

Optic Neuropathies House Calls for Sick Discs

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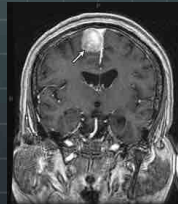
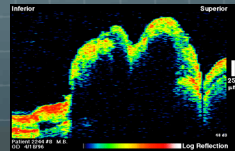
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Objectives

- 🌐 Briefly discuss the general evaluation of optic disc
 - 🌐 Dysfunction
 - 🌐 Diagnostic testing
- 🌐 Differential Diagnoses
- 🌐 Optic Neuropathies
 - 🌐 3 to focus on
 - 🌐 Optic Neuritis
 - 🌐 Papilledema
 - 🌐 AION
 - 🌐 New thoughts and how OCT may be helpful

Evaluation of the Swollen Disc

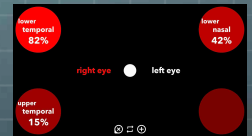
- 🌐 VAs
- 🌐 Pupils
- 🌐 EOMs
- 🌐 Color Vision
- 🌐 Blood pressure
- 🌐 Visual Fields
- 🌐 Dilated Fundus Exam
- 🌐 Fluorescein Angiography?
- 🌐 OCT of the RNFL and Optic discs
- 🌐 Neuroimaging of visual pathway, orbit, and brain



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How to assess the Optic Nerves

- 🌐 Visual acuity: Variable dysfunction
 - 🌐 Quantitative vs. Qualitative
- 🌐 Pupil function: Look for an afferent defect
- 🌐 Color vision: Red green color vision loss /desaturation
 - 🌐 Red cap testing/Brightness sense
- 🌐 Visual fields:
 - 🌐 Kinetic vs. Static
 - 🌐 Threshold perimetry is the preferred method
 - 🌐 Test both eyes!
 - 🌐 Does it respect the horizontal or vertical midlines???
- 🌐 Contrast sensitivity
- 🌐 VEP
- 🌐 OCT: RNFL and Optic Discs

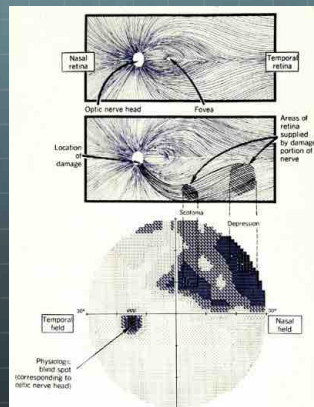


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Visual Field characteristics

- 🌐 Patterns
 - 🌐 Paracentral scotoma
 - 🌐 Nasal Step
 - 🌐 Enlarged blindspot
 - 🌐 Central-cecal scotoma
 - 🌐 Bitemporal
 - 🌐 Altitudinal defects
- 🌐 Midlines
 - 🌐 Vertical:
 - 🌐 Chiasm and beyond
 - 🌐 Horizontal:
 - 🌐 Glaucoma, Disc Drusen, Papilledema



OCT and Optic Neuropathy

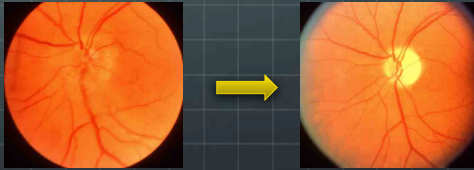
- 🌐 RNFL loss has been documented in all optic neuropathies.
 - 🌐 May see thickening or thinning of RNFL based on stage of presentation
 - 🌐 Can be used to track resolution
 - 🌐 May be predictive of visual outcomes
 - 🌐 Can be useful in differential diagnoses
- 🌐 Ganglion cell/ Macular scans
 - 🌐 Some optic neuropathies can involve the papillomacular bundle
 - 🌐 Some present with sub-retinal fluid

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Differential Diagnoses of Optic Neuropathies

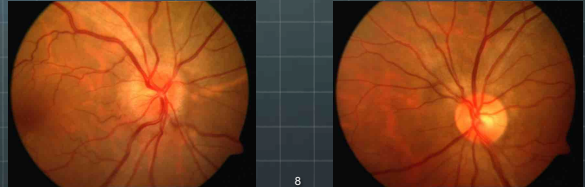
Disc Edema vs Optic Atrophy

- Atrophy can be a sign of chronic compression by neoplastic process
- Atrophy follows injury to the optic disc
 - AION, Traumatic optic neuropathy, Optic neuritis
 - Nutritional optic neuropathy
 - Hereditary optic neuropathy



Unilateral *	Bilateral
Papillitis	Hypertension
AION	Papilledema
Diabetic Papillopathy	Pseudotumor
Compressive/ Sarcoid	Infections
CRVO	Leber's (separated in time)
Fistulas	Toxic
Neuroretinitis	Infiltrative

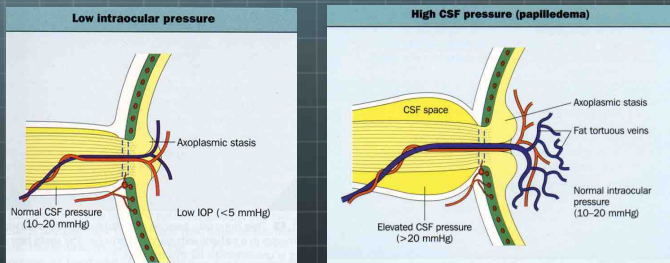
* More likely to be unilateral than bilateral



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Papilledema

- Increased intracranial pressure leads to swelling of the optic nerve head
- Disc swelling can occur due to translamellar gradient (CSF pressure > IOP)



Disc Edema by Age

Young

- Neuroretinitis
- Optic Neuritis
- Pseudotumor Cerebri
- Malignant hypertension
- Anterior Ischemic Optic Neuropathy
- Giant Cell Arteritis

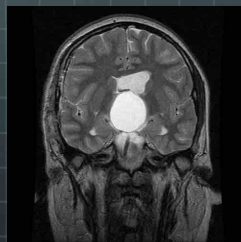


Older

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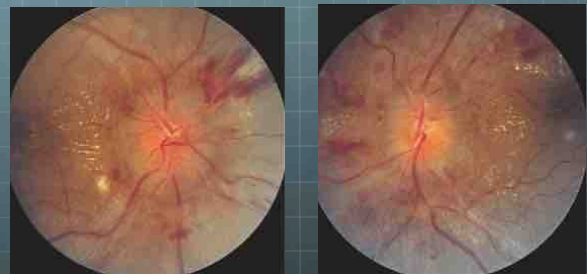
Causes of Papilledema

- Hydrocephalus
- Intracranial Mass
- Increased Venous pressure
- Cerebral Venous Thrombosis
- Meningeal Disorder
- Idiopathic
- Increased ICP production
- Malignant Hypertension



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Malignant Hypertension



Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (IIH)

- Often used interchangeably with pseudotumor cerebri
- First reported in 1897
- Incidence: .9- 2/100,000 persons
 - 3.5/100,000 in women 15-44 yrs old
 - Mean age of diagnosis is 30
 - Obesity: 10 fold risk factor
 - NORDIC study: Ave BMI of 39
 - Associated with rapid weight gain
 - Men: Consider sleep apnea or malignant HTN



