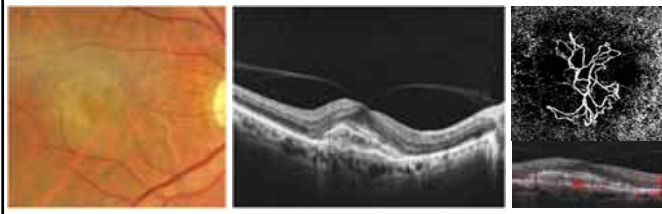


AMD: A Relative Manageable Disease



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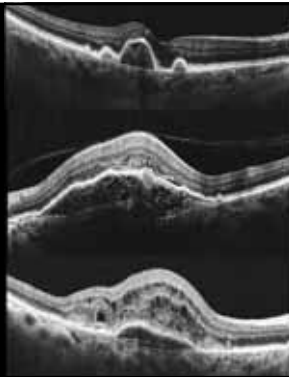
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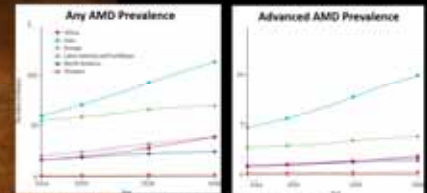
- Intro to AMD
- AMD staging/classification
- Retinal multimodal imaging technologies
- Utility of multimodal imaging in AMD
 - Nonexudative
 - Drusen subtypes
 - GA
 - High risk biomarkers for progression to advanced AMD
 - Neovascular & exudative AMD
- Home monitoring strategies to detect early conversion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



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AGE RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION

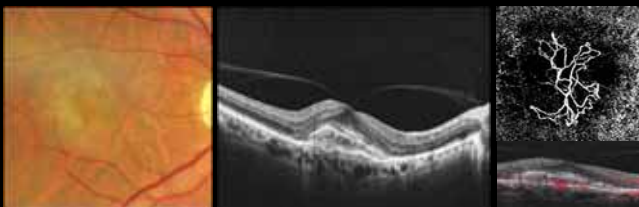
- Leading cause of blindness in the developed world in persons >50yo
 - Characterized by drusen, RPE abnormalities, geographic atrophy (GA), choroidal neovascularization (CNV)
- Prevalence of AMD is expected to ↑ to 22 million by the year 2050
 - # of cases of advanced AMD is expected to ↑ from 1.7 million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



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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**

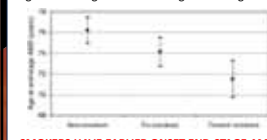


EARLY DETECTION AND PROMPT TREATMENT OF EXUDATIVE AMD IS CRITICAL TO MAXIMIZE VISUAL OUTCOMES!!!

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RISK FACTORS FOR AMD

Age of end-stage AMD according to smoking status

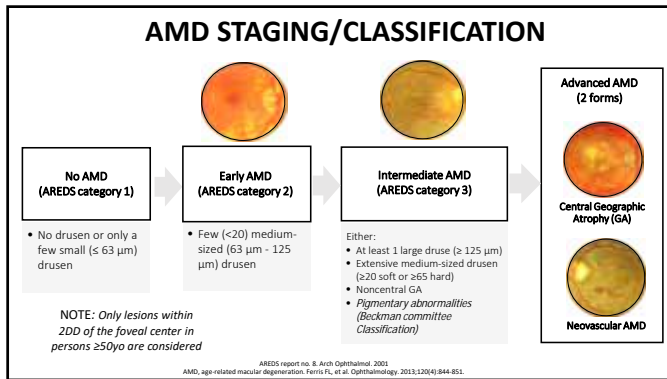


SMOKERS HAVE EARLIER ONSET END-STAGE AMD

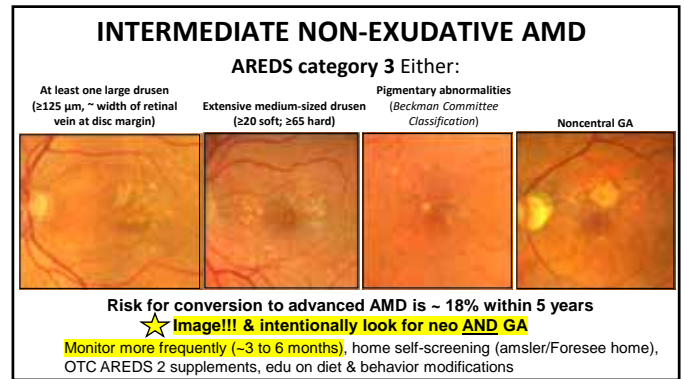
- Older age
- Caucasian
- Genotype/family HX of AMD
 - ARMS2/HTRA1
 - CFH
- **Smoking**
 - Most sig modifiable risk factor for AMD (odds ratios = 2.35-3.12 current vs never)
- HTN & Heart Disease
- High BMI/Obesity - (mild assoc)
- Hypercholesterolemia (high dietary cholesterol intake esp saturated fats 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. Accessed 10/1/2020. <https://www.aao.org/eye-base/glossary/age-related-macular-degeneration-preferred-practice-pattern-2019>. Hughes AE, et al. AMD risk based on CFH, LOC36731/HTRA1, and smoking. PLoS Med. 2007

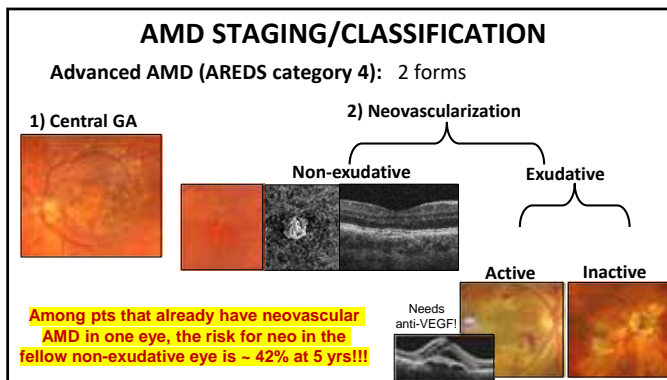
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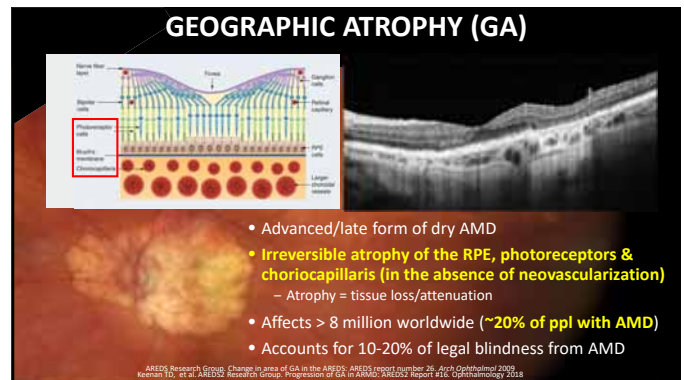
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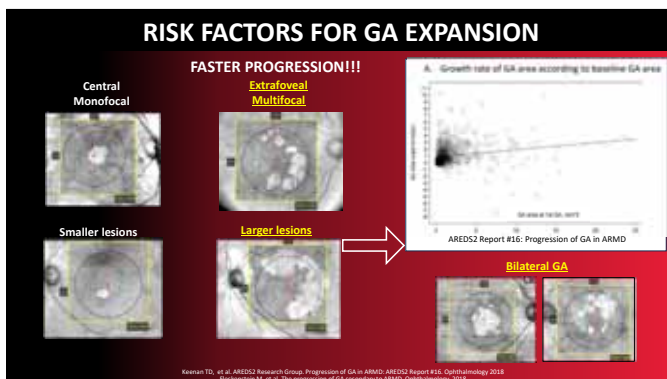
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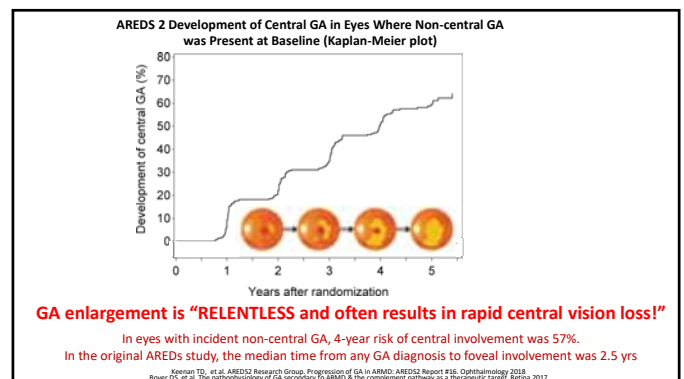
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UTILITY OF IMAGING IN AMD

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

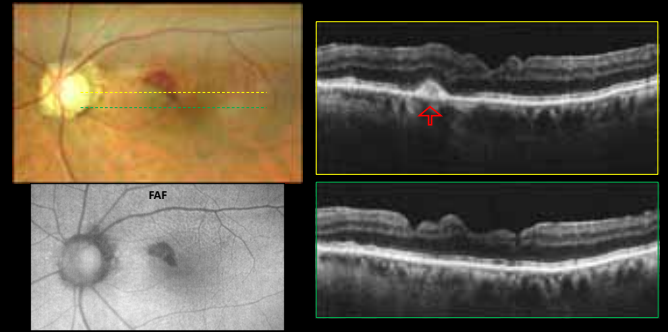
- Detecting and morphologically characterizing CNVMs
- Detecting/monitoring nonexudative CNVMs
- Determining whether PED is vascularized

FAF

- Detection of early GA
- Monitoring GA area
- Predicting GA expansion
- Visualization of reticular pseudodrusen/subretinal drusenoid deposits (SDDs)

