

## Glaucoma Update

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## Glaucoma Drugs – Tapping that Pipeline!!!

- Nothing New For A While, and then...  
BOOOM!
- Rhopressa
- Rocklatan
- Vyzulta
- But those are so 2019!!
- Anything else??

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But really... Is  
There Anything  
New??

Iyuzeh-  
(latanoprost 0.005%)

Thea Pharmaceuticals

Let's talk about this...



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Iyuzeh  
(latanoprost  
0.005%)

- Does that sound familiar?
- Monoprost (in Europe) – the market leader in PGA in Europe
- This actually is PRESERVATIVE FREE latanoprost!!
- Single dose container
- But does it really work??

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## Iyuzeh – Phase 3 data

- Compared to Xalatan (Switch Study)
- Stable POAG pxs on Xalatan
- 8 day washout period
- 3 months on Iyuzeh
- IOP reduction was 4-8mm Hg on Xalatan
- IOP reduction was 3-8mm Hg on Iyuzeh
- Baseline IOP was 19mmHG!!

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## Iyuzeh – Phase 3 data- Adverse Effects

- Xalatan group
  - Hyperemia – 31%
  - Eye Irritation – 34%
- Iyuzeh Group
  - Hyperemia – 34%
  - Eye Irritation – 19%
- ZERO reports of SPK

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## Subsequent Iyuzeh studies

- 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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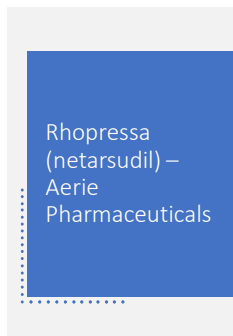
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- New class of drugs – Rho-kinase inhibitor
- MOA – “Triple Action”
  - relaxes trabecular meshwork similar to pilocarpine (enhances outflow)
  - lowers episcleral venous pressure
  - blocks fibrotic response at t.m. (increases perfusion)
- QD dosing
- Looks especially effective at IOP 25 mmHg or less

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### Rhopressa (netarsudil) -MOA



Works at the cellular level within the trabecular meshwork



ROCK inhibitors improve outflow by relaxing contraction and stress fibers at the t.m.

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## What Do We Know About Rhopessa (netarsudil 0.02%)

- Rhopessa QD is non-inferior to timolol 0.5% BID in lowering IOP
- Expected IOP reduction 3.7 -7.0mm Hg
- Rhopessa seems to better at lowering IOP (as compared to itself) in pressures < 25mm Hg
- IOP lowering effect is maintained over 12 months
- Was given a broad label by FDA

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## Rhopessa – Adverse Effects

Generally well tolerated	
Conjunctival hyperemia – 53%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did not worsen with time</li> <li>• Mild-36.8%, moderate – 10.5%, severe -0.6%</li> <li>• D/C rate due to redness ~3%</li> </ul>	
Corneal verticillata – 18%	
Conjunctival hemorrhage – 15%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All are transient and considered mild</li> </ul>	

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## What's to like about Rhopessa?

New MOA so... it is absolutely different

It should be additive

Definitely works better at lower IOP

What about side effects?

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## Rhopressa- some thoughts

How are you positioning it in your practice??

What are our clinical experiences 2 years later?

Is it a first line drug?

What about insurance coverage?

What color top does it have??

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## Update on Rhopressa

- Relaxes Actin & Myosin fibers > Increases outflow at t.m.
- Yields 35% improvement in tm outflow in glaucoma patients ( vs 20% improvement in normal)
- Excellent response on episcleral venous pressure- netarsudil reduces EVP by 10% - no other drop achieves this
- No longer needs to be refrigerated after opening

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## M.O.S.T. Study

Real World Open Label Phase 4 Study

ASCRS 2020

To determine efficacy of Rhopressa as an adjunct med

Investigator's Choice – Rhopressa + any other agent

24.4% African-American participants

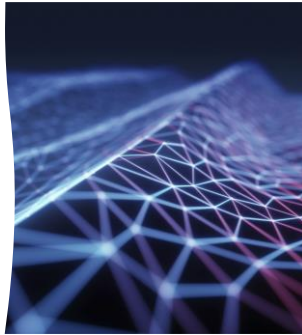
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## M.O.S.T. Results

Rhopressa + PGA - IOP 21.1 > 16.9 mmHg ( 20% reduction)

Rhopressa + 2 meds – 20.6 > 16.6 mmHg ( 20% reduction)

Notice the low baseline IOP



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## More M.O.S.T. Results

- % of pxs less than < 18mm Hg
  - <18mm - 72.7 % ( from 34.4%)
  - <17mm- 65% (from 25.2%)
  - <15mm - 40.6% (from 15.9%)
  - <14mm- 30.1% (from 11.3%)
- 2/3 of all patients achieved IOP < 17mm Hg

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## M.O.S.T. Tolerability rates



Hyperemia – 20. \* %



D/C rate – hyperemia 3.4%



Tolerability rating

67.8-73.1% good or decent (physician response)  
65-78% good or decent (Patient response)

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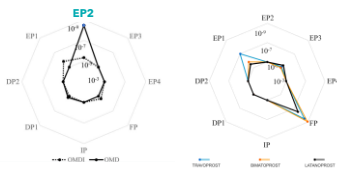
## A Brand New Molecule to Discuss!!!

