

Course Title:

## OCT: The Optometrist's MREye

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- No financial disclosures

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### Optical Coherence Tomography-OCT

- Has changed the way the eye is examined & treated.
- Has revolutionized the diagnosis & therapy of eye disease.
- Allows for earlier and more sensitive diagnosis.
- Allows for better understanding of disease mechanisms
- So how did we get here?

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### OCT timeline

- 1991 James Fujimoto at MIT
- Original research instrument 400 A-scans / second
- Current SD-OCT: around 27,000 to 50,000 A-scans / sec
- Current Swept Source-OCT up to 249,000 A-scans / sec. Commercial units about 100,000 per second
- OCT angiography
- First commercial OCT sold in 1996
- Now 8 commercial manufacturers of OCT's

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### OCT timeline

- Time Domain.....then.....
- Spectral Domain.....now.....
- Swept Source and OCT dyeless angiography

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### Swept Source OCT

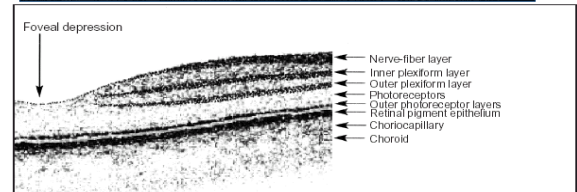
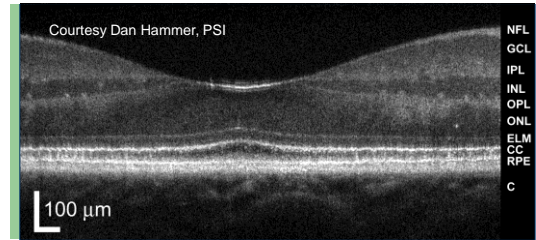
- Twice as fast (twice as many A-scans / second) as SD OCT
- Allows for wide field imaging (12mm vs. 6-9 mm). Easily gets ONH and macula in the same scan
- Longer wavelength of light, so can image much more effectively through media opacities, and penetrates much better into the choroid (2.6 mm depth vs. 2.3mm)

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## OCT

- *in vivo* histology
- Working mechanism: similar to B scan (optical vs. acoustic reflectivity) but uses infrared light
- Resolution: 3-5 microns with SD and SS technology
- Different optical reflectivity in various tissue structures: false color map. Often best to view in black and white for fine detail

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## Image quality

- Poor signal strength equates to unreliable readings, only use 7 and above
- Images and reliability can be negatively impacted by media opacities, high myopia, patient movement, highly abnormal disc sizes, and segmentation errors (very important!)
- Beware "red disease"
- Average RNFL loss of about 1 micron / year

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## Signal Quality

Cirrus OCT (Zeiss)	Signal Strength	≥ 6
Spectralis (Heidelberg)	Quality Score	≥ 20
RTVue (Optovue)	Signal Strength Index	≥ 30

Tip – Low signal strength leads to artifactual thinning of RNFL

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## Importance of normative database

- Typically take demographic factors into account, but not refractive error. This can be very important with high myopes, who will have thinner NFL than their counterparts with equal demographics
- Composition of normative database also very important

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## Cirrus normative database for example

- 284 individuals
- Age 18 to 84
- Refractive error +8.00 to -12.00
- 43% Caucasian
- 24% Asian
- 18% African American
- 12% Hispanic
- 1% Indian
- Small amount of others combined

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## Normative Databases

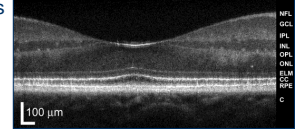
	VisuSight RTVue Avanti	Zeiss Cirrus	Spectrally-Glaucoma Module Premium Edition
Study Sites	6 USA 3 Japan 1 India 1 England	1 USA 1 China	Not Reported
# of Subjects	480	284	330
Subject Ethnicity	Caucasian: 34% Asian: 22% African Descent: 19% Hispanic: 12% Indian/ Middle East: 12%	Caucasian: 43% Asian: 24% African Descent: 18% Hispanic: 12% Indian/ Middle East: 1%	Caucasian: 66% Asian: 7% African Descent: 12% Hispanic: 14%
Subject Age (years)	18-84	19-84	20-90
Subject Refraction	+8D -8D	+8D -12D	+5D -6D

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## PIL / Ellipsoid zone

Very important!

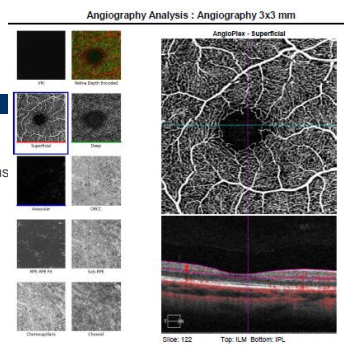
- Line seen at junction of inner and outer segments of the photoreceptors
- Extremely useful for evaluating disease state and visual potential



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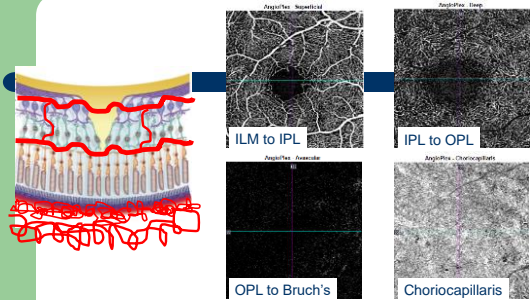
## OCTA

- Enface "slices"
- Most important:
  - Superficial capillary plexus
  - Deep capillary plexus
  - Avascular zone
  - Choriocapillaris
- 3X3 vs 6X6 vs 8X8 vs 12X12 (trade detail for FOV)



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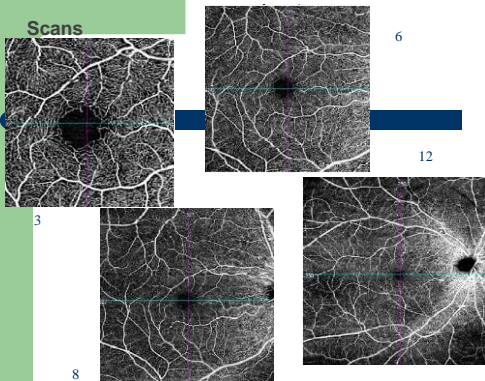
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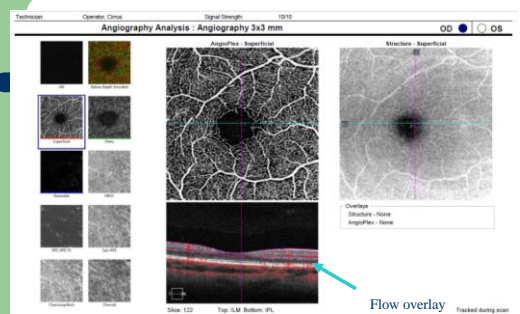
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## Scans



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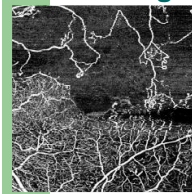
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## What is OCTA really good for?