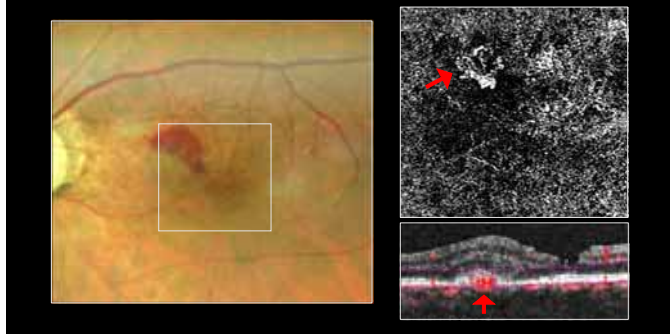
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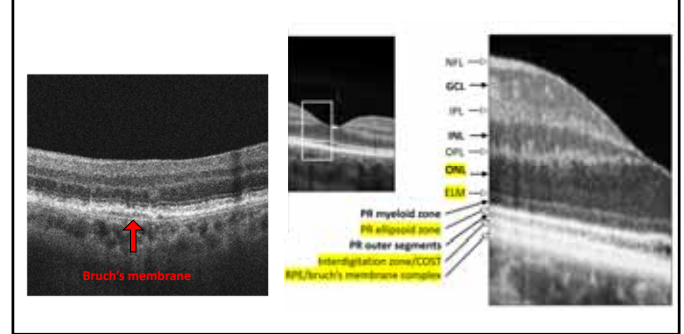
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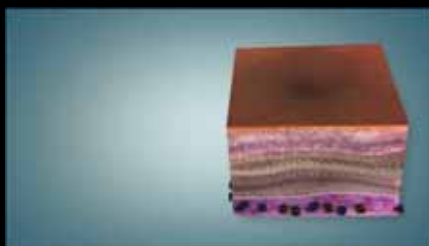
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OCT RETINAL ANATOMY



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En-Face ANALYSIS

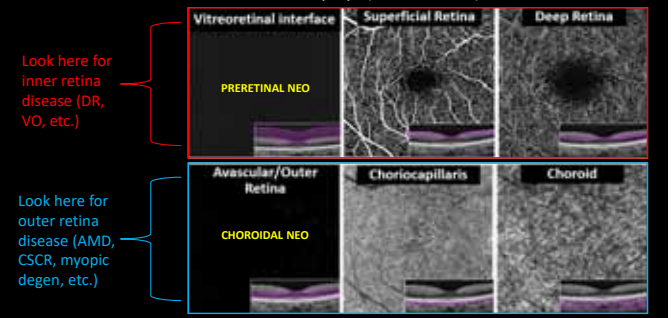


An en face image represents a slab of several retinal layers compressed into a 2D plane

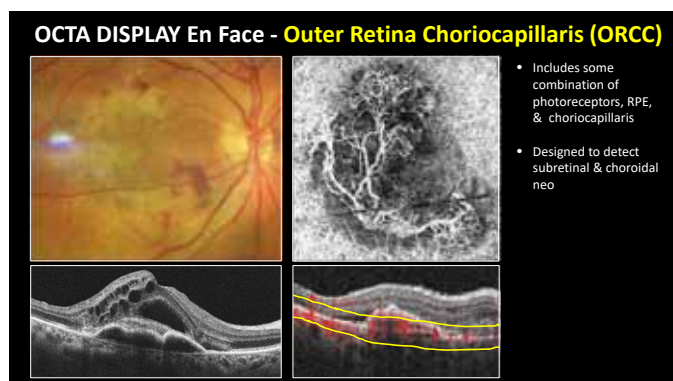
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OCTA En Face Display

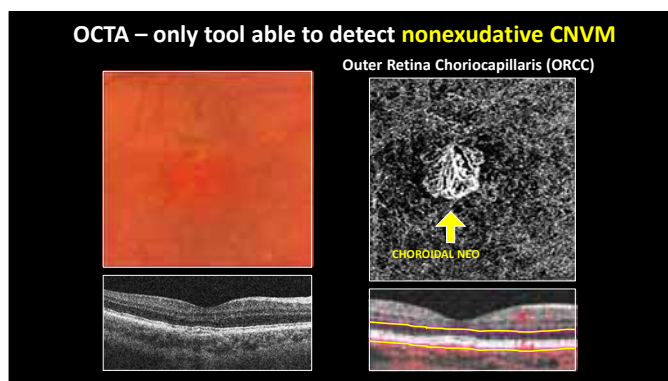
Preset Enface Displays (3mm macula)



