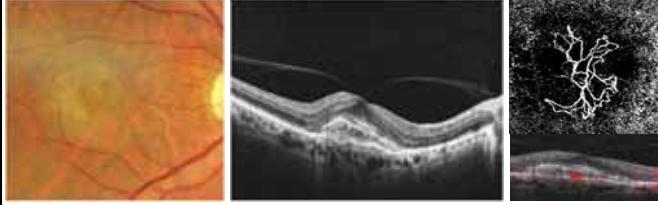


AMD: A Relative Manageable Disease



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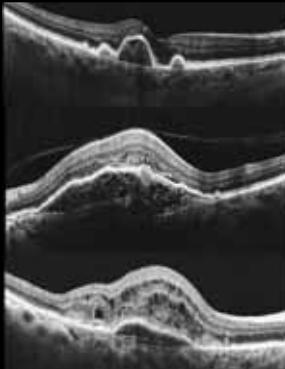
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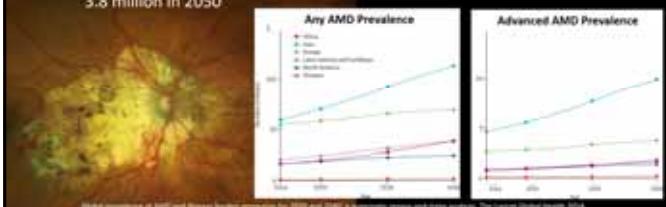
- Intro to AMD
- AMD staging/classification
- Retinal multimodal imaging technologies
- Utility of multimodal imaging in AMD
 - Nonexudative
 - Drusen subtypes
 - GA
 - High risk biomarkers for progression to advanced AMD
 - Neovascular & exudative AMD
- Home monitoring strategies to detect early conversion
- New therapies



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AGE RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION

- Leading cause of blindness in the developed world in persons >50yo
 - Characterized by drusen, RPE abnormalities, geographic atrophy (GA), choroidal neovascularization (CNV)
- Prevalence of AMD is expected to ↑ to 22 million by the year 2050
 - # of cases of advanced AMD is expected to ↑ from 1.7 million in 2010 to 3.8 million in 2050

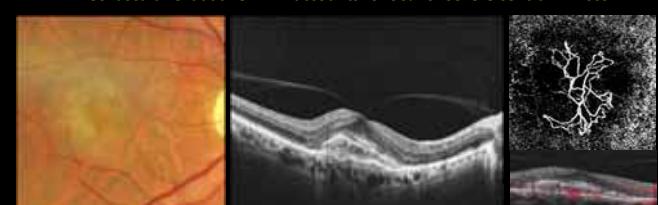


Global incidence of AMD and disease burden projection for 2010 and 2050. A 60-year follow-up study. The current global burden: 30.6M

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AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION

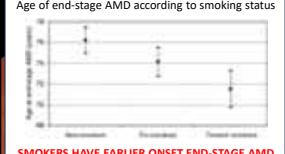
- Of all AMD, approx. 80% nonexudative/20% exudative
 - **Neovascular exudative AMD accounts for 90% of severe central VA loss**



EARLY DETECTION AND PROMPT TREATMENT OF EXUDATIVE AMD IS CRITICAL TO MAXIMIZE VISUAL OUTCOMES!!!

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RISK FACTORS FOR AMD



• Older age

• Caucasian

• Genotype/family Hx of AMD

- ARMS2/HTRA1
- CFH

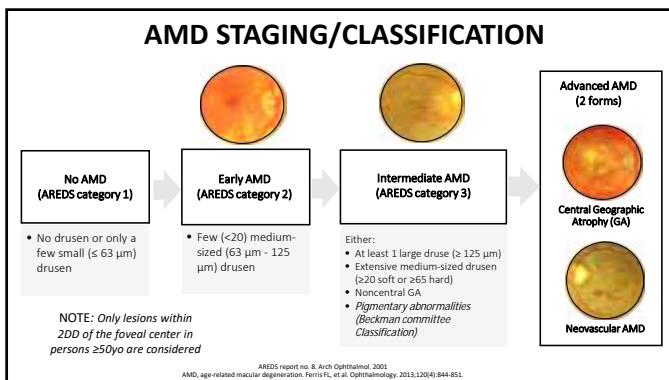
• **Smoking**

- Most sig modifiable risk factor for AMD (odds ratios = 2.35-3.12 current vs never)
- HTN & Heart Disease
- High BMI/Obesity - (mild assoc)
- Hypercholesterolemia (high dietary cholesterol intake esp saturated fats and cholesterol)
- Diet low in omega 3, vitamins/minerals, carotenoids, antioxidants

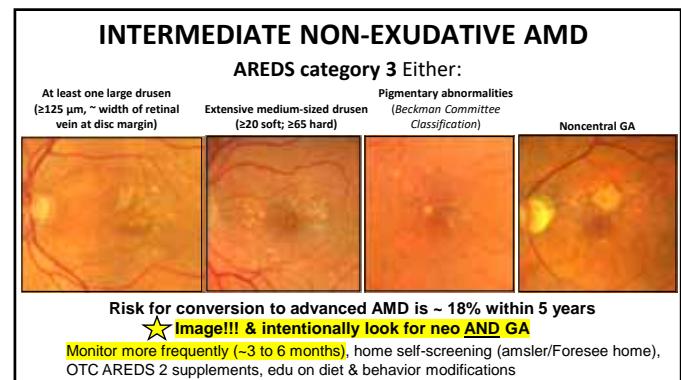
American Academy of Ophthalmology PPP Retina/Vitreous Committee. Age-related macular degeneration Preferred Practice Pattern 2019
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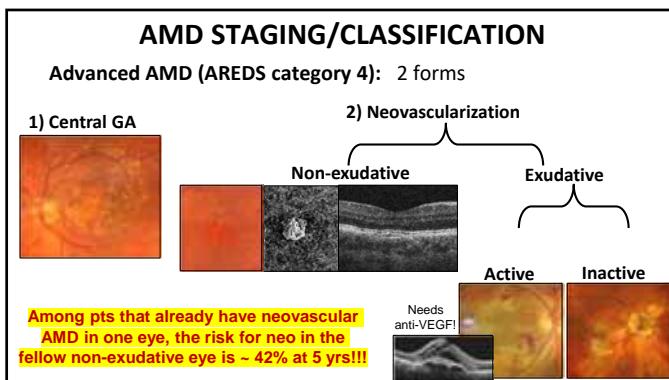
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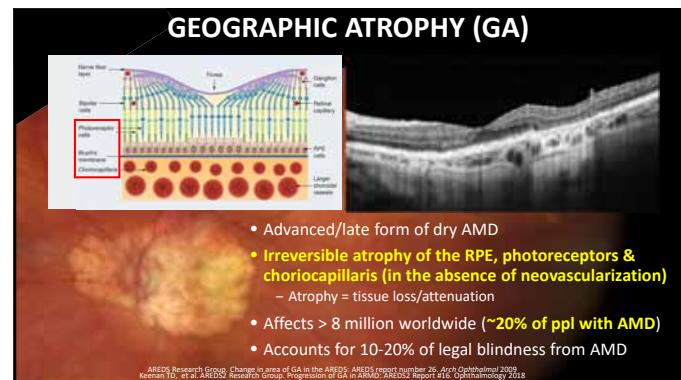
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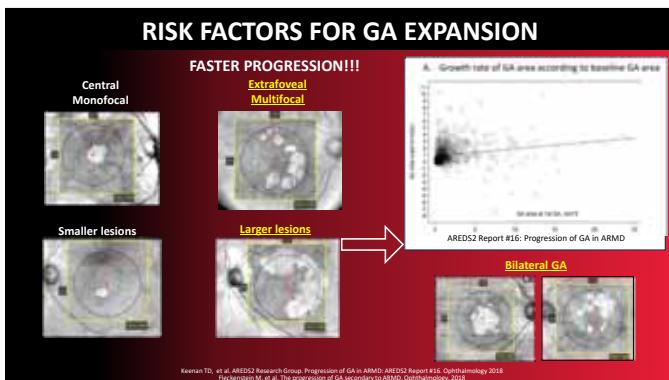
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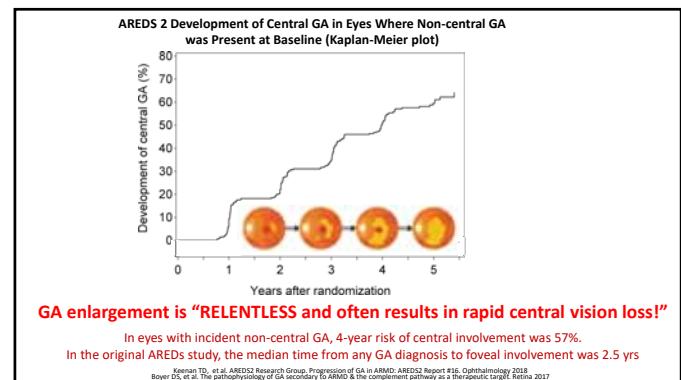
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UTILITY OF IMAGING IN AMD

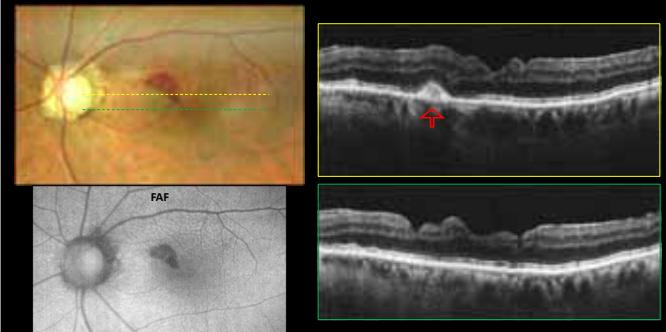
Color Fundus Photography (CFP)/ophthalmoscopy

- DETECTING HEMORRHAGE!
- OCT**
 - Detect new or recurrent neovascular disease activity (esp fluid!)
 - Guides anti-VEGF therapy
 - Subclassification of CNVM types
 - Identify and monitor progression of GA
 - Drusen subclassification
 - Identify high risk biomarkers for progression to advanced AMD
- Near Infrared Reflectance (NIR)**
 - Detection and monitoring of GA

OCTA

- Detecting and morphologically characterizing CNVMs
- Detecting/monitoring nonexudative CNVMs
- Determining whether PED is vascularized
- FAF**
 - Detection of early GA
 - Monitoring GA area
 - Predicting GA expansion
 - Visualization of reticular pseudodrusen/subretinal drusenoid deposits (SDDs)