- Omlonti – omidenepag isopropyl
- MOA - EP2 Receptor
- Ocuvex/ Santen
- Approved for lowering IOP in Glaucoma and OHTN
- 1 drop QD



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### Receptor Affinity



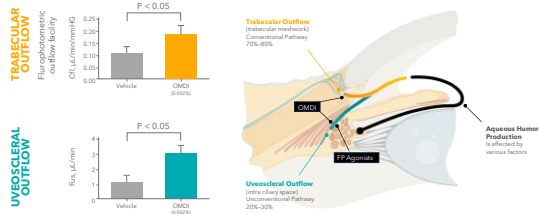
### Activity<sup>3</sup>

	IC <sub>50</sub> nM		
	EP1	EP2	EP3
OMDI	>10,000	>10,000	>10,000
OMD (FREE ACID)	-	8.3	-

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### OMDI Affects Both Outflows

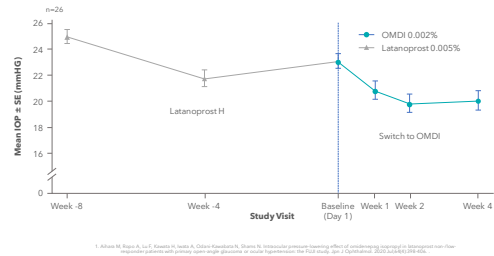


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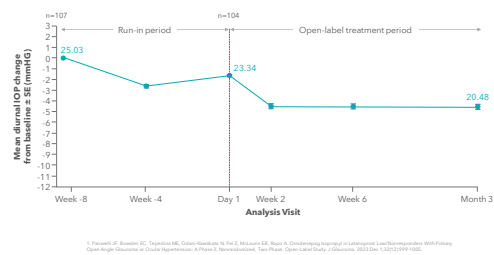


In Latanoprost Non-Responders



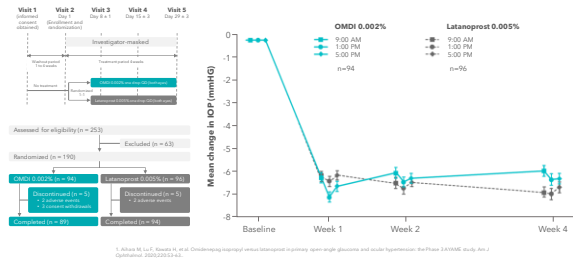
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Repeatable Results



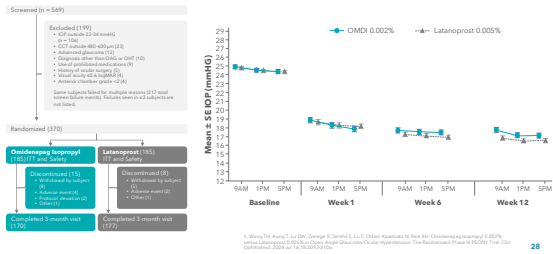
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Non-Inferiority — Latanoprost



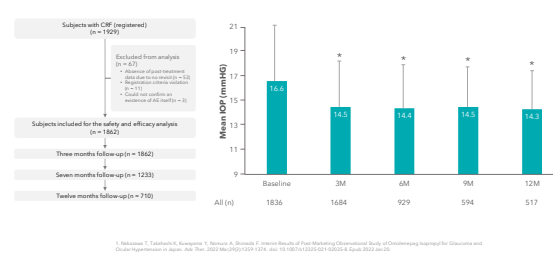
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Non-Inferiority – 12 Weeks



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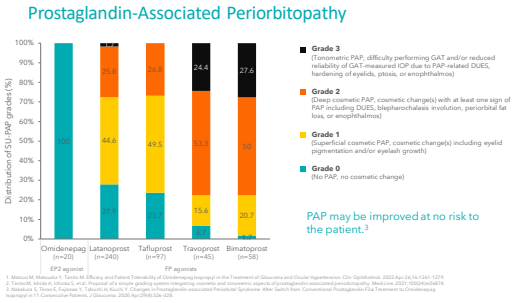
Long-Term Benefit



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EP2 Agonist PAP | Side-effect profile

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**A Predictable, Well-Tolerated Safety Profile**

