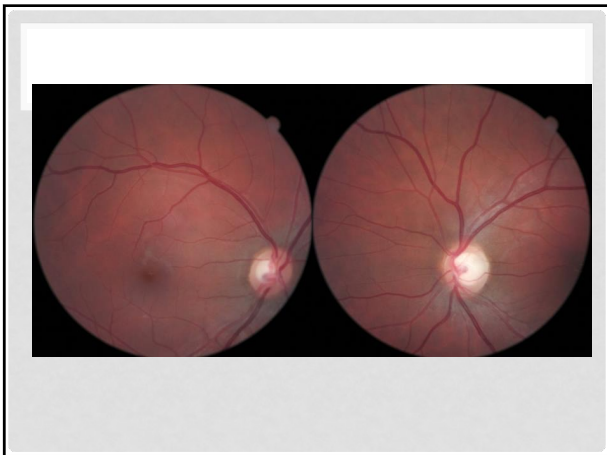
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**RADIOLOGY INTERPRETATION**

“Right peritrigonal luecomalacia which is most likely developmental causing a left homonymous inferior quadrant defect. She is completely stable.”

-MSV

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Past / Present Ocular History		Date Diagnosed
Glaucoma	Negative (mid-50s WM)	
Cataracts	Negative	
Age-Related Macular Degeneration	Negative	
Eye Injury	Negative	
Retinal Disease	Lattice Degeneration OU	
Other Disease	Negative	
Blindness	Negative	
Strabismus	Negative	
Amblyopia	Negative	
Diabetes	Negative	
Dry Eye	Negative	
Refractive	Glasses Full-time	
Other	H/o transient dipl./intermittant dipl, resolved (spectacle adjustment)	

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Social History	
Drugs	None
Alcohol	None
Occupation	Engineer (currently unemployed)
Hobbies	Writer, Musician, Woodworker
Tobacco	Quit smoking 3 yrs ago, uses Nicotine lozenges
Smoking Status	Former smoker

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Family History	
Glaucoma	Negative
Cataracts	Mother, Father
ARMD	Negative
Eye Injury	Negative
Retinal Disease	Negative
Other Disease	Negative
Blindness	Negative
Strabismus	Sister - DV, wears prism in glasses
Amblyopia	Negative
Diabetes	Negative
Cancer	MGM - skin
Heart Disease	Negative
Hypertension	Negative
High Cholesterol	Negative
Kidney Disease	Negative
Stroke	Negative

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**OPHTHALMIC FINDINGS**  
(MID-50S WM)

- BSCVA 20/20 20/20
- -2.25 - 0.50 X 090      -2.50-0.75X 090
- Pupils – normally reactive w/o RAPD
- IOP history (Goldmann)
  - 13/14 (4/24/2014)
  - 16/15 (7/22/2014)
- Pachymetry: 587u, 586u
- Anterior segment – unremarkable
- ACA – open; AC - D&Q

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Medications			
Date	Name	Strength	Form
4/21/2014	Advil		
6/9/2010	Ibuprofen		
4/24/2014	Zyrtec	10 mg	Add'l Sig

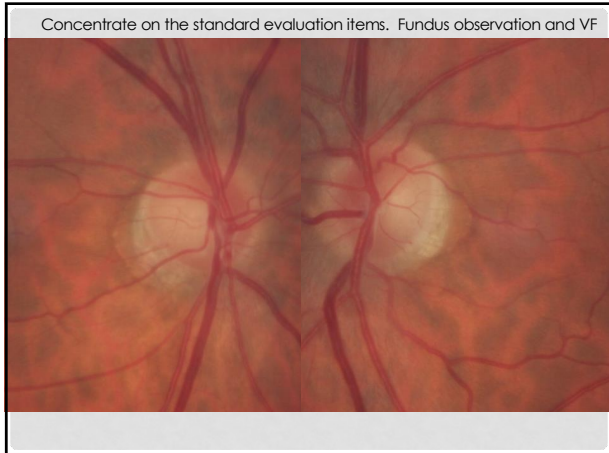
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**OPHTHALMIC FINDINGS**

- Lens (LOCSIII) : NO 1 / NC2 CS 0 PSC 0 (OD = OS)
- Optic disc
- VF
- OCT
- What do you expect?