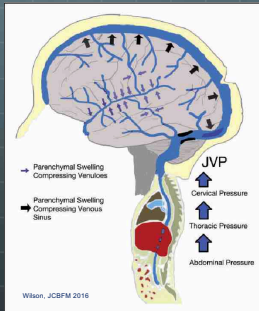
Wall, 2014

Modified Dandy Criteria for IIH

- Signs and symptoms of increased intracranial pressure
- No neurological deficits except abducens palsy
- The patient is awake and alert
- Normal MRI and MRV (no venous sinus thrombosis)
- Increased ICP but normal CSF composition
 - Greater than 250 mm H₂O
- No secondary causes

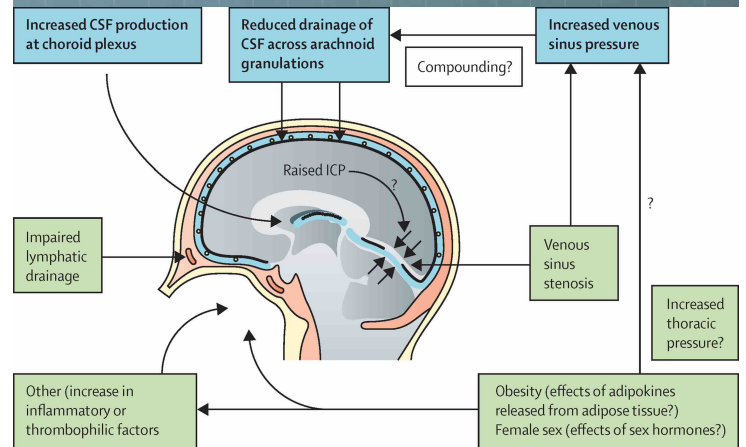
Pathophysiology of IIH

- Adipose tissue in the intrathoracic cavity reduces venous outflow from the brain
- Dural Venous sinus stenosis: 90% of cases



Narrowed Transverse Sinus on MRV

Mechanisms of IIH



From Markey, Lancet, 2016

Secondary Causes of Papilledema

- Drugs: Tetracycline, lithium, retinoids, growth hormone, steroids
- Vitamin A
- Iron deficiency
- Uremia
- Endocrine disorders
- Sleep apnea
- Oral contraceptives



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Signs and Symptoms of Papilledema

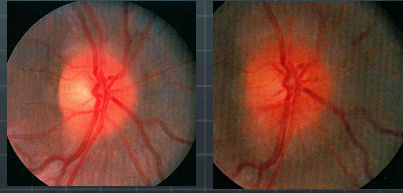
- Headaches (94%)
 - Continuous, pulsatile headache
 - May awaken patient
 - Increases with Valsalva
 - Neck and shoulder pain
- Transient Visual obscuration (68%)
 - Seconds up to 1 minute
 - "Rheostat"
- Pulse synchronous Tinnitus (58%)
- Retrobulbar pain (44%) on eye movement
- Abducens paresis (38%)
- Nausea and Vomiting



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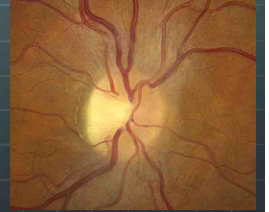
How quickly does Papilledema develop?

- 🌐 1-7 days following rise in CSF pressure
- 🌐 Speed of ICP rise is important
 - 🌐 Sub-arachnoid heme vs. Concussion
 - 🌐 Brain tumor
- 🌐 Look at the “poles”



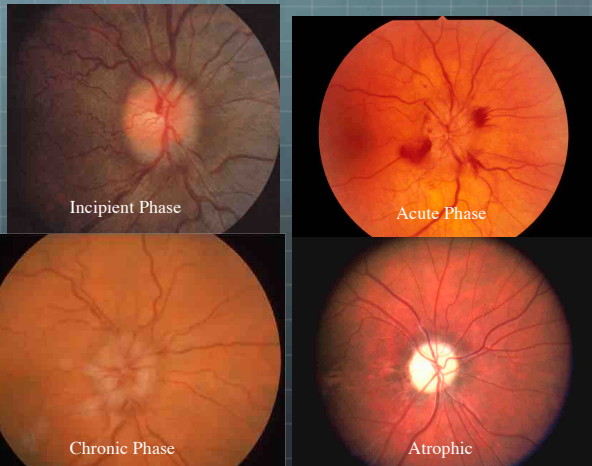
The Stages of Papilledema

- 🌐 **Incipient (early):**
 - 🌐 Mild hyperemia, loss of SVP, blurred margins at 12 and 6 o'clock
- 🌐 **Acute:**
 - 🌐 Blurred, elevated disc margins, NFL
 - 🌐 Disc hyperemia, loss of SVP
 - 🌐 Hemorrhages
 - 🌐 Paton's lines
- 🌐 **Chronic:**
 - 🌐 Less hyperemia, pseudodrusen
- 🌐 **Atrophic:**
 - 🌐 Pale optic disc

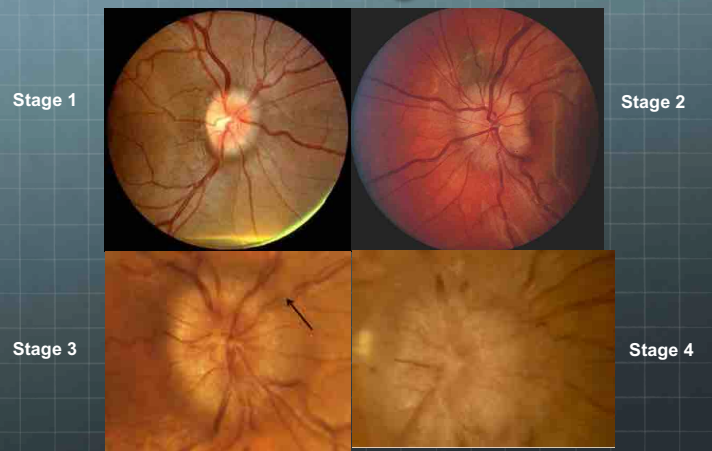


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Stages of Papilledema

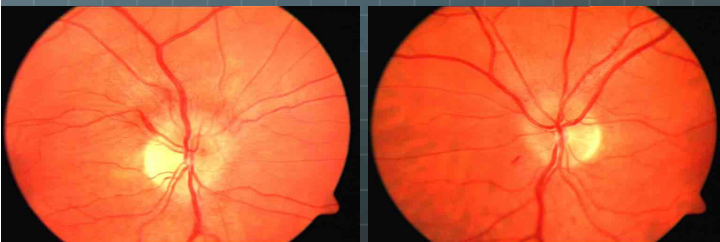


Frisen Grading criteria



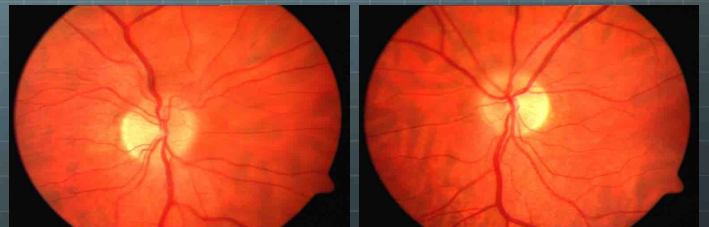
“I need to sing in the Xmas pageant”

- 🌐 39 year old WF with headaches x 4 months
- 🌐 Tinnitus, transient loss of vision
- 🌐 VA's: 20/20, 20/20



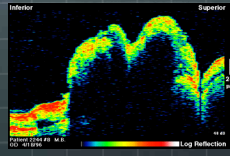
Sang in the show, got an MRI!

