

HOT TOPICS IN GLAUCOMA

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VISUAL FIELDS AND GLAUCOMA

- Are they still cool?
- Are they considered the standard of care?
- How often?
- Do they better measure early detection or progression?
- Can we still rely upon them?

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ELASIL, WANG ET AL, (AJO, MAY 2014)

Conclusion – “In POAG substantial RNFL thinning or structural loss appears to be necessary before functional visual field defects become detectable.”

- Study showed that there are tipping points on RNFL thickness after which VF defects appear
 - AVG mean RNFL thickness 89 microns BUT>>>
 - Superior RNFL tipping point was 100 microns
 - Inferior RNFL tipping point was 73 microns

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CLINICALLY IMPORTANT???

- What is the significance of this data?
- Does this give greater import for 1 test over another?

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SPEAKING OF STRUCTURE VS FUNCTION..

- Banegas SA, et al. – J Glaucoma May 2015
- Compared VF, OCT and Stereo Photographs for their ability to pick up progression
- 68% of progressive cases identified by OCT were initially classified as G suspects
- 61% of progressive cases identified by VF were initially classified as POAG

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CONCLUSION

- "Progressing Eyes detected by OCT had a higher mean RNFL thickness (>83 microns) and higher mean VFI than progressing eyes detected by VF or stereo photos."
- Soooo....
 - OCT is more likely to detect progression in pre-perimetric disease
 - VF and Photos better at detecting progression in more advanced stages of the disease



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- This gives further credence that ALL 3 of the tests have value INDEPENDENT of each other!!

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VISUAL FIELDS ARE STILL REALLY COOL, BUT WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH THEM?

- Hard tests to take
- Subjective nature can cause poor reliability
- Poor reproducibility
- Fluctuation between tests
- Takes multiple tests to establish baseline and to show progression
- Patients don't seem to like them!!

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SITA FASTER

- 2/3 of the test time of SITA Fast
- 1/3 the test time of SITA Standard
- The test time reductions are greatest in eyes with more severe VF loss
- The average 24-2 test time w/ SITA FASTER is ~2 minutes

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SITA FASTER - WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

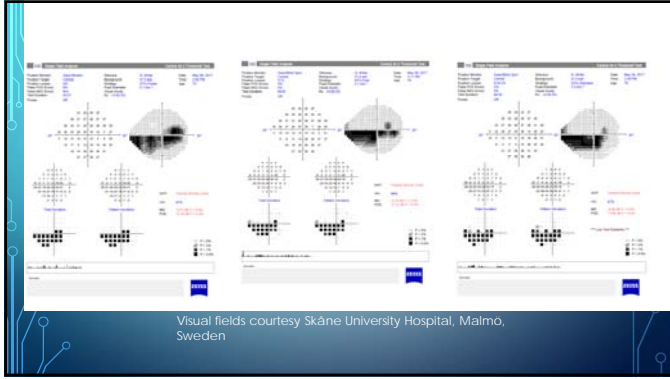
- Reduces test time by reducing time between presentation of test spots
- Does not dumb down the test!
- Gets rid of redundancies that have been discovered over past 20 years

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SITA FASTER – SO AGAIN I SAY, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

- Current recommendations use 24-2 (Standard) from every 2nd visit (2015, 2020)
- Faster test should allow the patient to be more compliant of the test and better test return
- Faster tests should use less time waiting in order to save frequency
- More frequent VF testing should
 - Facilitate earlier detection of glaucoma
 - Allow for earlier detection of progression
 - Better determine the rate of progression
- All of which allow us to better clinical decisions for our patients

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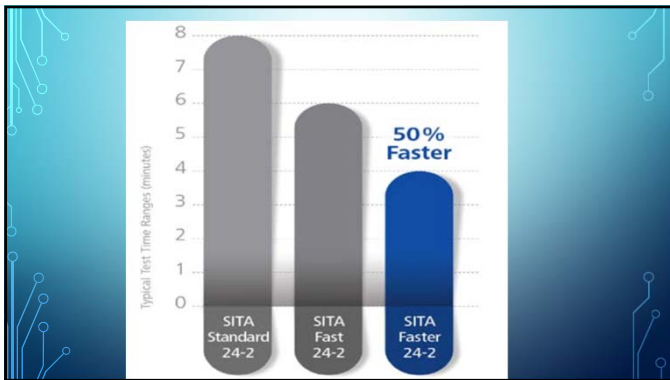


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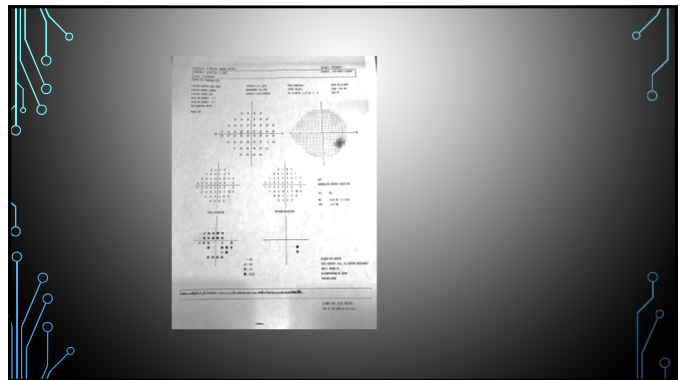
SITA FASTER VS SITA FAST

- SITA FASTER produces similar results to SITA Fast
- No loss of reproducibility
- Improved reliability
- SITA FASTER results integrate into the existing Guided Progression Analysis (GPA) of that individual patient

