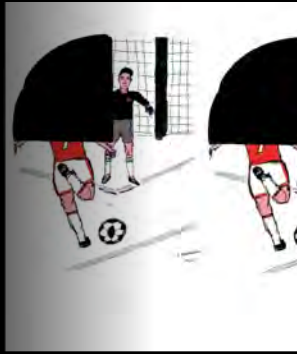


## Visual Fields: A Virtual Reality

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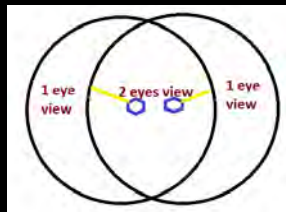


All relevant relationships have been disclosed

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## What is a visual field?

- Visual Field (VF) - Everything visible at a single time from one eye



Performing a VF allows examiners to identify field loss in a specific location

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## What is the Normal Field of Vision?

1. Temporal > 90°
2. Superior = 60°
3. Nasal = 60°
4. Inferior ~ 70°

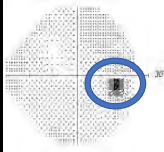
\*relative to a fixation point



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## Physiologic Blind Spot – everyone has one



Physiologic Blind Spot - absolute scotoma (no sensitivity to light)

- Location of the optic nerve (ON) entering the eye (15° nasal)
- Optic nerve lacks photoreceptors
- Located 15° temporal to fixation
- Avg. blind spot is 7.5°

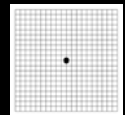


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## Types of Visual Field

Amsler Grid → Testing macular/GCC function Central 10°




Confrontational VF → Screening test

Perimetry → Automated and manual Commonly 20°, 48°, 60°



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## Perimetry




- **Kinetic Perimetry** - Test object is moved, but brightness and size are fixed.  
ie: Goldmann Perimetry and Tangent Screen
- **Static Perimetry** - Test object is fixed, but brightness and size are varied.  
ie: HFA, Octopus VF, Headset VF

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## Standard Automated Perimetry (SAP)

Quantifies the sensitivity of a patient's peripheral vision (Not all or none)

- Standardized testing algorithms
- Quantifiable threshold test (grading)
- Measures 30° from fovea/fixation

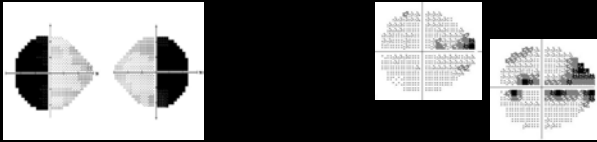


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## 2 Goals of Perimetry

Detect and Diagnose Visual Field Abnormalities

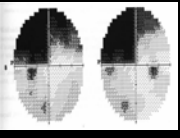
Determine progression of Visual Field Abnormalities



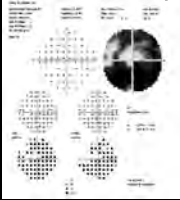
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## Conditions that may require VF's

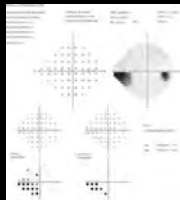
**Neurologic diseases**



**Retinal diseases**



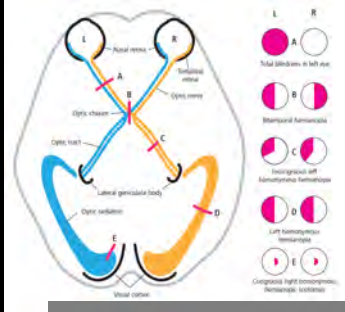
**Glaucoma**



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## Neurologic - Understanding the Visual Pathway

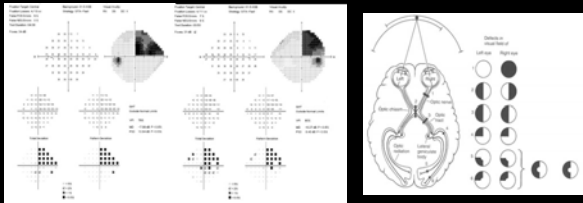
1. Retina damage can be partial scotomas
2. Optic chiasm and posterior = bilateral VF loss (B)
3. More posterior damage = more congruent (matching) defects



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## Where is the Cut/damage?