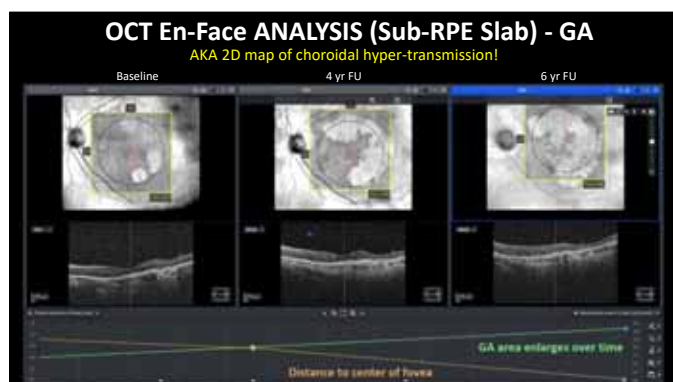
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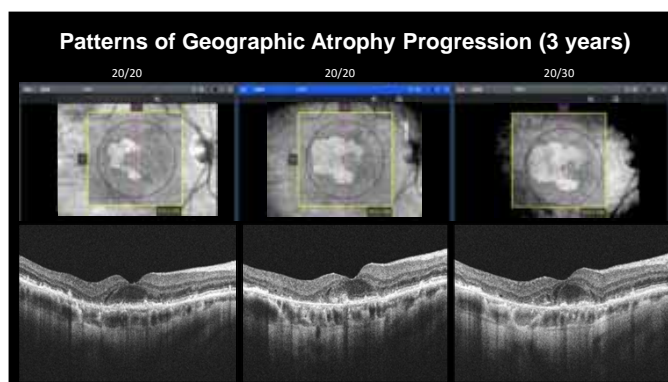
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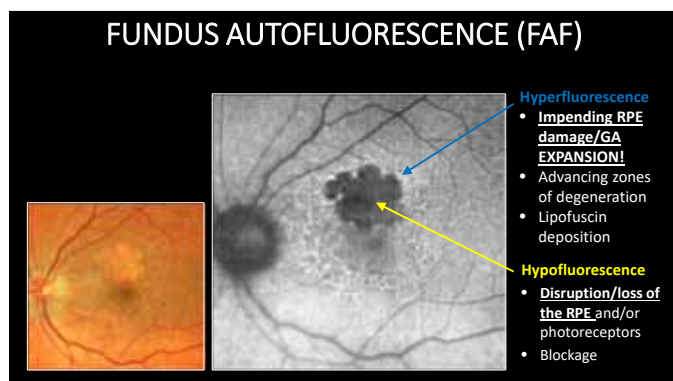
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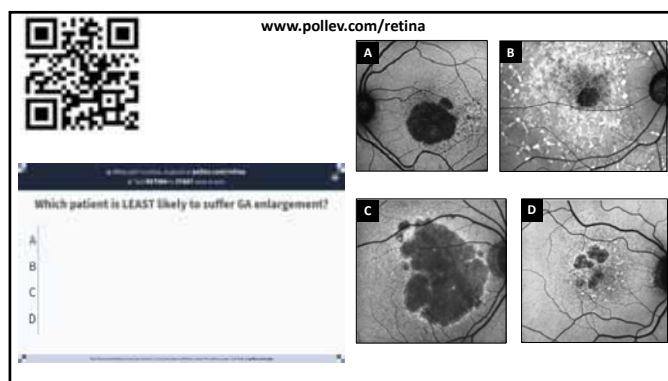
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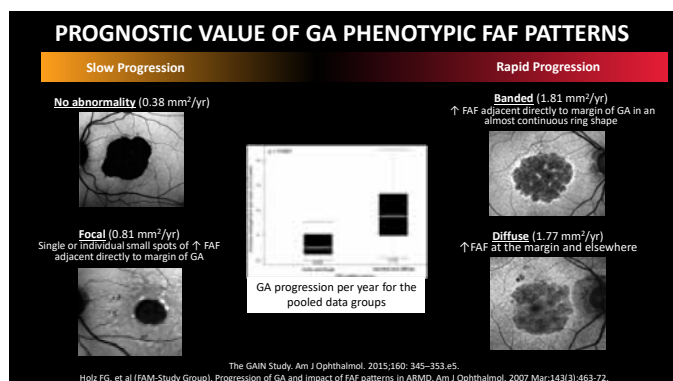
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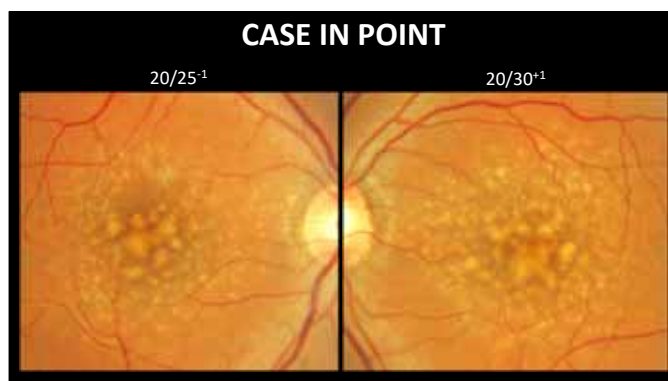
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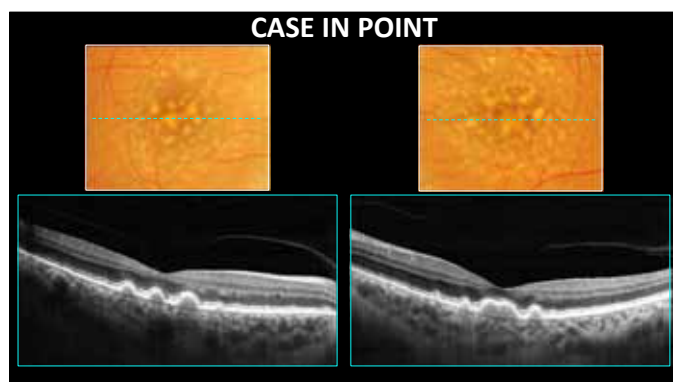
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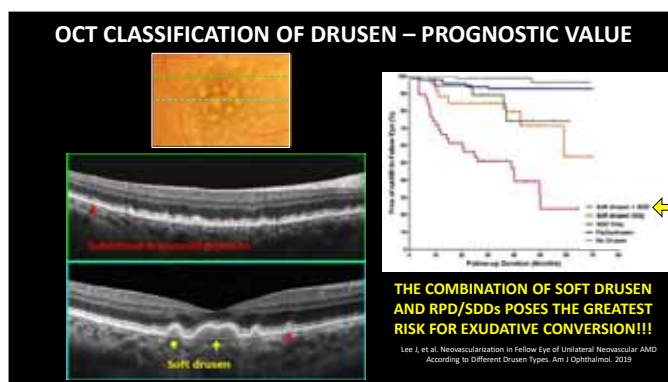
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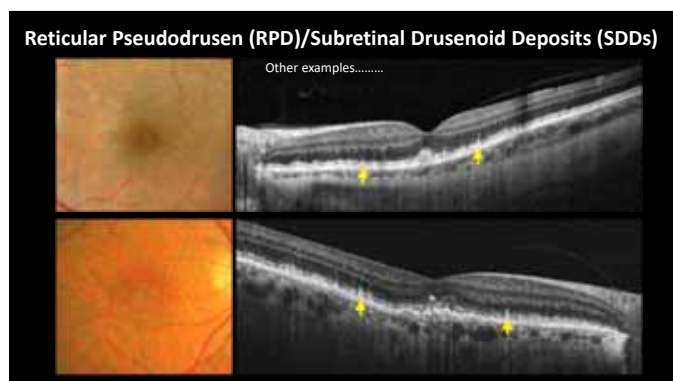
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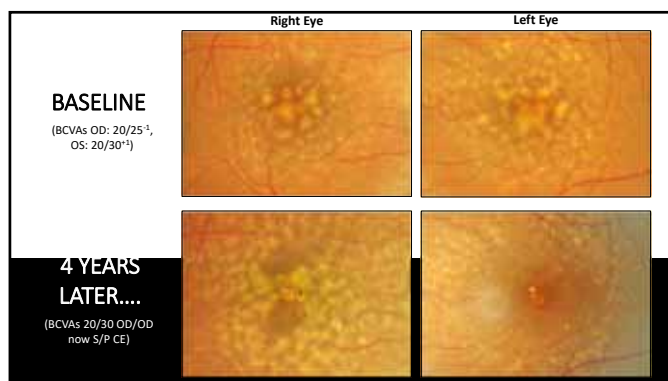
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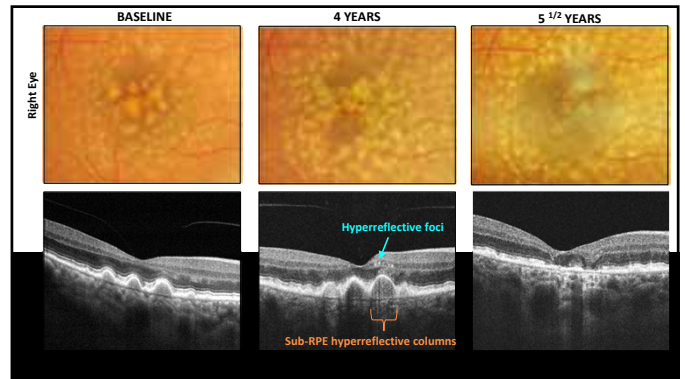
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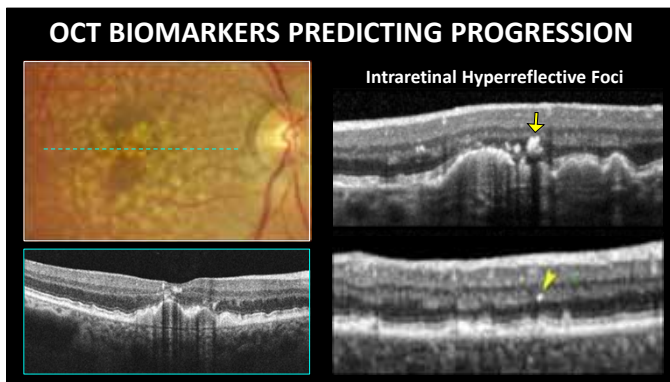
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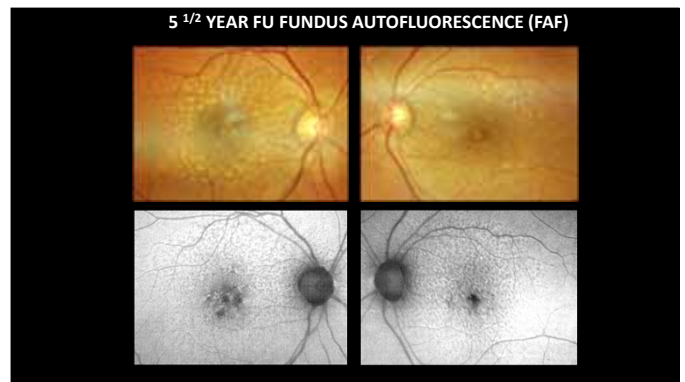
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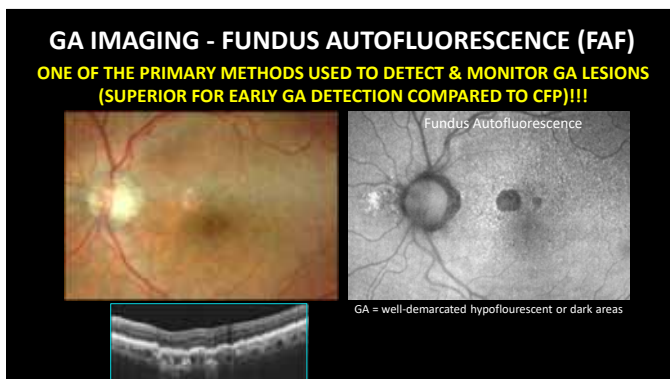
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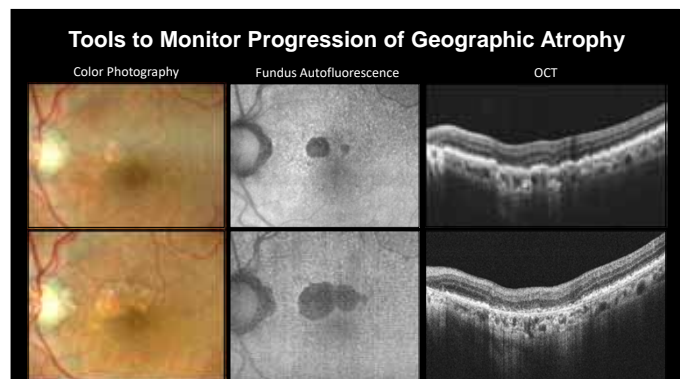
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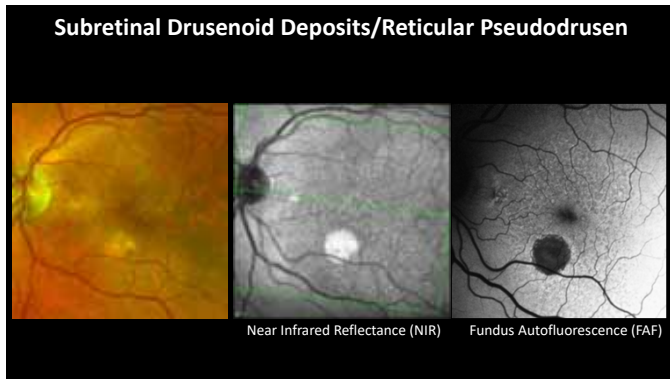
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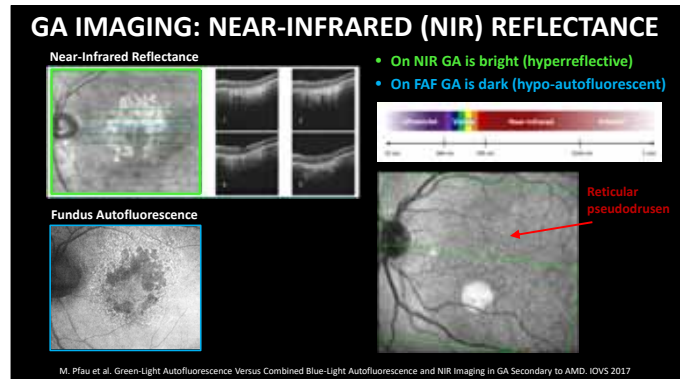
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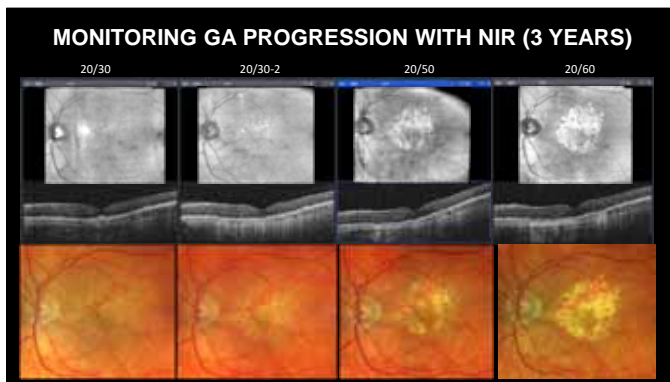
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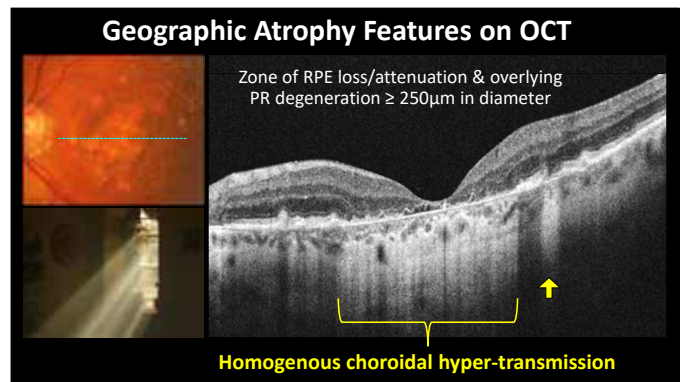
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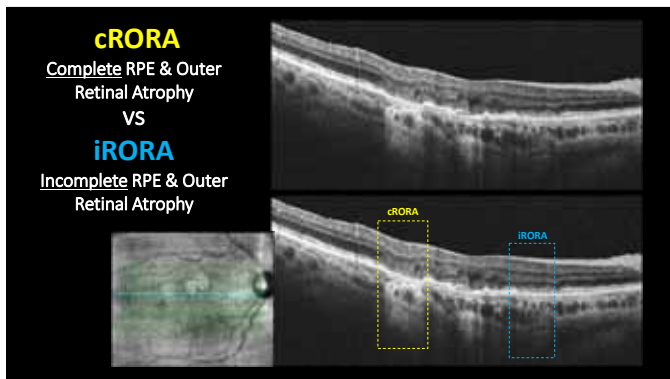
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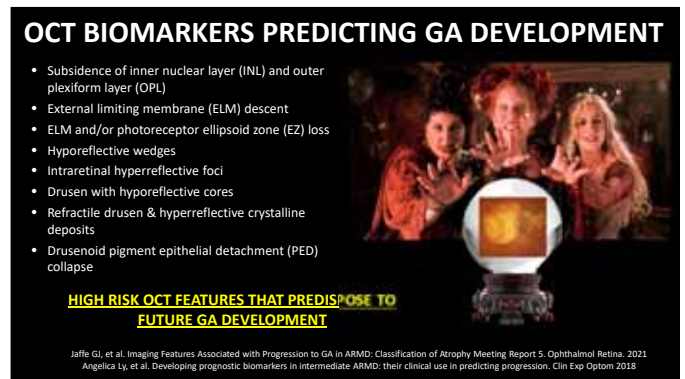
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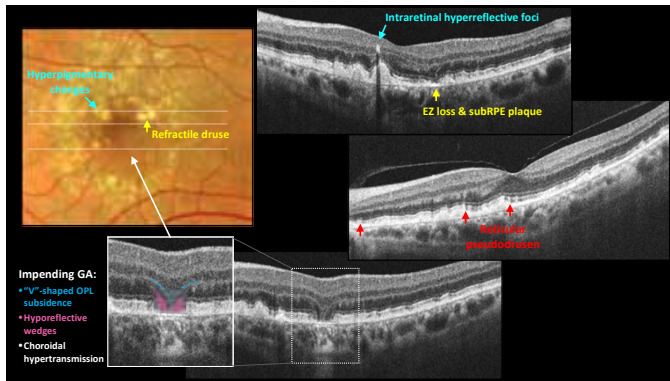
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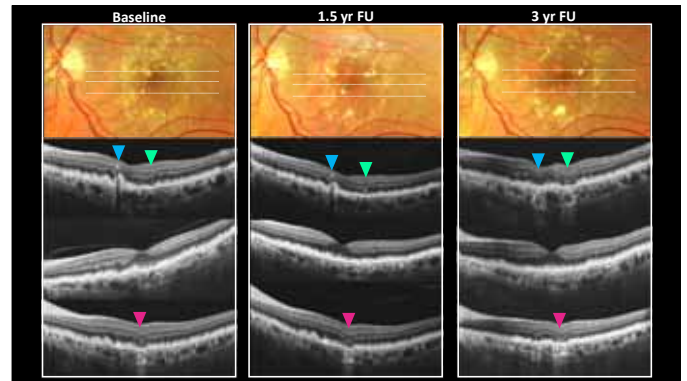
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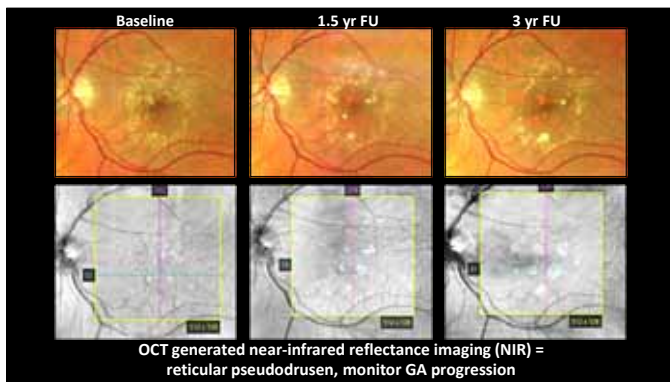
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Valeda Light Delivery System (photobiomodulation PBM)