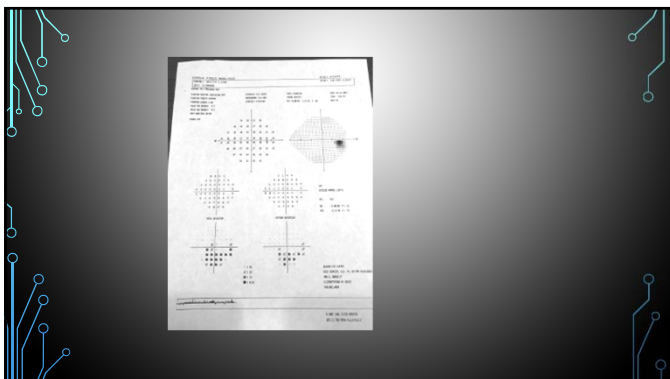
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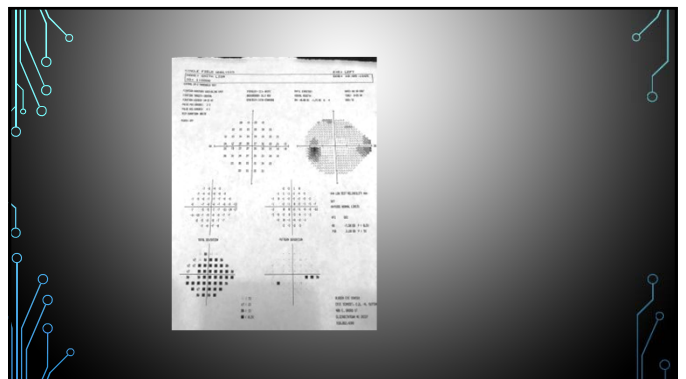
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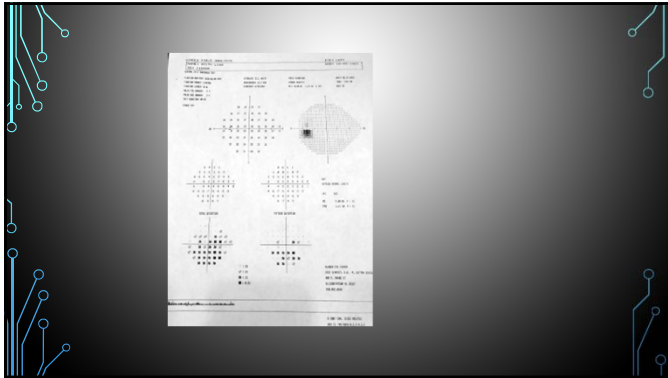
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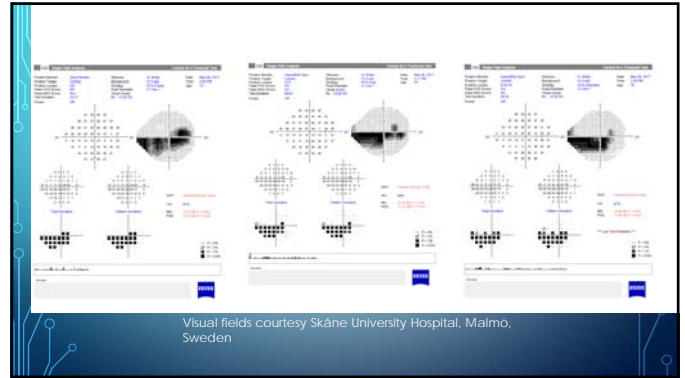
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Visual fields courtesy Skåne University Hospital, Malmö, Sweden

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TO IMPROVE VISUAL FIELD ANALYSIS REMEMBER THE "5 RS"



Right Test Strategy



Reliability



Repeatability



Reproducibility



Right Software

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NOT YOUR MOTHER'S
VISUAL FIELD
ANALYZER
ANYMORE!...!

WELCOME TO A BRAVE NEW WORLD

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FAST, COMFORTABLE, ACCURATE
VISUAL FIELD TESTING

TEMPO™

TEMPO improves the visual field testing experience for patients and enables effective testing from screening through advanced glaucoma without compromising accuracy.

The unique binocular design makes testing faster and more comfortable.



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ORIGINAL STUDY

Perimetric Comparison Between the IMOvifa and Humphrey Field Analyzer

Takanishi Nobuko, MD, PhD, MSc, EdD, MEd, Robert N. Witzarth, MD, PhD, FRCO, MEd, Christine Fuchs, MD, MEd, Fahad Muhammadali, MD, and Susan Maghara, PhD
J Glaucoma • Volume 32, Number 2, February 2023

- IMOvifa (TEMPO) reduced measurement time by 39%
- MD, PSD, and VFI values for IMOvifa showed good agreement with HFA SITA-Fast strategy.
- Reduced fatigue for both patient and examiner

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WHAT MAKES TEMPO FASTER?

- Designated dark room not required, **less patient movement** from room to room
- No eye patching**, no stopping to occlude second eye – one continual, uninterrupted test
- Stimuli presented to right and left eye randomly** – patient unaware of which eye is tested at each point

FAST

Faster than the gold standard in clinical testing!¹

Intuitive Interface

COMFORTABLE

Random, binocular testing creates a comfortable "fun" patient experience.

Includes All SAP Test Patterns

ACCURATE

Performance equivalent to the gold standard and excellent repeatability proven in peer reviewed research.¹¹

Functions in Ambient Light

Small Footprint

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THRESHOLD & SCREENING REPORTS

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SINGLE FIELD ANALYSIS (SF) IN DETAIL

- Patient data
- Information on the test and reliability indices.
- Threshold values (dB) are the measured sensitivity thresholds.
- Grayscale is a graphical map of the threshold values.
- Deviation plots
- Defect curve – a graphical representation that provides a summary of the visual field and distinguishes between local and diffuse defects.