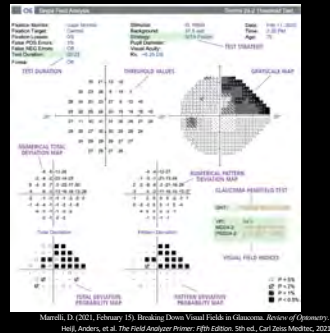
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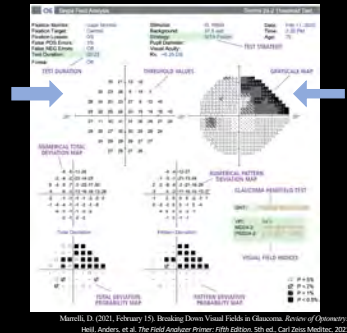
1. Fixation losses – poor fixator <30%, or restart
2. False Positives: happy clicker < 15% or repeat
3. False Negatives: bored sleeper <20%



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### Analyzing a Threshold VF

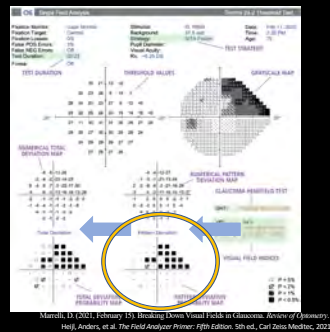
1. Threshold values: measured decibel sensitivity at each point
2. Gray scale: Patient education map  
Darker areas equals less sensitivity



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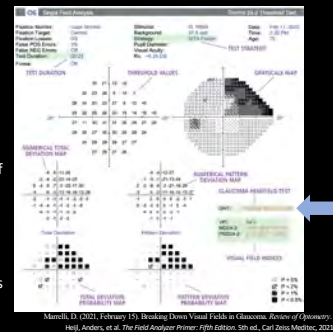
1. Total Deviation: deviation from age-matched normal on each test point
2. Pattern Deviation: deviation measured in decibels but removes distractors
3. Probability maps: TD and PSD → plots statistical significance of missed points



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### Analyzing a Threshold VF

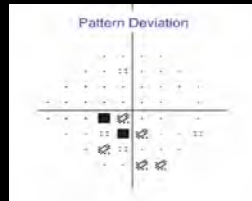
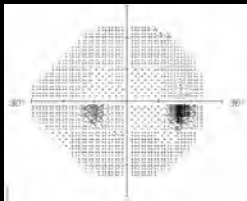
1. GHT: compares mirror image clusters of points above and below midline
2. MD-24: weighted average of values in TD plot
3. Visual Field Index (VFI): enhancement of MD with emphasis on central field
4. PSD-24: summarizes VF loss but ignores general depression



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### Common Glaucomatous Visual Field Defects

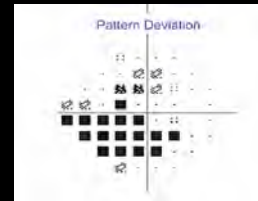
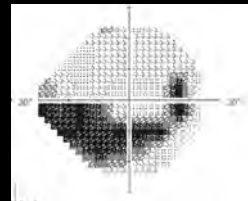
#### Paracentral Scotoma/Defect



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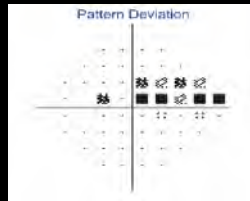
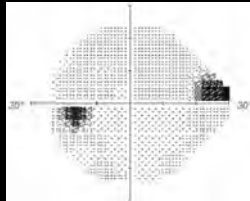
#### Arcuate Defect: Bjerrum scotoma



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## Common Glaucomatous Visual Field Defects

### Nasal step defect

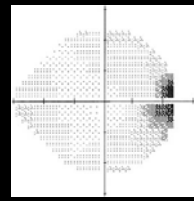


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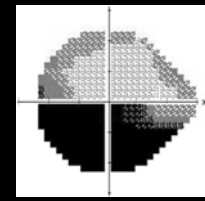
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## Less Common 1\* Glaucomatous VF Loss

### Temporal wedge



### Altitudinal defect



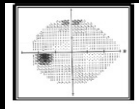
Walt, M., Lee, E., Watanabe, R., Cheng, J., & Turpin, A. (2010). Macular Temporal Wedge Defects in Glaucoma: Structural Features Correlate With Threshold Automated Perimetry of the Full Visual Field. *Journal of Glaucoma*, 24(3).

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## What Stage of VF Loss?

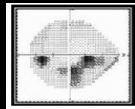
### American Glaucoma Society /AAOphthalmology PP Guidelines

#### Mild



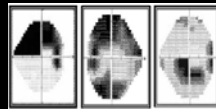
- ONH abnormalities &
- No VF loss
- Screening VF loss Ok

#### Moderate



- ONH abnormalities &
- GL VF loss 1 hemifield
- No VF loss within 5° fixation

#### Severe



- ONH abnormalities &
- GL VF both hemifields &/or
- VF loss within 5° fixation

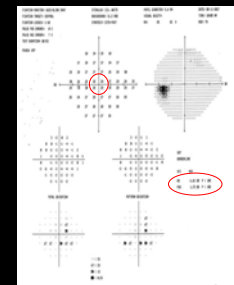
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## Hodapp-Parrish-Anderson: Mild