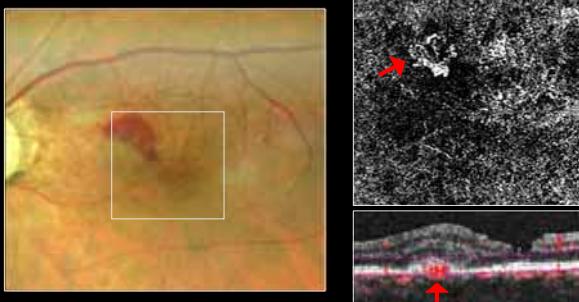
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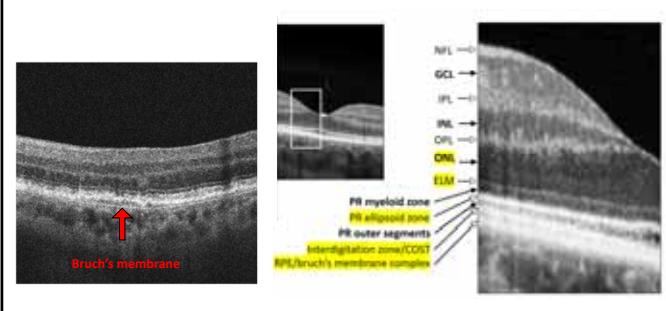
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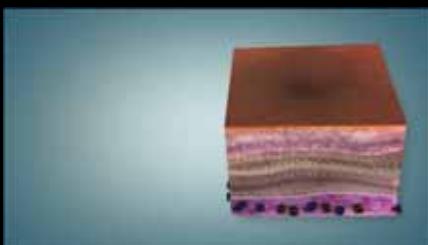
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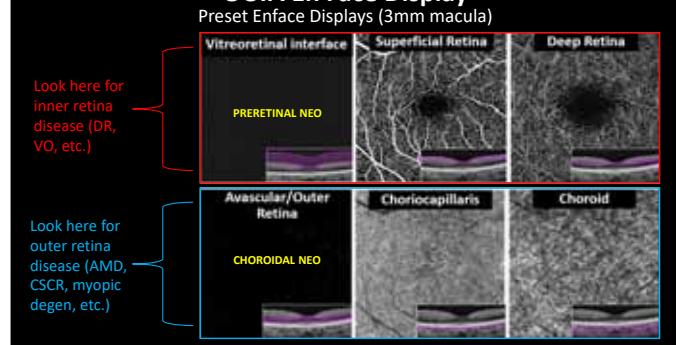
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En-Face ANALYSIS



An en face image represents a slab of several retinal layers compressed into a 2D plane