**Appearance-altering AEs:**  
**2.0% for OMLONT (n=4/204)<sup>1</sup>**

**Hyperemia:**  
**Most hyperemia events were mild in the trials.**

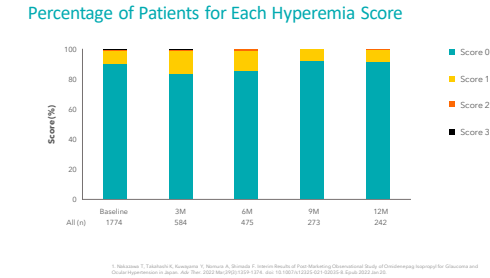
**Only 2% discontinuation from Phase 3 (n=4/186)**

**Most common AEs Pooled across all clinical trials.**

Adverse Event	Rate % (n = 600)
Conjunctival hyperemia	9%
Photophobia	5%
Blurred vision	4%
Dry eye	3%
Irritation site pain	3%
Eye pain	2%
Ocular hyperemia	2%
Punctate keratitis	2%
Headache	2%
Eye irritation	1%
Visual impairment	1%

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So, a patient  
on  
latanoprost  
needs 4 more  
mm of IOP  
reduction- do  
you...

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

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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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### How Does This Affect My Decision Making?

- Interpret OCTs differently
- Get more OCTs

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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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## Clinically Important???

What is the significance of this data?

Does this give greater import for 1 test over another?

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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 and Glaucoma

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

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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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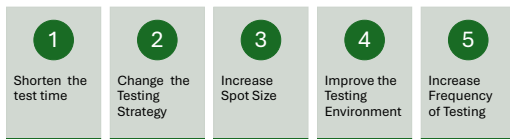
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## How To Improve VF Test Results



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**SITA Faster**

- ✓ 2/3 of the test time of SITA Fast
- 🕒 ½ 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 are for more frequent Visual Field testing on each px (EGS, OGS)
- Faster test should allow the patients to be more accepting of the test and better test takers
- Faster tests should see Drs more willing to order tests more frequently
- 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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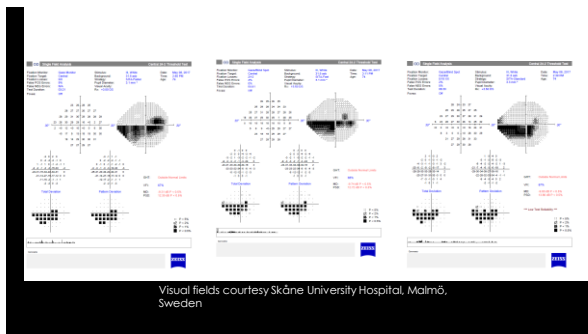
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**SITA Faster vs SITA Fast**

- 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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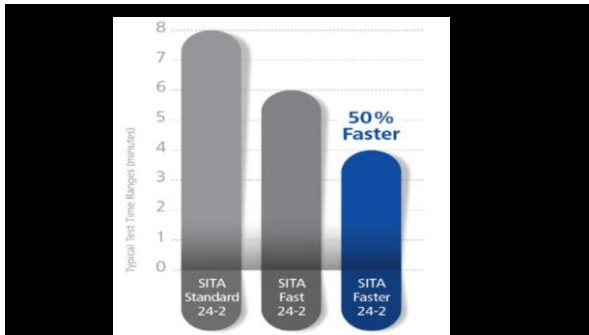
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To Improve Visual Field Analysis Remember The "5 Rs"

  
 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™**



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## ORIGINAL STUDY

#### Perimetric Comparison Between the IMOviva and Humphrey Field Analyzer

*Tatiana Kulić, MD PhD; Mark Kales, MD; Robert S. Whitson, MD; Jane Aron, MD; Christina Fackel, MD; MGS; Khalil MahamoudZaidi, MD, and Saeed Heghini, MD*





*J Geriatrics • 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?

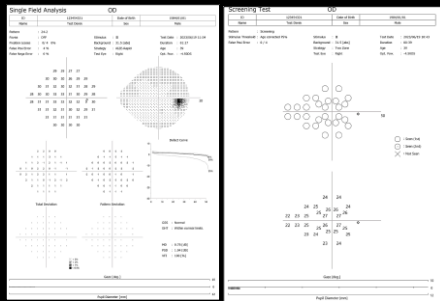
- Designated dark room not required, **less patient movement** from room to room
- **No eye patching**, no stopping to occlude second eye – one continual, uninterrupted test
- **Stimuli presented to right and left eye randomly** – patient unaware of eye being tested at each point

<p><b>FAST</b></p> <p>Faster than the gold standard in clinical testing.<sup>1</sup></p>	<p><b>COMFORTABLE</b></p> <p>Random, binocular testing creates a comfortable "fun" patient experience.</p>	<p><b>ACCURATE</b></p> <p>Performance equivalent to the gold standard and excellent repeatability proven in peer reviewed research.<sup>1,2</sup></p>
 <p><b>Intuitive Interface</b></p>	 <p><b>Includes All SAP Test Systems</b></p>	 <p><b>Functions in Amblyo Unit</b></p>
 <p><b>Small Footprint</b></p>		