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SINGLE FIELD ANALYSIS (SF) IN DETAIL

- GSS (Glaucoma Staging System) classifies the field based on a plot of Mean Deviation (MD) and Pattern Standard Deviation (PSD).
- GHT (Glaucoma Hemifield Test) analyses the asymmetry between the inferior and superior fields and gives a categorical value such as within normal limits after
- Global indices
 - MD (Mean Deviation) is the average difference between the patient's overall visual field sensitivity compared to normal vision in the same age group.
 - PSD (Pattern Standard Deviation) is a measure of the threshold variability and indicates how the shape of the measured field differs from that of the age-matched normal eye.
 - VFI (Visual Field Index) gives a percentage for overall vision. A VFI of 0 means no visual field loss whereas 100 means no evidence of perimetrically blind.
- probability symbols
- gaze tracking/pupil diameter

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SCREENING REPORT IN DETAIL

- Patient data
- Information on the test and reliability indices.
- Plot of patient's response to a Goldman size III stimulus presented at an intensity that an average subject of that age would see with 95% or 99% of the time depending on the option chosen.
- Plot of intensity of stimulus (dB)
- Gaze tracking/pupil diameter

○ Points seen (first presentation).
○ Points seen (second presentation)
× Points not seen after two presentations.

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WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON TEMPO?

- Advantages?
- Disadvantages?
- Is this a screening device or diagnostic/progression device?
- What strategy do we order?
- How do we incorporate this into our busy day?

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ARE VIRTUAL REALITY VISUAL FIELDS THE WAY OF THE FUTURE?

- PROVE IT TO ME!!!
- Normative data bases
- Consistent reliability
- Data I can depend upon
- DO THEY ACTUALLY WORK???

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON A NOVEL VIRTUAL REALITY PERIMETER COMPARED WITH STANDARD AUTOMATED PERIMETRY - JOURNAL OF GLAUCOMA 9/15/20

- "The global mean sensitivity of the VisuALL and the HFA correlated significantly in both normal ($r=0.5, P=0.001$) and glaucoma ($r=0.8, P<0.001$) groups. The mean sensitivity of all quadrants also correlated significantly in both groups. The VisuALL mean sensitivity had a greater (0.98) Receiving Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve than HFA (0.93) mean sensitivity ($P=0.06$) in discriminating normal versus glaucoma.
- There was an excellent correlation between the VisuALL and the SAP in normal and glaucoma patients and VisuALL showing a high diagnostic performance."

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OLLEYES - VISUALL

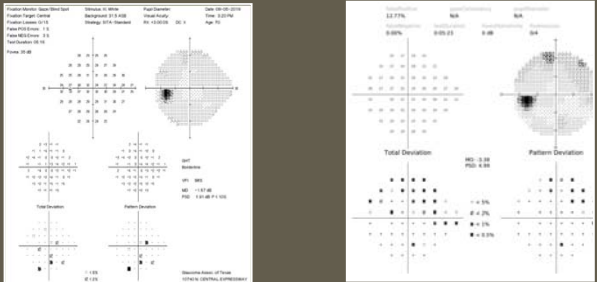
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Compact. Comprehensive. Does virtually everything.

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Visuall vs HFA printout



Statistical data for both printouts:

- Left (HFA):** MD: -1.00, PDI: 9.98
- Right (VisuALL):** MD: -0.50, PDI: 9.98

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VISUALL VRVF

- What can it do?
- What CANT it do??

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Validation of a Novel Head-Mounted Perimeter versus the Humphrey Field Analyzer

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BACKGROUND

• Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide...

PURPOSE

The purpose of the present study was to validate a novel head-mounted perimeter, the Novel Visual Field Analyzer (NVFA), against the Humphrey Field Analyzer (HFA) in an amblyopic population.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

All subjects underwent a comprehensive ophthalmic examination at a tertiary ophthalmology department. Exclusion criteria included any systemic disease affecting central vision, neurological or psychiatric disease, current or past ocular disease, high myopia or astigmatism, and any other condition that could affect the visual field test.

RESULTS

• Of 100 patients 27 subjects (Age: 74.5 ± 9.6, 46% Male) were included in the present analysis. 11 (41%) of eyes had normal glaucoma, 5 (19%) had mild glaucoma, 11 (41%) had moderate glaucoma, and 20 (74%) had advanced glaucoma.

Table 1. Mean values of the mean visual field index (MVF) between the HFA and NVFA for different glaucoma stages.

Glaucoma Stage	HFA (MVF)	NVFA (MVF)	P-value
Normal	20.0 ± 0.0	20.0 ± 0.0	0.000
Mild	18.5 ± 0.5	18.5 ± 0.5	0.000
Moderate	15.5 ± 1.0	15.5 ± 1.0	0.000
Advanced	10.5 ± 1.5	10.5 ± 1.5	0.000

CONCLUSIONS

The NVFA is a valid alternative to the HFA for the detection of glaucoma in an amblyopic population. The NVFA offers the same accuracy as the HFA in the detection of glaucoma. This may be due to the similar visual field indices between the HFA and NVFA. The NVFA offers the same accuracy as the HFA in the detection of glaucoma. This may be due to the similar visual field indices between the HFA and NVFA.

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BILLING AND CODING CONCERNS

- Is this a screening or ordered test? (That will determine the fee)
- 92083 – again diagnosis must correlate with procedure code used
- Test must be ordered and interpreted
- What do you do if screening shows an abnormal result?

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THE STRUCTURE VS FUNCTION DILEMNA

- Structural damage leads to functional damage
- Do they always correlate though?
- If they don't why???

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THIS ISN'T YOUR FATHER'S OCT REPORTS ANYMORE!!!

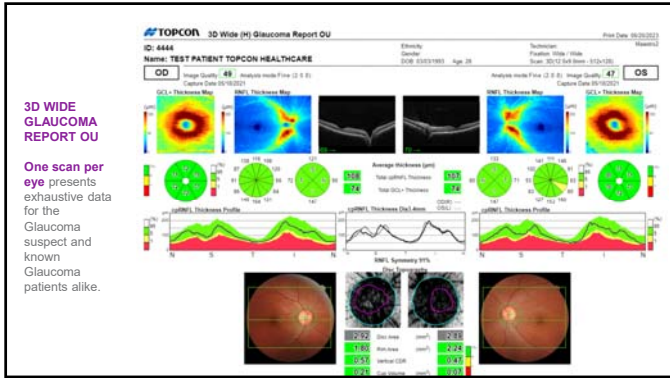
WELCOME TO THE BRAVE NEW WORLD!!