OCTA En Face Display

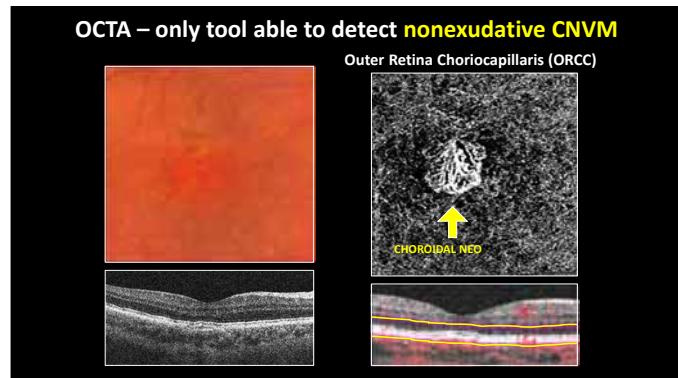


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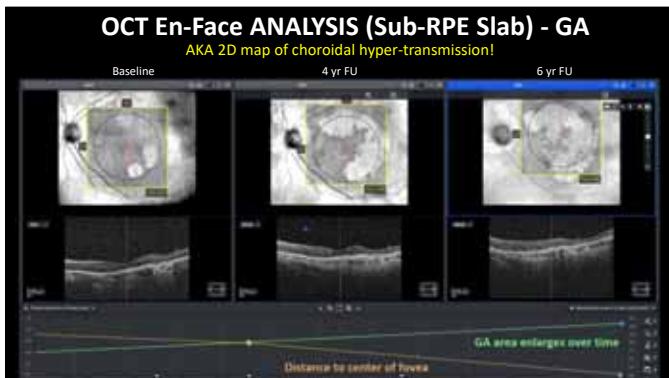
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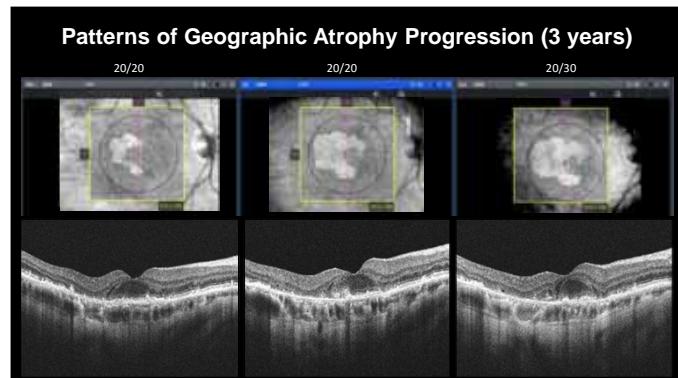
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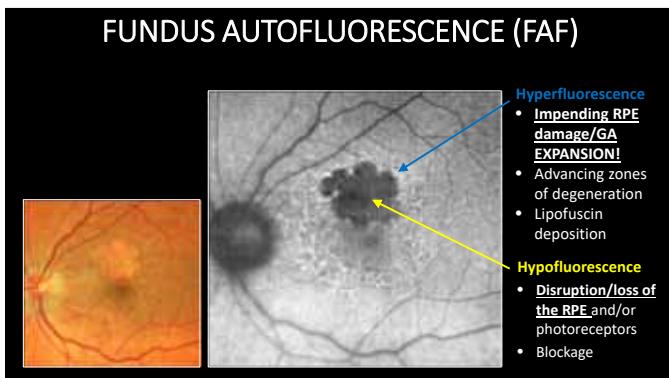
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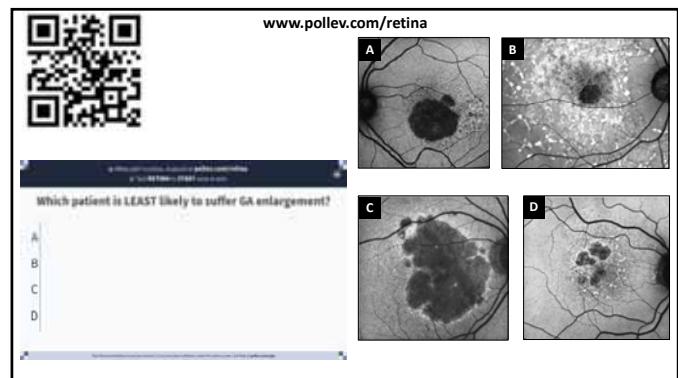
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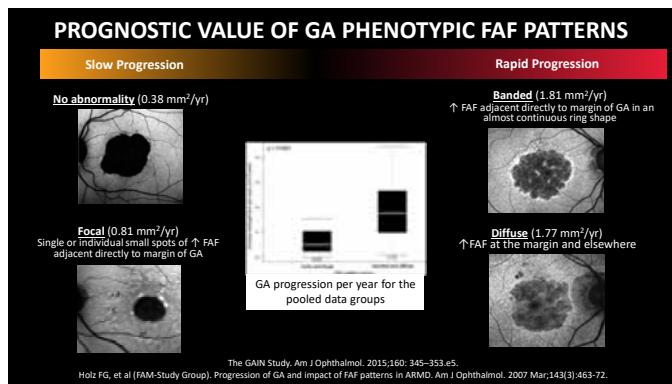
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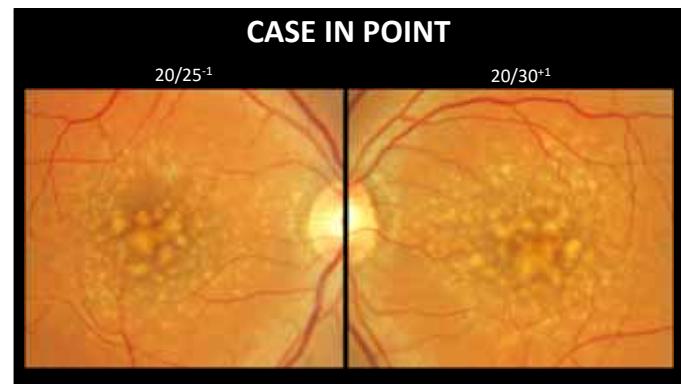
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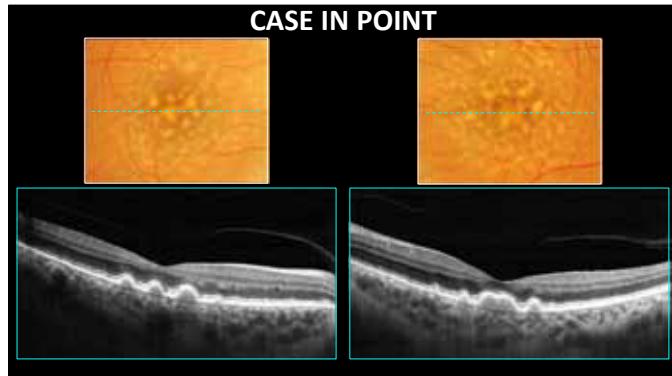
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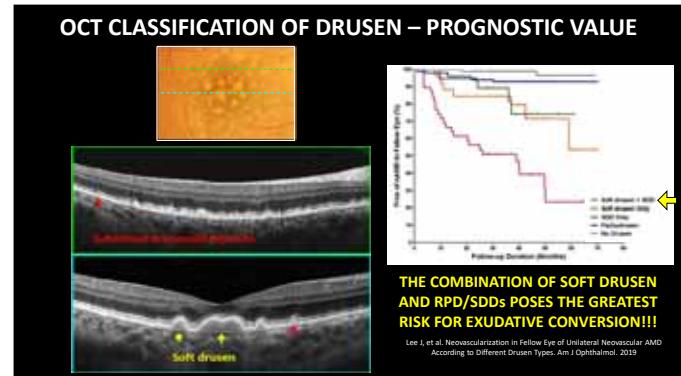
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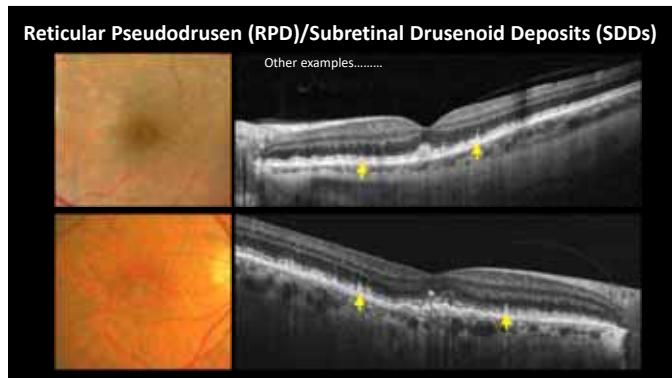
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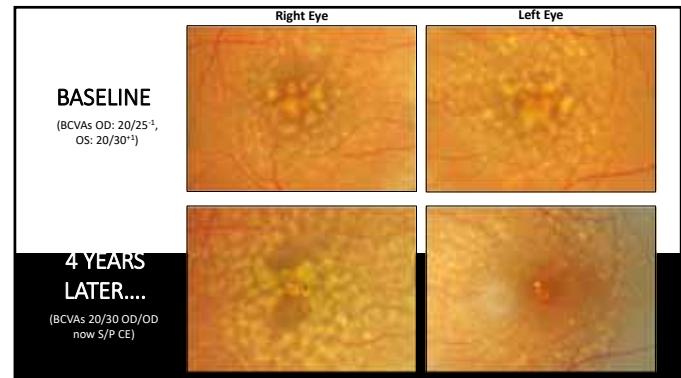
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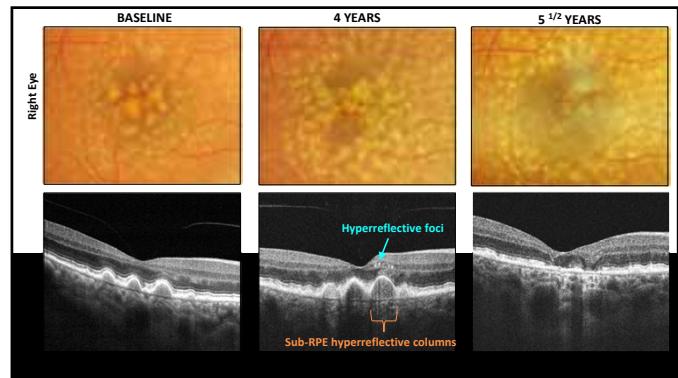
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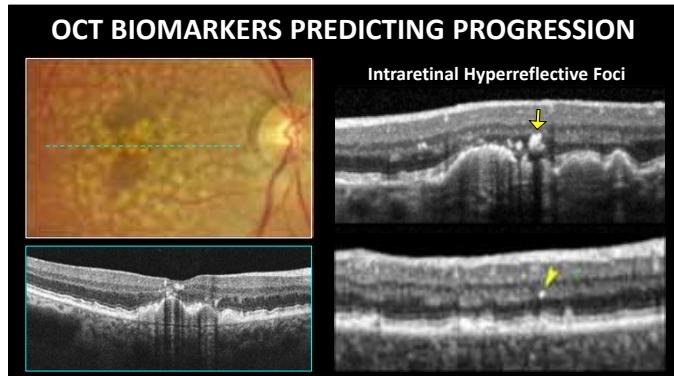
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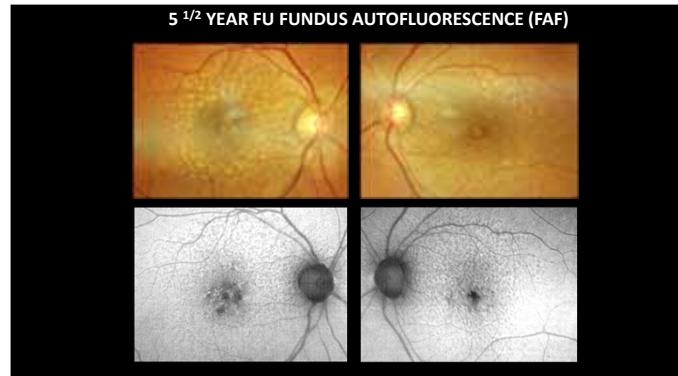
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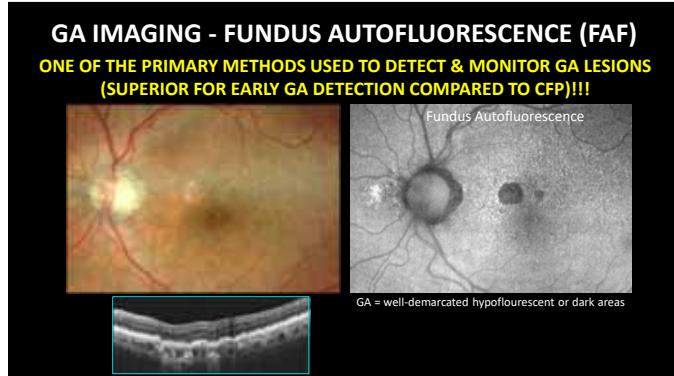
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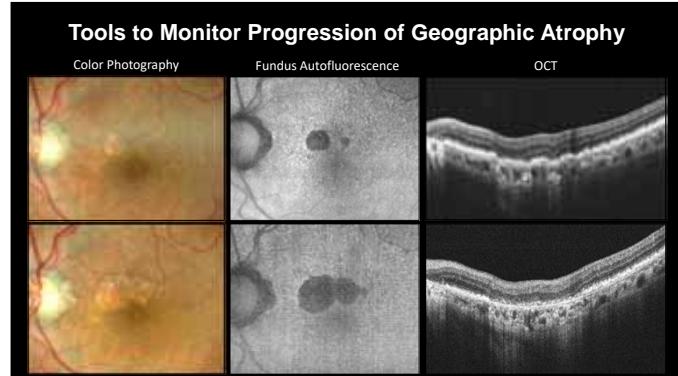
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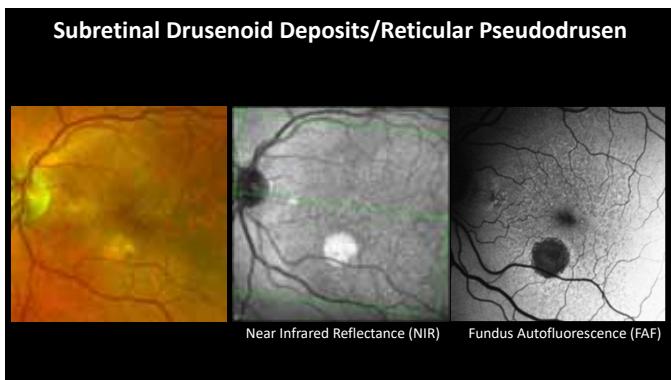
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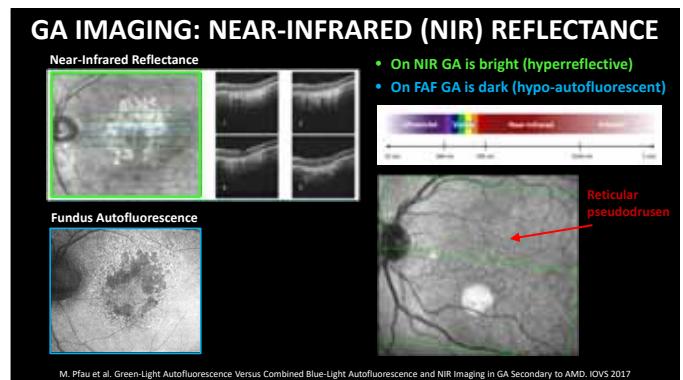
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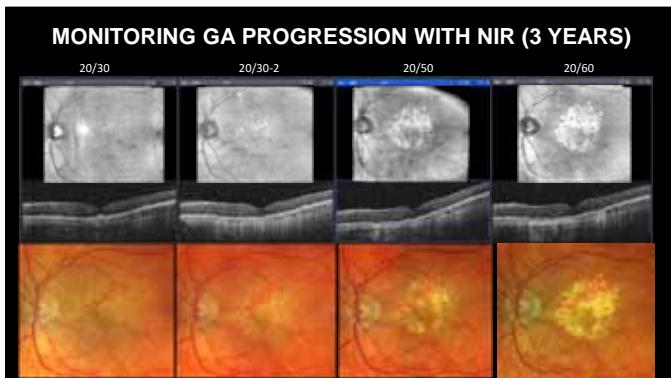
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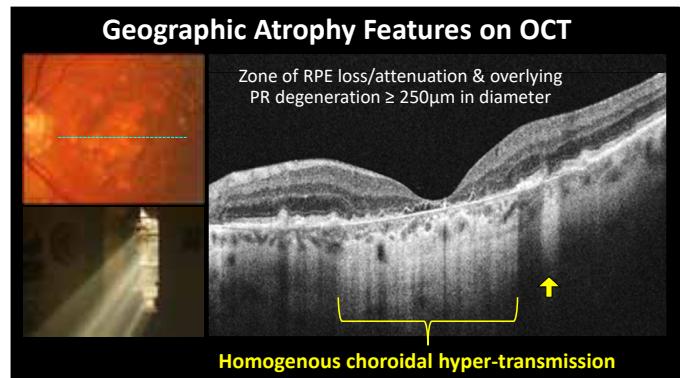
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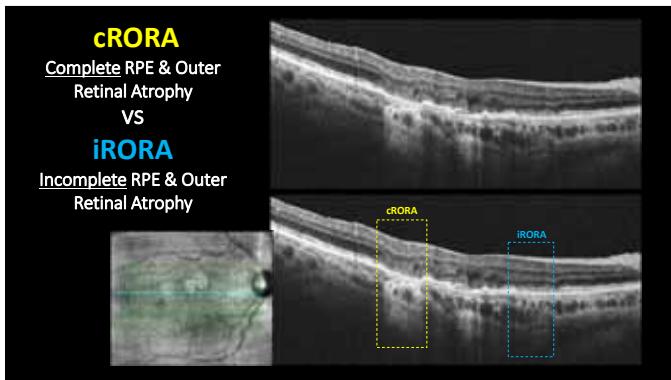
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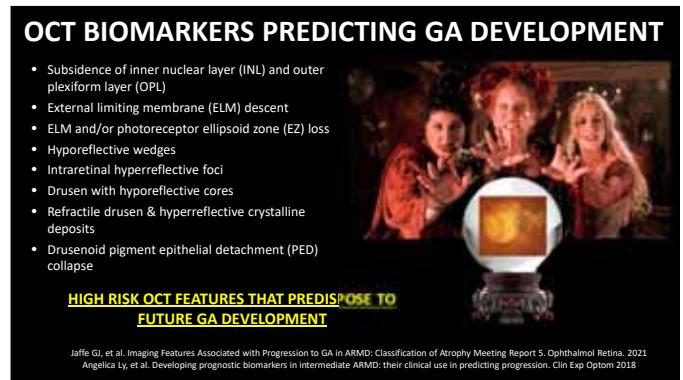
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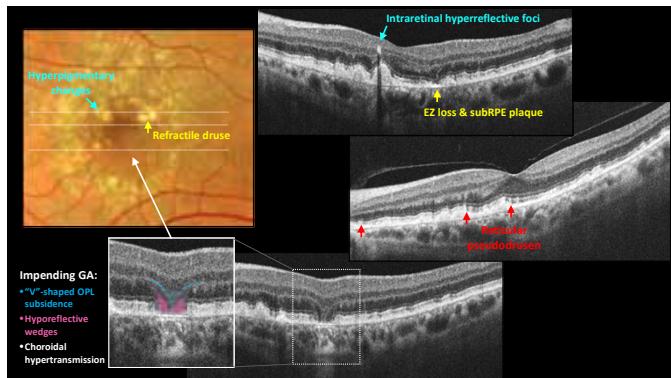
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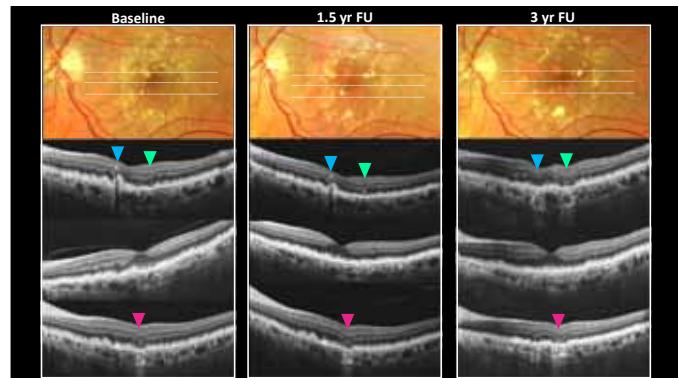
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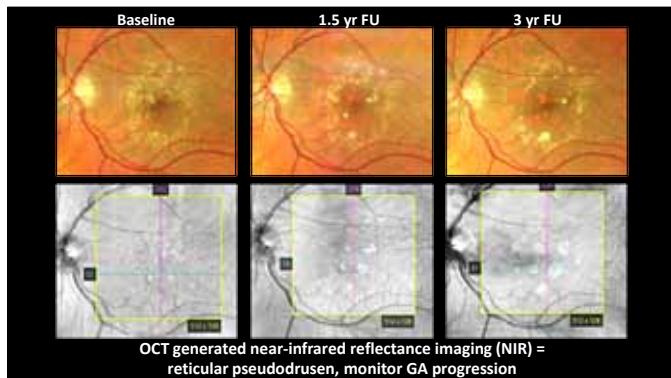
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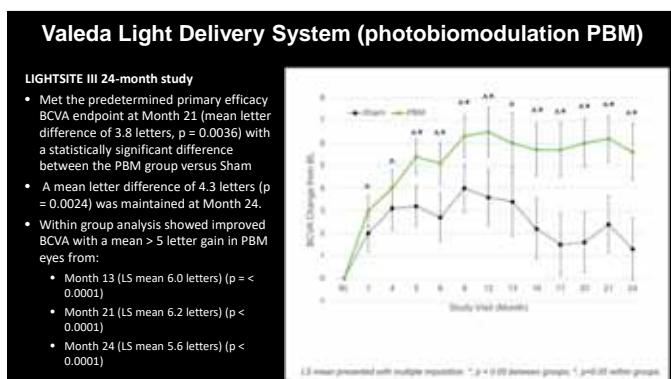
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Valeda Light Delivery System (photobiomodulation PBM)