- 🌐 Dx: Sagittal sinus meningioma
- 🌐 Photos: 4 months following surgery

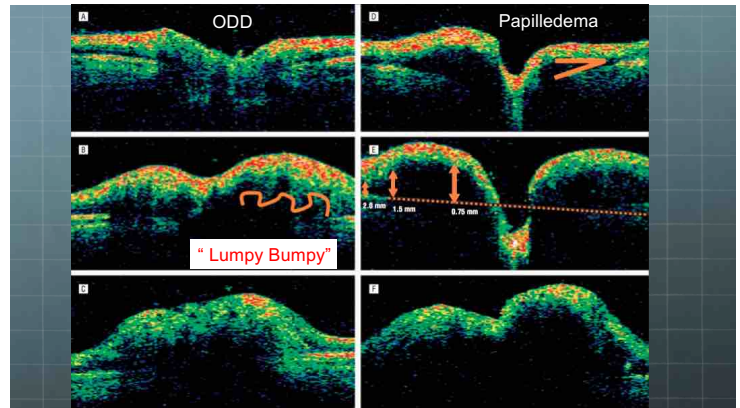


OCT for disc edema

- Does not replace MRI
- Assessment of Peripapillary NFL and disc parameters
 - Peripapillary NFL is thicker
 - Ave: 122 microns vs 91 for controls
- Cross sectional imaging
 - Subretinal Fluid accumulation
 - Tissue thickening



Johnson et al, Arch Ophthalmol, 2009
 Menke et al, IOVS, 2005

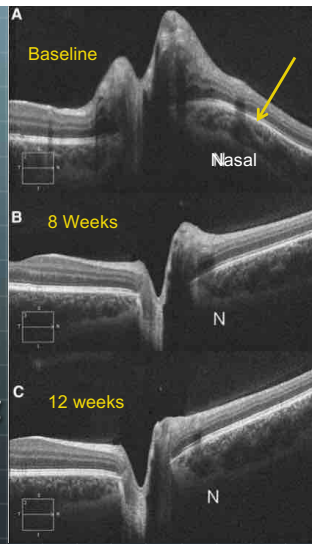


- Differentiation of Optic Disc Edema from Optic Nerve Drusen
 - Internal contour and separation of sub-retinal hyporeflective space can differentiate the two

Johnson et al, Arch Ophthal, 2009

Deformation of the RPE/ Basement Membrane in Swollen Optic Discs

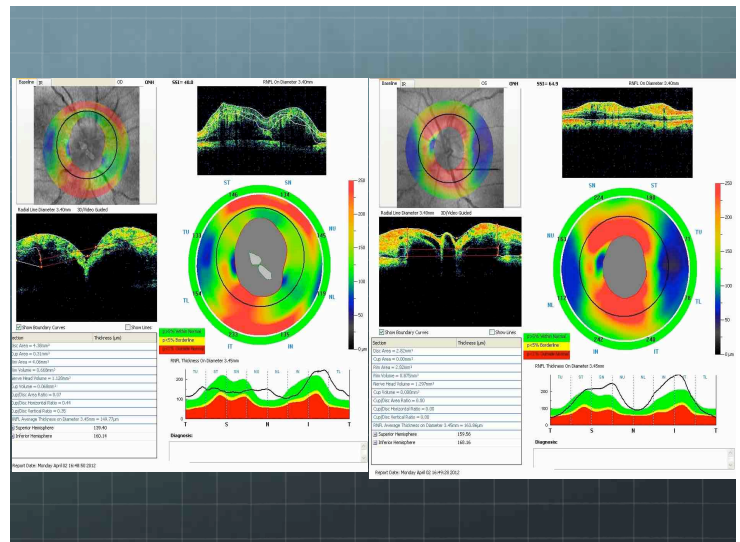
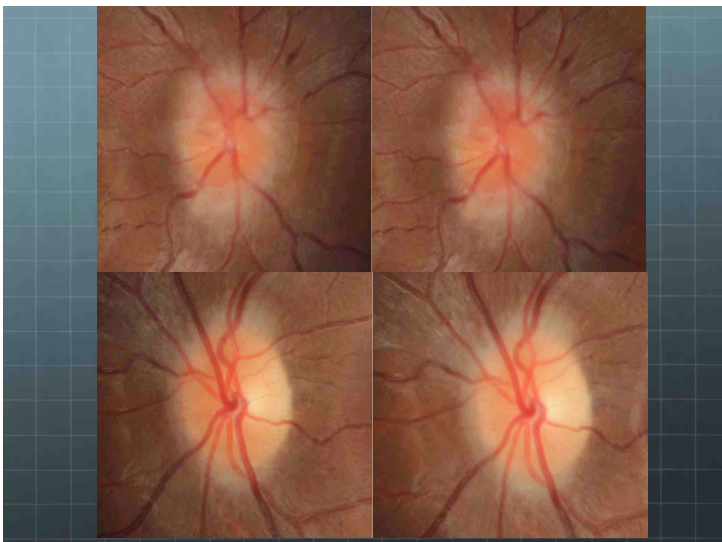
- Cirrus OCT – optic disc cube
- 67% had Positive slope in early phases
 - Observed in about 10% of AION or Optic Neuritis cases
- Angulation did not correlate with amount of disc swelling
- Resolves over time



Kupersmith et al, IOVS, 2011 27

28 year old East Indian Female

- Headaches x 2 months
- Transient Visual Obscurations – 2 secs
- No medical problems or medications
- VA's: 20/20, 20/20
- Pupils: No APD
- BP: 118/78
- Anterior seg: unremarkable

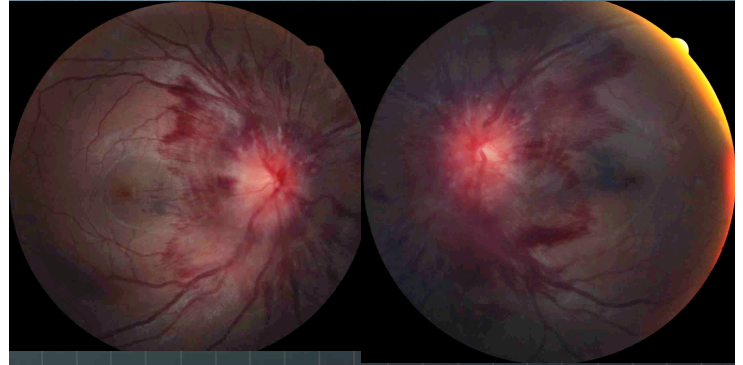


32 year old female

- CC: Intermittent flashes of light, blurred vision x 2 days.
- Recently diagnosed with viral meningitis. Polycystic ovarian syndrome, elevated cholesterol.
- Meds: Metformin, Amoxicillin, Lyrica, Hydrocortisone, Clarythromycin, Flexiril, Flonase
- BVA: OD: 20/60-, OS: 20/200
- BP: 117/76
- Pupils: 3+ reaction to light OU.