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3D WIDE STANDARD REPORT

Your new standard. One scan blanketing the posterior pole generating RNFL, ONH, GCL and ETDRS data of nerve and macula.

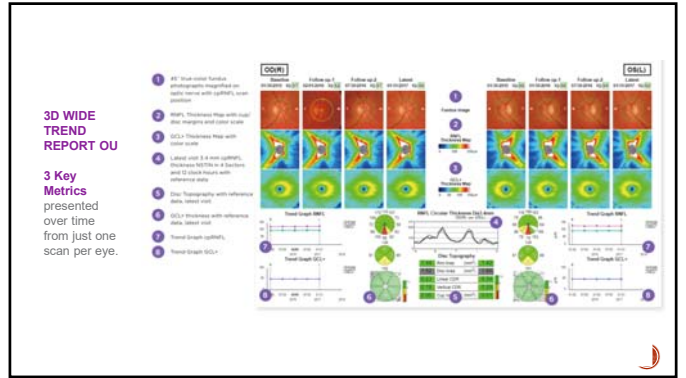
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3D WIDE GLAUCOMA REPORT OU

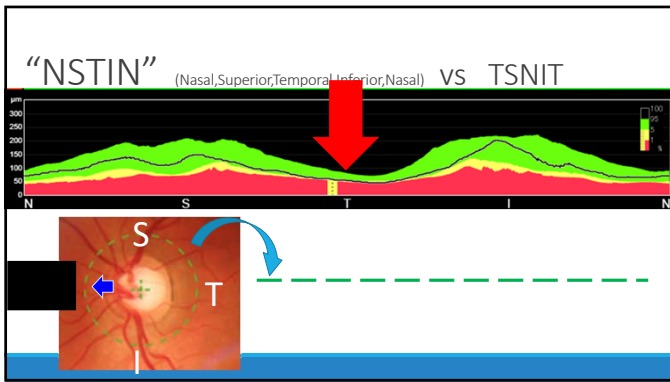
One scan per eye presents exhaustive data for the Glaucoma suspect and known Glaucoma patients alike.



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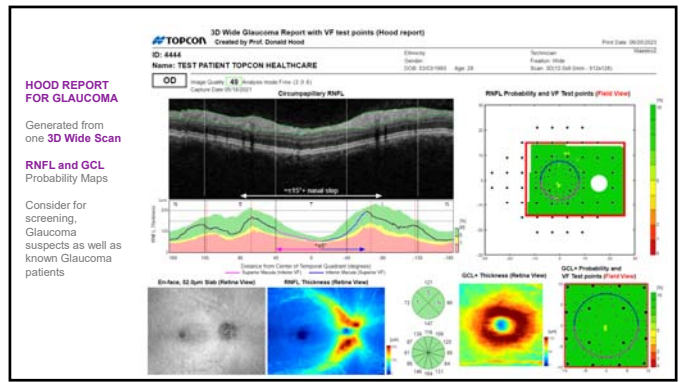
3D WIDE TREND REPORT OU

3 Key Metrics presented over time from just one scan per eye.



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“NSTIN” (Nasal, Superior, Temporal, Inferior, Nasal) VS TSNIT



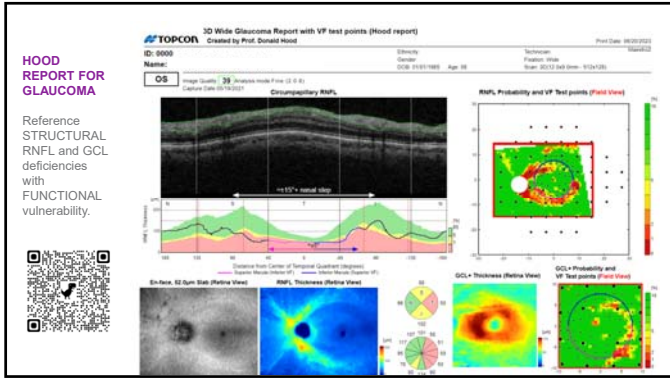
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HOOD REPORT FOR GLAUCOMA

Generated from one 3D Wide Scan

RNFL and GCL Probabilities Maps

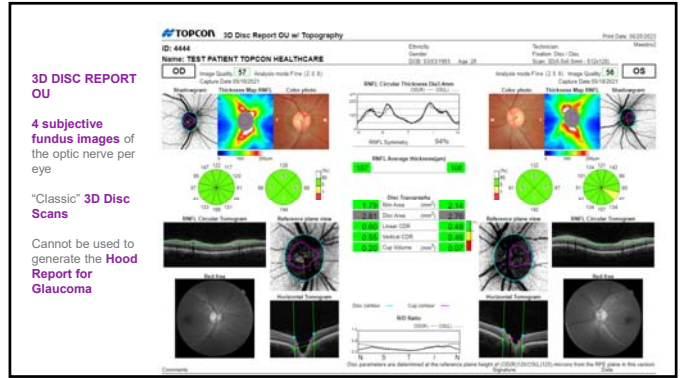
Consider for screening, Glaucoma suspects as well as known Glaucoma patients



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HOOD REPORT FOR GLAUCOMA

Reference STRUCTURAL RNFL and GCL deficiencies with FUNCTIONAL vulnerability.