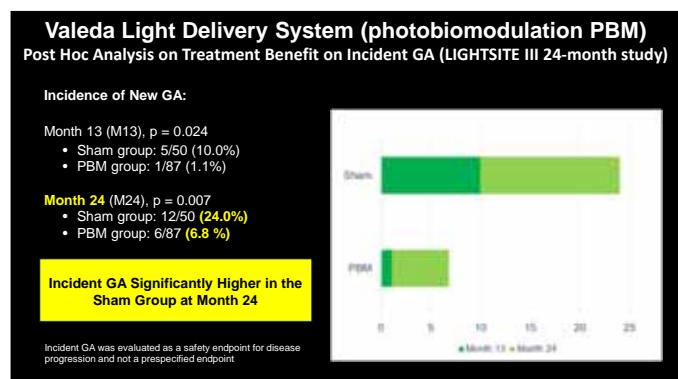
- First FDA approved therapy for Dry AMD using Photobiomodulation
 - Nov 4th 2024
- LIGHTSITE III 24-month study
- ~200 patients across multiple completed and enrolled trials
- 9 sessions over 3-5 weeks, repeated every 4 months for a total of 2 years



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Oral Antioxidant and Lutein/Zeaxanthin Supplements Slow Geographic Atrophy Progression to the Fovea in Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Turnis J.L., Kumar, R.M. B.C., Phu, U. Elsner-Agric, M.A., Putter A., Koen, M.E.,^{1,2} Amanda Cimbaluk, M.D., Ph.D.,³ Emily T. Chee, M.D.,⁴ for the Age-Related Eye Disease Study 2 Research Group⁵

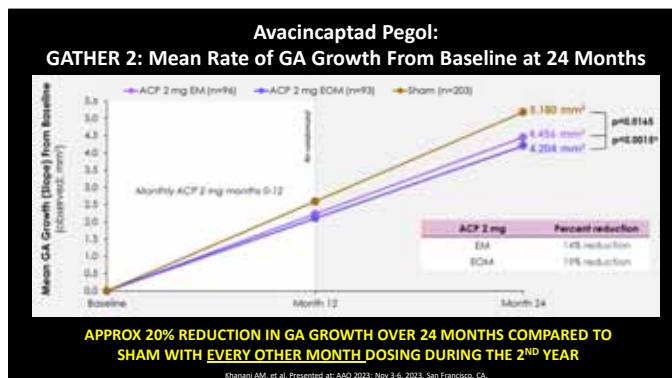
- Post hoc analysis of AREDS and AREDS 2 to determine the effects of supplementation on slowing GA progression
- Looked at change in proximity to central macula and change in GA area over time
- AREDS: In eyes with **non-central GA** antioxidants slowed GA progression towards the center of the fovea
- AREDS 2: In eyes with **non-central GA** lutein/zeaxanthin slowed GA progression towards the center of the fovea
- Supplementation did not significantly affect area-based progression

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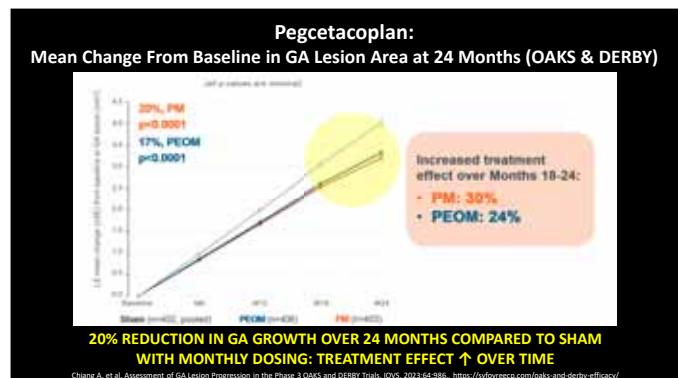
Newly Approved Complement Inhibition Therapy for GA

Avacincaptad Pegol	Pegcetacoplan
C5	C3
Approved Aug 2023	FDA Approval
GA secondary to AMD/2mg intravitreal injection monthly for up to 12 months	GA secondary to AMD/15mg intravitreal injection every 25-60 days (monthly or EOM)
Gather 1 & Gather 2	MOA/Target
Pts with CNV in fellow eye excluded	Clinical Trials
Inclusion criteria in all trials: - BCVA 20/320 or better, no neovascularization in study eye - Total GA area between 2.5 - 17.5 mm ² (1 - 7 disc areas) via FAF	Key differences in GA lesions with (~65%) and without subfoveal study design
Primary endpoint: Change in total GA lesion area on FAF	CNV in the fellow eye was not exclusionary

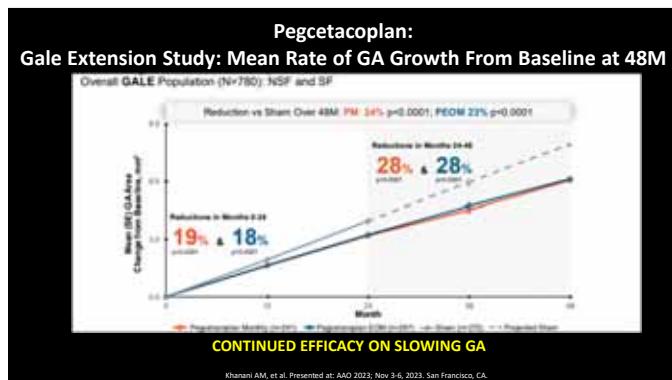
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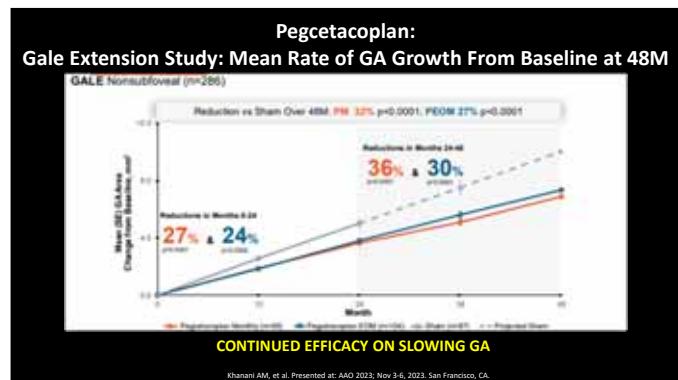
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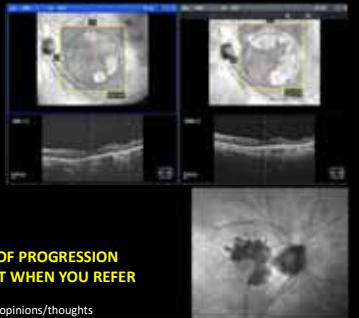
Which patients with GA should you refer?

Those most **likely** to benefit:

- **Extrafoveal GA** esp those demonstrating **progression** over time (or with surrounding FAF hyperautoFL) or those with **central involving GA** in the fellow eye
- Pts motivated to undergo intravitreal injection at least every other month
- Pts that have enough life left to live to experience a benefit from treatment

**IF YOU HAVE DOCUMENTATION OF PROGRESSION
SEND IT TO THE RETINAL SPECIALIST WHEN YOU REFER**

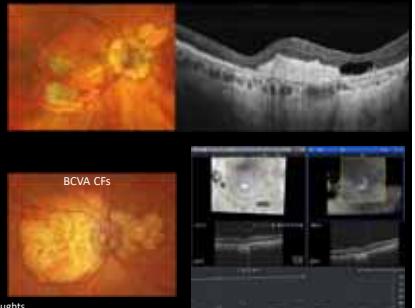
Disclaimer* These are my own personal opinions/thoughts



Which patients with GA should you **NOT** refer?

Those **unlikely** to benefit:

- Neovascular/exudative AMD or hx of anti-VEGF treatment in the affected eye? (fellow eye OK)
- Disciform macular scars
- Extensive central-involving GA with poor acuity
- Stable GA lesions (no surrounding FAF hyperautoFL)
- RPE atrophy from other cause (POHS, AOFVD, IRD, etc.)
- Presence of other confounding disease limiting BCVA (end stage glaucoma, etc.)