- 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

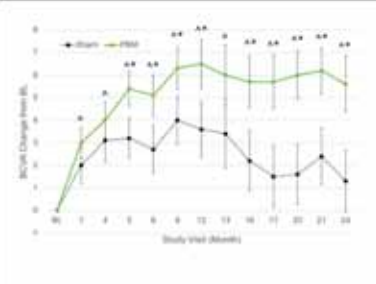


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Valeda Light Delivery System (photobiomodulation PBM)

LIGHTSITE III 24-month study

- Met the predetermined primary efficacy BCVA endpoint at Month 21 (mean letter difference of 3.8 letters, $p = 0.0036$) with a statistically significant difference between the PBM group versus Sham
- A mean letter difference of 4.3 letters ($p = 0.0024$) was maintained at Month 24.
- Within group analysis showed improved BCVA with a mean > 5 letter gain in PBM eyes from:
 - Month 13 (LS mean 6.0 letters) ($p < 0.0001$)
 - Month 21 (LS mean 6.2 letters) ($p < 0.0001$)
 - Month 24 (LS mean 5.6 letters) ($p < 0.0001$)



LS mean presented with multiple regression. * $p < 0.05$ between groups; † $p < 0.05$ within group.

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Valeda Light Delivery System (photobiomodulation PBM)

Post Hoc Analysis on Treatment Benefit on Incident GA (LIGHTSITE III 24-month study)

Incidence of New GA:

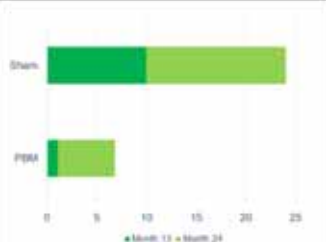
Month 13 (M13), $p = 0.024$

- Sham group: 5/50 (10.0%)
- PBM group: 1/87 (1.1%)

Month 24 (M24), $p = 0.007$

- Sham group: 12/50 (24.0%)
- PBM group: 6/87 (6.8%)

Incident GA Significantly Higher in the Sham Group at Month 24



Incident GA was evaluated as a safety endpoint for disease progression and not a prespecified endpoint

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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**

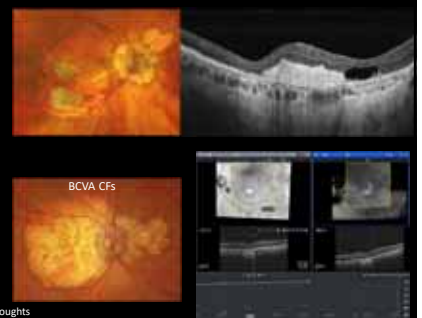
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Which patients with GA should you **NOT** refer?

Those **unlikely** to benefit:

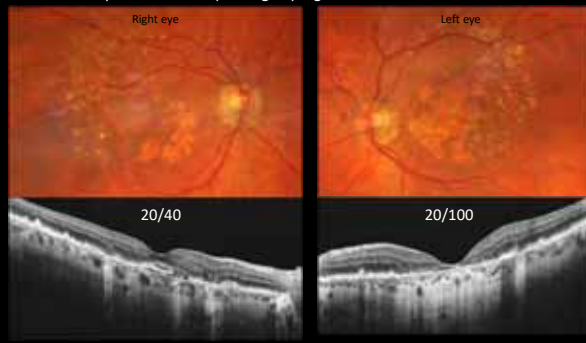
- Neovascular/exudative AMD or hx of anti-VEGF treatment in the affected eye? (fellow eye OK)
- Disciform macular scars
- Extensive central-involving GA with poor acuity
- Stable GA lesions (no surrounding FAF hyperautoFL)
- RPE atrophy from other cause (POHS, AOFVD, IRD, etc.)
- Presence of other confounding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



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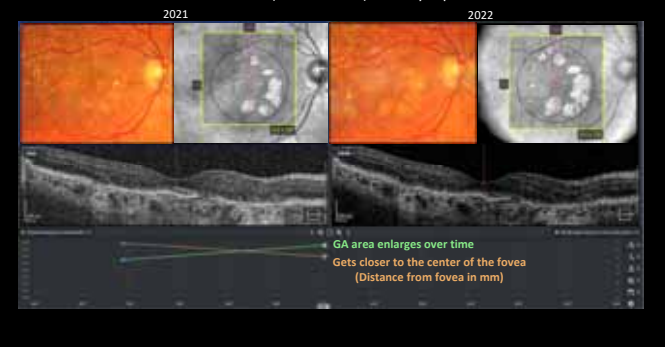
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Case: 81yo female – complaining of progressive decrease in vision OS > OD



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



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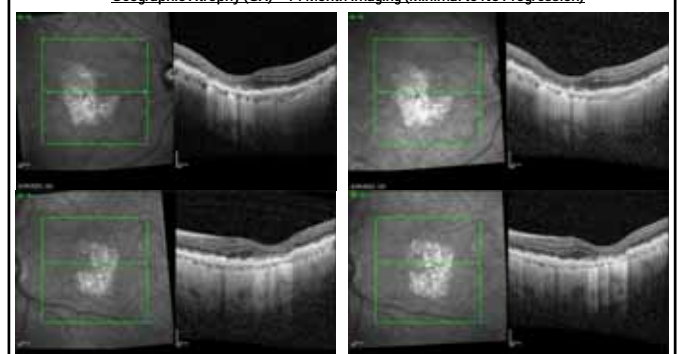
PATIENT EDUCATION