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3D DISC REPORT OU

4 subjective fundus images of the optic nerve per eye

“Classic” 3D Disc Scans

Cannot be used to generate the Hood Report for Glaucoma

3D DISC TREND REPORT OU

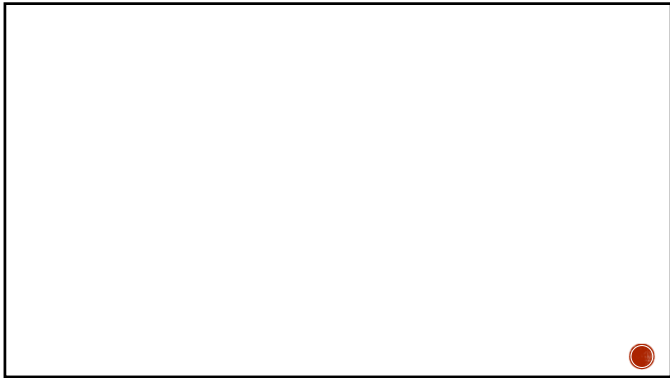
Color, RNFL and GCL changes over time

OD/OS NSTIN reference data

Key change-over-time metrics presented in "Spreadsheet-like" table.

- 1 All three color fundus photographs presented on this slide were with OptiVue Scan
- 2 All four RNFL Thickness Maps with color (red) margins and color scale
- 3 OCT B-scanogram
- 4 Average Superior Inferior Optic Nerve Head (ONH) thickness in OD and OS from Scanning Laser
- 5 Disc Photographs with reference disk labels obtained from baseline to latest visit
- 6 OptiVue 3D RNFL thickness map from OD and OS from baseline to latest

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24 HOUR IOP CONTROL

New data and new recommendations

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HOW IOP IS USUALLY MEASURED

- Typically a **single observation**
- During **office hours**
- A moment in time or representative of the entire day?
- Are we missing spikes, peak, or elevated IOPs at other times of day?

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WHEN IS THE PEAK IOP?

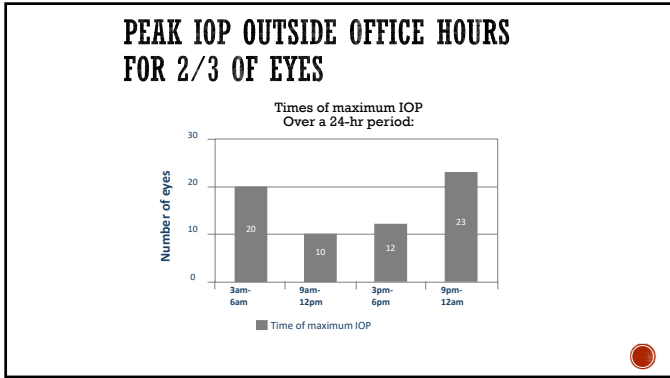
- 3,025 IOP readings on 1,072 eyes
- NTC, POAG, Pre-perimetric G, OHT
- Results:
 - Peak IOP – 7AM – 20.4%
 - Noon – 17.8%
 - 5PM – 13.9%
 - 9PM – 26.7%
- Jonas, Budde, et al. AJO, June 2005;138:136-137

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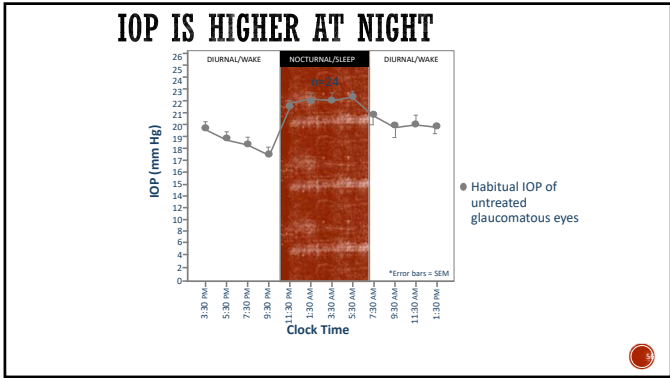
JONAS STUDY CONCLUSION

- "Any single IOP measurement taken between 7AM and 9PM has a higher than 75% chance to miss the highest point of the diurnal curve."
- Stresses the need for serial tonometry.

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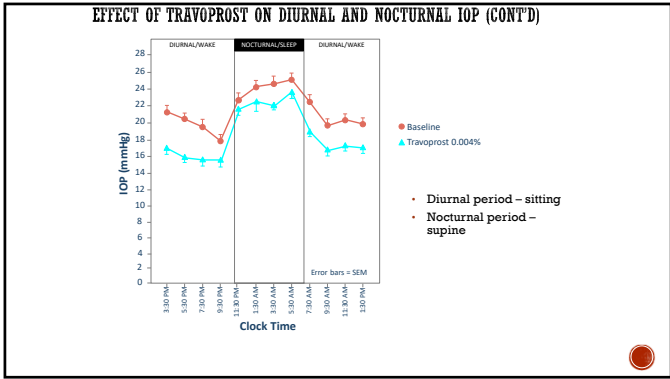
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OBSERVATIONS

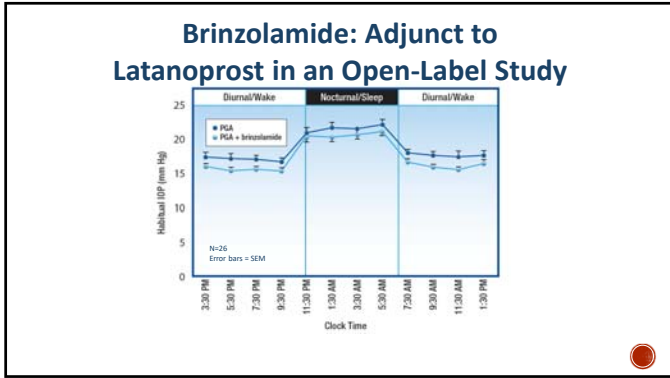
- Reducing IOP reduces risk of progression¹⁻⁵
- Peak IOPs often occur outside normal office hours⁶⁻⁹
- IOP during office hours does not provide a complete picture of diurnal and nocturnal IOP⁶
- What does this mean about your choice of medical therapy?

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SO HOW DO WE BEST MEASURE 24 HOUR IOP

- Multiple iop readings
- At home monitoring
 - Triggerfish
 - Icare "home" tonometer

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WHAT CAN WE DO TO BETTER CONTROL IOP OVER A 24 HOUR PERIOD?