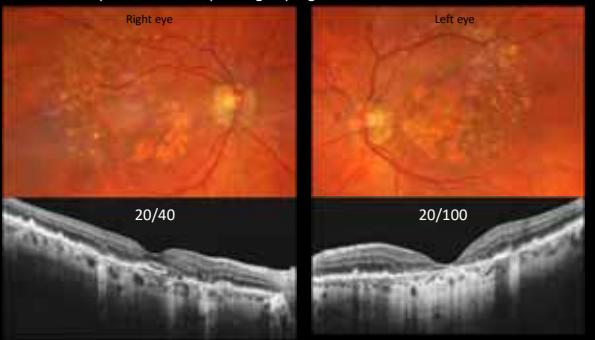


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Case: 81yo female – complaining of progressive decrease in vision OS > OD



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Enface OCT (sub-RPE Slab) OD: 1 yr apart



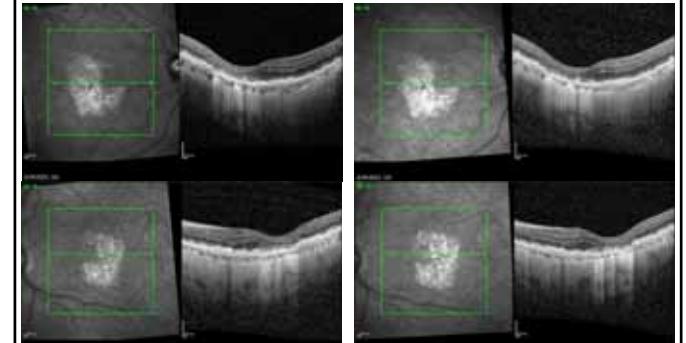
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PATIENT EDUCATION

- GA is progressive and irreversible
- Set realistic expectations: Treatment **slows progression**, does not halt GA enlargement
 - Vision will continue to get worse even with tx
- Administered via **INTRAVITREAL INJECTION** monthly or every other month
- **Chronic therapy**
- Importance of home self-screening for exudative conversion



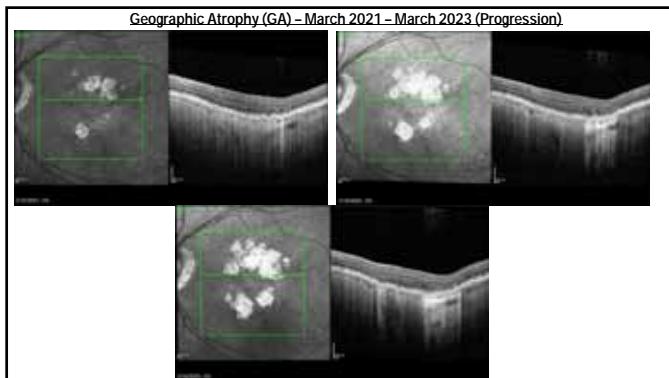
Geographic Atrophy (GA) – 14 Month imaging (Minimal to No Progression)



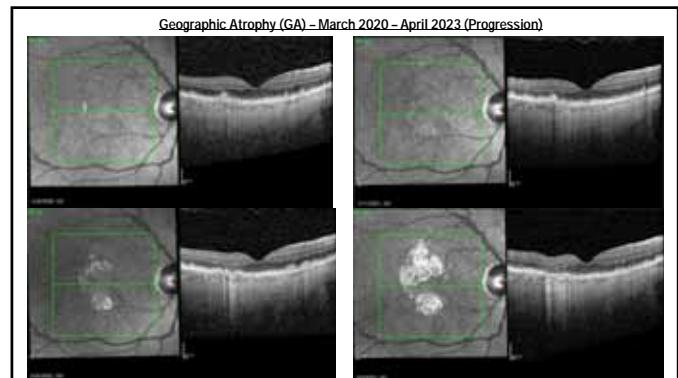
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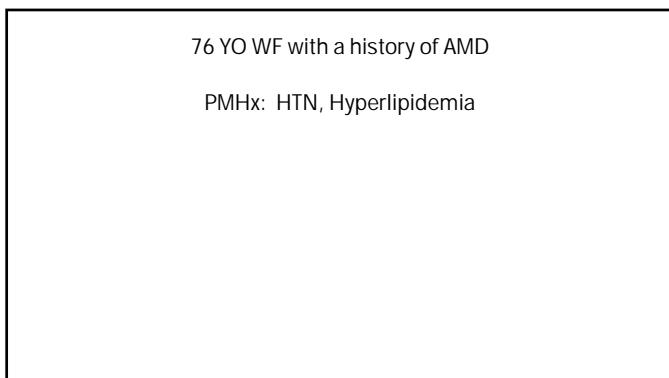
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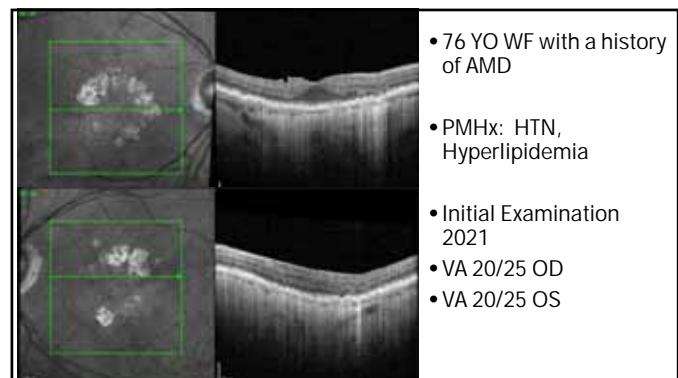
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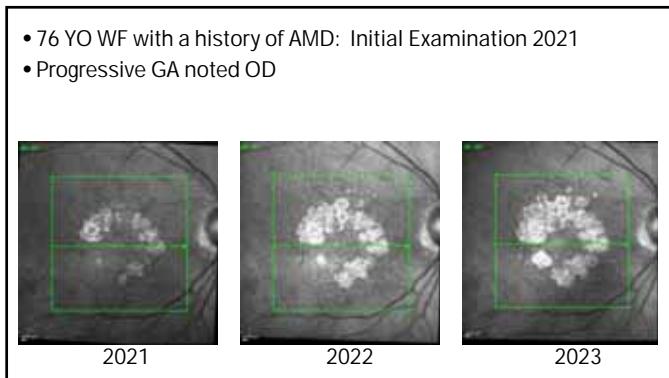
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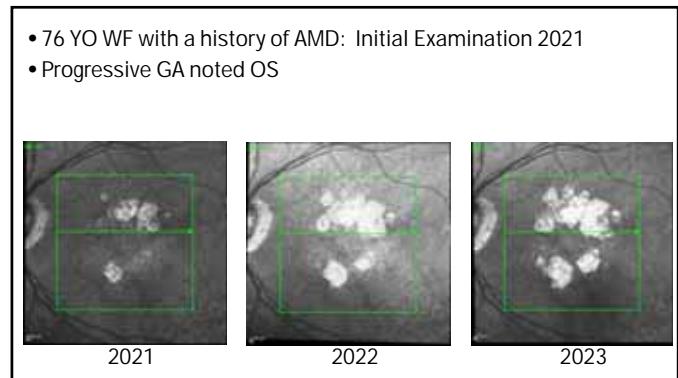
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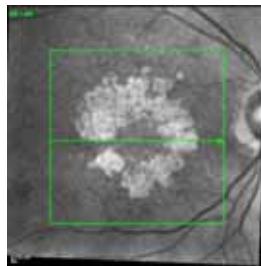
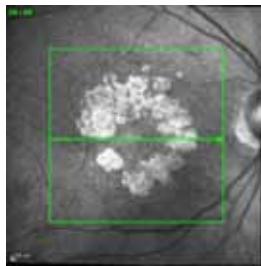


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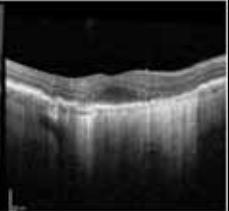
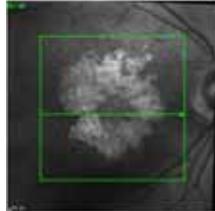
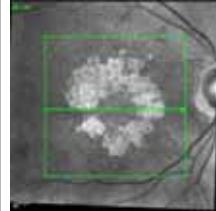
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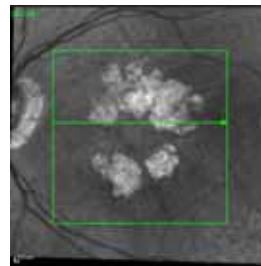
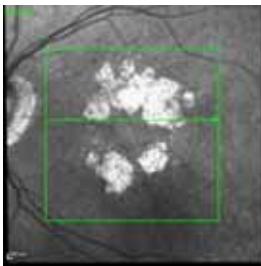
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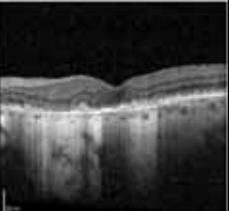
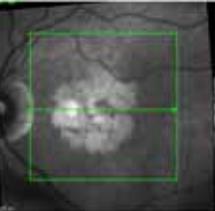
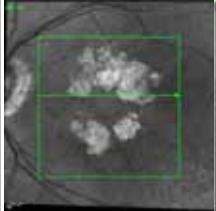
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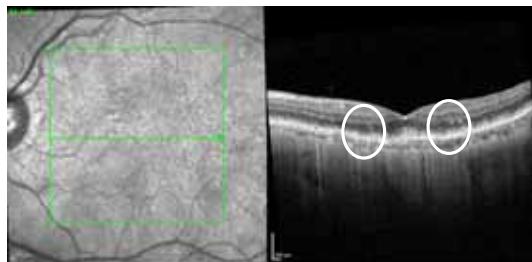
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79 YO WF with a history of AMD

PMHx: HTN, Hyperlipidemia, Breast Cancer

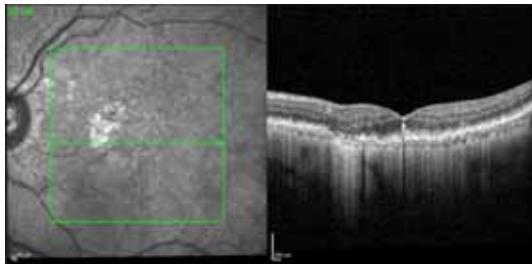
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- 79 YO WF with a history of AMD
- PMHx: HTN, Hyperlipidemia, Breast Cancer
- VA 20/30 OS - OCT reveals biomarkers for GA - 2020



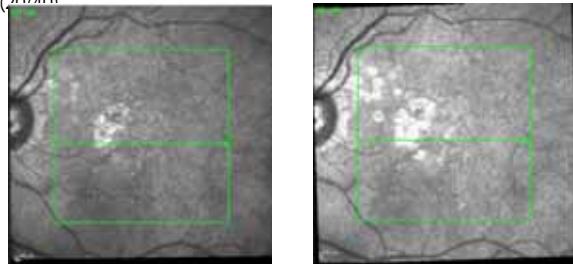
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- 79 YO WF with a history of AMD
- OCT in 2022 reveals parafoveal GA lesion with associated symptoms in dark illumination and missing letters with reading