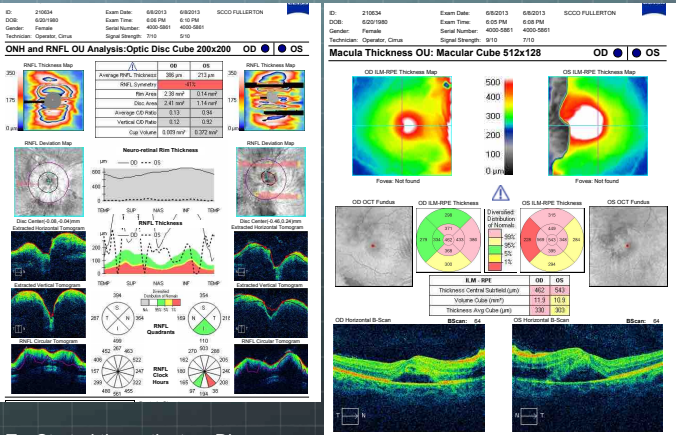
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Baseline photos



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OCT of ONH/RNFL and Macula



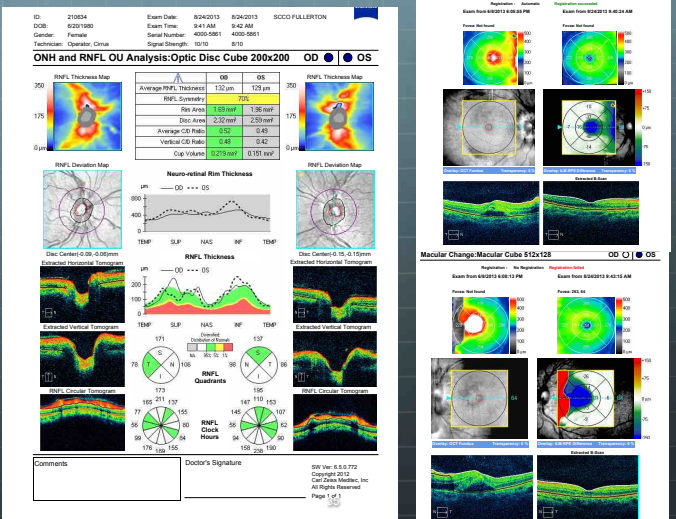
Tx: Started the patient on Diamox

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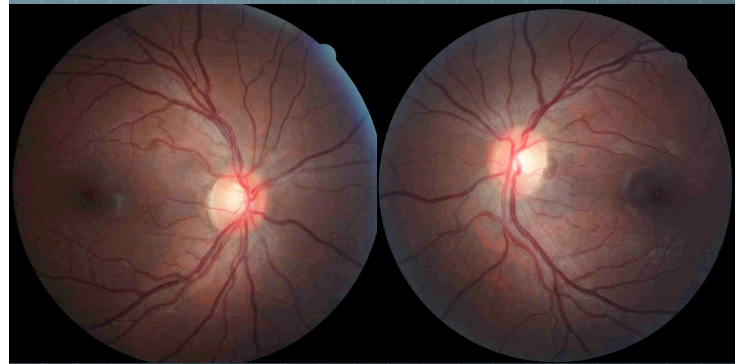
2 months later



VA: OD: 20/20, OS: 20/40

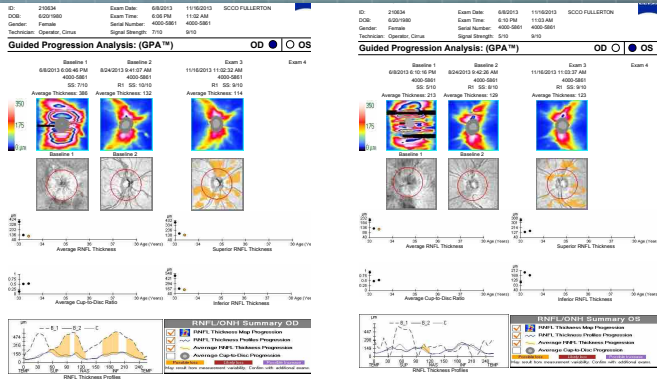


5 months later



BVA: OD: 20/20, OS: 20/25

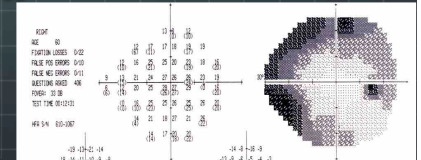
Progression analysis



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Vision loss in Papilledema

- VF loss from compression of visual pathways
- Enlarged blind spot
- Glaucomatous VF defects
 - Arcuate bundles
 - Blindness
 - Reversible upon treatment
- Unless axonal loss

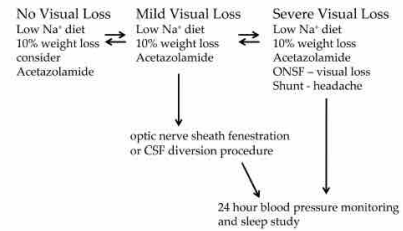


Management of IIH

- Neuroimaging: MRI/MRV
- Lumbar puncture with opening pressure
- Lab tests to rule out coagulopathies
- Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis
- Serial VF and OCT

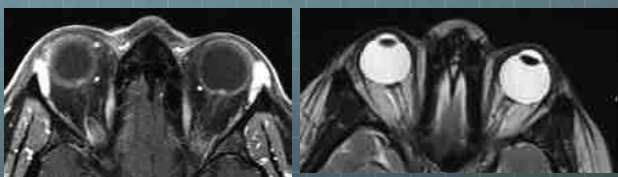


Treatment of IIH



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Orbital findings on MRI



Elevated ONH

Flattened Posterior Sclera



Tortuosity of the Optic Nerve

Passi, Degnan, Levy, 2013

Follow-up OCT

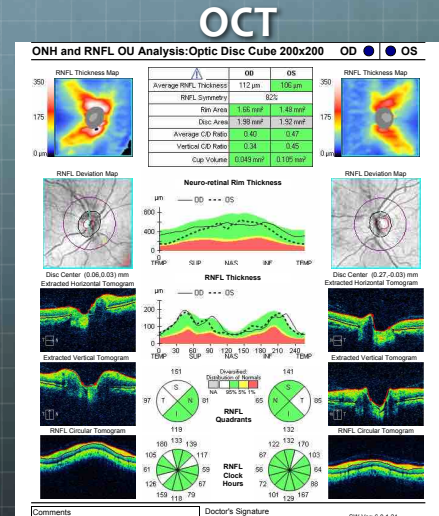
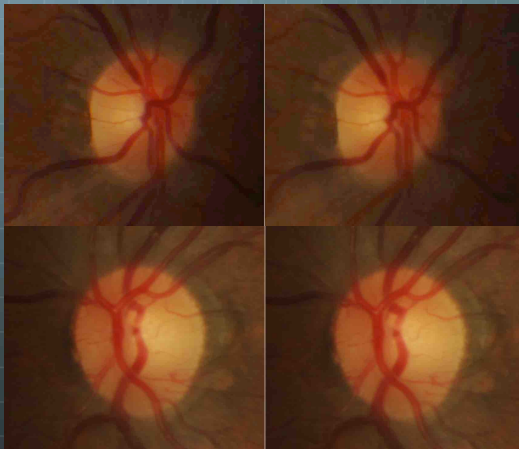
- Subsequent macular thinning: De-swelling vs. optic atrophy?
- GCC is important for this distinction
- Rebolledo and Munoz-Negrete found that higher grades of papilledema at baseline had a worse visual outcome
- Every 10 microns of increased RNFL thickening = a lowering of 0.6 dB on a VF at 1 year.