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### Threshold & Screening Reports



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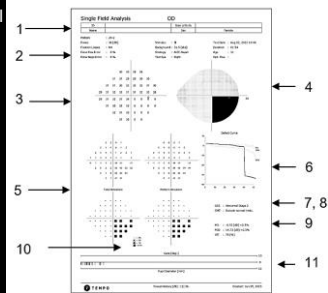
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### Single Field Analysis (SF) in Detail

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



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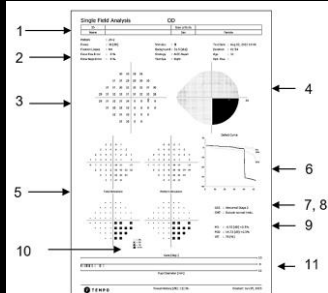
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### Single Field Analysis (SF) in Detail

7. GSS (Glaucoma Staging System) classifies the field based on a plot of Mean Deviation (MD) and Pattern Standard Deviation (PSD).
8. GHT (Glaucoma Hemifield Test) analyses the asymmetry between the inferior and superior fields and gives a categorical value such as within normal limits after
9. 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 an age-matched normal eye.
  - VFI (Visual Field Index) gives a percentage for overall vision. A VFI of 100% indicates no visual field loss whereas 0% means the patient is perimetrically blind.
10. Probability symbols
11. Gaze tracking/pupil diameter



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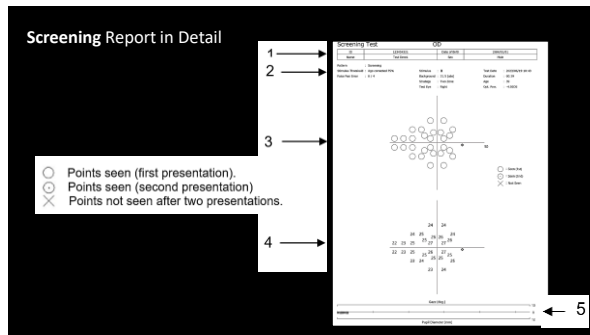
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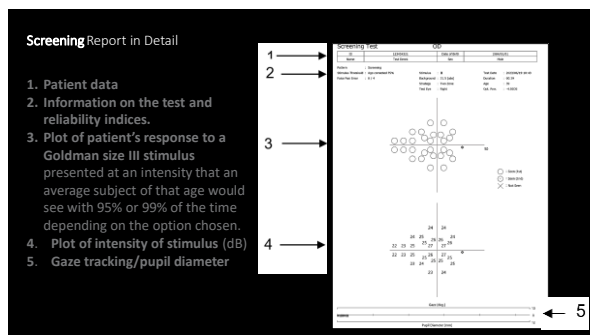
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## What are your thoughts on Tempo?

- 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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### THE RISE OF VR-BASED VISUAL FIELD TESTING

- Compact, portable systems reduce the clinic or store footprint
- Allow more clinic space for speciality eye care or retail optical activities
- Shorter test durations with improved patient comfort
- Suitable for remote and in-clinic use
- Opens doors to tele-eyecare
- Improved ADA compliance
- Improves doctor and technician productivity
- Improves the quality of patient care
- But not all VR systems are created equal...



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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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INDEPENDENT VALIDATION OF HERU

- Johnson et al. (2023) – JOG
- Participants: 71 glaucoma patients, 18 healthy controls
- Results:
  - MD:  $r = 0.94$ , ICC = 0.97
  - MS:  $r = 0.95$ , ICC = 0.97
  - PSD:  $r = 0.89$ , ICC = 0.93



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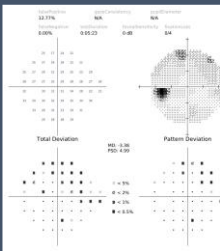
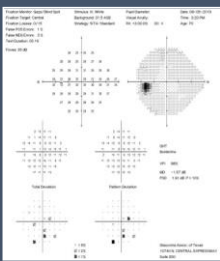
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Visual vs HFA printout



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

**BACKGROUND**

Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide. Regular visual field (VF) testing is essential for the diagnosis and management of glaucoma. The Humphrey Field Analyzer (HFA) is the gold standard for VF testing. However, it is expensive and requires specialized training. A novel head-mounted perimeter (HMP) has been developed to provide a more accessible and cost-effective alternative for VF testing.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the present study was to validate the novel head-mounted perimeter (HMP) against the Humphrey Field Analyzer (HFA) in a group of glaucoma patients.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The study included 25 glaucoma patients. VF testing was performed using both the HFA and the HMP. The results were compared using statistical analysis.

**RESULTS**

The results showed that the HMP was highly correlated with the HFA. The mean difference between the two devices was not statistically significant.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The HMP is a valid alternative to the HFA for VF testing in glaucoma patients. It is more accessible and cost-effective, making it a promising tool for widespread use.