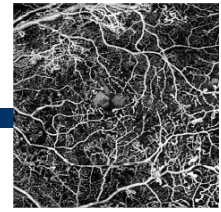
- | Inner Retina   | Outer Retina  | Optic Nerve Head  |
|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diabetes</li> <li>- Vein Occlusions</li> <li>- Mac Tel</li> <li>- Sickle Cell</li> <li>- Hypertension</li> <li>- Coats</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSCR</li> <li>- AMD</li> <li>- CNVM due to other causes (myopia / histo / trauma)</li> <li>- Some dystrophies can develop CNV (Bests, etc.)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Neovascularization of the Disc</li> <li>- NAION</li> <li>- Glaucoma</li> </ul> |

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## OCT angiography



## Vein occlusion



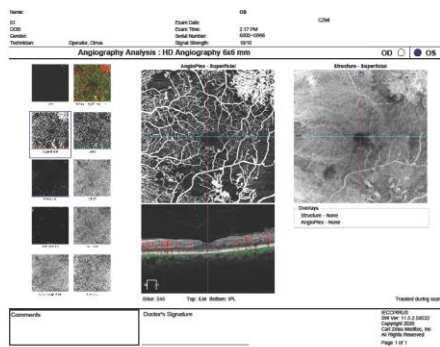
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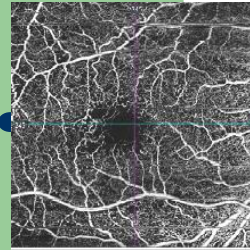
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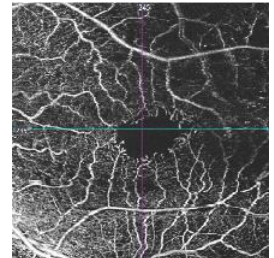
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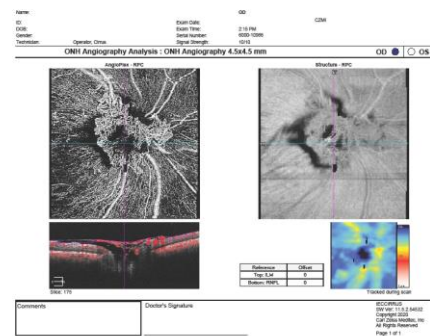
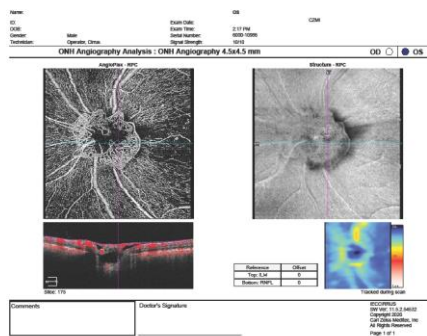
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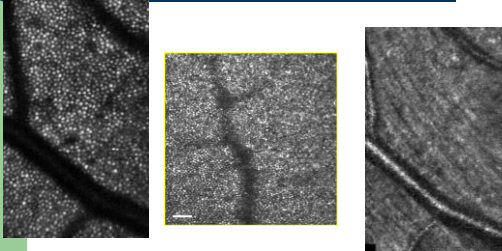
Irregular FAZ with MA's



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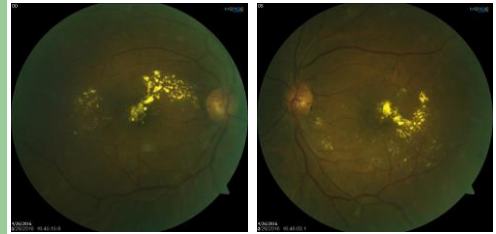


## Adaptive Optics (Images courtesy of Dr. Steve Burns)



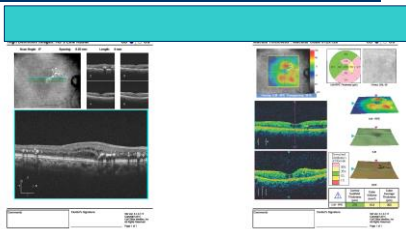
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## Diabetic Macular edema



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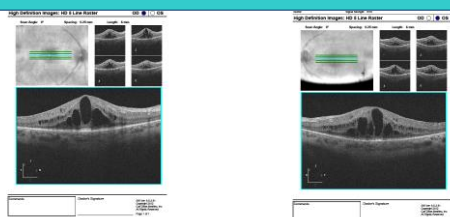
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## RP WITH CME



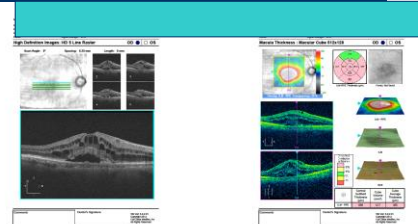
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## RP WITH CME OCT



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## Post-op CME



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## Vitreoretinal Interface Disorders

- Idiopathic Epiretinal Membrane
- Vitreomacular Traction Syndrome
- Idiopathic Macular Hole
- Full thickness Macular Hole

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## Macular hole sizes (full thickness)

- Small  $\leq 250$  microns
- Medium 250-400 microns
- Large 400-550 microns
- XL 550-800
- XXL 800-1000
- Giant over 1000
- "CLOSE" study
- Horizontal diameter at narrowest point

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## New grading system

- VMA with no change in foveal contour: Stage 0
- VMT with disruption of foveal contour: Stage 1
- VMT with small or medium FT hole: Stage 2
- VMT with medium or large full thickness hole: Stage 3
- Any full thickness hole without VMT: stage 4
- Lamellar hole
- Psuedohole from ERM

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## VAST study : How common is VMA / VMT?

- 1950 eyes
- Age 40-89 years
- Phakic
- No pre-existing maculopathy
- No history of vitrectomy or Jetrea
- VMA prevalence of 39%
- VMT prevalence of 1%
- Most common in 40's and 50's, then decreases with age (25% VMA & 2% VMT over age 63)

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## VAST study

- Not significantly associated with sex, refractive error, or visual acuity status
- AA 55% less than Caucasians

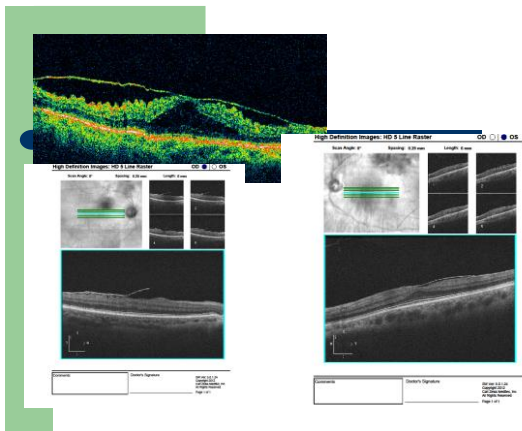
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## ERM

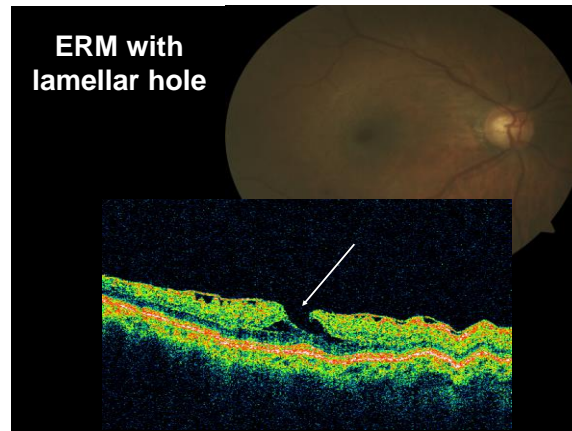
- Membranous growth of glial cells on retina surface
- Can be asymptomatic or very bothersome
- Metamorphopsia is common
- More common after PVD
- Tractional macular holes, cysts, CME, neurosensory RD's; retinal and choroidal folds, etc.