MD < -6dB

PD Plot – less than 14 points are depressed below the 5% significance level and fewer than half of those points are depressed below the 1% level

None of central four points has sensitivity of <15dB



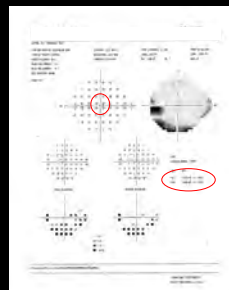
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## HPA: Moderate

MD -6dB to -12dB

PD Plot – 14 -28 points are depressed below the 5% significance level or 8-16 points are below the 1% level

One central point measures < 15 dB



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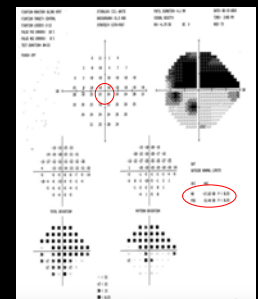
## HPA: Severe

MD > -12dB

PD Plot – 28 points or more are depressed below the 5% significance level or more than 16 points are below the 1% level

Any one central point at 0 dB

Both Hemifields in central 5 degrees <15dB



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## What is VF Progression?

- How many fields are needed?
  - Event based– can detect worsening on 2 fields
  - Trend based– Need minimum 3 tests
- What is the gold standard for VF progression?
  - See picture
  - Negative rate change 1db/year minimum 2 tests/year
  - Rapid progression 2db/year minimum 6tests/year

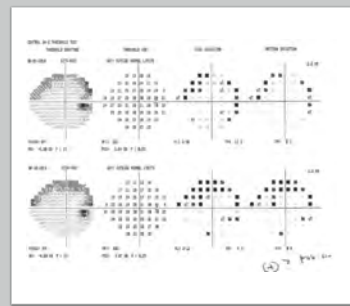


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## Manual Progression Analysis

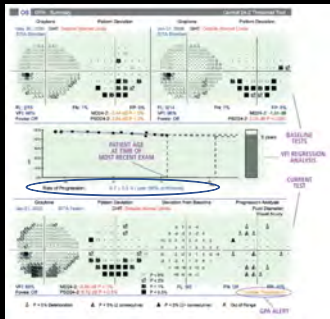
1. MD and PSD quantitative values
2. PSD Plot
3. \*\*Compare to structure\*\*



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## Guided Progression Analysis (Zeiss)

1. 3 tests needed to assess
2. Focus on glaucoma shifting from "Is there progression," to "What is the rate of progression?"

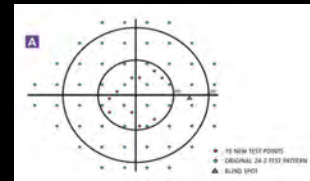
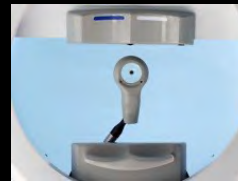


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## What's New in Visual Field Testing?

### Humphrey Field Analyzer



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### Current Potential Problems

- Bottleneck to clinic flow
- Declining reimbursements
- Requires dedicated room & lighting
- Reduced patient comfort, positioning



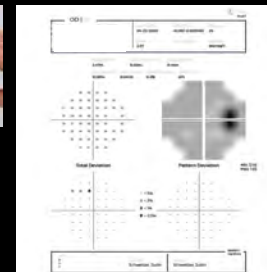
### Virtual VF Solutions

- Improved efficiency with multiple devices
- Allows for potential home testing and telehealth
- No dedicated room/space needed
- Automated tests, easier on patient positioning



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## Portable Wearable VR Testing




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## VR Perimetry

**Preliminary Report on a Novel Virtual Reality Perimeter Compared With Standard Automated Perimetry**  
*Reza Koozekan, MD, PhD, Albert G. Casale, MD, PhD, Jonathan S. Horowitz, MD, PhD, and L. Jay Katz, MD, PhD*



**Visual Field:**

- All common protocols e.g. 24-2, 10-2, 30-2, etc).
- Testing time is about 3 minutes for threshold and 45 seconds for screening.
- 24-2 protocol which combines 24-2 and key 10-2 locations.
- Ptosis, Esterman.