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2. [Other references]

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PERFORMANCE COMPARISON					
Feature	Hera	Optave VisualLL	Radix XR	PalmSecure V2000	Virtual Field
Validation Strength	ICC: 0.97 (HD, HD), 0.95 (PSD)	ICC: 0.95 (HD), 0.94 (PSD)	Slope: 0.48 A slope of 0.48 means Radix XR only detects about 1/2 the magnitude of visual field loss compared to HFA.	Kappa: 0.63 overall	ICC: 0.86 (HD), 0.82 (PSD), 0.47 (Pointwise)
Correlation in Normal Eyes	r = 0.84 (combined)	r = 0.5	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
Correlation in Glaucoma Eyes	r = 0.84 (combined)	r = 0.8	Unable to Differentiate between 1-10 dB Prior Correlation: 16-23 dB Only Correlation: 24-40 r = 0.94	Kappa: 0.76 (HD), 0.70 (overall), 0.37 (pointwise)	r = 0.87 (HD), 0.84 (PSD)
Test Duration (Glaucoma Group)	~4 min Per Published Study	8-26 min Per Published Study	~5 min	~6.5 min	~Not Reported
Test Duration (Normal Group)	~4 min Per Published Study	6-13 min Per Published Study	~6 min	~6.5 min	~Not Reported
Eye Tracking	Yes	Yes	No	No	VF3: No, VF3 Pro: Yes
Open-Sourced Input	Yes	No	No	No	No
FDA Cleared	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spectacle Compatibility	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Algorithm Type	SITA-like AI Driven	Full Threshold	Custom	Custom	Custom
Prediction Validation	Pending	r = 0.39 to 0.11	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested
Dynamics Range	Wide	Moderate	Restricted (15-40 dB)	Moderate	Moderate (no pointwise ICC)
Published Peer-Reviewed Study	Yes (JGIM 2023)	Yes (JGIM 2021, TVST 2024)	Yes (TVST 2024)	Yes (JGIM 2024, JGIM 2022)	Yes (OPG 2024)

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CONCLUSIONS

- Several VR-based perimetry devices show clinically acceptable validity
- Performance often varies by disease severity, with better performance in moderate to severe glaucoma
- FDA clearance alone does not guarantee equivalence to gold standard HFA
- The heterogeneity of published studies limits the depth of comparable validity assessments
- Future research is needed to:
  - Standardize testing protocols
  - Validate devices in broader patient populations
  - Evaluate detection of progression over time

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Are Virtual Reality Visual fields the way of the future?

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

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If Virtual Reality  
VFs are so  
good...

## Why aren't Glaucoma Specialists Using Them?

## Why aren't they universally accepted?

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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 Dilemma

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

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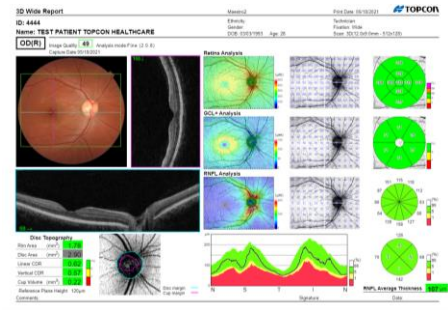
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Welcome To The  
Brave new world!!

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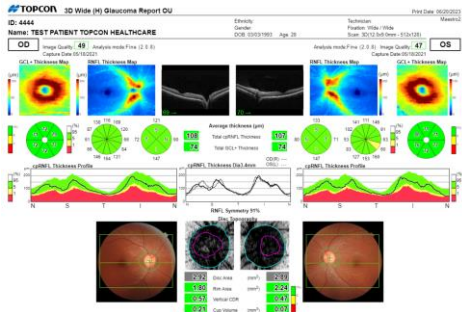
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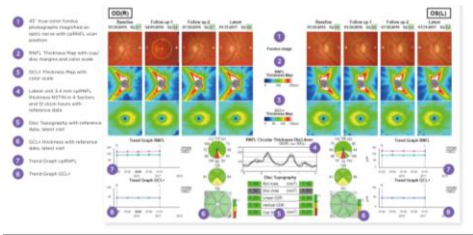
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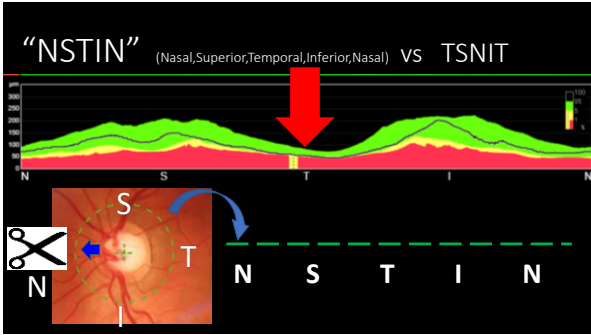
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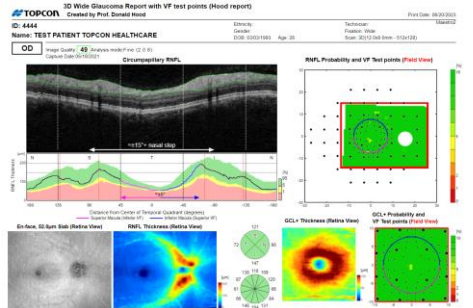