- 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

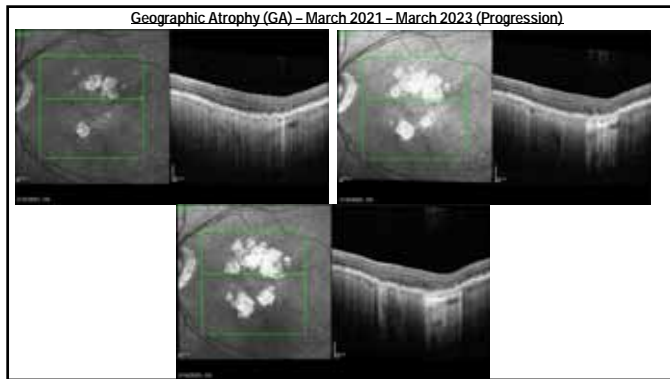


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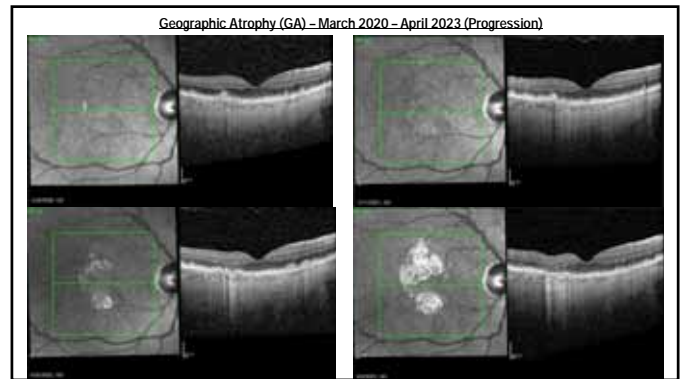
Geographic Atrophy (GA) – 14 Month imaging (Minimal to No Progression)



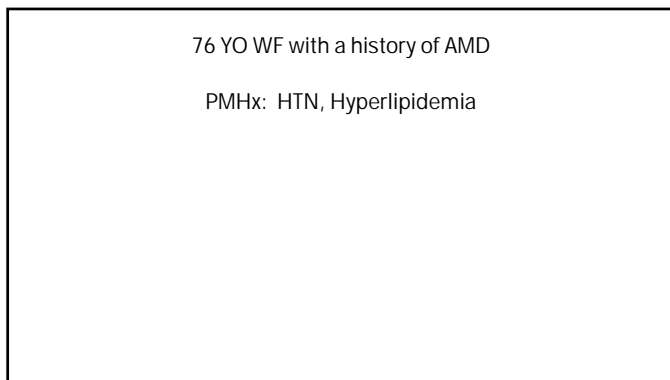
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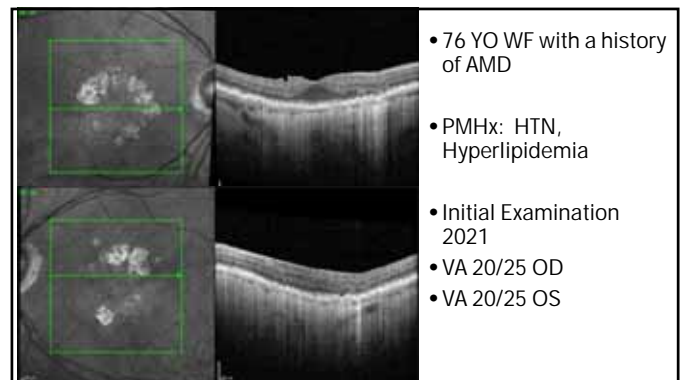
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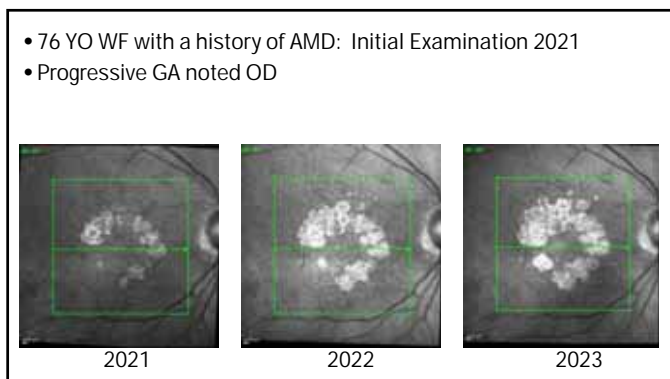
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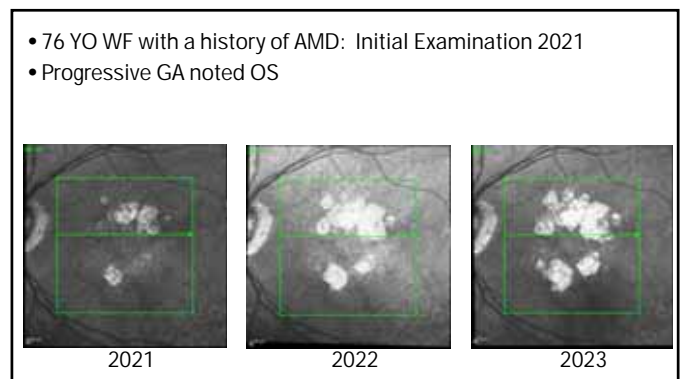
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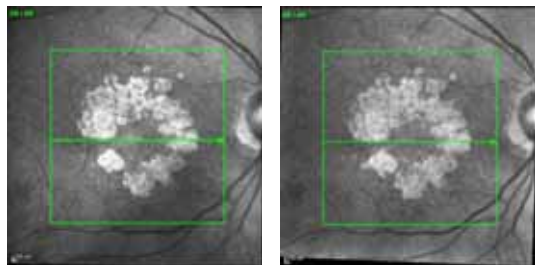


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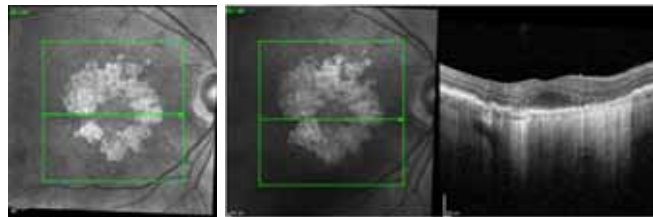
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- 76 YO WF with a history of AMD: Initial Examination 2021
- Treated OD with Syfovre (3 doses to date)



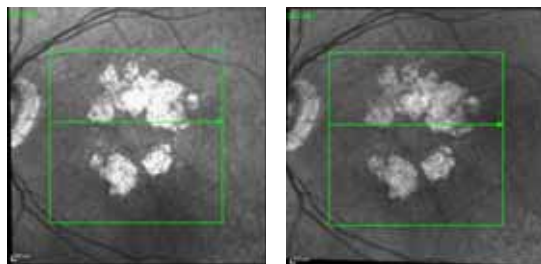
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- Treated OD with Syfovre (3-15 doses to date – 20/40)



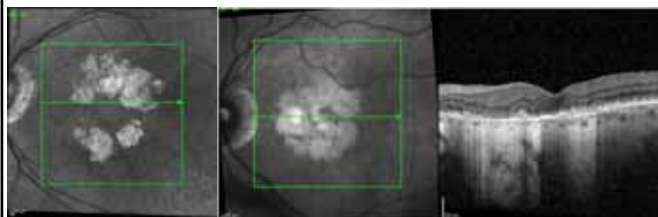
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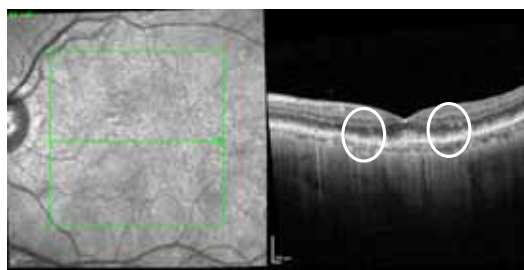
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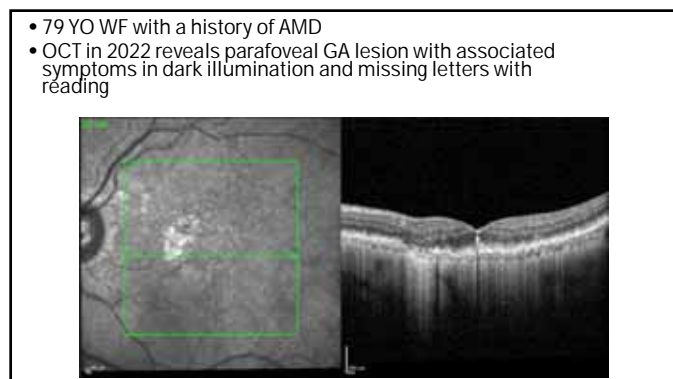
PMHx: HTN, Hyperlipidemia, Breast Cancer

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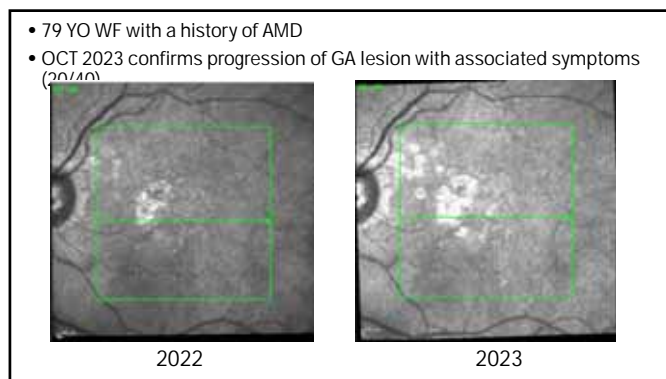
- 79 YO WF with a history of AMD
- PMHx: HTN, Hyperlipidemia, Breast Cancer
- VA 20/30 OS - OCT reveals biomarkers for GA - 2020