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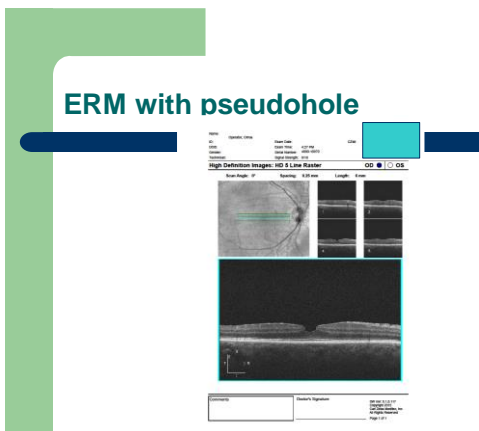




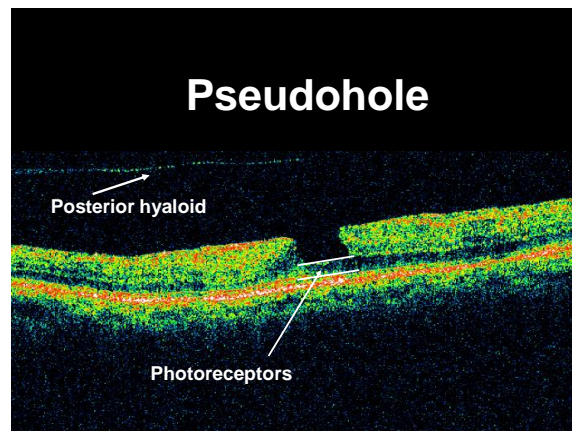
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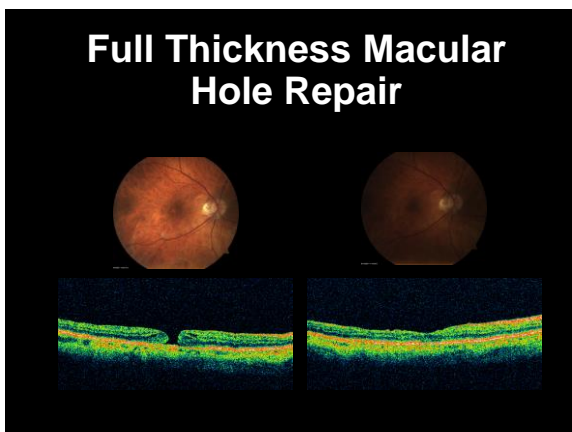
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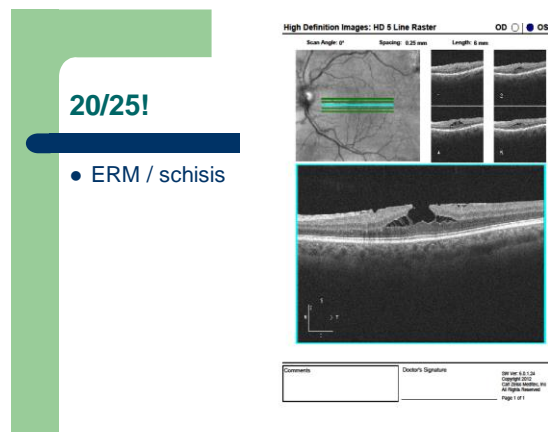
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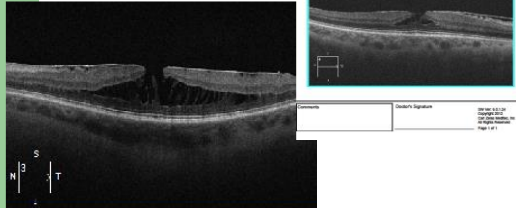


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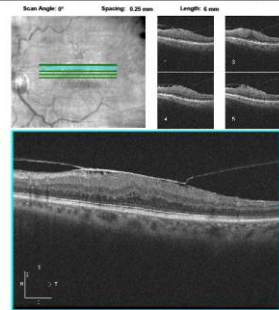
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## ERM with schisis



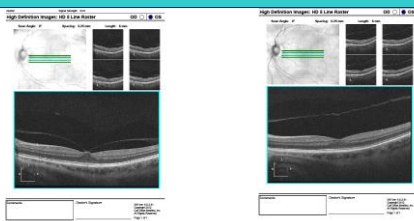
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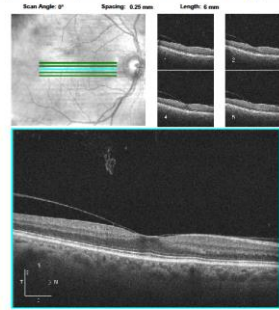
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## VFTS spontaneous resolution after 3 months



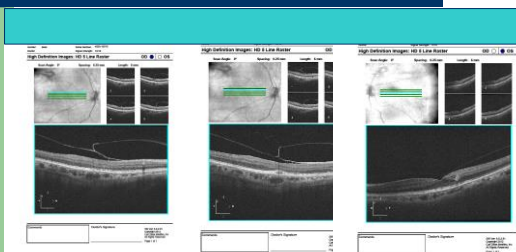
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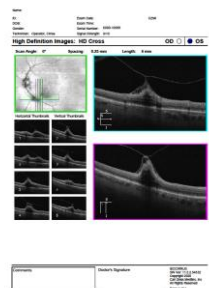
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## VMA on an ERM



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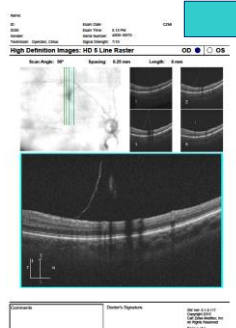
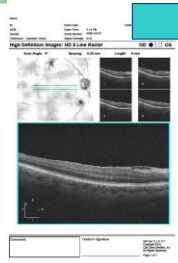
## Vitreous adhesion on ERM



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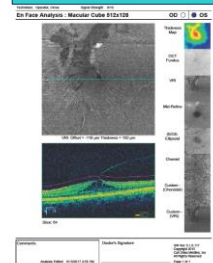


## PVD pulling ERM



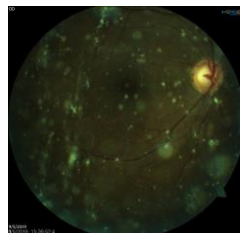
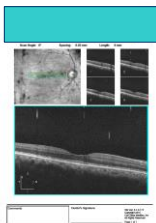
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## VMA / ERM enfase



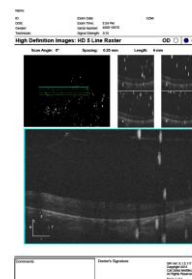
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## Asteroid Hyalosis



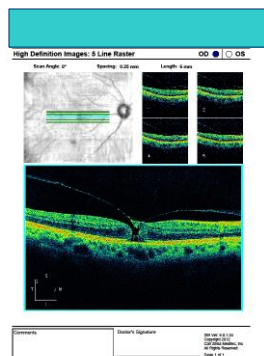
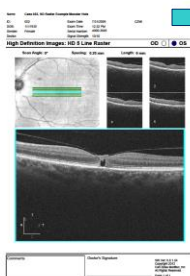
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## Asteroid Hyalosis Nanophthalmos



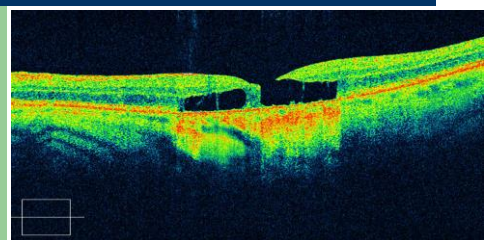
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## VFTS



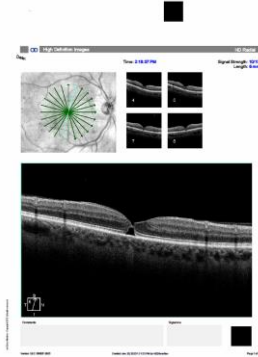
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## Full Thickness Macular Hole



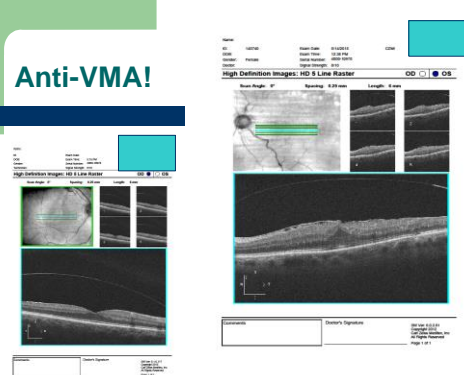
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## Macular hole



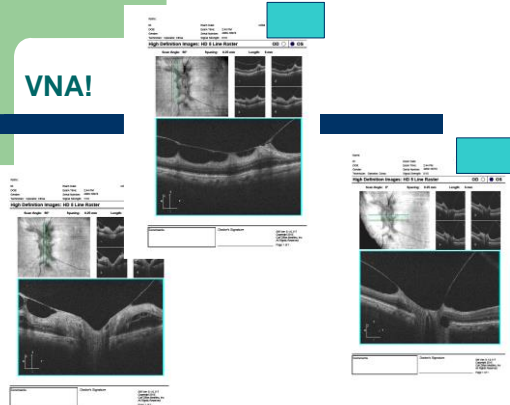
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## Anti-VMA!