Optic Neuritis

- Patient profiles**
 - Young to middle age adults (16-55 yrs of age)
 - Female to male: 2:1
 - Annual incidence: 1-5/100,000
 - 20% of MS patients – ON is the initial symptom
 - 50% of MS patients have evidence of having ON
- Symptoms:**
 - 90% have loss of vision, pain on eye movement, orbital pain, loss of peripheral vision, loss of color and contrast

43 year old Female

- Chief Complaint:**
 - Decreased acuity OD x 2-3 weeks
 - Slight pain on eye movement
- Occupation: Pet Groomer**
- Medical history: DM, HTN, Elev. Cholesterol**
- Vas: 20/80, 20/20 with current Rx**
- Pupils: 2+ APD OD, color desaturation**
- No restrictions of motility**
- Anterior seg unremarkable**



Pathophysiology

- Demyelination**
 - CNS white matter, optic nerve
 - Acute phase: Perivascular cuffing of T and B cells on the myelin sheath
 - Macrophages engulf products and glial cells proliferate resulting in permanent conduction deficits

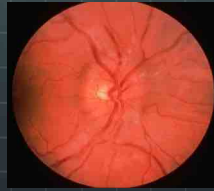
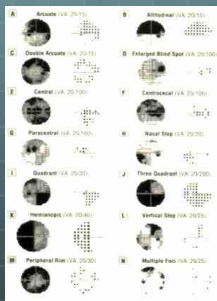


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Signs of Optic Neuritis

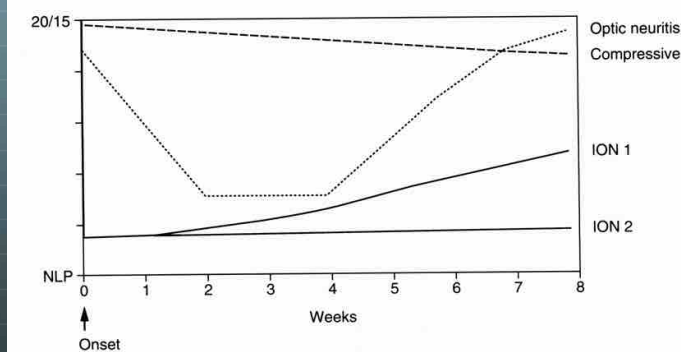
- Visual Acuity: 20/20 to LP
- Color vision: B-Y initially
- Contrast sensitivity
- Pupils: (+)APD
- Visual fields (Keltner, Arch Opth, 1994)
 - Diffuse loss - 48%
 - Localized - 20%
 - Central - 8%
- Fundus appearance
 - 3:1: Retrobulbar optic neuritis: Papillitis



DDx of Optic Neuritis

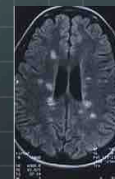
- Differential Diagnosis from Demyelination:**
 - Infectious
 - Post-vaccination
 - Inflammatory disease
 - Medications
- Neuromyelitis Optica (Devic's Disease)**
 - NMO is a rare disorder
 - Characterized by Optic neuritis and acute myelitis
 - Negative brain MRI
 - Abnormal spinal cord MRI
 - Seropositive NMO- IgG
 - NMO criteria, 2006

VISUAL LOSS IN OPTIC NEUROPATHIES

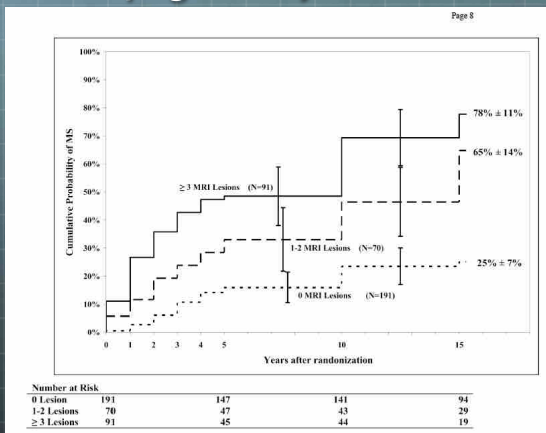


Contrast enhanced MRI

- MRI is not routinely utilized to diagnose optic neuritis
- Contrast enhanced MRI of the orbit with fat suppression.
- Value of MRI is to identify the presence of clinically silent demyelinating lesions
- Periventricular white matter lesions on T2 scans



Baseline MRI findings vs. risk of developing clinically definite MS



ONTT - 15 year, Arch, Neurology, 2008

Utility of OCT in Optic Neuritis

- OCT of the RNFL**
 - Allows quantification of unmyelinated axons in eyes with and without a history of Optic Neuritis in MS patients
 - It can be used to follow recovery of optic neuritis over 12 months

RNFL and acute optic neuritis

- Pro et al (2006) - HRT2 and OCT3
 - RNFL was slightly thicker in RON pts (no ophthalmoscopically evident swelling) at baseline.
 - HRT2 showed smaller mean cup size vs fellow eye and did not correlate to the MRI –demonstrated lesion
 - RNFL thinned temporally (46.8 microns vs. 57.8 – fellow eye)
 - Cup normalized at the follow-up (1 and 3 mos)

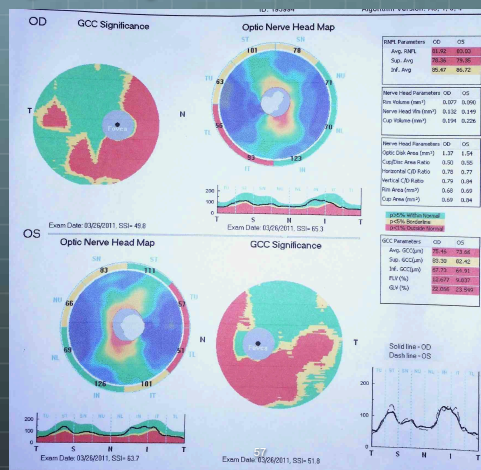
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Optic Neuritis

- Evolution of RNFL loss
 - RNFL thinning most often occurs between 3 and 6 months in 85% of patients
 - Ave RNFL of 78 microns vs. 100 microns
 - First inter-eye difference is seen at 2 mos
 - Stabilized between 7-12 months
 - No change between 1 and 2 years
 - Costello et al, 2006, 2008, 2009
 - Also noted that below 75 microns was when persistent visual dysfunction was predicted.