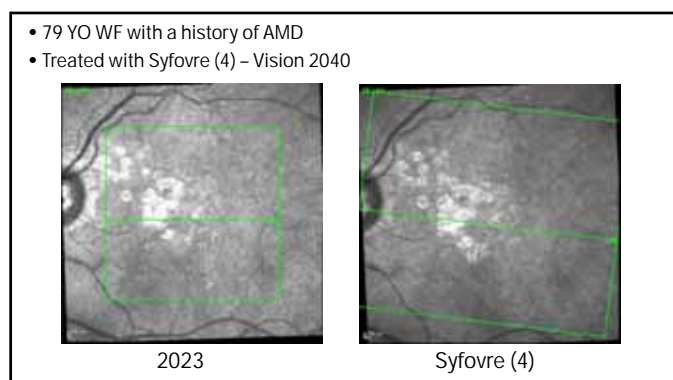
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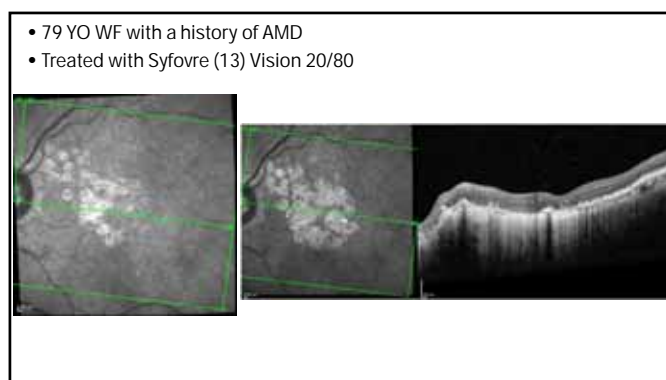
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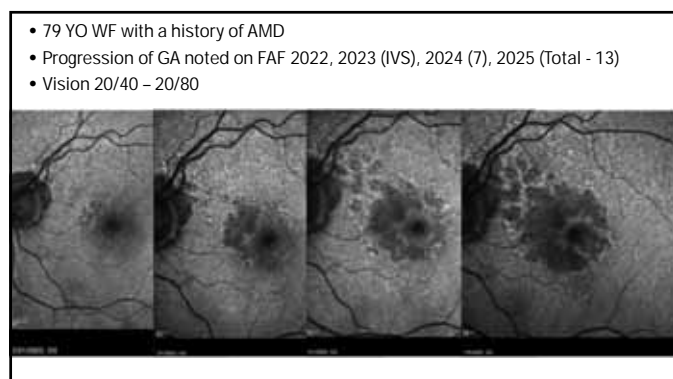
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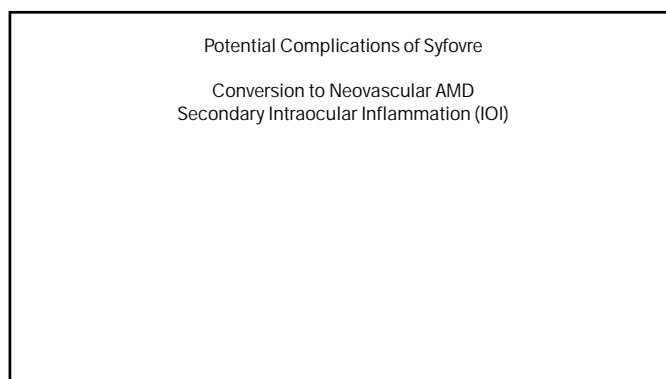
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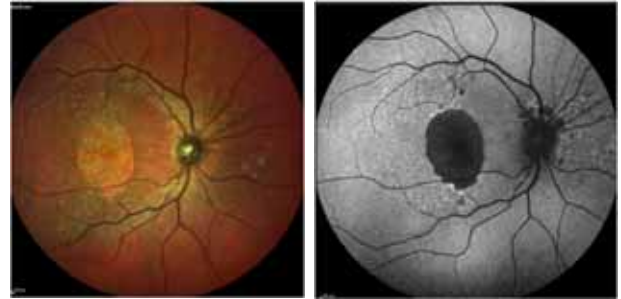


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- 65 YO WF with a history of AMD presents for second opinion on AMD
- Vision loss OD for 3 years and gradual decline OS over 12M with increased trouble in lower light settings
- PMHx: Hyperlipidemia, OSA (non compliant with CPAP therapy)
- Vision 20/150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

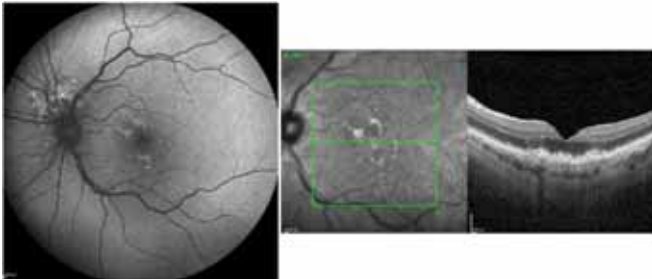
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- 65 YO WF with a history of AMD – Initial Imaging in 2019 OD



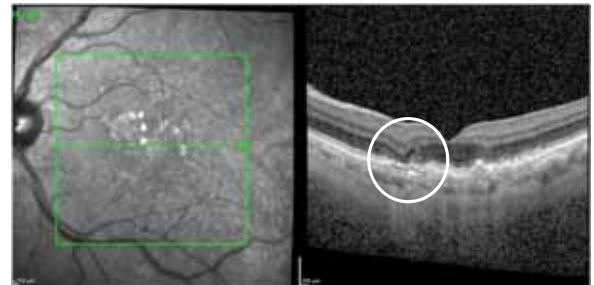
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- 65 YO WF with a history of AMD – Initial Imaging in 2019 OS



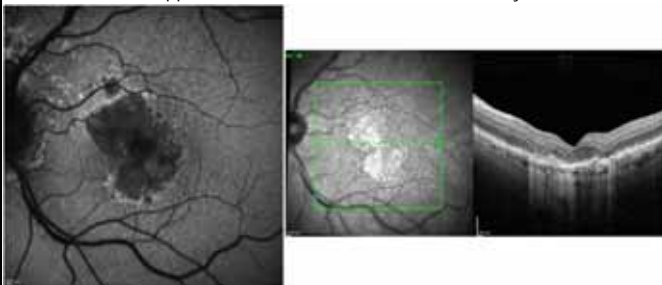
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- 67 YO WF with AMD –Imaging in 2021 OS BIOMARKERS for GA



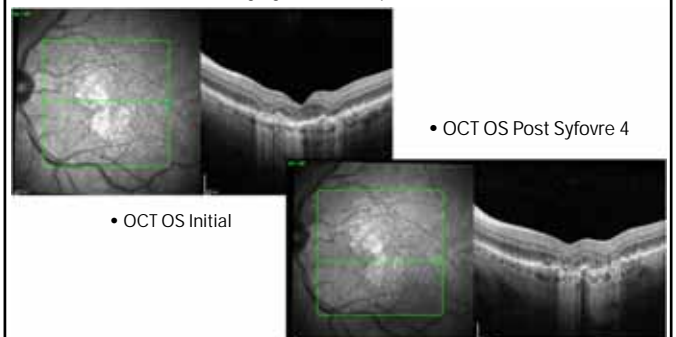
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- 69 YO WF with AMD –Imaging in 2023 OS GA present
- SYFOVRE now approved for the treatment of GA secondary to AMD

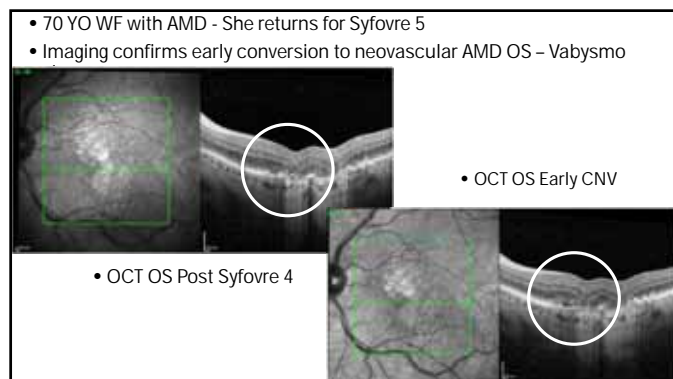


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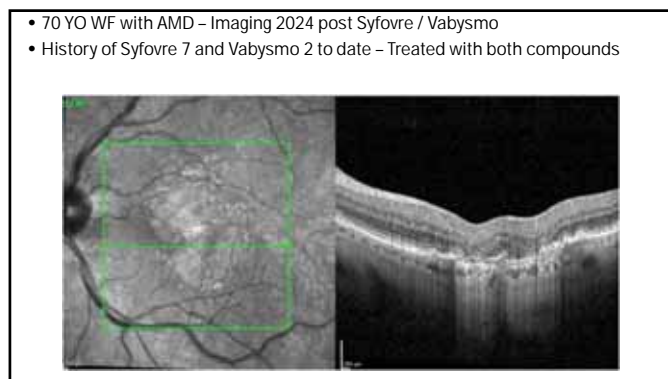
- 70 YO WF with AMD –Imaging in 2024 OS post IVS 4