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## VNA!



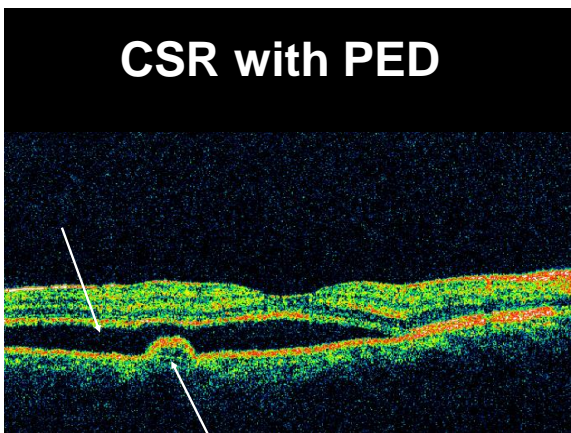
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## Central Serous Retinopathy



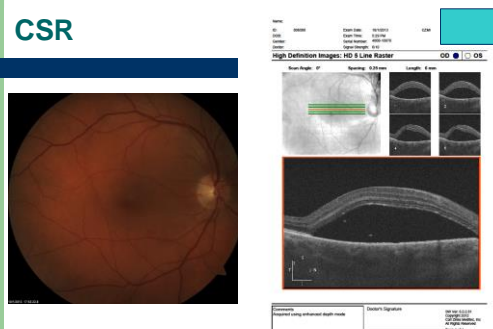
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## CSR with PED



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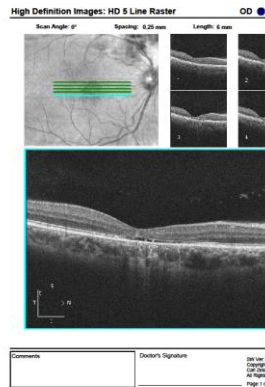
## CSR



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## Old CSR

- ICSC has abnormally thick choroid on SD OCT EDI: Normal is 320 microns when young, 230 @ 50, 160 @ 70
- One of the pachychoroid diseases

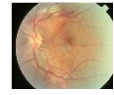


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## Pachychoroid diseases

Image courtesy of Dr. Sherrol Reynolds

- All share attenuated choriocapillaris, dilated choroidal veins, thickened choroid, RPE dysfunction, and potential for CNV
- Pachychoroid Pigment Epitheliopathy
- CSCR
- Peripapillary Pachychoroid
- Polypoidal Choroidal Vasculopathy
- Focal Choroidal Excavation



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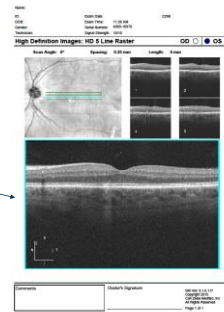
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Choroidal-scleral junction



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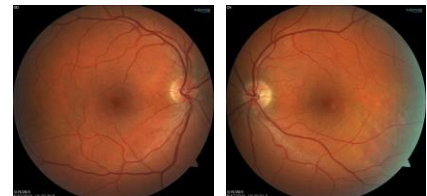
## HD 100X line

- Choroid-sclera junction



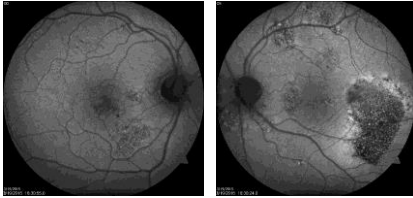
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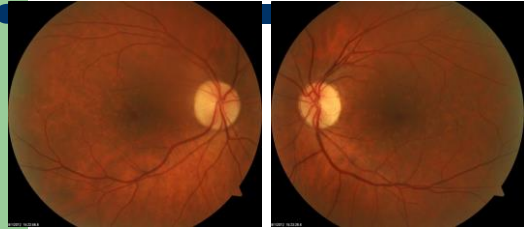
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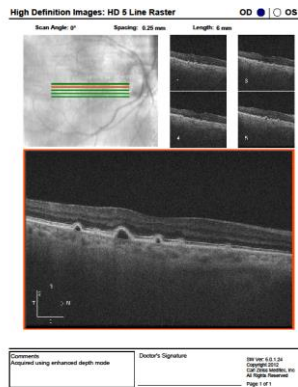
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## "drops of water on a windshield"



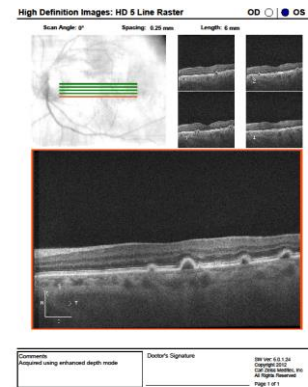
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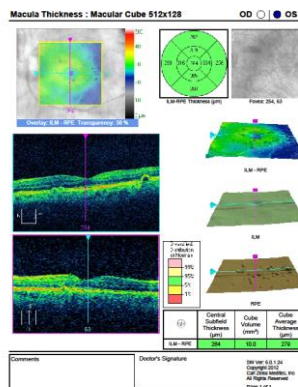
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- Idiopathic Multiple PED Syndrome

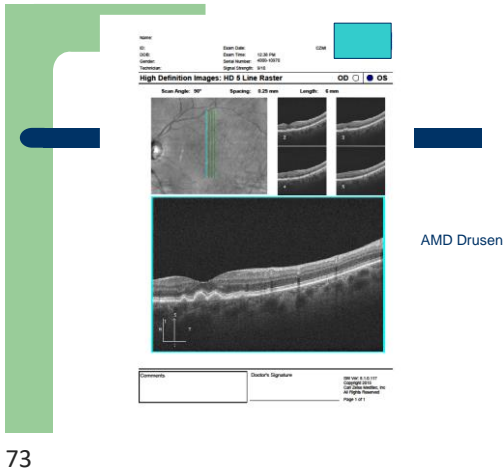


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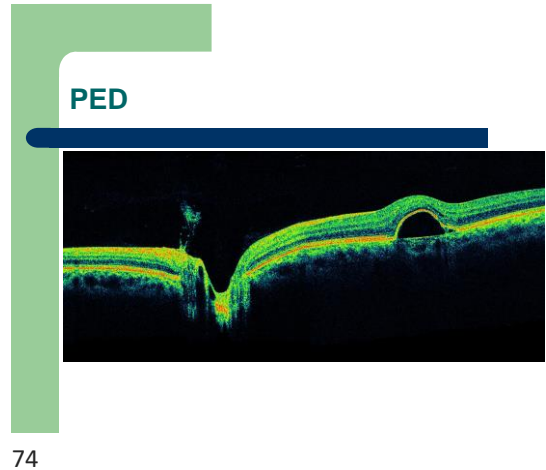
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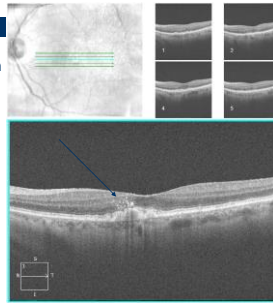
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### Hyper-reflective foci