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31 yr old pt with recurrent ON



OCT and MS

- Multiple studies have shown statistically significant thinning of the unaffected eye in pts with ON.
- Patients with MS without a diagnosis of ON show thinning of the RNFL
- Evidence that MS is associated with progressive axonal loss in the afferent visual pathway
 - First noted by Charcot in the 1880's
 - Red-free photography (1970's)
 - Post mortem studies exhibit ON and RNFL changes

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OCT and MS

- Cohorts of MS patients across the US display similar findings of ave RNFL thickness vs. controls (90-93 microns vs. 103-105 microns) with OCT3
 - RNFL Thinning:
 - MS with ON > MS pts > Controls
- OCT findings differ among MS subtypes
 - Secondary progressive MS vs. Relapsing MS or primary progressive types
 - Secondary progressive shows more thinning

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OCT and MS

- Annals of Neurology, 2016
 - 107 MS patients followed for 4 years
 - Aim: to determine if OCT changes mirror changes on MRI in MS patients
 - Conclusions:
 - Rate of tissue thinning in the eye (ganglion cell and IPL) mirrored that of MRI degeneration in specific brain regions (whole brain, white matter, gray matter, thalamus)

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Predictors based on OCT?

- Progressive disability in MS is associated with axonal loss, not demyelination.
- For every 10 microns of RNFL loss, the odds of being ambulatory are decreased 2.5 fold
 - Costello, NANOS, 2009
 - But conflicting data is also reported
- Future risk of developing MS or progression??
 - Linear vs. Non-linear forms



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Active MS is associated with accelerated retinal ganglion cell/inner plexiform layer thinning

- Ratchford, et al. Neurology, 2013.
- 164 pts w MS, 59 controls
 - Clinically isolated syndrome (CIS)
 - Relapsing, remitting MS
 - Primary progressive MS
 - Secondary progressive MS
- Underwent Cirrus SD-OCT scans every 6 months
 - Annual MRI
 - Mean follow-up time – 21.1 months
 - Development of ON during f/u - excluded

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Findings:

- Patients with new T2 lesions or gadolinium enhancing lesions and less than 5 yrs duration exhibited fastest rate of thinning.
- Conclusions: MS patients with clinical and/or radiologic non-ocular disease activity, particularly early in the disease course, exhibit accelerated GCIP (ganglion cell/Inner plex) thinning.
Our findings suggest that retinal changes in MS reflect global CNS processes, and that OCT-derived GCIP thickness measures may have utility as an outcome measure for assessing neuroprotective agents, particularly in early, active MS.

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To treat or not to treat ON

- Optic Neuritis Treatment Trial
 - Oral vs. IV steroids
 - Showed no of Baseline MRI lesions was a predictor to development of CDMS
 - Clinical outcomes are the same.
- Early treatment delays conversion to CDMS but does not show any benefit in improving neurological disability.
- Neurological evaluation for management of global demyelinating disease
 - Treatment of the MS

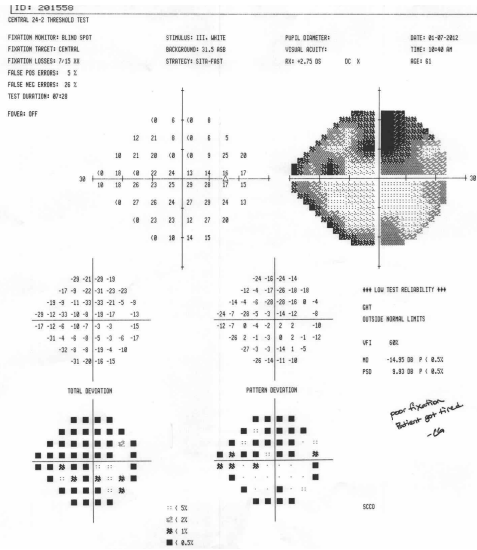
Case : Dimming of Vision

- 61 year old East Indian Male
- Blurred vision x 1 month.
 - Dimming of vision, thinks it may be related to a red eye he had
- Ocular Hx: Cataract Sx 2 yrs prior OU
- Med Hx: Type II DM x 5 yrs, HTN, hypercholesterolemia
- Meds: Tricor, Metformin, Lisinopril

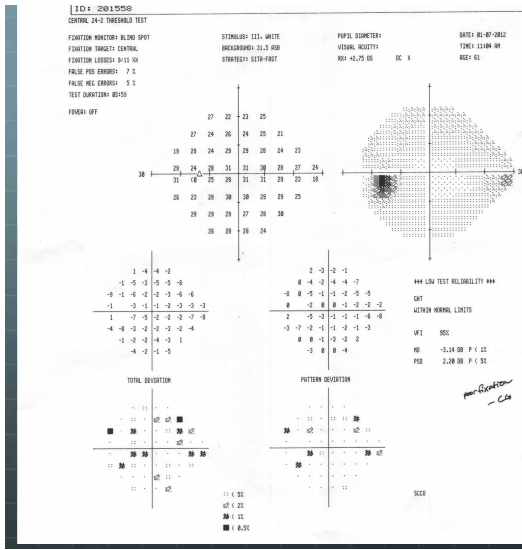
Patient Data

- Corrected VA's: OD: 20/40-, OS: 20/25
- Pupils: (+) +2 APD OD
- EOM's: Unrestricted
- Anterior Segment: Unremarkable OD, 1+ PCO OS
- GAT: 15, 18
- BP – 120/70
- Visual fields: See slides
- Post Segment: See slides

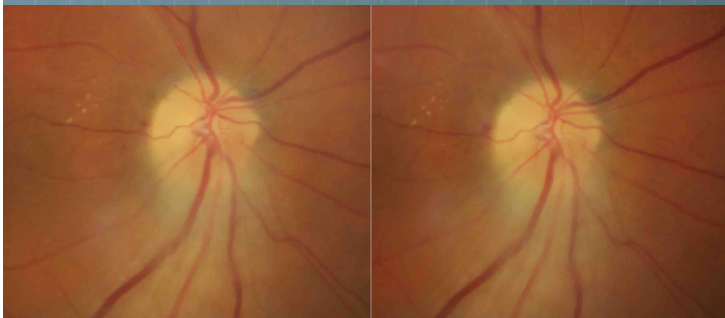
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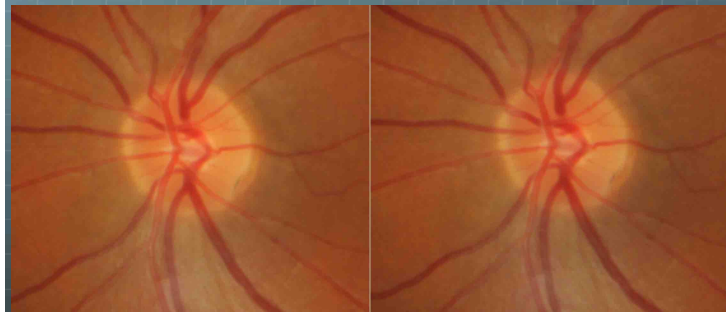
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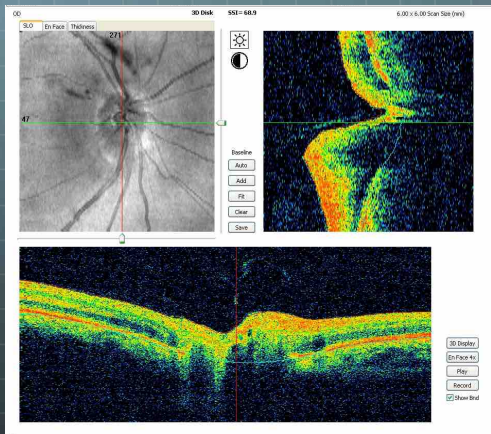
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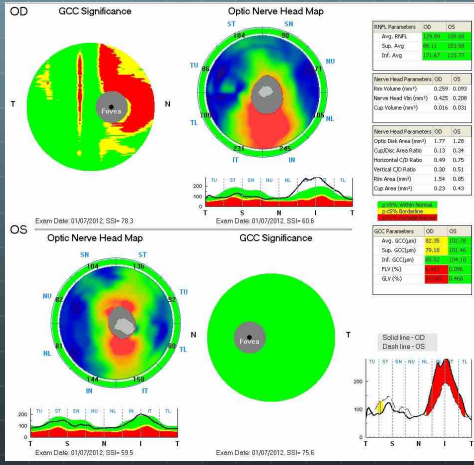
Considerations?