- Pick the right drop(s)
- Choose the right procedure
- Identify the Problem
- Get the necessary data



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In home tonometry



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Icare home tonometer

Rebound tonometer	Push button "switch"
No anesthesia	Can take 1 reading or 6 consecutive
Px is seated	Data stored in instrument
Automatic od/os recognition	Download data in doctor's office
r/g lights guide alignment	

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Icare home tonometry

Readings are not printed out or displayed to patient
 Readings are in mm hg
 No cpt code
 Not reimbursible – because it is administered by the px
 Px rents machine from dr

- Rental rate is set by dr
- Abn (waiver of benefits) must be signed by px

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Icare home tonometer is it feasible?

Pronin, brown, et al – jama ophthalmol (online) 8/31/17
 Report on reproducibility and acceptability of iop as measured by patients

All pxs had oht or poag
 Gat and icare home tonometry performed by dr in office
 Icare home tonometry performed by px in office

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Pronin et al - results

73/100 pxs showed measurements w/in 5mm of doctor
 Icare home readings were consistently lower than iop/gat
 This was more pronounced in lower ranges of iop

Self tonometry was judged "easy and comfortable" by most patients
 92% of pxs reported: " they would be happy to perform self-tonometry in future"

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Tagaki et al Jglaucoma 26(7): 613-618, July 2017

Compared iop measurements of goldmann tonometry with icare home tonometry both by patient and by doctor

Mean iop ranges

- Gat: 7- 20 mm Hg
- Icare (px): 6-24mm hg
- Icare (dr): 6-25mm hg

Was found to be "feasible"

Icare home showed a tendency to record higher iop readings as compared to gat

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So...

More iop readings give us more data points from which to make decisions

It is reproducible

It is feasible

But...

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I have some questions

1. Is a 5mm difference between patient and doctor acceptable?
2. Do elevated iop readings on icare home lead to vf defects
3. Is this true 24 hr data?
4. Will this become standard of care?
5. Will this data lead to a change in treatment for the px?

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Triggerfish cls

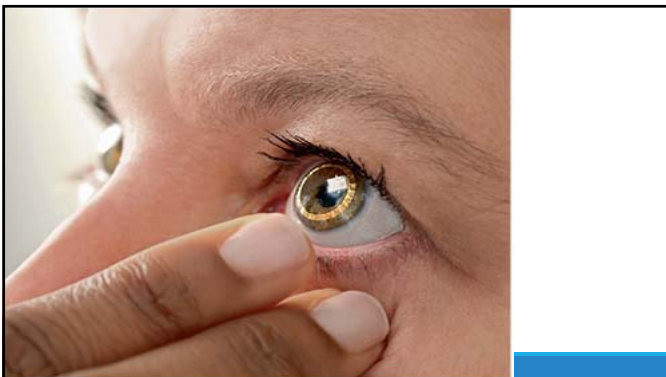
Wearable cl sensor

- Single use cl (8.4, 8.7, 9.1 bc), 14.1 mm diameter, 585 microns thick

Also incorporates:

- 2 strain gauges
- Microprocessor
- Periorbital adhesive (holds receiver antenna)
- Recorder sleeve

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Triggerfish cls

Worn for 24 straight hours

Telemetric sensor

Takes 30 seconds of readings at 5 min intervals for 24 hrs

It is not tonometry

It doesn't measure iop

Measures strain differences

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Strain differences

Measures change in intraocular volume
 Strain differences may measure change in iop indirectly
 Reflects rigidity of globe and ocular elasticity
 These measures are relative to each other –(but not to tonometric iop)

 So these measures cannot be related to traditional tonometry

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But...

Strain related factors may be a more accurate reflection of an eye's susceptibility to glaucomatous damage
 Strain factors are also affected by blink, sleeping, exercise etc

 So it may be more a predictor of progression as opposed to measuring iop spikes

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Triggerfish cls pros

Continual 24 hr data
 No px involvement
 Gathers data while sleeping, standing, sitting, during physical activity
 It is felt that iop changes with those activities as well

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Triggerfish cls cons

Uncomfortable
 Ugly
 Expensive
 May cause corneal issues
 Not approved in u.s.

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Triggerfish cls

so what do y'all think?

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So a man walks into his optometrist's office...

He is diagnosed with glaucoma,

What is your initial treatment??

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LiGHT Study

SLT versus eye drops for first-line treatment of ocular hypertension and glaucoma (LiGHT): a multicenter randomized controlled trial

Gus Gazzard, Eugenias Konstantakopoulos, David Garway-Heath et al

www.thelancet.com Vol 393 April 13, 2019

Pxs had to have mild or moderate glaucoma based on VF criteria

Target IOP reduction 20-30% (depending on severity)

Standard SLT energy protocols

Medicine group – 1st line PGA, 2nd Line Beta blocker, 3rd line CAI or Alpha agonist

Both groups followed for 36mths

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LiGHT study outcomes

Both groups showed similar efficacy in lowering IOP

- 16.3mm Hg Drop group, 16.6 mm Hg SLT Group
- 78.2% SLT group required no drops, 12% required 1 drop
- 64.6% drop group controlled on 1 drop, 18.5% required 2 drops
- 0% SLT Group required trab, 3.3% Drop group required trab
- 93% SLT group at target IOP, 95% Drop group

SLT Group spent 202 pounds less on care

So what does this mean for us , our clinics and our patients??

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Does The LiGHT Study...

1) Change your impression of the efficacy of SLT?

2) Change your impression of when you would recommend SLT for your patients?

3) Change your impression on who may be good candidates for SLT?

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Rapid, non-contact Direct SLT

Delivers similar energy as traditional SLT
Automated delivery of energy through limbus (transconjunctival)
Without Gonioscopy

Will be approved in US within months!!