- Dot shaped intraretinal lesions at the apex of drusen
- Often correspond to focal hyperpigmentation
- Start in the outer retina and migrate inward
- Likely represent pigment granules
- Ancillary AREDS II OCT study showed them to be associated with a 5X risk of geographic AMD in two years. No extra risk of CNV



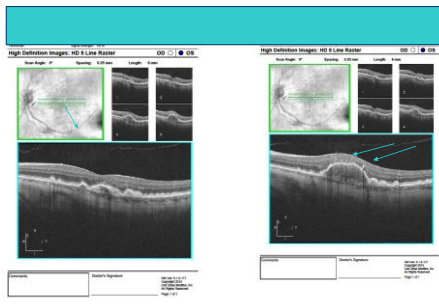
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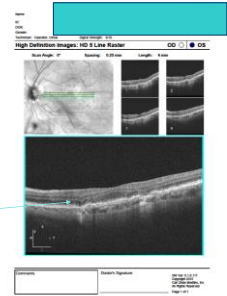
### Hyper-reflective foci



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### Nascent geographic atrophy

- Thinning of the OPL and INL with a hyporeflective wedge
- No photoreceptor or RPE loss
- Strongly associated with impending GA
- No extra risk of CNV

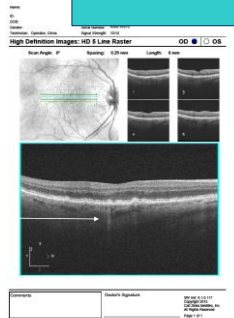


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## Sub-RPE hyper-reflective columns

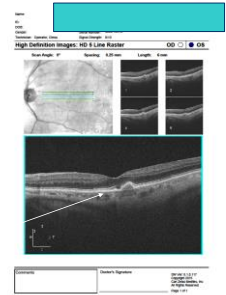
- Increased transmission of signal columns beneath the RPE (hyper-reflective)
- Overlying RPE appears intact
- May represent fine cracks in the RPE
- Opposite appearance of shadows cast by retinal blood vessels
- Extra risk of geographic disease and CNV



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## Drusen with subretinal fluid without evident CNV

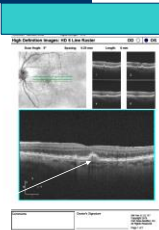
- Subretinal fluid pockets around drusen
- Fluid does not extend higher than the peaks of the drusen
- No CNV on advanced testing (IVFA, ICG, OCTA)
- May be subclinical CNV or mechanical strain
- Increased risk of CNV



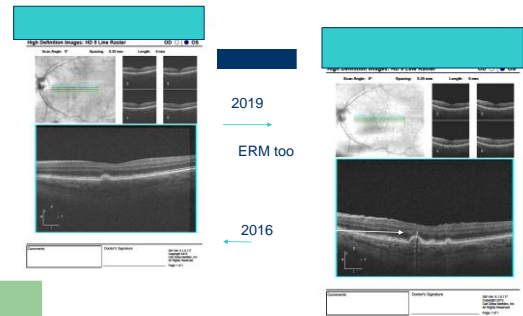
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## Drusen substructures

- Non-homogeneous internal reflectivity of soft drusen
- All look the same on examination / photos, but have differing OCT reflectivity
- May precede drusen regression
- Increased risk of GA but not CNV

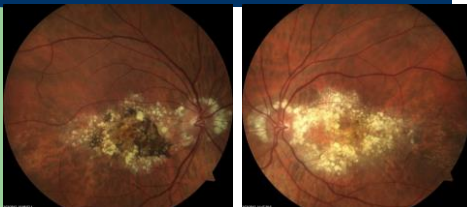


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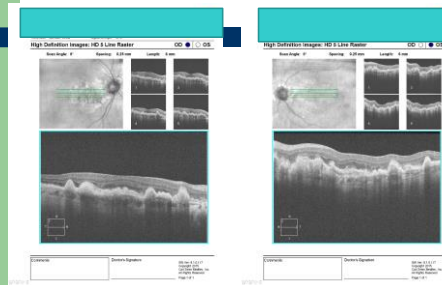
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## Doyme's Honeycomb dystrophy



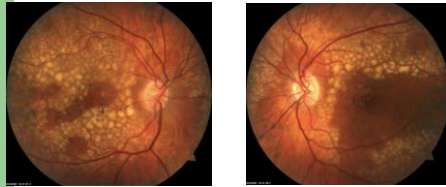
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## Doyme's OCT



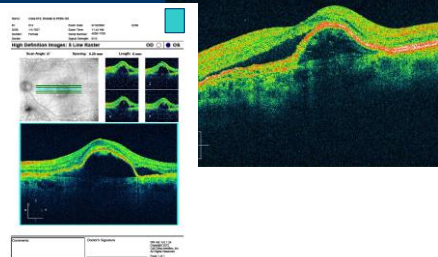
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## Another Doyme's Patient



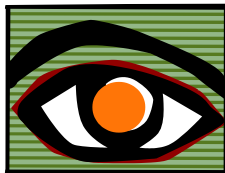
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## Subretinal fluid?



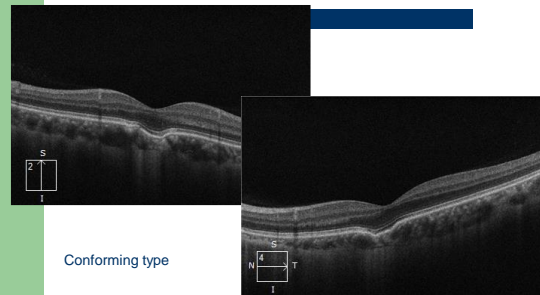
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## Miscellaneous Retinal Conditions



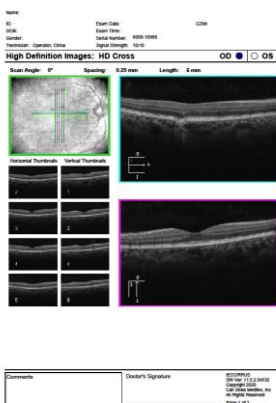
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## Focal choroidal excavation



Conforming type

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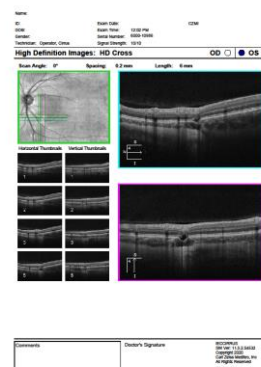


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Conforming type

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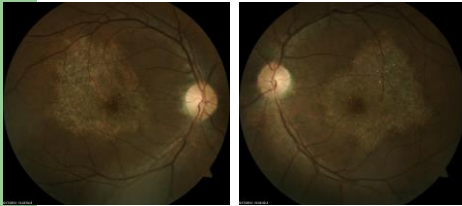
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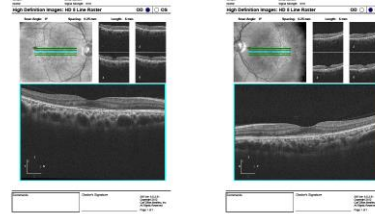
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## Chloroquine maculopathy



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## Chloroquine OCT



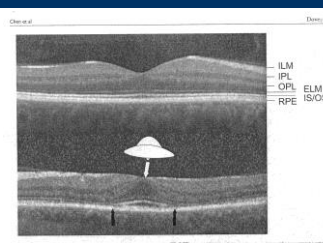
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## Plaquenil toxicity OCT