- 🌐 Swollen Optic Disc – Sectoral - OD
- 🌐 Afferent pupillary defect OD
- 🌐 Dimming of Vision
- 🌐 History of Vascular Disease

OCT of the OD ONH



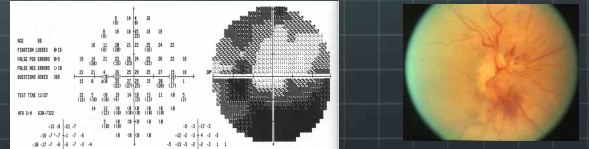
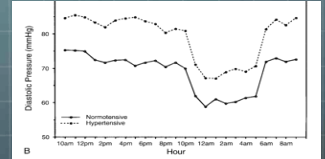
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What about Anterior Ischemic Optic Neuropathy?

What we remember:

- Disk at risk
- Unilateral ON swelling
- Poor disc perfusion
- Two types:
 - Arteritic – AION: Giant Cell or Temporal Arteritis
 - NA-AION: everything else
- Causes Altitudinal visual field defect



Is it Arteritic or Non-Arteritic AION in my chair?

	Arteritic-AION	Non-Arteritic AION
% of cases of AION	12.5%	87.5%
Age	73 is the mean age	50-65
VA Loss	75% are < 20/200	Less Profound
Systemic Symptoms	75% of patients	None
ESR	75 or greater	30 - 40
Amaurosis Fugax	75% -1-2 wks prior	25% of patients
Disk Appearance	50% edema, 50% pale	Sectoral or full edema
Bilateral Involvement	75% in 1wk, if no tx	11-48% in 2 years
Treatment	Corticosteroids	
Improvement	Rarely	16-43%

Risk factors of Non-arteritic AION

- Small optic nerve
- Diabetes (Heyreh, 1990, Feldon, 1999)
- Hypertension/ Hypotension
 - Aggressive management/ QHS Dosing (Hayreh)
- Sleep Apnea (Arch Ophthal, May, 2002)
- Viagra, Cialis (J Neuroophth, Ophthalmol, Arch Ophthal)
- Carotid artery disease, Ischemic heart disease
- Hyperlipidemia (Ophthalmology, 2003)
- Smoking
- Migraine (Heyreh, 1997)
- Sticky Platelet syndrome (BJO, 2008)
- High altitude (Ind J Ophthal, 2002)
- Ocular surgery (AJO, 2003), Spinal/Cardiac surgery (Surv Ophthal, 1998)
- Disc Drusen (NANOS, 2002)
- Shock induced or blood loss (Brown, 1994, Chun, 1997)



But... are A-AION and NA-AION even more Different?

A-AION: Arterial disease

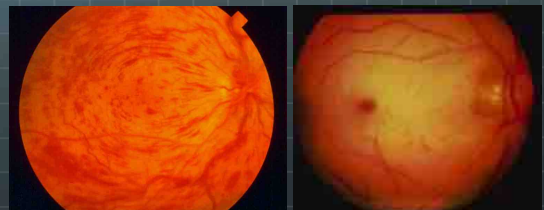
- VA/ Visual loss is more profound
- Complete excavation of the disc
- Less hemorrhages



NA-AION: Is it a Venous disorder?

- Can accompany CRVO
- Hemorrhages are more common
- Visual loss/ structural changes are more similar to venous occlusion in CRVO vs. arterial infarction
- Assoc w/ low rate of large vessel occlusive dz and CVA
- FANG shows mildly delayed arterial filling, normal choroidal circulation

CRVO	CRAO
Hypertension	Hypertension
Diabetes	Diabetes
Bleeding /Clotting Disorders	Giant Cell Arteritis
Vasculitis	Embolism
Cardiovascular Disorders	Patent Foramen Ovale
ED drugs	Cardiac valve disease
Oral contraceptives	Atherosclerosis
Sleep apnea?	Hypercoagulable state
Hypotension	Collagen Vascular Dz



New Pathophysiology?

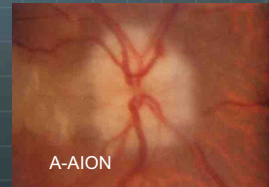
🌐 Dilation of the CRA causes compression upon the CRV in the pre-laminar disc

- 🌐 Results in venous congestion
- 🌐 Think CRAO (A-AION) vs. CRVO (NA-AION)
- 🌐 Causes of venous dilation
 - 🌐 Sleep apnea
 - 🌐 Prolonged hypotension
 - 🌐 Erectile dysfunction drugs

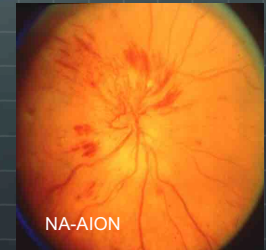
🌐 Levin LA, Meyer-Danesh HV, Arch Ophthalmology, Nov, 2008

Is this anterior venous ischemic optic neuropathy?

- 🌐 Patients have premonitory asymptomatic disc edema
- 🌐 High incidence of diabetes: venous-capillary disease



A-AION

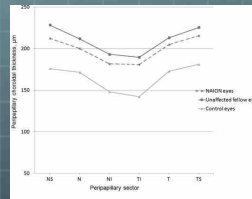


NA-AION

Impact of the choroid?

🌐 Peripapillary choroid is thicker in NA-AION eyes and fellow eyes vs. Control eyes. (121-143%)

- 🌐 Perez – Sarregui, 2018
- 🌐 Fard, IOVS, 2015

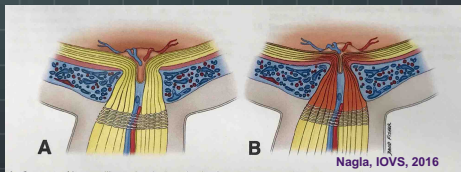


🌐 Creates the “Disc at risk”

🌐 Bruch’s membrane opening is not smaller in NA-AION eyes

🌐 Peripapillary choroid thickens with PDE use in normal young subjects,

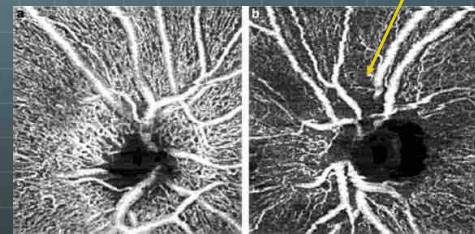
🌐 Moschos, JCEO, 2016



OCT - Angiography

🌐 OCT-A shows diffuse loss of peripapillary microvascular cuff

🌐 Also Sectoral loss that correlates w VF defect



Normal

AION

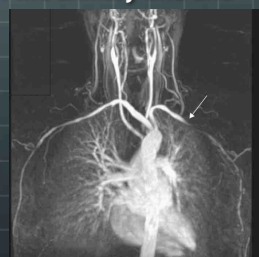
Rougier, 2017

Giant Cell Arteritis

🌐 Chronic vasculitis of the Medium and large extracranial arteries

🌐 What is new?