Belkin DSLT

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Baseline IOP 26.7-

- Patients were washed out of all meds
- Some pxs were treatment naive

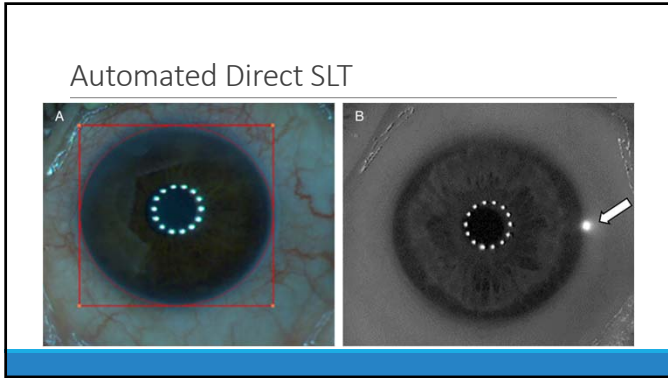
After tx IOP

- 1 mth - 21.7mm Hg (18.1% reduction)
- 3 mth- 20.8mm HG (21.4%)
- 6 mth 21.5mm Hg (18.8% reduction)

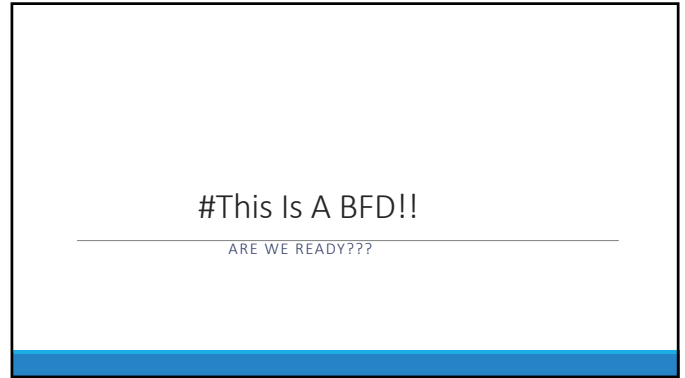
At 6 mths medication need reduced from 1.6 to 0.4

DSLST Data

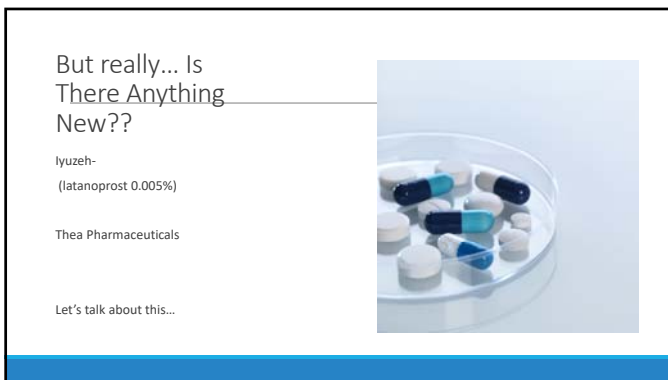
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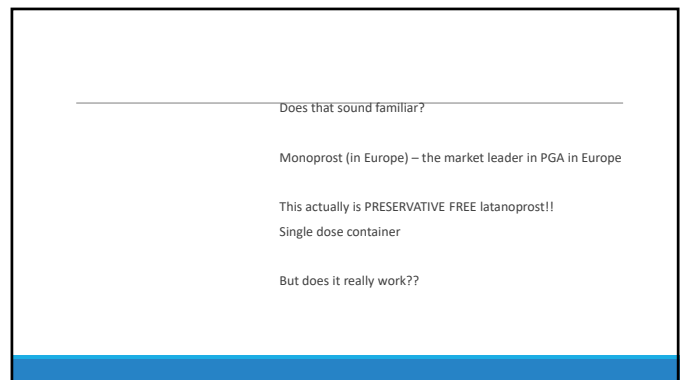
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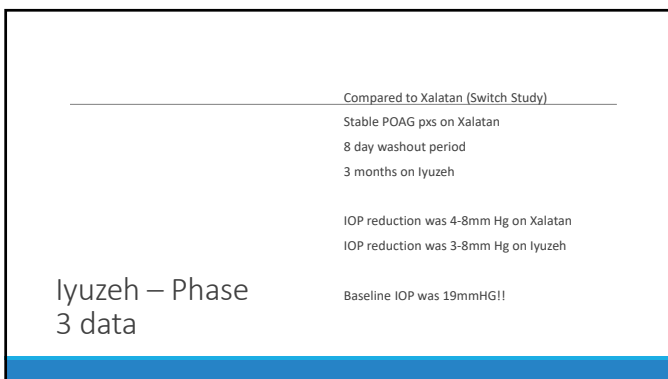
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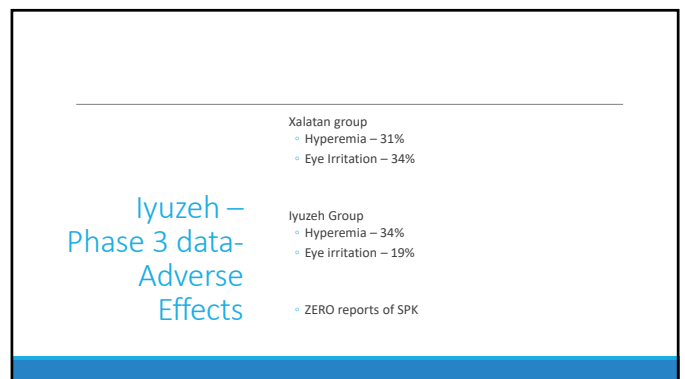
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European data – Higher baseline IOP (24mm Hg)

- IOP lowered to 15.5mm Hg
- Same rate of adverse effects

Bachrach data (2023 AGS)

- 12 week trial comparing to Xalatan
- Similar IOP reduction (as measured by ability to get IOP <18mm Hg)
- 2% experienced redness or ocular irritation
- 0% SPK
- Fewer ocular side effects (13.9% vs 22.5%)

PASSY study

- 97% tolerated drop
- AT usage decreased 24%

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#What's The Big Deal??

OSD is an epidemic in glaucoma

Will this improve compliance?