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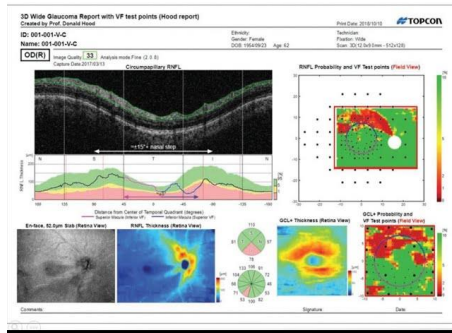
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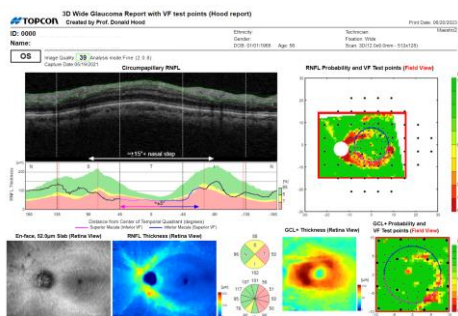
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Probability Maps



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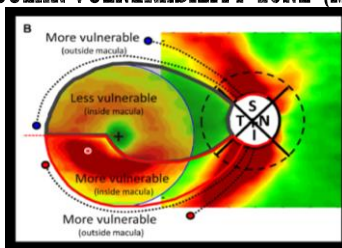
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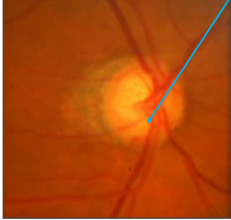
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### MACULAR VULNERABILITY ZONE (MVZ)



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## DID YOU SEE THE DISC HEMORRHAGE?



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### Detection and Prognostic Significance of Optic Disc Hemorrhages during the Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study

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**Main Outcome Measures:** Incidence of optic disc hemorrhages and POAG end points.  
**Results:** Median follow-up was 96.3 months. Stereophotography-confirmed glaucomatous optic disc hemorrhages were detected in 128 eyes of 123 participants before the POAG end point. Twenty-one cases (16%) were detected by both clinical examination and review of photographs, and 107 cases (84%) were detected only by review of photographs ( $P < 0.0001$ ). Baseline factors associated with disc hemorrhages were older age, thinner cornea, larger vertical cup-to-disc ratio, larger pattern standard deviation index on perimetry, family history of glaucoma, and smoking status. The occurrence of a disc hemorrhage increased the risk of developing POAG 6-fold in a univariate analysis ( $P < 0.001$ ; 95% confidence interval, 3.6–10.1) and 3.7-fold in a multivariate analysis

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- Disc hemorrhages detected in 128 eyes of 123 participants
- 21 cases detected by both doctor and photos
- 107 cases (84%) were detected only by a review of photography

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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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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 – 1<sup>st</sup> line PGA, 2nd Line Beta blocker, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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### Belkin DSLT

- 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!!

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### DSLT Data

**Baseline IOP 26.7-**

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

**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

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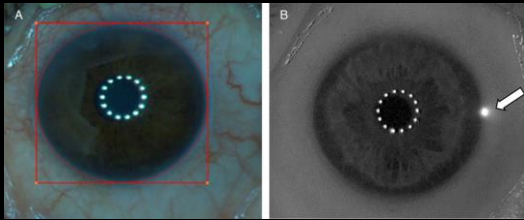
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## Automated Direct SLT



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#This Is A BFD!!

Are we ready???

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So, a patient on latanoprost needs 4 more mm of IOP reduction- do you...

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

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### Critical Questions

Should we dilate?

Should we perform gonioscopy?

Should we perform or recommend LPI?

Should we recommend cataract extraction?

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**ZAP**

- should LPI be recommended for all PACS patients to prevent PAC and/or PACG?
- One eye was randomly chosen for PI, other eye acted as a control
- Endpoints – IOP greater than 24mmHg, PAS, acute angle closure

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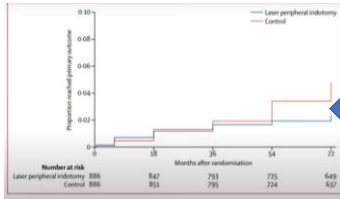
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## ZAP



- End of 3 years – not much going on, continue study another 3 years
- showed a statistically significant but clinically small decrease in the risk of PAC conversion and recommend against the widespread use of prophylactic LPIs in their study population
- 44 PACS patients needed treatment to prevent one new PAC case over six year
- 126 needed to prevent one case of PACG

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## ZAP – 14 year data!!!