- 🌐 Color Doppler/Duplex ultrasound of temporal arteries
- 🌐 Higher incidence of occlusions in the axillary and subclavian arteries
- 🌐 Marked increase in developing aortic aneurysms/aortic dissection
- 🌐 MRA of these large vessels



Cleveland Clinic

ACR Revised Criteria for GCA 2016

Table A: 2016 ACR revised criteria for early diagnosis of Giant Cell (Temporal) Arteritis^a

❖ Entry Criteria:	
• Age at onset \geq 50 years old	
• Absence of exclusion criteria ^b	
❖ Domain I criteria	
• New onset localized headache ^c	1.p
• Sudden onset of visual disturbances ^c	1.p
• Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR)	2.p
• Jaw Claudication ^c	1.p
• Abnormal temporal artery ^d	Up to 2.p
❖ Domain II criteria	
• Unexplained fever and/or anemia	1.p
• ESR \geq 50 mm/hour ^e	1.p
• Compatible pathology ^f	Up to 2.p

- In the presence of 3 points or more out of 11 with at least one point belonging to domain I along with all entry criteria, the diagnosis of Giant cell arteritis can be established.
- Exclusion criteria are including : ENT and eye inflammation, kidney, skin and peripheral nervous system involvement, lung infiltration, lymphadenopathies, stiff neck and digital gangrene or ulceration
- No other etiologies can better explain any one of the criteria
- Enlarged and/or pulseless temporal artery : 1.p. / tender temporal artery: 1.p
- It must be ignored in the presence of PMR
- Vascular and/or perivascular fibrinoid necrosis along with leukocyte infiltration: 1.p. /and granuloma: 1.p

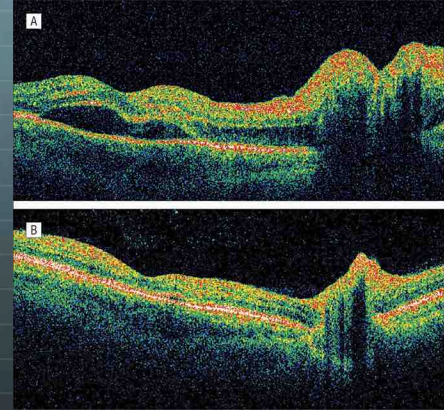
Salehi- Abari, 2016

OCT and ION

- Contreras (Ophthal, 2007) demonstrated in eyes with NA-AION that the mean RNFL would increase 96% in the affected eye in the acute phase.
- Then at 6 months, the RNFL was thinnest superiorly, inferiorly, temporally, then nasally
- Hedges et al, noted the presence of sub-retinal fluid in 8 patients.
- Not from the choroid or retinal vessels based on FANG of one patient
- Acuity improved as fluid resolved



Baseline and 7 weeks later



Hedges et al, Arch Ophthalmol, 2008

Management of NA-AION

- **No proven treatments**
 - Aspirin, high dose steroids, Avastin
- **Rule out GCA in older patients**
- **Manage systemic disorders**
- **Sleep Apnea?**
- **Avoid hypotension – night time**
 - Diastolic BP – IOP: Less than 30

Management of A-AION

- **Arteritic: Giant Cell Arteritis**
 - Based on the presumptive diagnosis of GCA-AION, initiate immediate treatment of corticosteroids
 - **Goal is to reduce profound VA loss in fellow eye**
 - **75% of untreated cases can go bilateral in one wk**
 - Then STAT ESR and C-Reactive Protein
 - Temporal artery biopsy
 - Doppler of temporal arteries
 - MRA of the aorta to rule out dissection/aneurysm
 - Prognosis of patients: Fair to poor
 - **Recovery of vision**
 - **Cupping of the optic disc**

Emergency

Management of AION

- **Non-Arteritic**
 - Control of underlying vascular disorder
 - Visual Prognosis: Can see visual improvement up to 43% of patients



- Phase III Quark Study (Now recruiting)
 - **Intravenous injection of Neuroprotection agent**
 - **Vision loss in the last 14 days**

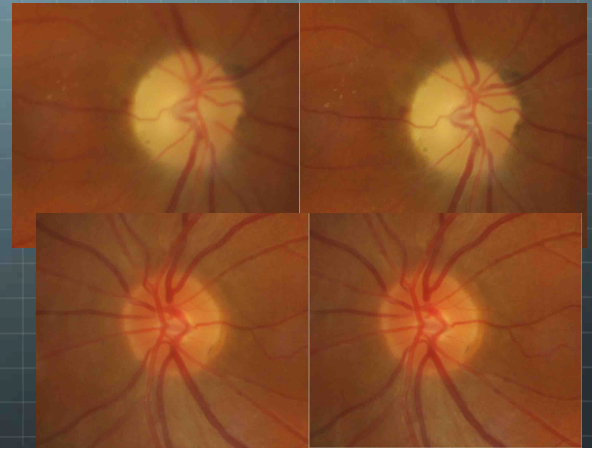
Management of this Patient

- **One month out - less efficacy with any Tx**
- **Sent to PCP for lab testing and better control of DM and HTN**
- **Take BP meds in the Morning, not the PM**
- **Monthly follow-ups**

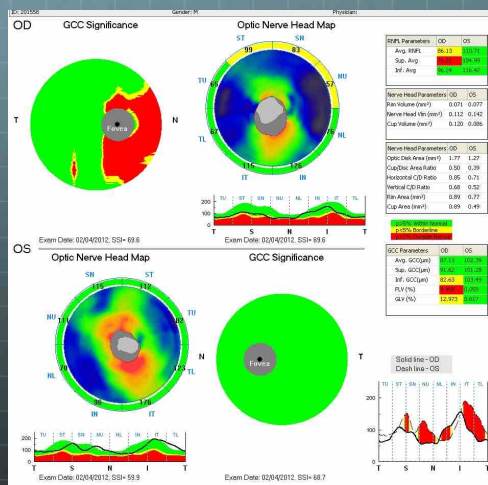
Follow-up of patient

- One month follow-up
- CC: Vision seems to be about 10-20% better
- VAs: OD: 20/40+, OS: 20/25
- See Imaging and VF

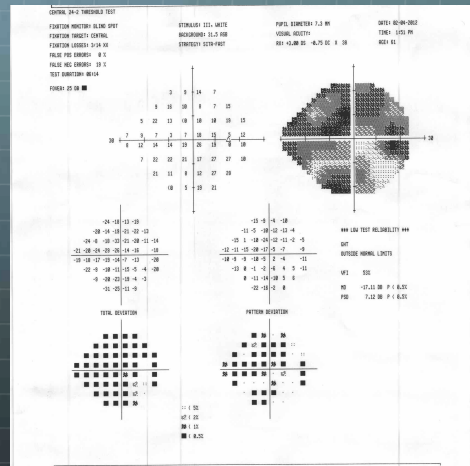
Follow-up 1 month



OCT - 1 month



VF - OD



Follow-up 2mos