**Additionally:**

- Visual Acuity (near and far acuity).
- Color Vision (D-15).
- Pediatrics Visual Field.
- Contrast Sensitivity.
- LCVA (Low Contrast Visual Acuity)

J Glaucoma 2021;30:17-23

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## HM Perimetry (+)



- Perimetry
  - Multiple tests
  - Contrast Sensitivity
  - Color Vision
  - Dark Adaptation

**Eye Tracking Functionality**  
Monitors and maintains patient fixation on central target

**Visual Field Quick Screen**  
45 second Quick Screen. Full test results available in 3 minutes per eye


**Immediate Exportable Results**  
Results immediately available and exportable from Surface Pro X Controller

**Intuitive Interface**  
Provides a straightforward user friendly interface for both doctor and patient

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## And Another:

**Reliability of Visual Field Testing in a Telehealth Setting Using a Head-Mounted Device: A Pilot Study**  
*David E. McLaughlin, MD, Elizabeth J. Sankovitz, MD, PhD, Robert C. O'Brien, PhD, Elizabeth A. Varnier, PhD, Thomas E. Horowitz, MD, PhD, and L. Jay Katz, MD, PhD*



**Preliminary Retrospective Validation of a Novel Virtual Reality Visual Field Standard Testing Algorithm, as Compared to Standard Automated Perimetry**  
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**Feasibility of Telehealth Perimetry Using a Head-Mounted Device in Eyes with Stable Defects**  
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 Milwaukee WI, March 03, Sankovitz E, Varnier E, Grossman AL

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## Very Light

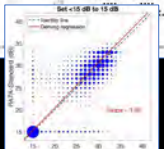



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## NOVA Trial

(uses bowl std background illumination)

**Validation of a Wearable Virtual Reality Perimeter for Glaucoma Staging: The NOVA Trial: Novel Virtual Reality Field Assessment**  
*Chris Bradley, Isabel R. K. Alameddine, Thomas W. Sankovitz, Michael Chaglasian, Howard Rabinowitz, Nathan R. Bach, and Jason Bachrach*



Translational Vision Science & Technology March 2024, Vol. 13, 10.  
 doi:https://doi.org/10.1167/tvst.13.3.10

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## Watch Outs

- Limited to mid-range stimuli (less very dim and very bright stimuli)
- Brighter background illumination
- Need more data

**AVAILABLE HEADSETS**

Manufacturer	Head Mounted Device	Website
Apple	AR	<a href="#">apple.com</a>
Meta	Quest 2	<a href="#">meta.com</a>
Meta	Quest 3	<a href="#">meta.com</a>
Microsoft	HoloLens 2	<a href="#">microsoft.com</a>
Google	Daydream VR	<a href="#">google.com</a>
Facebook	Quest 2	<a href="#">facebook.com</a>
Amazon	Amazon Echo	<a href="#">amazon.com</a>
Microsoft	Microsoft HoloLens	<a href="#">microsoft.com</a>
Apple	Apple Vision Pro	<a href="#">apple.com</a>

Hogrefe M, Chaglasian M, Review of Optometry Feb 2024

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### Table Mounted but No Bowl. Best of Both Worlds?



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### Objective instead of Subjective test?



- mfPOP | Multi-Focal Pupillographic Objective Perimetry
- Bilateral exam (NOT Binocular)
  - Dichoptic presentation
  - Fused into a cyclopean view
- Pupil Light Response (NOT Pupil Light Reflex) **No patient response**
- Binocular test ~7min

Like a Multi-focal ERG/VEP but no electrodes

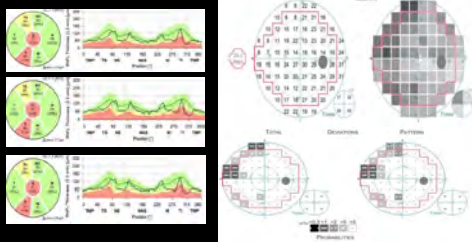
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### "I Never Trust That Visual Field"

IOP: 16, 17

: 13, 14

: 18, 15



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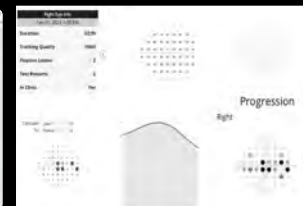
### At Home Testing? Home VFT

A fully software driven, "game-ified" testing system that is more comfortable and convenient for the patient, and connects them to their practitioners.

#### Patient Test Portal



#### Doctor Analytics Portal

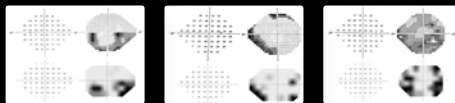


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### At Home Testing? Home VFT

HFA printout

VFT printout



1. 190 tests, 36 eyes, 19 patients
2. All had baseline HFA
3. PRX-VFT detection of abnormal (sensitivity) 96%
4. PRX-VFT detection of normal (specificity) 79%
5. "PRX-VFT was easier and more fun"

Clinical Ophthalmology  
ORIGINAL RESEARCH  
**Peripherex Home Visual Field Demonstrates High Test-Retest Reliability, Validity**  
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### Which is better, 1 or 2, or 3?




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## Visual Field Pearls



- P**erimetry allows function assessment
- Neurologic **dE**fects are bilateral
- Retinal defects **A**re monocular
- match **peR**imetry to nerve cupping
- Wearab**L**e Devices compare well to HFA
- Visual field**S** are a must in glaucoma

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