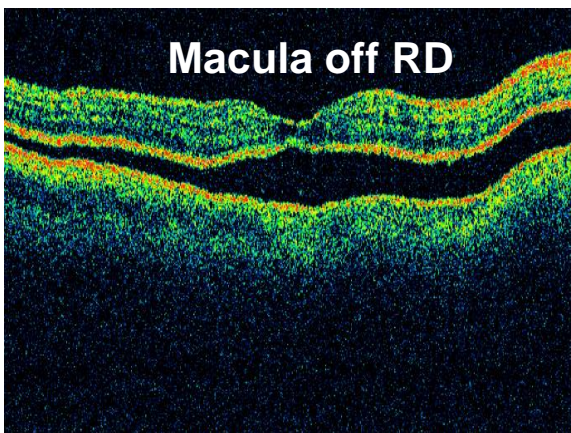
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## Plaquenil toxicity: Flying Saucer Sign



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## Macula off RD



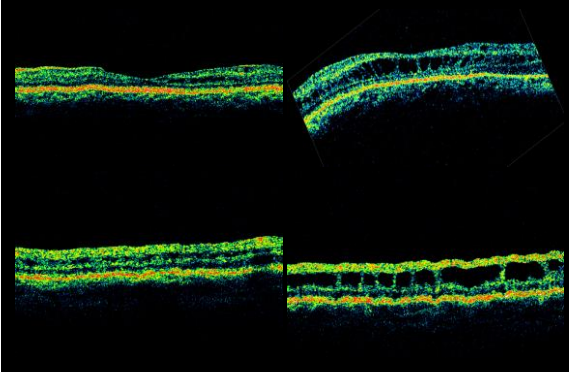
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## Fovea splitting RD



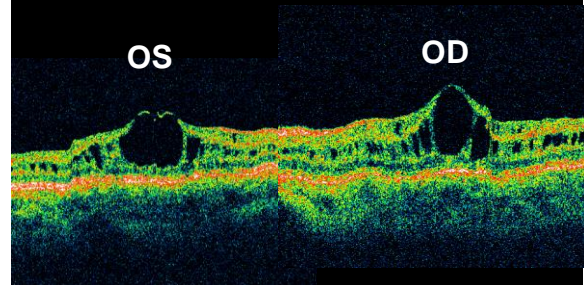
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## Development of Foveal Retinoschisis



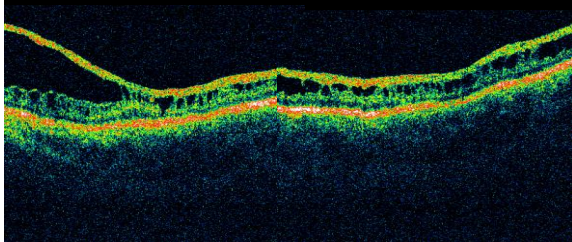
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## Foveal Retinoschisis

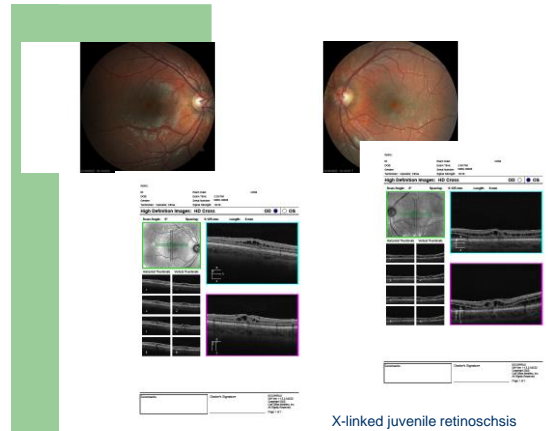


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## Another Patient Foveal Retinoschisis

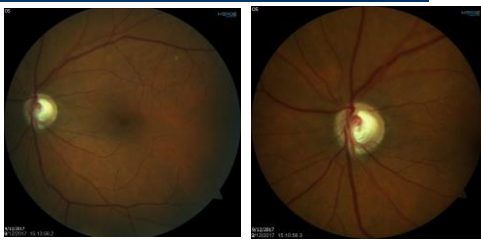


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## Mystery schisis



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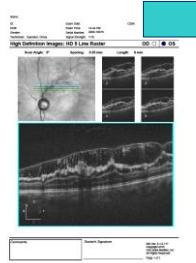
## Mystery schisis



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### Mystery schisis case 2



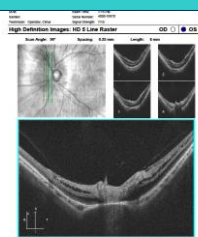
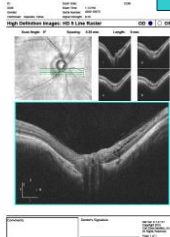
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### Mystery schisis case 3



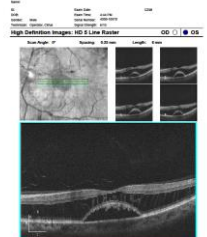
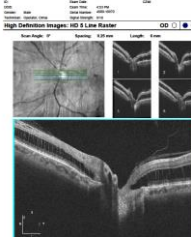
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### Mystery schisis case 3



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### Mystery schisis case 4



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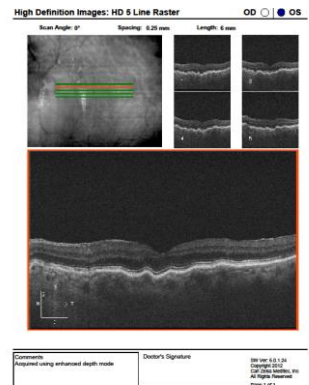
### Peripapillary retinoschisis

- Underappreciated
- 3-5 % of glaucoma patients
- Macula rarely involved
- Can have a visible laminar pit or not
- Can be affected by IOP
- Can affect RNFL readings
- Can resolve
- Also seen in .5% or so of normal
- Seems not to affect VF

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### hypotony

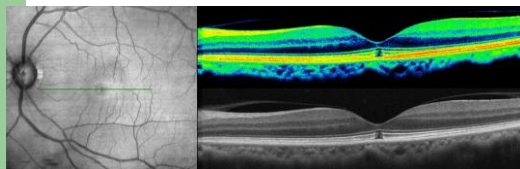
- Choroidal Folds



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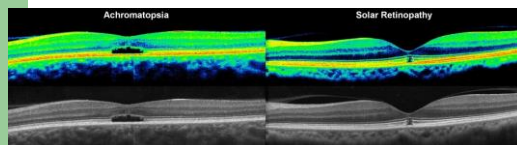


## Solar maculopathy (images courtesy Dr. Jerome Sherman)



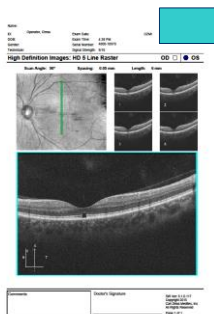
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## Solar maculopathy vs. Achromatopsia



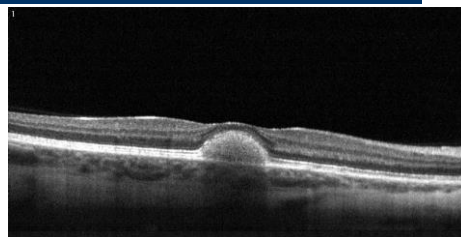
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## Solar maculopathy



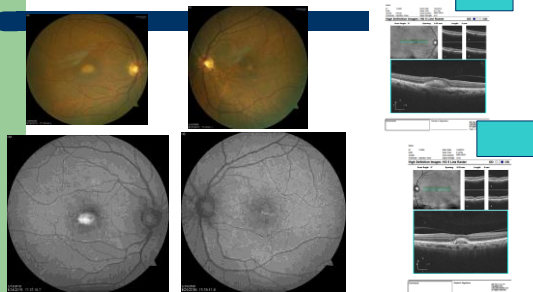
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## Best's dystrophy