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### WHAT ARE YOUR OBSERVATIONS OF THE ONHS

- Small
- Temporal crescent consistent with RE
- OBL insertion OS > OD
- Inferior notch OD > OS
- $\beta$ -zone PPA (OD where rim tissue is thinnest; OS greater temporally than inferiorly)

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Fixation Monitor: Gaze/Blind Spot    Stimulus: II, White    Pupil Diameter: 4.9 mm    Date: 04-24-2014  
 Fixation Target: Central    Background: 31.5 ASB    Visual Acuity:    Time: 8:52 AM  
 Fixation Losses: 0/14    Strategy: SITA-Standard    RI: +0.90 DC X 1.15    Age: 54  
 False POS Errors: 2.3%  
 False NEG Errors: 0.3%  
 Test Duration: 04:47

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Reliable data?  
(Where's the blind spot?)

GHT,  
PSD,  
PD significance

GHT: Within Normal Limits  
 VFI: 100%  
 MD: -1.63 dB  
 PSD: 1.21 dB

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Legend:  
 □ < 0.5%  
 ■ 0.5-1.0%  
 ■ 1.0-1.5%  
 ■ > 1.5%

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Fixation Monitor: Gaze/Blind Spot    Stimulus: II, White    Pupil Diameter: 4.4 mm    Date: 04-24-2014  
 Fixation Target: Central    Background: 31.5 ASB    Visual Acuity:    Time: 9:00 AM  
 Fixation Losses: 0/15    Strategy: SITA-Standard    RI: -0.50 DC X    Age: 54  
 False POS Errors: 1.1%  
 False NEG Errors: 0.7%  
 Test Duration: 05:28

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Reliable data?  
(Where's the blind spot?)

GHT,  
PSD,  
PD significance

GHT: Within Normal Limits  
 VFI: 96%  
 MD: -2.88 dB P < 2%  
 PSD: 1.49 dB

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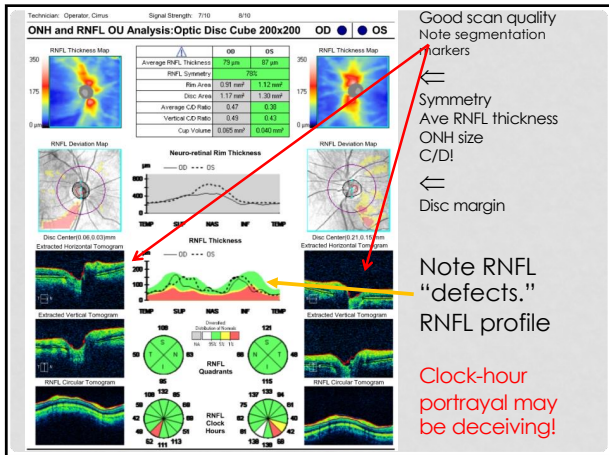
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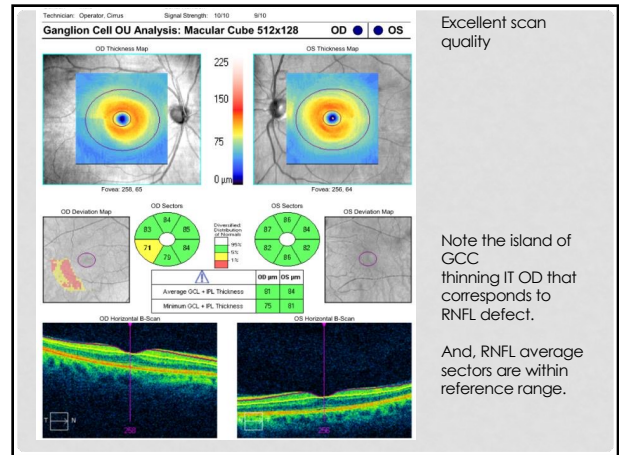
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  - Appropriate correction
- Reliable data
- GHT – WNL
- PSD – not flagged
- PD significance – no clusters in areas suspicious for glaucoma

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### OCT AND GLAUCOMA

- Utility
  - Confirming or ruling out the diagnosis of glaucoma
  - Monitoring progression
- Capabilities
  - RNFL thickness\*
  - ONH profile
  - ONH "topography"
  - Macular RNFL\*\*

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### EMERGING TRENDS IN GCC FOR GLAUCOMA

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### Support of horizontal raphe sign for progression

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### WHAT ARE OUR NEXT STEPS?