Will this cost \$1M??

Is it better than what we have?

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-----	Add Rhopressa?	Switch to a combo drop??
	Switch to Rocklatan??	Switch to another PGA?
	Add a combo drop??	SLT??

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A lot of money is being spent on delivery systems

These may be cheaper alternatives

Optometry cannot sleep on this

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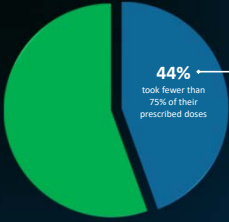
And Now It's Time To Talk About Compliance!!!!

This is so not Cool...

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Adherence to IOP-Lowering Therapy Is Challenging

Over 3 months in a study of 196 patients with glaucoma taking an IOP-lowering medication in one or both eyes^{1,2}:



44% took fewer than 75% of their prescribed doses

Despite instruction, free medication, once-daily administration, use of a dosing aid, and electronic monitoring of adherence

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Individualizing the Target IOP

Target IOP should be individualized and updated as needed

- Periodically reassess the IOP target by comparing optic nerve status (optic disc appearance, quantitative assessments of disc and nerve fiber layer) and VF with previous examinations³
- Consider switching or adding medications if target is not yet achieved with initial therapy²
- Many patients require 2 or more medications to achieve target IOP²

Number of IOP-lowering medications used (NOT Audity)

Number of Medications	Percentage
2+ Medications	[40%]
1 Medication	[60%]

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Adherence to IOP-Lowering Therapy Is a Complex, Multifaceted Problem^{1,2}

Adherence includes both persistency and compliance issues¹

Components of successful adherence¹

- Successfully obtain medication
- Correctly instill drops into eye
- Use drops at appropriate times
- Use drops every day without gaps

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Compliance really is a hot topic

Dr David Friedman – OGF Educators Meeting 9/19

Looked at compliance studies in glaucoma- found that 70% compliance with medications was average

But is that good enough to preserve VF?

Friedman also showed that those who said they missed their drops, some of the time... actually used their drops ~50% of the time.

That was much worse than those who say they never miss their drops

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Predictors of Poor Adherence – Friedman 2019

- Gaps In Visits
- Patients Don't Understand Severity Of Disease
- Cost of Drops (25%)
- Those who Travel A Lot
- Younger Pxs and Very Old Pxs
- African-Americans
- Those In Poor Health
 - These drop adherence to <60%

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Compliance, adherence and side effects of therapy

Compliance decreases the more bottles Rx'd

Robin – Each extra bottle used decreased compliance by 1/3

The more topical meds used the more ocular side effects occur

OSD in G pxs (way) higher than initially thought

60% of G pxs use ocular lubricants

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What are the biggest barriers to proper compliance?

- Forgetfulness
- Ability to put drops in
- Unaware of the importance of the drops

Cost was not in the top 5!!!

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Ways To Improve Compliance

See Pxs more frequently... especially early in treatment
 Improve tracking system – better identify no shows
 Call/email appointment reminders
 Reminders to pxs to take their drops
 Change Dr/Patient intervention

G pxs ask 3.2 questions at visit whereas in other chronic diseases pxs ask ~ 6 questions/visit

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Speaking of NTG...

- Do we know anything new about it?
- Brand new 8 year data
- Over half progressed
- Thinner corneas and those with disk hemes more likely to progress
- Progression defined as either disk or VF changes

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More New NTG stuff

- Peak IOP in progression group - 17.6mm Hg
- Peak IOP in non-progressors – 15.8mm Hg
- Mean IOP in both groups - ~13.1
- So consistently low IOP is crucial
- Squash the spikes, set a **LOOOW** IOP
- Age of pxs didn't matter

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Treatment Considerations in NTG

- Avoid beta-blockers
- Keep Diurnal Curve Tight!!
- Choose a Low Target and Identify The Peak

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1 MORE THING

NTG PXS TEND TO BE "OVERDIPPERS"
 OVERDIPPERS TEND TO LOSE VF AT A HIGHER RATE

SO HOW DO YOU DETECT OVERDIPPERS?

AND WHAT DO YOU DO ABOUT IT?

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Disk hemorrhages and Rate of Progression (Medeiros et al)

- Cohort of the DIGS
- Pxs followed for 8 years for VF progression (using the VFI)
- 20% had disk hemorrhage
- Eyes with disk heme had more than double the rate of VF loss
- Eyes w/ more than 1 disk heme showed an even higher rate of VF progression
- Persons with disk heme in general had a more severe glaucoma

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Speaking Of Optic Disk Hemorrhages

- BUDENZ ET AL, (OHTS GROUP) – AJO 2/17
- 13 YEAR DATA
- **ODH ARE AN INDEPENDENT PREDICTOR FOR POAG**
- **ODH ARE PREDICTIVE OF PROGRESSION**
- **PREDICTIVE FACTORS FOR ODH ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR POAG (IN OHT PXS)**
 - Thin corneas
 - Thinner rims
 - Higher IOP
 - Older age

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NORMAL TENSION: ABNORMAL RESULTS

- ANDERSON et al AJO
 - EXAMINED NTG'S FOR MULTIPLE VARIABLES (AGE, GENDER, BP AND MIGRAINES)
 - MIGRAINES, DISC HEM'S MOST NOTABLE RISK FOR PROGRESSION
 - AGE, RACE NEXT
 - 230 PATIENTS/NTG/IOP < 20mm Hg

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NTG

- 99 WOMEN/61 MEN
- 23 WOMEN WITH H/O MIGRAINES
- 2 MEN
- WOMEN WITH MIGRAINES HAD FASTEST RATE OF PROGRESSION

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Normal Tension Glaucoma: Clinical Features

- Acquired pits of the optic nerve more common
- Peripapillary atrophy more common
- Drance hemorrhage more common
- Focal nerve fiber layer defects
- Focal notching of the Optic Nerve
- Visual field defects with steep margins and closer to fixation

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