69% reduced risk of PAC with LPI

NNT to prevent 1 case of PAC at 14 years is 12.35

"prophylactic LPI should be recommended preferentially to those at the highest risk because the annual incidence of PAC was low"



Yuan Y, Wang W, Xiong R, Zhang J, Li C, Yang S, Friedman DS, Foster PJ, He M. 14-Year Outcome of Angle-Closure Prevention with Laser Iridotomy in the Zhongshan Angle Closure Prevention Study: Extended Follow-Up of a Randomized Controlled Trial. Ophthalmology. 2023 Apr.

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## What about dilation?

- Dilated 6 or 7 times
- 2.5% and 1%
- Everyone received 250 mg diamox
- If 8mmHg increase, drop of pilo and brimonidine



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## Highest Risk of Closure



- Closed in all 4 quadrants
- Average refractive error of +4.00



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- Untreated eyes narrowed by 20%
- A is most efficacious
  - Xu BY, Friedman DS, Foster PJ, Jia H, Panich A, Jia H, Munoz B, Aung T, Ho M. Anatomic Changes and Predictors of Angle Widening after Laser Peripheral Iridotomy: The Zhongshan Angle Closure Prevention Trial. Ophthalmology. 2021 Jan 23.



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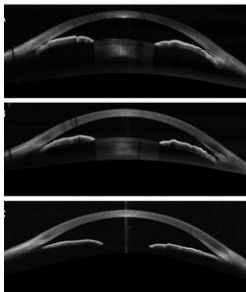
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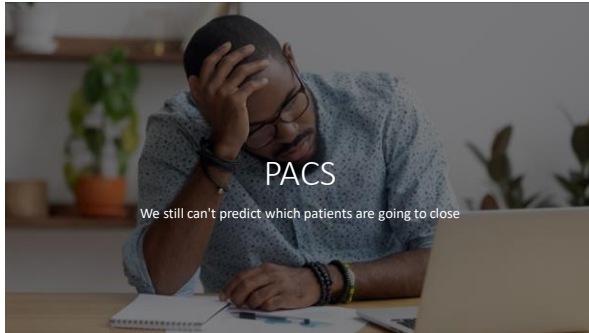
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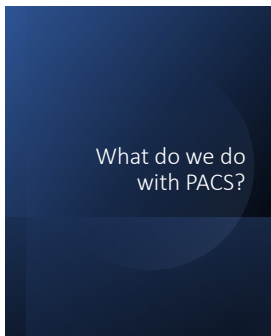
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- In our clinic, we typically follow most asymptomatic PACS patients every six to 12 months. We monitor for changes in the angle, optic nerve and visual field.
- While we approach each patient individually, we generally perform LPI, clear lens exchange or cataract extraction if:
  - the patient mentions symptoms suggestive of closure
  - has a family history of angle-closure
  - if they show progression of angle narrowing or progression to PACG
  - they need frequent dilation
  - they are unusually hyperopic

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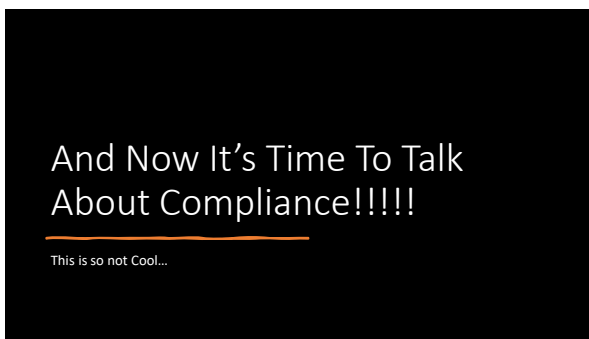
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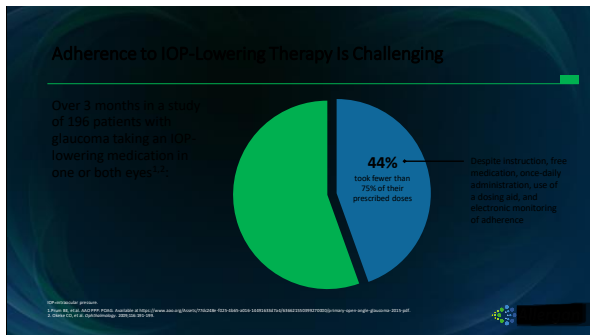
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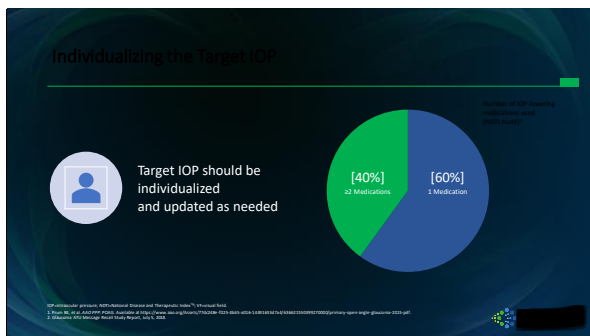
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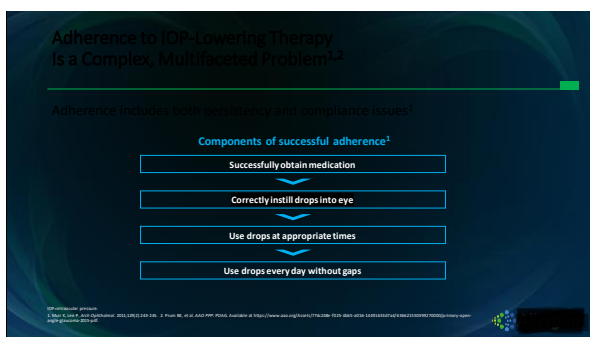
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## Compliance really is a hot topic