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### WHAT ARE OUR NEXT STEPS?

- Reviewing the data
  - Good VA
  - (-) family history of glaucoma
  - ? SAS / (+) heart murmur // no beta-blocker meds.
  - Normal IOP
- Apparently clean VF
- Evidence of ONH / RNFL damage

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### DIAGNOSTIC LABELING



- Glaucoma suspect
- Glaucoma
- Pre-perimetric glaucoma
- OHT

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### PRE-PERIMETRIC GLAUCOMA EXPLANATION

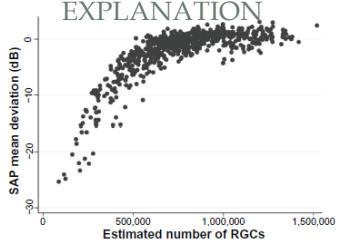


Figure 1 Scatter plot showing the relationship between standard automated perimetry (SAP) mean deviation and estimated number of retinal ganglion cells (RGCs).

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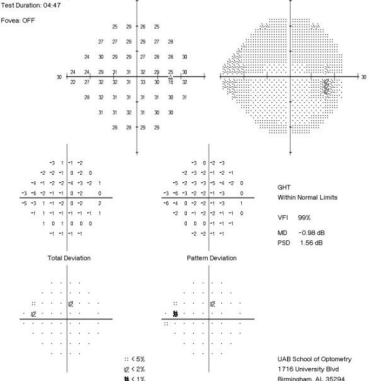
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## REPEAT THE VISUAL FIELD !!!

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 Fixation Losses: 0/14    Strategy: SITA-Standard    Rx: +0.50 DS -1.25 DC X 15    Age: 54  
 False POS Errors: 0/5    False NEG Errors: 0/5    Test Duration: 04:47

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Total Deviation    Pattern Deviation

Legend:  
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 □ 2.5 - 4.9  
 ■ 5.0 - 9.9

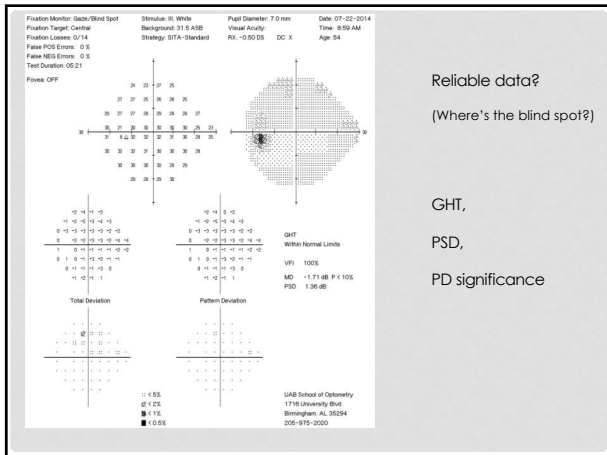
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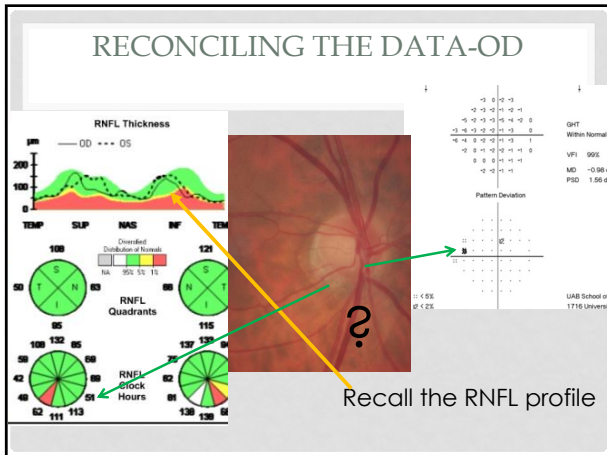
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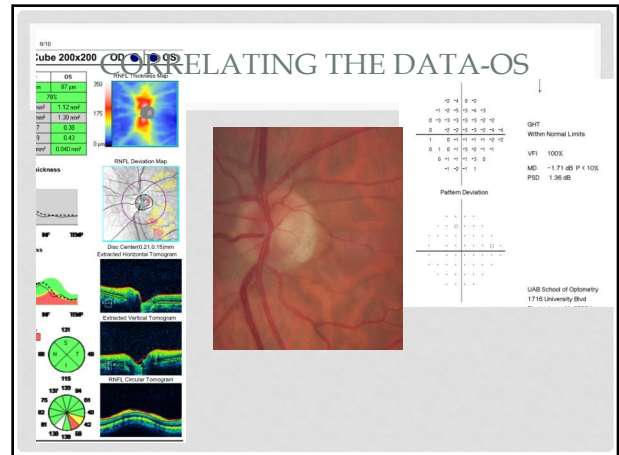
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### MANAGEMENT