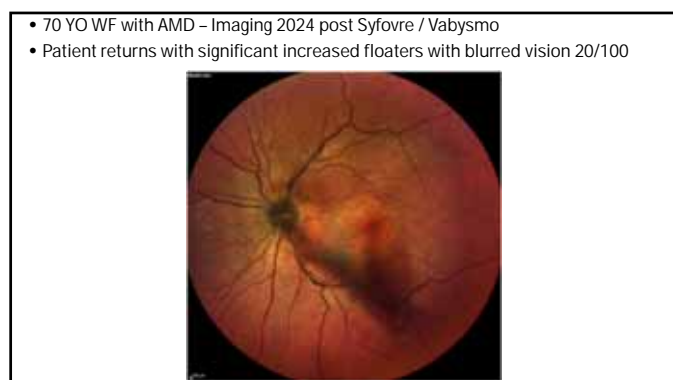
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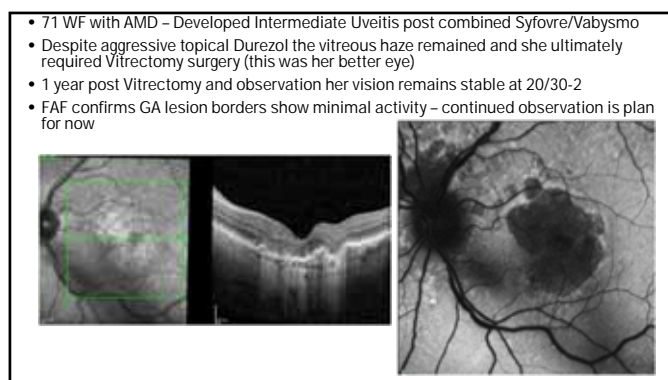
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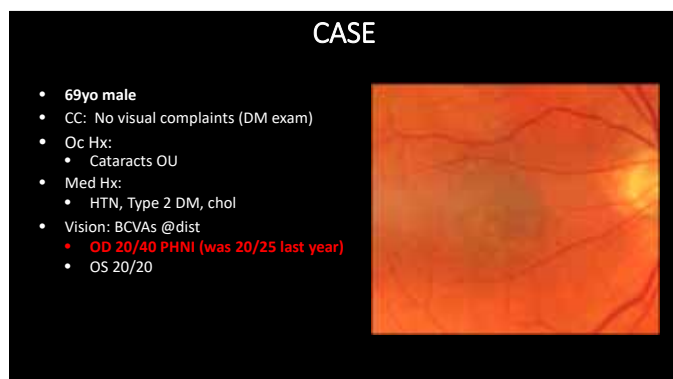
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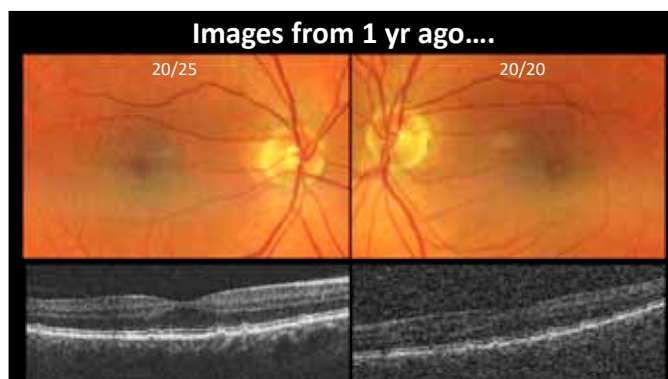
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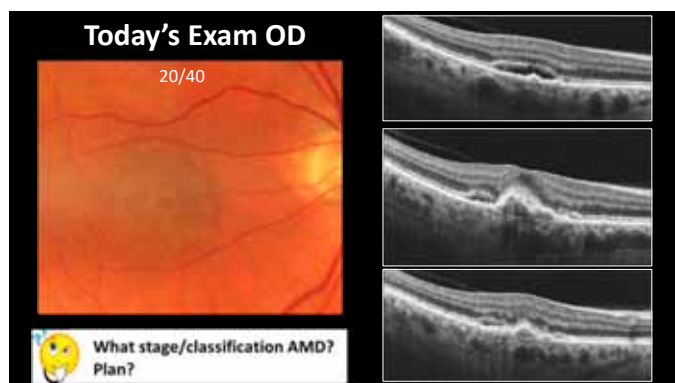
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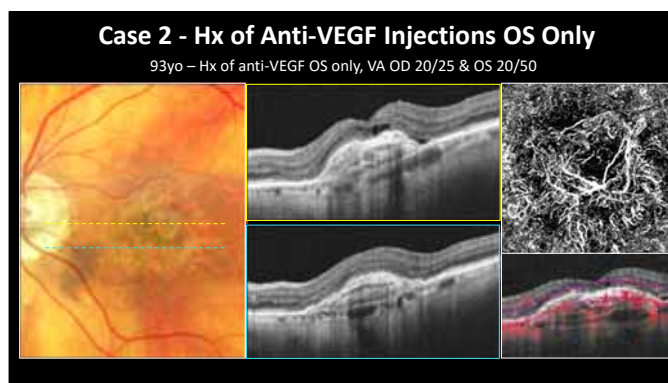
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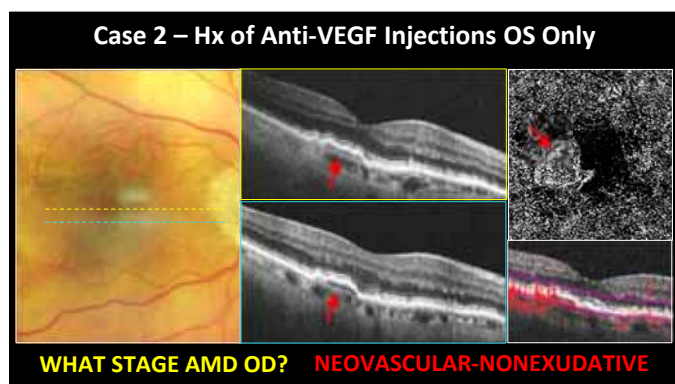
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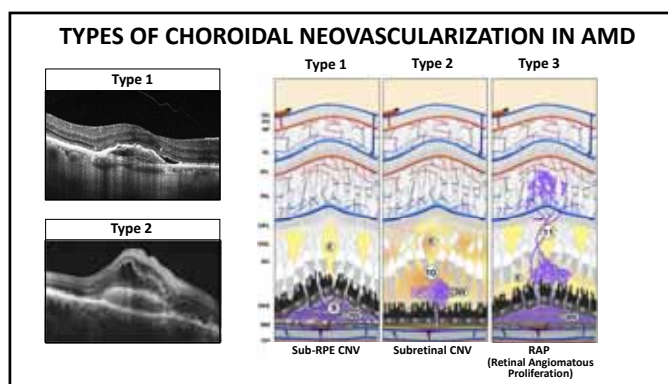
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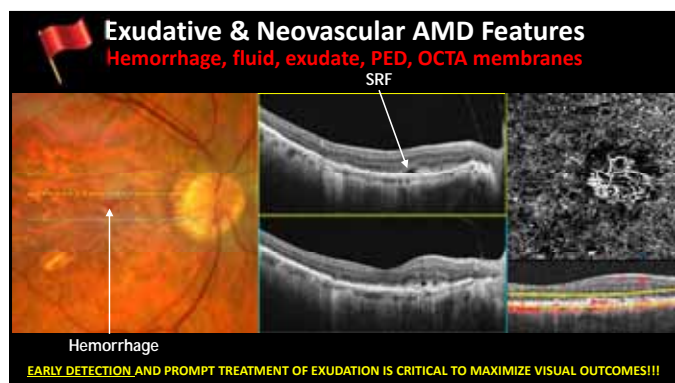
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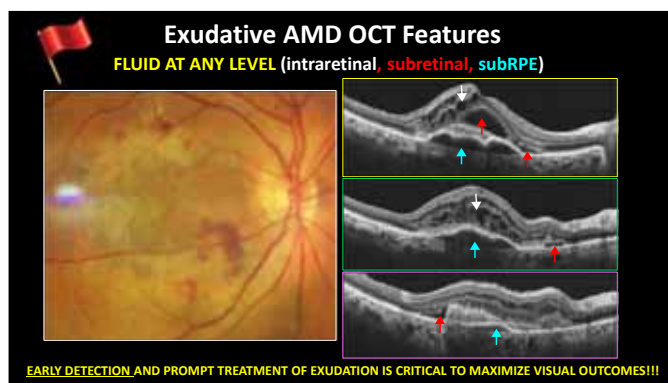
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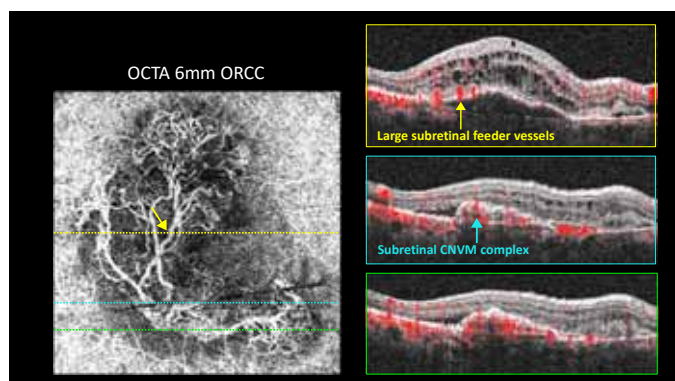
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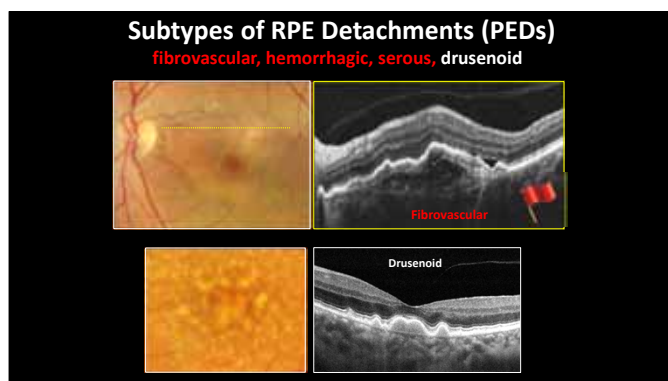
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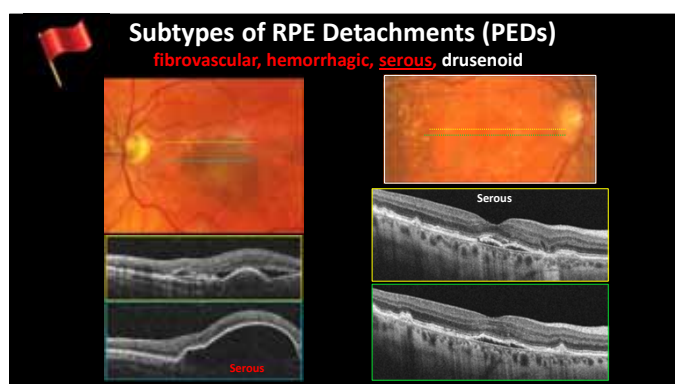
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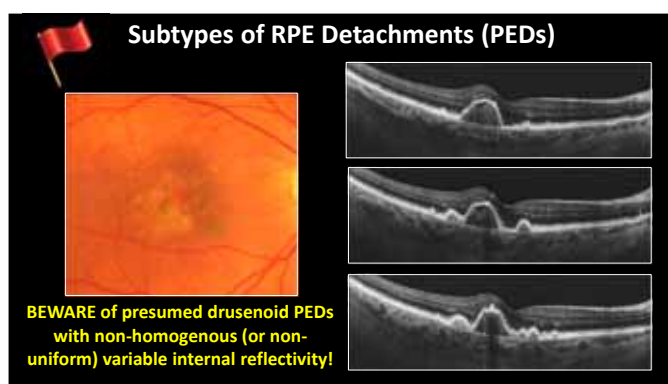
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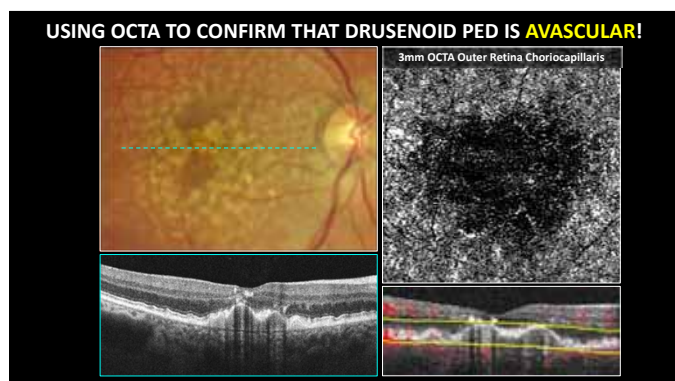
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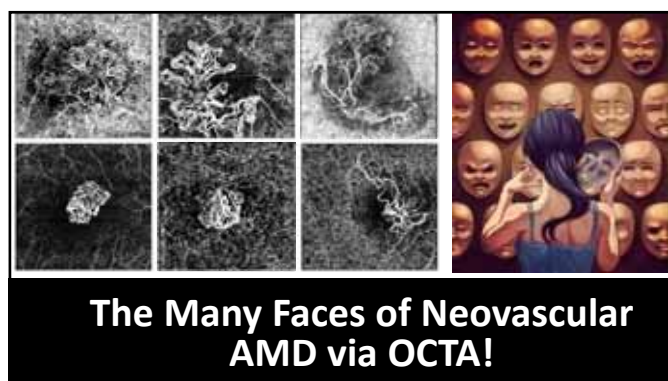
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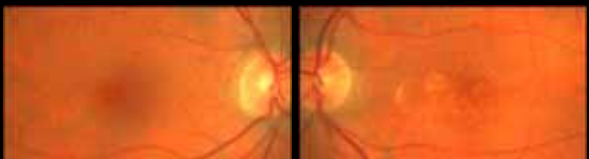
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DON'T WAKE THE SLEEPING DRAGON