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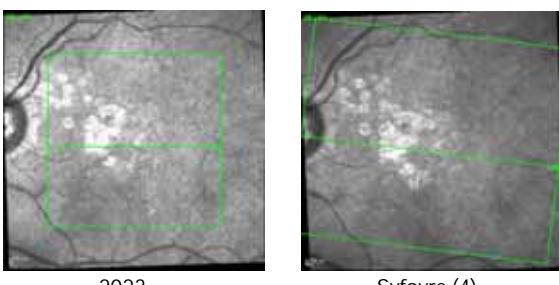
- 79 YO WF with a history of AMD
- OCT 2023 confirms progression of GA lesion with associated symptoms (20/40)



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- 79 YO WF with a history of AMD
- Treated with Syfovre (4) – Vision 2040

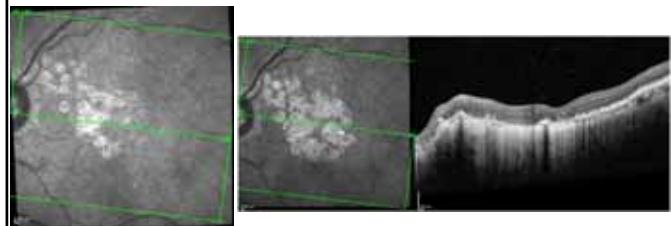


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Syfovre (4)

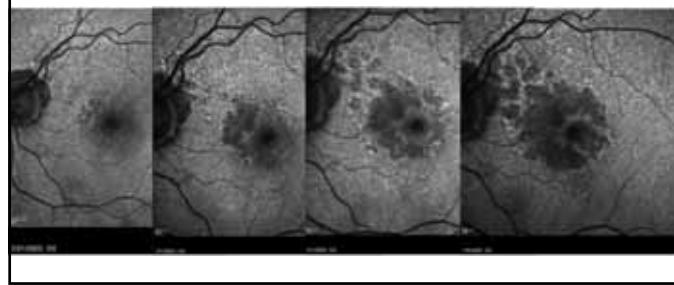
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- 79 YO WF with a history of AMD
- Treated with Syfovre (13) Vision 20/80



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- 79 YO WF with a history of AMD
- Progression of GA noted on FAF 2022, 2023 (IVS), 2024 (7), 2025 (Total - 13)
- Vision 20/40 – 20/80



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Potential Complications of Syfovre

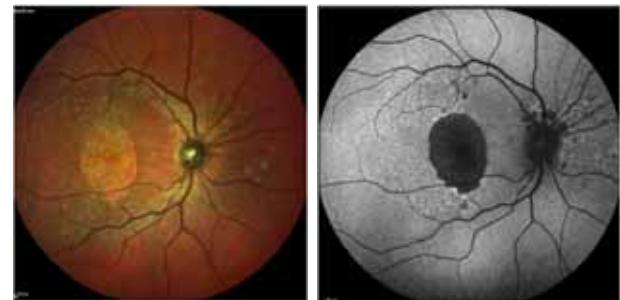
Conversion to Neovascular AMD
Secondary Intraocular Inflammation (IOI)

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- 65 YO WF with a history of AMD presents for second opinion on AMD
- Vision loss OD for 3 years and gradual decline OS over 12M with increased trouble in lower light settings
- PMHx: Hyperlipidemia, OSA (non compliant with CPAP therapy)
- Vision 20/150 OD - drusen with central GA
- Vision 20/30- OS with intermediate drusen
- Diagnosis:
 - Advanced AMD OD with subfoveal involvement
 - Intermediate Dry AMD OS

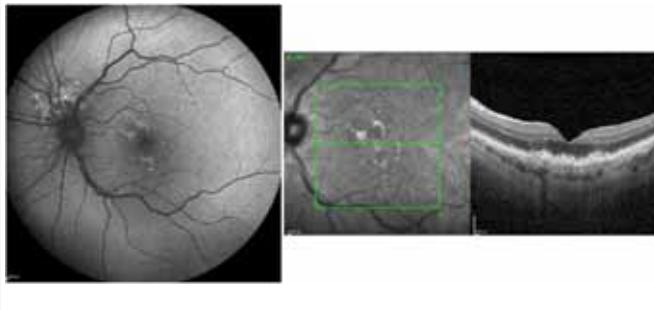
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- 65 YO WF with a history of AMD – Initial Imaging in 2019 OD



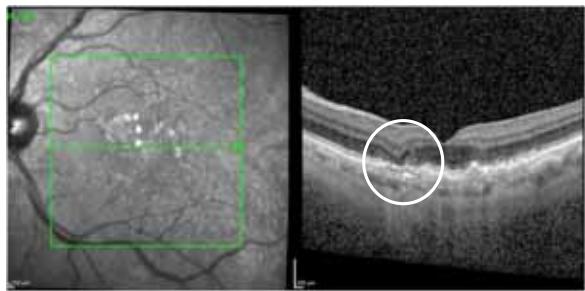
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- 65 YO WF with a history of AMD – Initial Imaging in 2019 OS



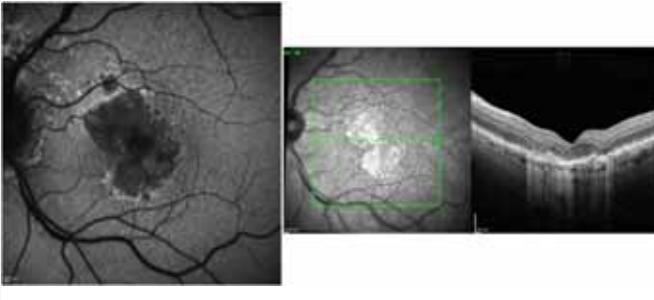
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- 67 YO WF with AMD – Imaging in 2021 OS BIOMARKERS for GA



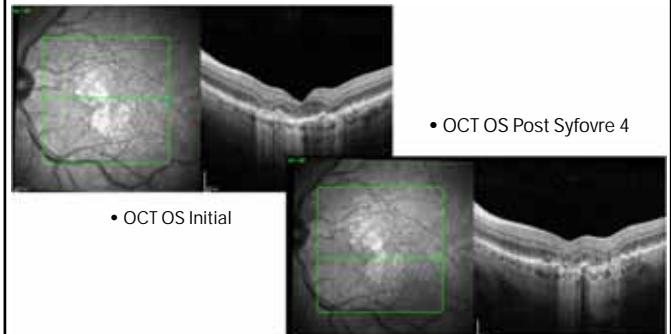
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- 69 YO WF with AMD – Imaging in 2023 OS GA present
- SYFOVRE now approved for the treatment of GA secondary to AMD



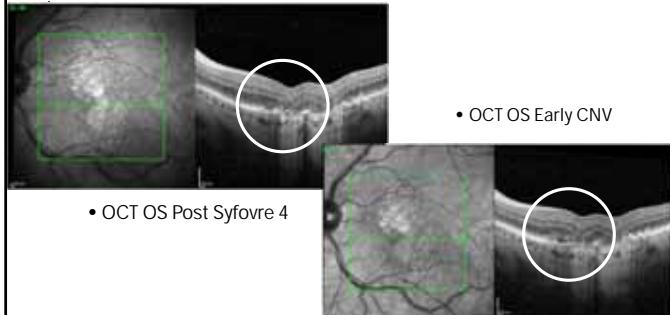
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- 70 YO WF with AMD – Imaging in 2024 OS post IVS 4



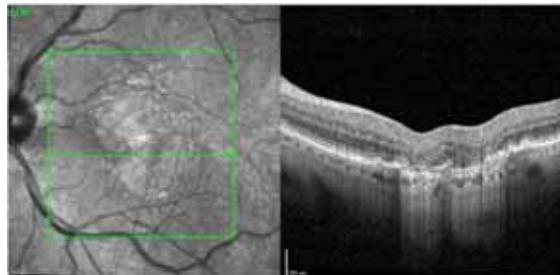
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- 70 YO WF with AMD - She returns for Syfovre 5
- Imaging confirms early conversion to neovascular AMD OS - Vabysmo



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- 70 YO WF with AMD – Imaging 2024 post Syfovre / Vabysmo
- History of Syfovre 7 and Vabysmo 2 to date – Treated with both compounds



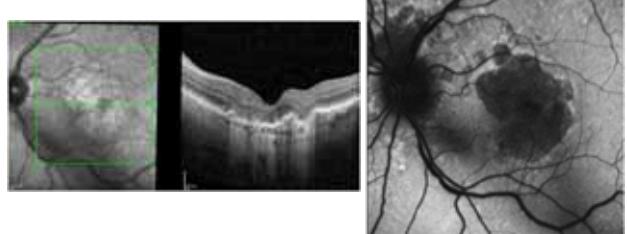
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- 70 YO WF with AMD – Imaging 2024 post Syfovre / Vabysmo
- Patient returns with significant increased floaters with blurred vision 20/100



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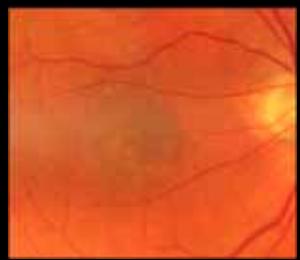
- 71 WF with AMD - Developed Intermediate Uveitis post combined Syfovere/Vabysmo
- Despite aggressive topical Durezol the vitreous haze remained and she ultimately required Vitrectomy surgery (this was her better eye)
- 1 year post Vitrectomy and observation her vision remains stable at 20/30-2
- FAF confirms GA lesion borders show minimal activity – continued observation is plan for now



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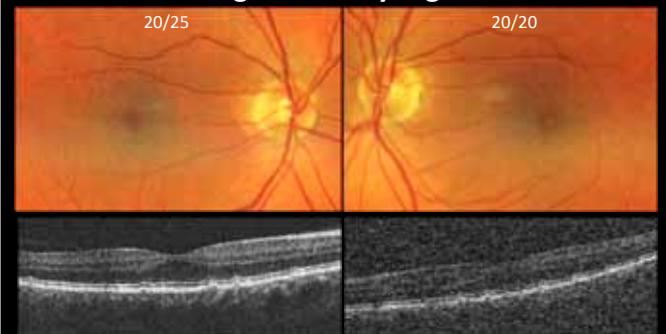
CASE

- 69yo male
- CC: No visual complaints (DM exam)
- Oc Hx:
 - Cataracts OU
- Med Hx:
 - HTN, Type 2 DM, chol
- Vision: BCVA's @dist
 - **OD 20/40 PHNI (was 20/25 last year)**
 - OS 20/20

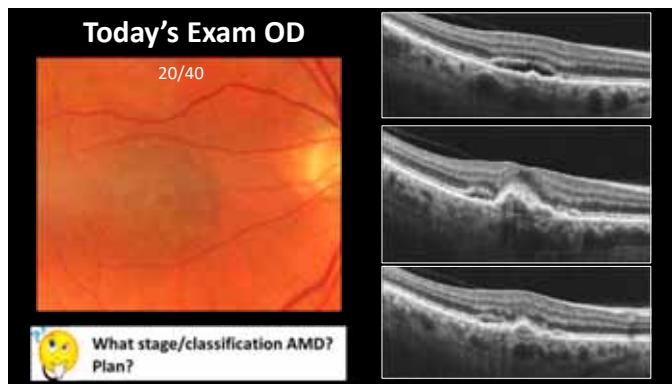


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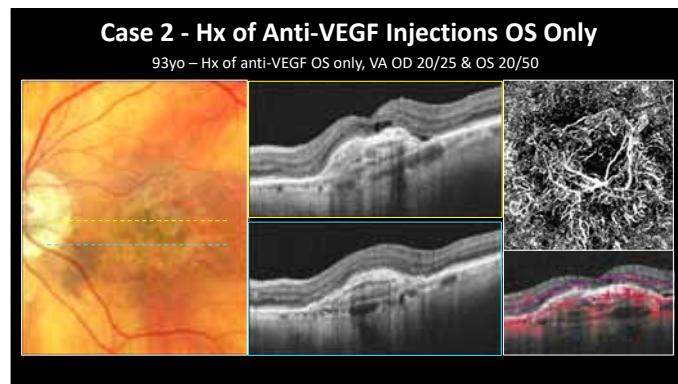
Images from 1 yr ago....