- Critical questions
  - Degree of damage
  - Burden of treatment
  - Life span

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- Critical questions
  - Degree of damage
  - Burden of treatment
  - Life span
- No treatment at this time
- Follow, repeating all tests X 6 mo
- ? Alternatives?

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MOST RECENT VISIT

- IOP = 19/20
- Updated disrupted sleep status – diagnosed with SAS and using CPAP device. Reportedly, "...feeling much better."
- Does this change our thinking?

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- Questions
- Comments

**Got up at 5am, 8km run completed, came back prepared a vegetable smoothie for breakfast....  
Don't remember the rest of the dream....**

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RS 70S W F

FOLLOWED AS GLAUCOMA SUSPECT X 7 YEARS

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RS – FOLLOWED X 7 YRS

- Non-contributory medical and family histories
- IOP averages 23 (narrow range: 2-3 mm fluctuation)
- DDX?
  - Glaucoma suspect
  - Ocular hypertensive

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BASELINE PHOTOS



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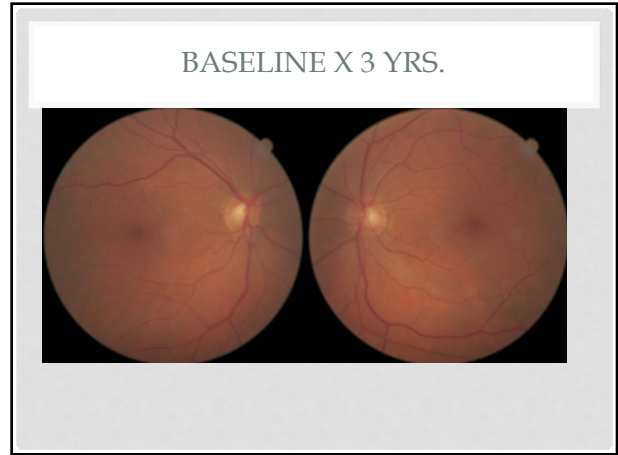
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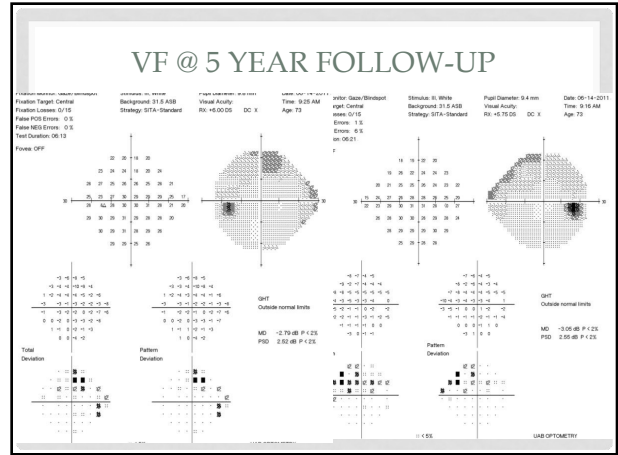
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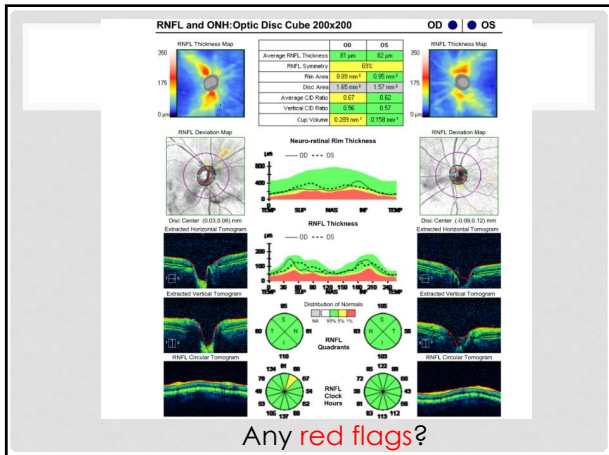
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And this just in . . .