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?

1. Forgetfulness
  2. Ability to put drops in
  3. 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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### THE PROBLEM OF 24 HOUR IOP

- Both measuring and Controlling it

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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
- NTG, 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 2008;139:136-137

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## JONAS STUDY CONCLUSION

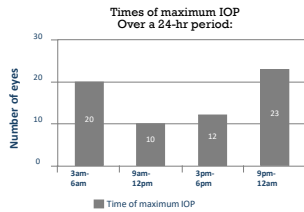
- "Any single IOP measurement taken between 7AM and 9PM has a higher than 75% chance to miss the highest point of the diurnal curve."
- Stresses the need for serial tonometry.

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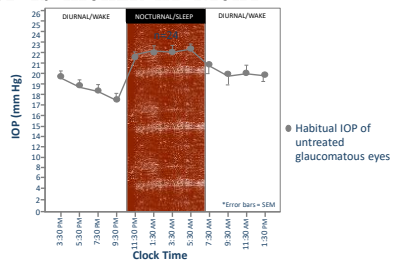


## PEAK IOP OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS FOR 2/3 OF EYES



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## IOP IS HIGHER AT NIGHT



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## OBSERVATIONS

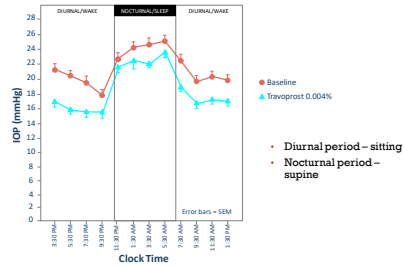
- Reducing IOP reduces risk of progression<sup>1-5</sup>
- Peak IOPs often occur outside normal office hours<sup>6-9</sup>
- IOP during office hours does not provide a complete picture of diurnal and nocturnal IOP<sup>6-</sup>
- What does this mean about your choice of medical therapy?

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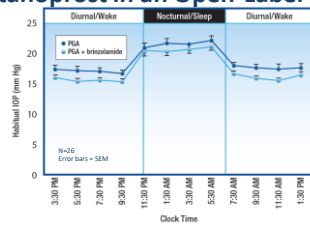
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## EFFECT OF TRAVOPROST ON DIURNAL AND NOCTURNAL IOP (CONT'D)



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### Brinzolamide: Adjunct to Latanoprost in an Open-Label Study



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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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### 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 Cons

- Uncomfortable
- Ugly
- Expensive
- May cause corneal issues
- Not available in U.S.

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### Neuroprotection

- What Is It?
- How Is It Measured?
- Does It Actually Exist?
- Can We Even Say The Word?

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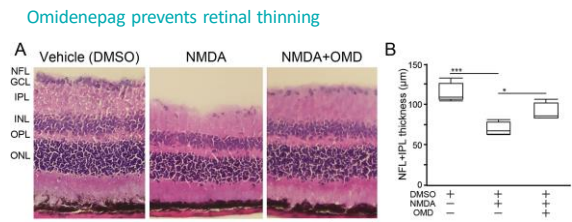
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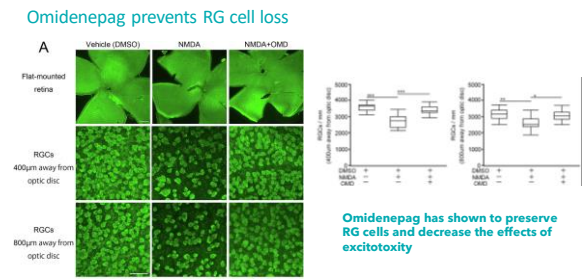
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# Neuroprotection with an EP2 Agonist

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What Does  
Neuroprotection  
Mean Clinically?

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