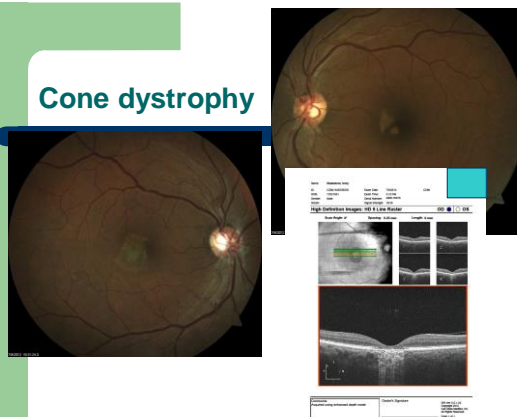
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## Adult Vitelliform Dystrophy

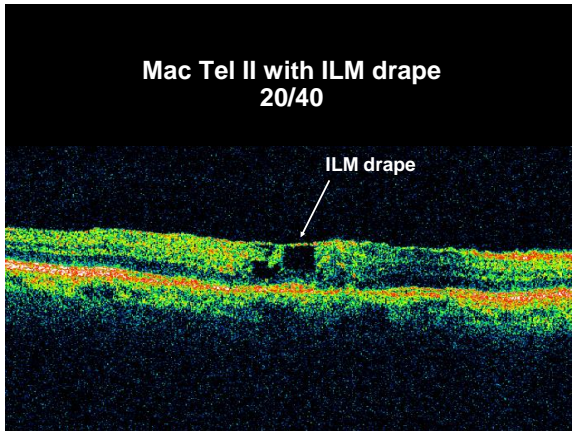


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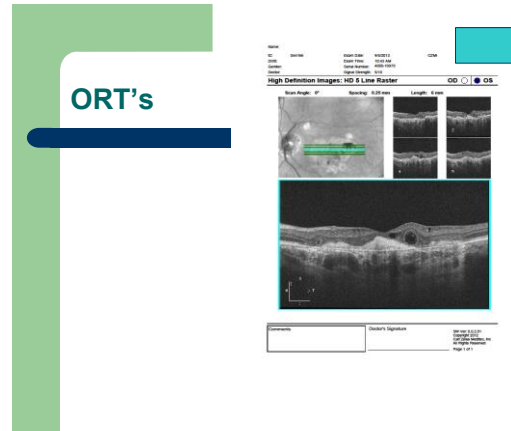
## Cone dystrophy



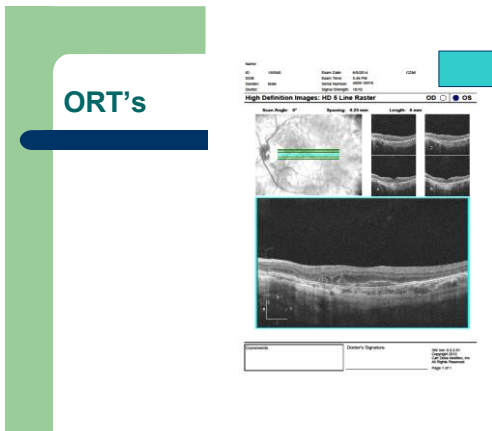
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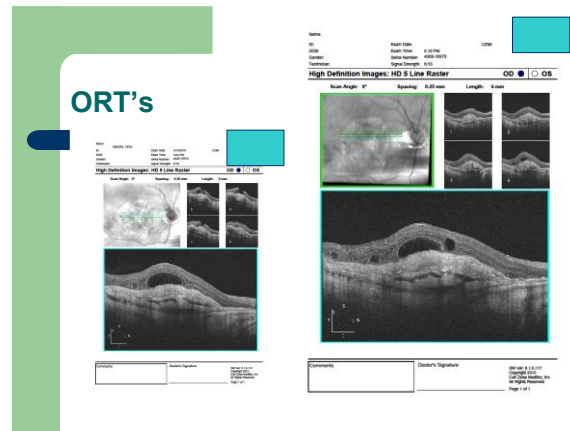
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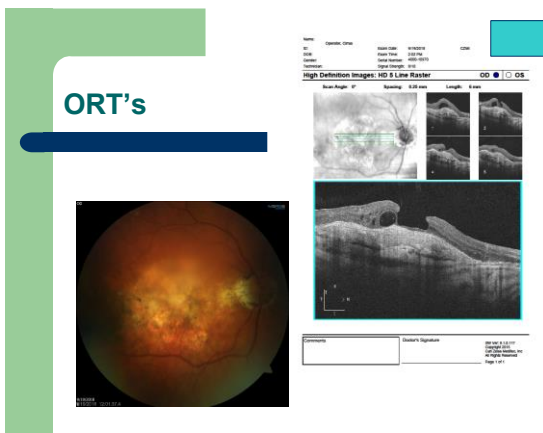
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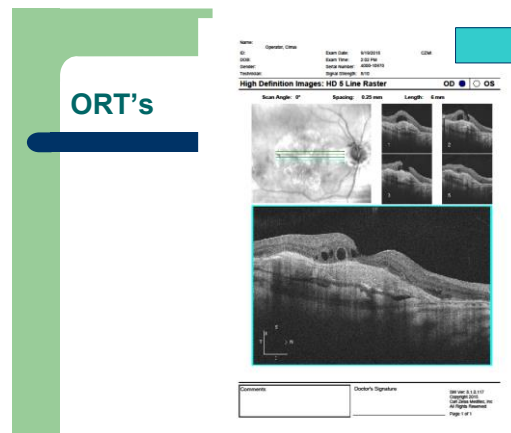
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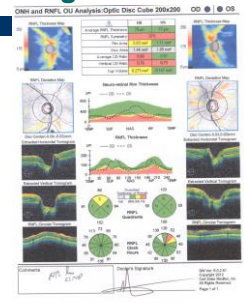


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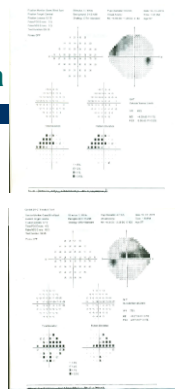
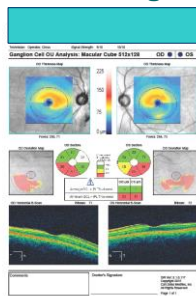
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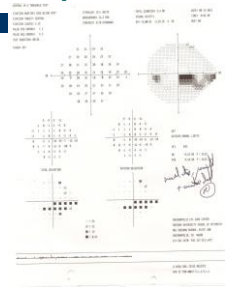
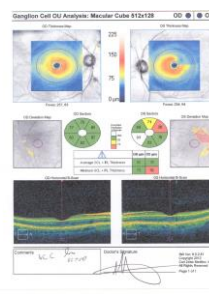
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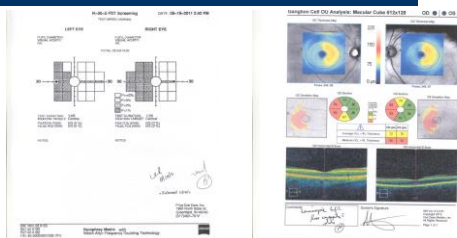
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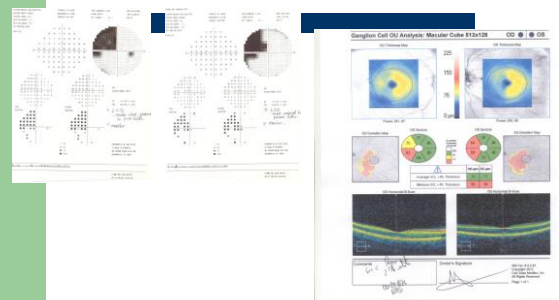
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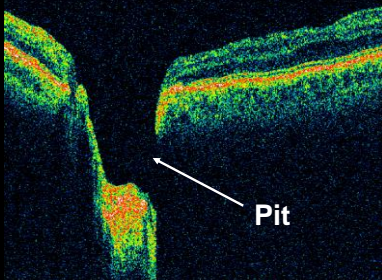
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## Optic Nerve Pit