Journal Pre-proof  
 The Weiss ring, a major confounding factor for measurements of peripapillary retinal nerve fiber layer thickness  
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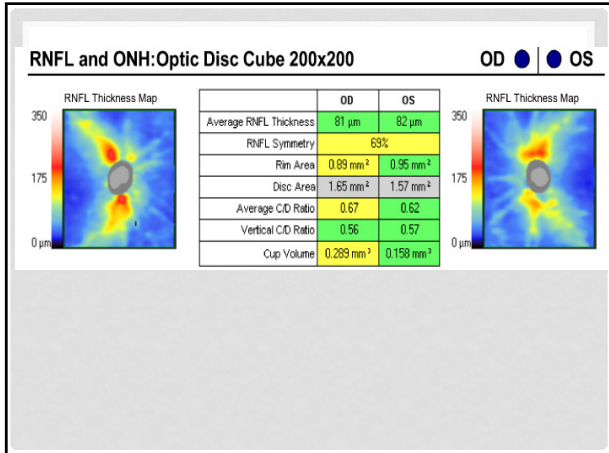
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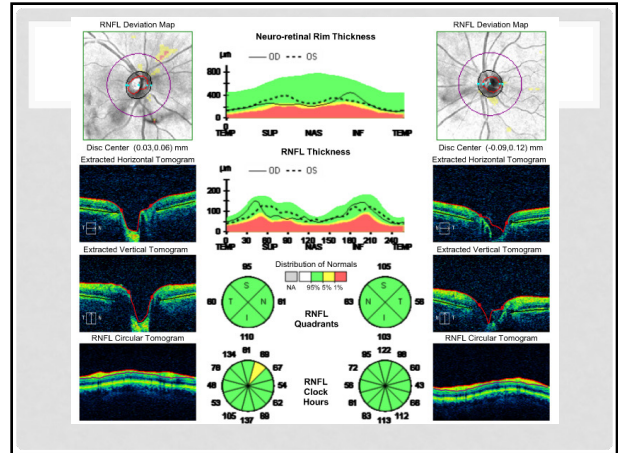
**Highlights**  
 Eyes with a Weiss ring showed thinner mean and inferior pRNFL thicknesses than normal controls, which could be a major confounding factor for analyses of pRNFL changes, especially in glaucoma patients.