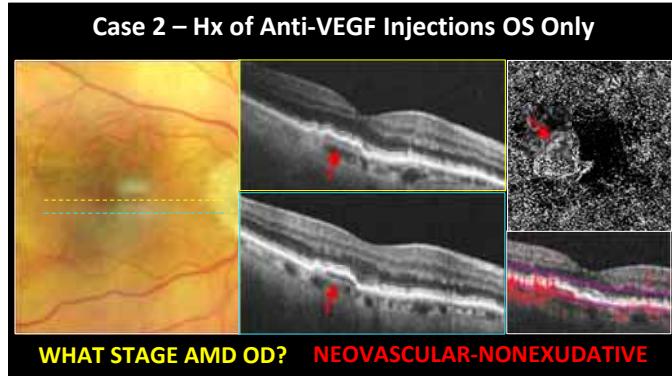
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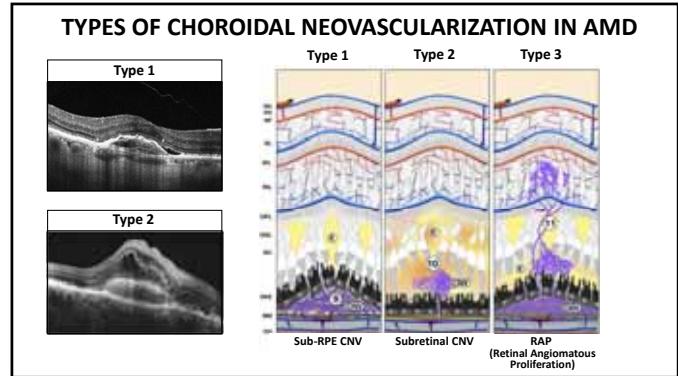
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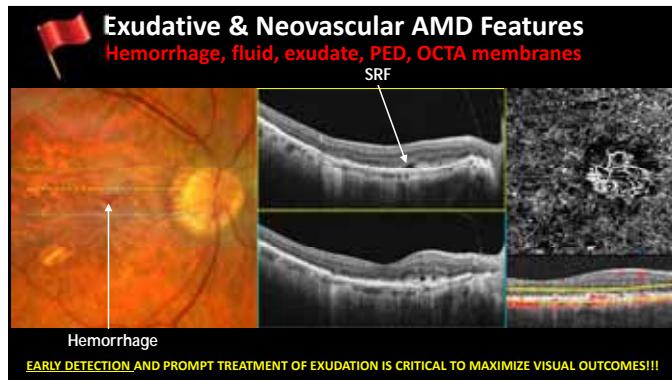
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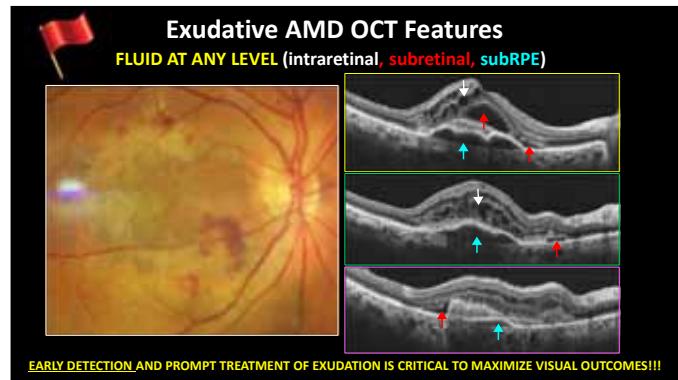
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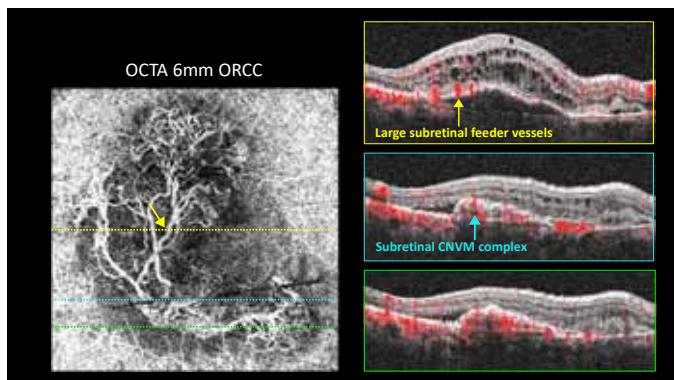
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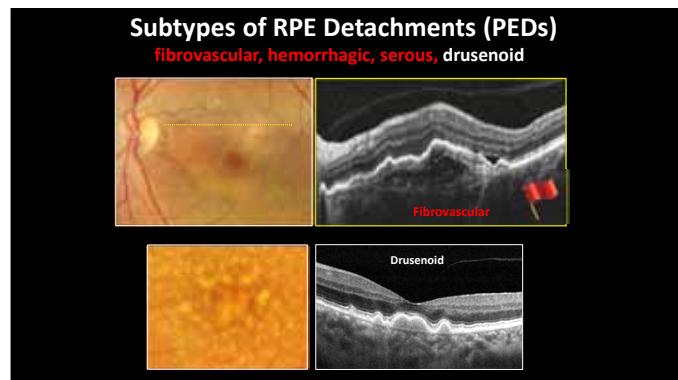
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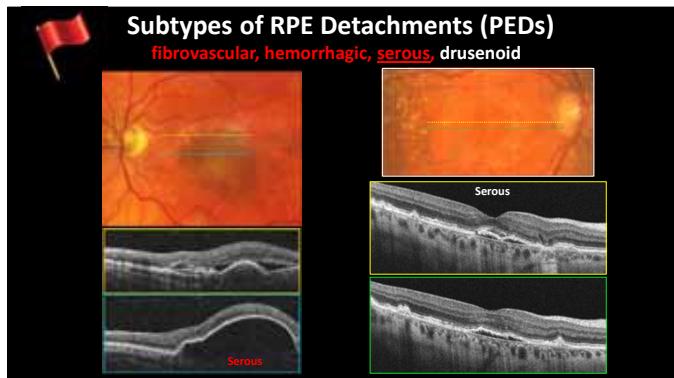
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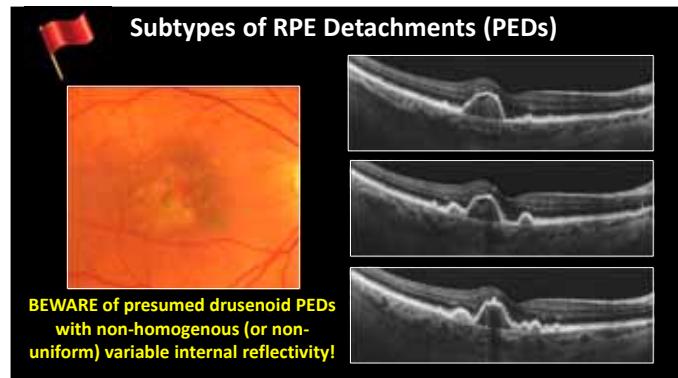
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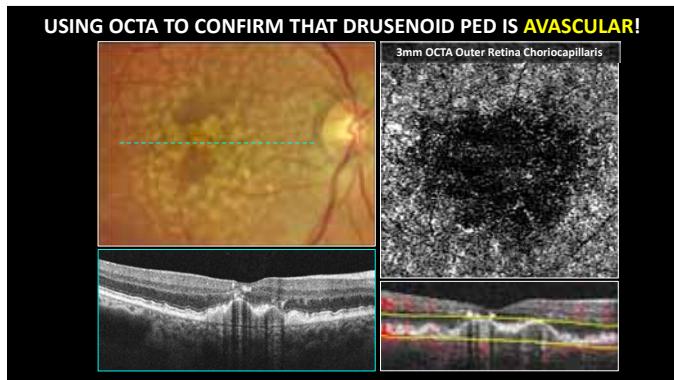
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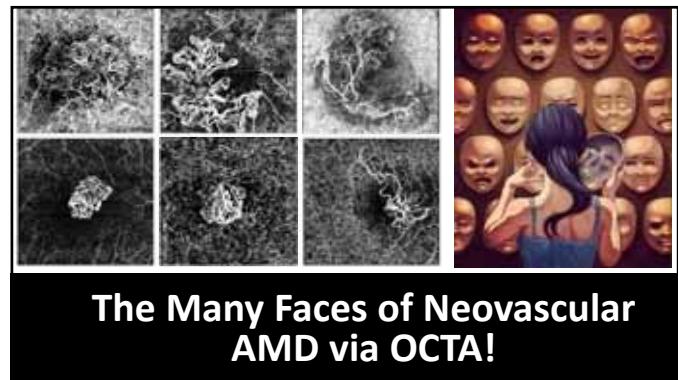
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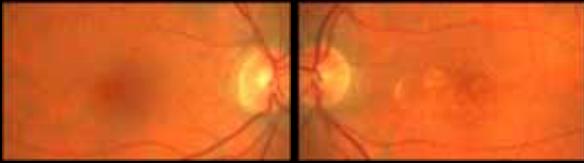
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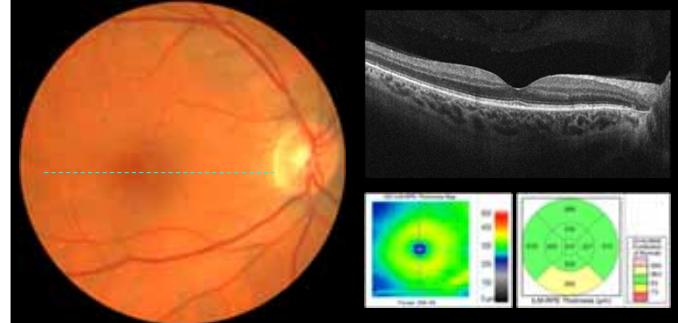
DON'T WAKE THE SLEEPING DRAGON

- CC: **Routine exam**, no visual complaints
- Oc Hx:
 - Dry AMD x 5 years OU**, taking AREDS 2
 - Cataract NS 1+ OU
- Med Hx:
 - HTN, Type 2 DM
 - Never smoker
- Vision: BCVAs @dist
 - OD 20/20
 - OS 20/40+1**