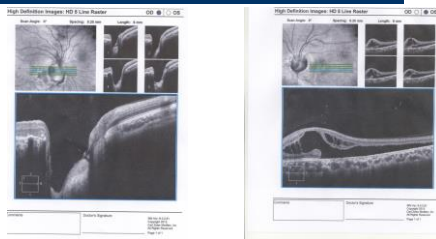
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## ONH Colobomas



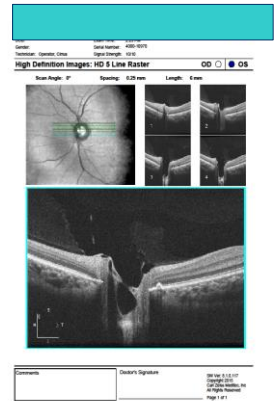
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## ONH Coloboma OCT



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## PARTIAL PVD



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## Papilledema- IIH



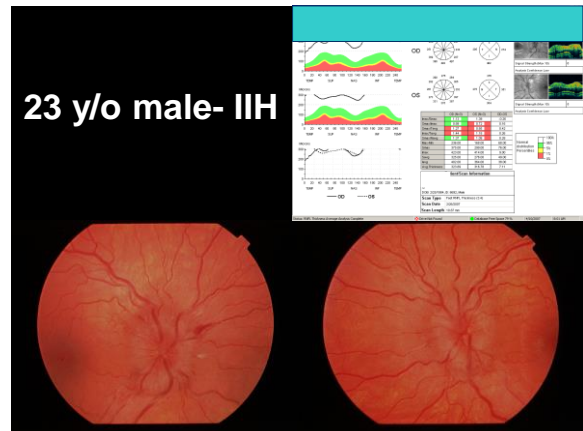
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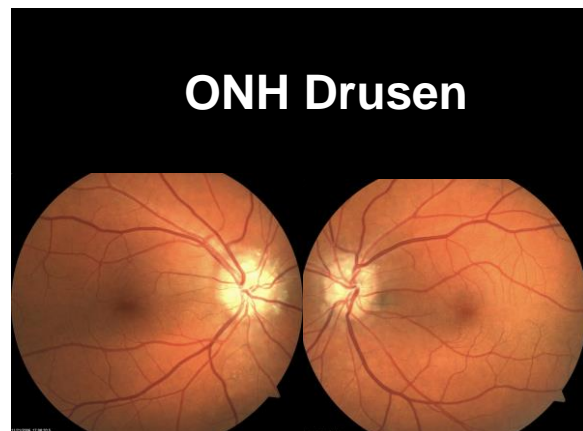
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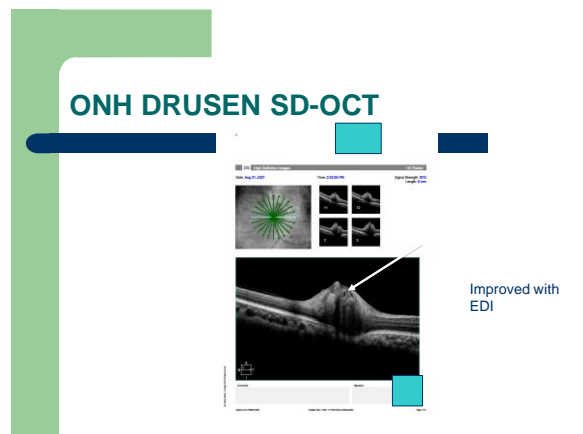
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## ONH drusen detection with OCT

- Optic Disc Drusen Consortium Consensus.....
- Always use EDI
- Blood vessels are more solid, cast a shadow, and can show as figure 8
- Drusen always prelaminar
- Drusen always hyporeflective
- Drusen often have a hyperreflective border, especially superiorly

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## ONH drusen detection with OCT

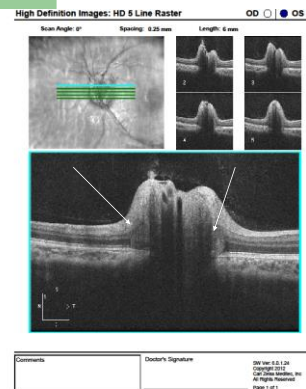
- Drusen can conglomerate, and these areas can have some internal reflectivity from borders

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## Peripapillary Hyper-reflective Ovoid Mass-like structures (PHOMS)

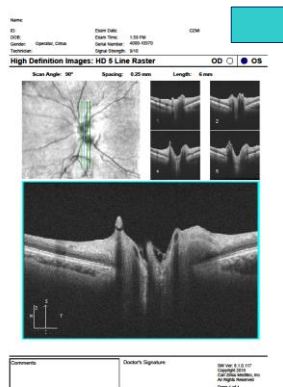
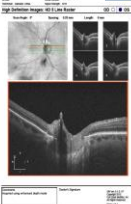
- "Fomms"
- Seen best with EDI
- Only seen with OCT, nothing else
- Circular inert tube like structure around the disc above Bruch's membrane
- Herniated optic nerve fibers
- Seen in any condition that leads to nerve swelling or congestion
- ION, papilledema, disc drusen

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## Candle neuropathy



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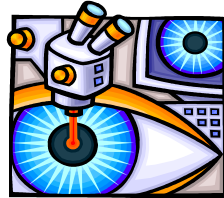
## ONH drusen B-scan and FAF



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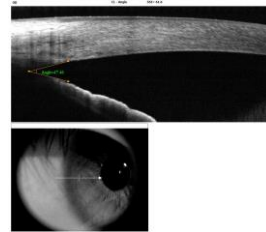
## Anterior Segment OCT

- Many units available with anterior segment capability



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## Angle



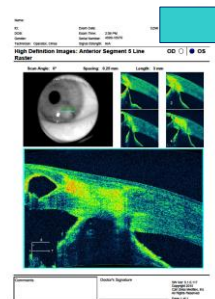
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## Cells in A/C



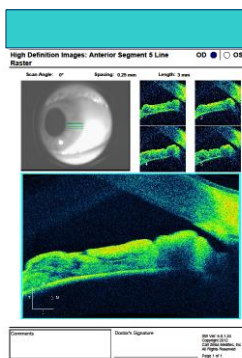
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## Glass FB and PAS

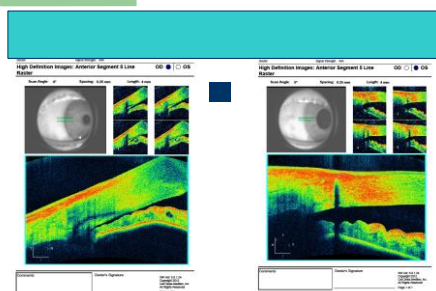


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## Plateau Iris

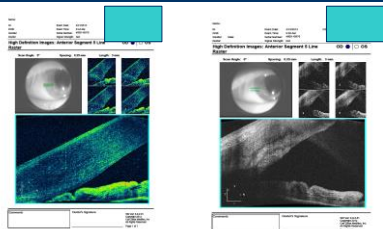


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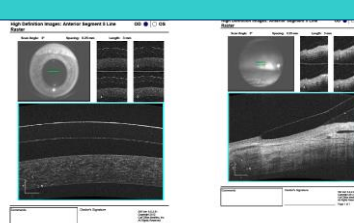
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## Wound leak with choroidals flat chamber



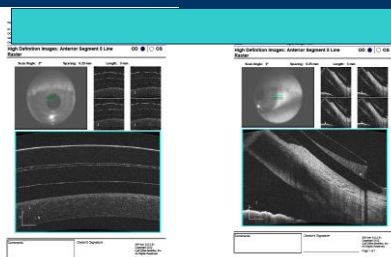
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## Scleral lens



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## Two for the price of one!



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## THE END!



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