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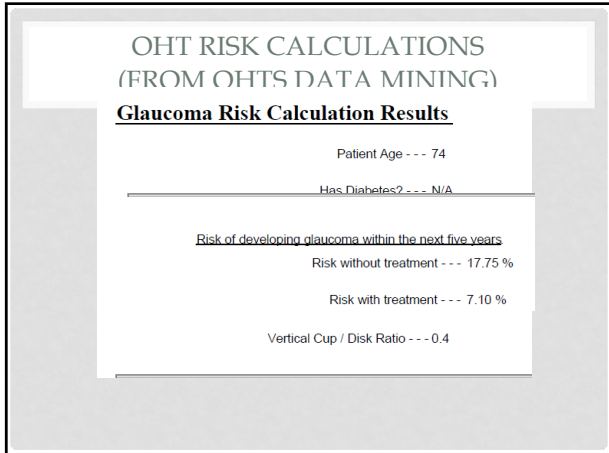




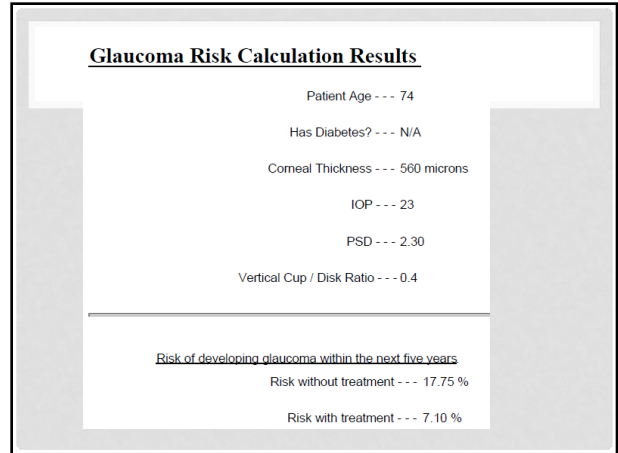
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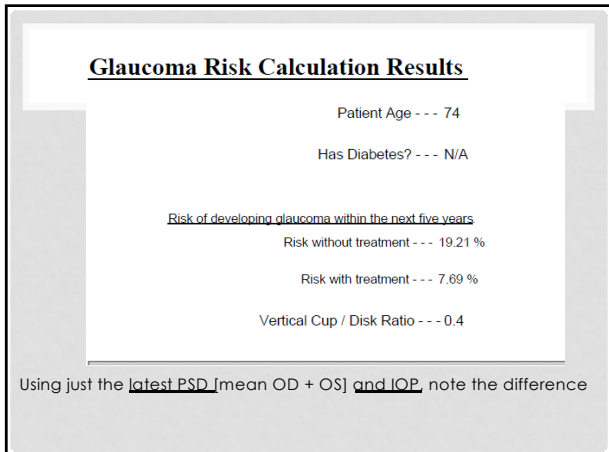
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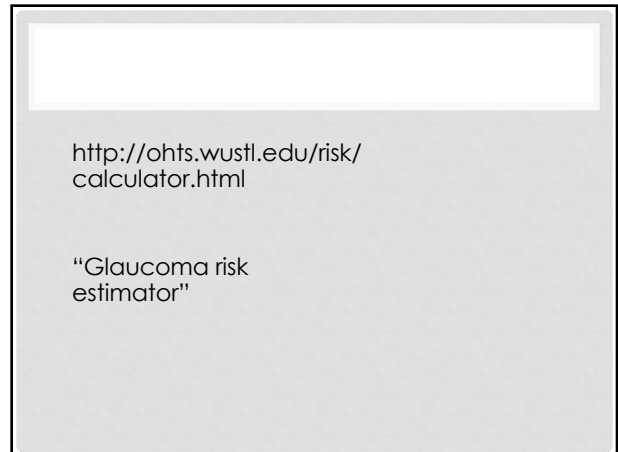
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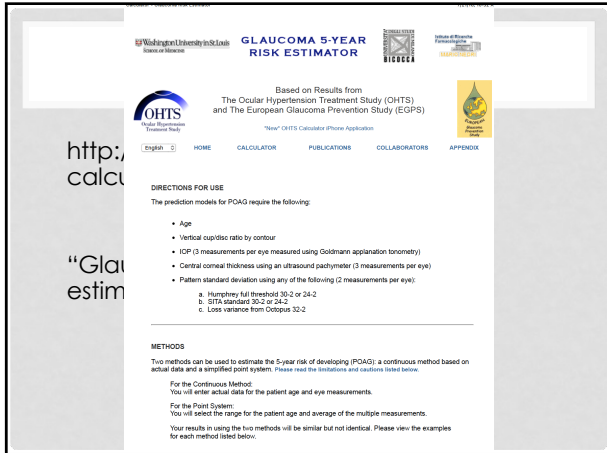
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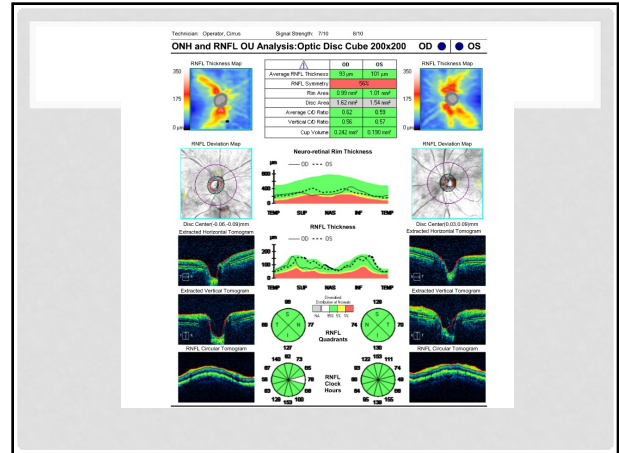
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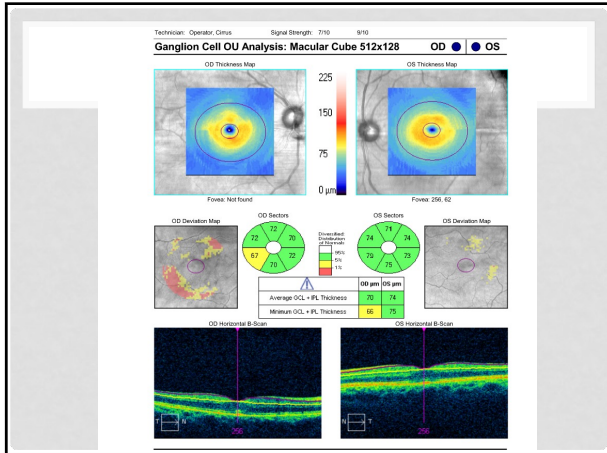
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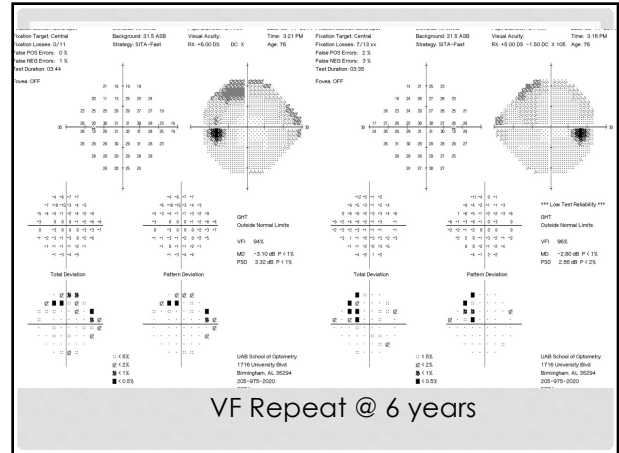
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### OHT FOLLOW-UP - MOST RECENT

- Treatment option offered and pt started on PGA ghs
- F/U @ 2 weeks IOP = 16mm Hg in each eye.
- Continued on treatment with low teens IOP

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### OHT 20-YEAR FOLLOW

*Assessment of Cumulative Incidence and Severity of Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma Among Participants in the Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study After 20 Years of Follow-up* The Ocular Hypertension Study Group

JAMA Ophthalmol. 2021;139(5):558-566. doi:10.1001/jamaophthalmol.2021.0341  
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Twenty-year cumulative incidence and severity of POAG in 1 or both eyes after adjustment for exposure time.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** In this study, only one-fourth of participants in the OHTS developed visual field loss in either eye over long-term follow-up. This information, together with a prediction model, may help clinicians and patients make informed personalized decisions about the management of ocular hypertension.

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