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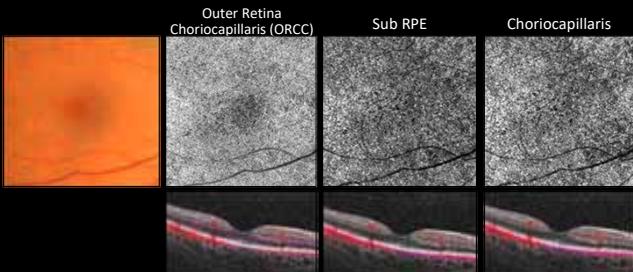
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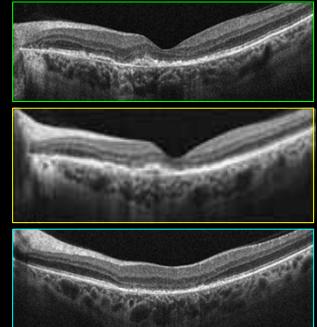
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OCT Angiography 6mm Macula OD



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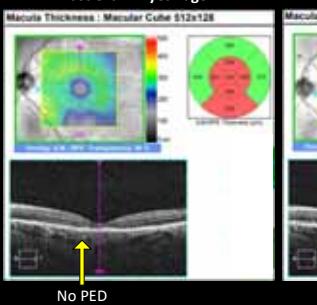
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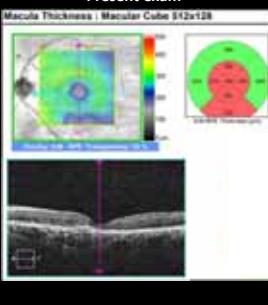
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Last exam 1 year ago



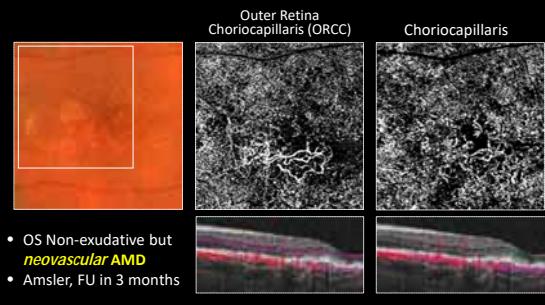
Present exam



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OCT Angiography 3mm Macula OS



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AMD HOME MONITORING SYSTEMS

ForeseeHOME

AMD Monitoring System

DOES RESEARCH SUPPORT ITS USE?

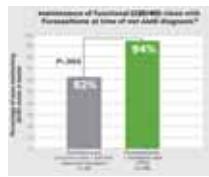
AREDS 2 HOME Study

- Foresee Home identified 64% of converters
 - **Functional vision ($\geq 20/40$) at conversion was maintained in 94% of patients using Foresee Home vs 62% without**

ALOFT Study (Analysis of the Long-term visual Outcomes of ForeseeHome Remote Telemonitoring)

- Large retrospective review of clinical data from 2010 to 2020 (3,334 eyes)
- 52% of conversions detected by system alert
- Median acuity measures of converters at:
 - Baseline 20/30
 - Initial conversion 20/39
 - **Final follow-up 20/32**
- 82% of eyes that converted had functional vision ($\geq 20/40$) at final follow up

Chew EY, et al. Randomized Trial of the ForeseeHome Device for Early Detection of nAMD. Home Study Report Number 1. Contemp Clin Trials 2014.
Ho AC, et al. Real-World Performance of a Self-Operated Home Monitoring System for Early Detection of nAMD. J Clin Med 2021.
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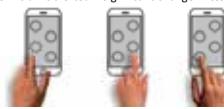


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AMD MOBILE MONITORING SYSTEMS

myVisionTrack (mVT®) app

- Smartphone and tablet-based app
- Based on shape discrimination hyperacuity testing
- Monitors progression of DME and AMD
- Prescription required
- Clinician is alerted if significant change in test results



Alleye app

- 2 different app versions:
 1. AlleyeOne: for those at increased risk of retinal disease
 2. Alleye: for those with existing retinal disease (AMD & DME)
- Assesses vernier acuity using an alignment task
- In studies, 52-66% of pts who came to the clinic bc of a + test result received an intravitreal injection
- Register as a provider online (<https://alleye.io/provider>)



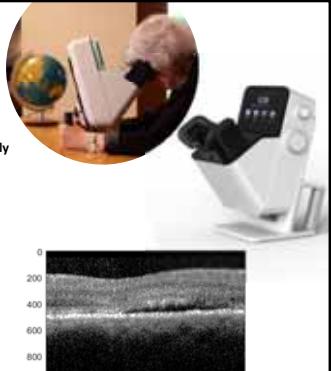
MaculaTester app

- Electronic version of the Amsler grid
- Record areas of distortion by touching screen
- Does NOT automatically detect progression or communicate with doctor
- Can set up reminder notifications

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AMD HOME MONITORING SYSTEMS

Home OCT

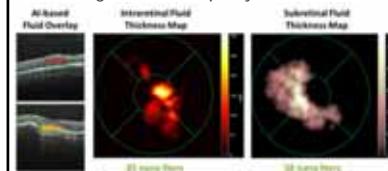


- Monitoring of intra- and subretinal fluid based on daily patient self-imaging
 - Easy-to-use, patient-operated device
 - AI algorithm analyzes images on cloud
 - Remote diagnostic clinic, provider of monitoring program, reports changes meeting physician-selected fluid volume thresholds to referring physician
 - 24/7 physician access to all data
 - **Personalize injection schedule**

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Home OCT for monitoring chronic therapy of neovascular AMD between office visits

- 3mm x 3mm (10 x 10 degree) field of view
- 88 B-scans with 34 μ m spacing
- Scanning takes < 1 min per eye



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Anti-VEGF

Medications

- 1st generation
 - Bevacizumab (off label)
 - Lucentis® (ranibizumab) 0.5 or 0.3mg (0.05 mL): nAMD, mCNV, RVO, DR, DME
 - Eylea® (afiblertcept) 2 mg (0.05 mL) : nAMD, RVO, DME, DR
- 2nd generation (extended duration)
 - **Vabysmo® (faricimab-svoa) 6 mg (0.05 mL of 120 mg/mL solution): nAMD, DME, RVO**
 - **Eylea HD® (afiblertcept) 8mg (0.07mL) : nAMD, DME, DR**
 - Beovu® (brolucizumab) 6 mg (0.05 mL of 120 mg/mL solution): nAMD, DME
- **Biosimilars**
 - Byooviz® (ranibizumab-nuna) 0.5 mg (0.05 mL): nAMD, RVO, mCNV
 - Cimelli® (ranibizumab- egrn) 0.5 mg(0.05 mL) for nAMD, RVO, mCNV or 0.3 mg(0.05 mL) (biosimilar for DR/DME)

Anti-VEGF Biosimilars

Per the FDA:

- "A biosimilar is a biological product that is approved based on data showing that it is highly similar to a biological product already approved by the FDA (reference product) and has no clinically meaningful differences in terms of safety, purity and potency (i.e., safety and effectiveness) from the reference product, in addition to meeting other criteria specified by law."

Currently, 2 FDA approved Ranibizumab Biosimilars

- Byooviz (Samsung) approved Sept 2021
- Cimelli (Coherus) approved Oct 2022

ANTI-VEGF BISIMILARS APPROVED IN US (as of 10/2022)	
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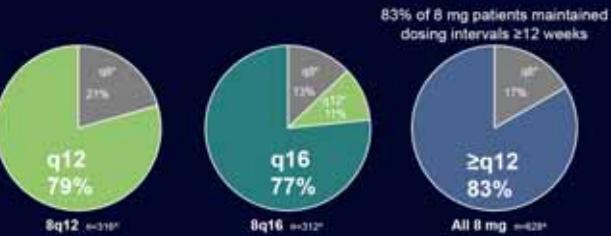
Extended Duration Anti-VEGF Therapies

High Dose Aflibercept (8mg Eylea)

- FDA approved in Aug 2023 for nAMD, DME, & DR
- 8mg high dose vs 2mg standard dose
- Phase III PULSAR (nAMD) & PHOTON (DME) clinical trials**
 - Demonstrated non-inferior and clinically equivalent vision gains at 48 wks with 8 mg at 12 and 16 week dosing after 3 initial doses compared to 2mg Eylea every 8 weeks after initial dosing
 - Recommended dose 1 injection every 4 weeks for first 3 mos for all indications, then every 8-16 weeks (2-4 mos) for AMD and DME and every 8-12 weeks (2-3 mos) for DR
 - No new safety signals

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Proportion of Patients Maintaining q12- and q16-Week Intervals Through Week 48

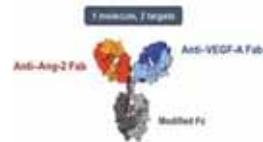


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Extended Duration Anti-VEGF Therapies

Faricimab (Vabysmo)

- FDA approved in Jan 2022 for nAMD & DME, Oct 2023 for RVO
- Dual MOA (bi-phasic antibody) inhibits VEGF-A & Angiopoietin-2 (Ang-2)
- Phase III DME clinical trials **TENAYA & LUCERNE**
 - Dosing monthly x4 months then flexible dosing based on pt need
 - At week 48, “80% of the patients in the faricimab arm had achieved a 12- or 16-week treatment interval and 45% achieved a 16-week interval**



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Port Delivery System (Susvimo)

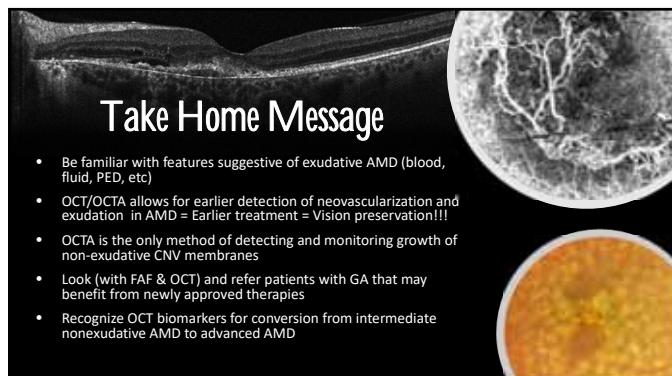
- Port delivery system of ranibizumab
- FDA approved 10/2021 for treatment of neovascular AMD
- Permanent refillable reservoir that passively diffuses ranibizumab into vitreous cavity



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Take Home Message

- Be familiar with features suggestive of exudative AMD (blood, fluid, PED, etc)
- OCT/OCTA allows for earlier detection of neovascularization and exudation in AMD = Earlier treatment = Vision preservation!!!
- OCTA is the only method of detecting and monitoring growth of non-exudative CNV membranes
- Look (with FAF & OCT) and refer patients with GA that may benefit from newly approved therapies
- Recognize OCT biomarkers for conversion from intermediate nonexudative AMD to advanced AMD



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Thank You!

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