- 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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DON'T WAKE THE SLEEPING DRAGON



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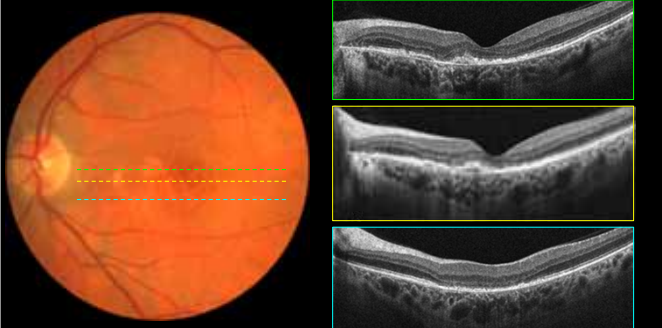
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OCT Angiography 6mm Macula OD

	Outer Retina Choriocapillaris (ORCC)	Sub RPE	Choriocapillaris
Top row (OCT images)			
Bottom row (OCT angiography images)			

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DON'T WAKE THE SLEEPING DRAGON



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DON'T WAKE THE SLEEPING DRAGON

Last exam 1 year ago	Present exam

No PED

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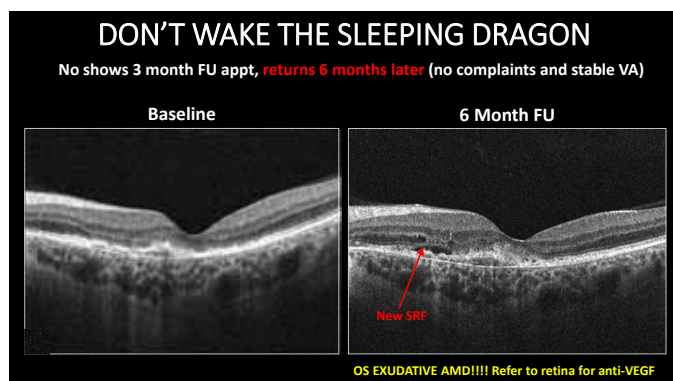
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OCT Angiography 3mm Macula OS

	Outer Retina Choriocapillaris (ORCC)	Choriocapillaris
Top row (OCT images)		
Bottom row (OCT angiography images)		

- OS Non-exudative but **neovascular AMD**
- Amsler, FU in 3 months

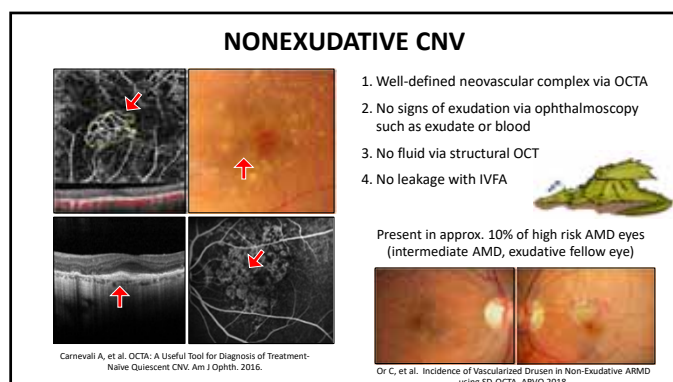
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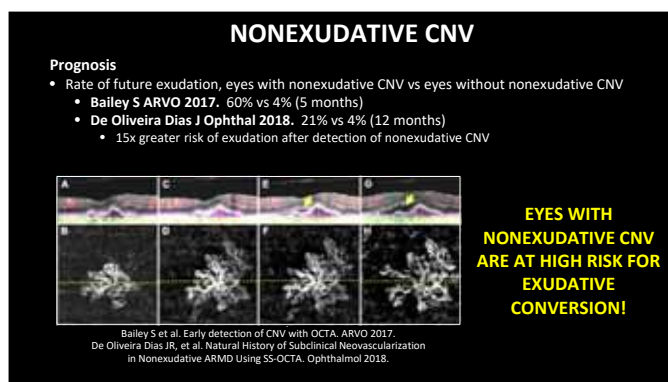
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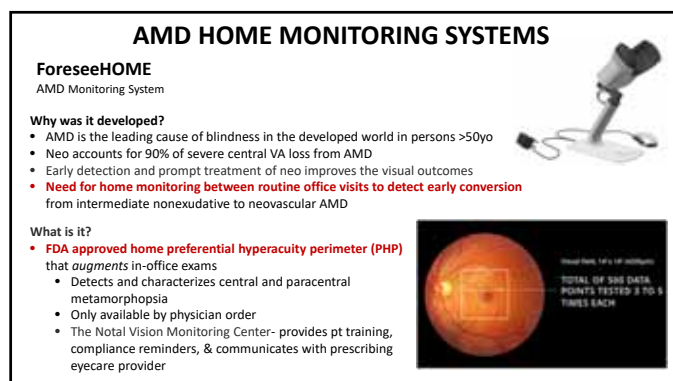
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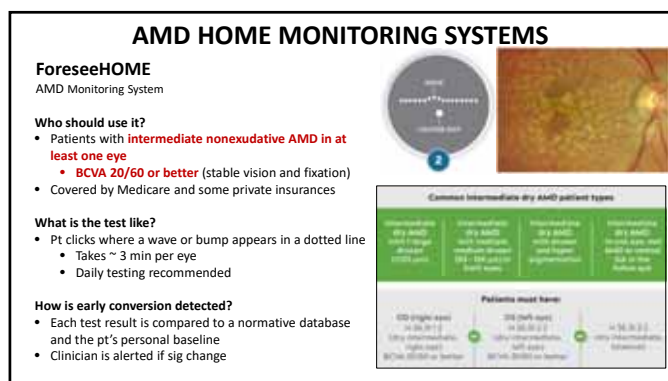
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AMD HOME MONITORING SYSTEMS

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**



Group	Percentage of functional vision at conversion
Foresee Home	94%
Without Foresee Home	62%

ALLOFT 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.
MATHAI M, et al. Analysis of the Long-term visual Outcomes of ForeseeHome Remote Telemonitoring - The ALLOFT study. *Ophthalmology Retina* 2022.

Figure 1 consists of three panels. Panel (a) is a circular inset showing a person wearing a white lab coat and a mask, looking through the eyepiece of a microscope. A globe is visible in the background. Panel (b) is a schematic diagram of a microscope system. It shows a light source (a small circle) emitting light through a series of lenses and mirrors. The light path is indicated by arrows. The system includes a condenser, objective lenses, and an eyepiece. Panel (c) is a cross-sectional image of a sample. The image shows a dark, textured surface with a vertical scale on the left side ranging from 0 to 800. The image is a grayscale micrograph showing the internal structure of the sample.

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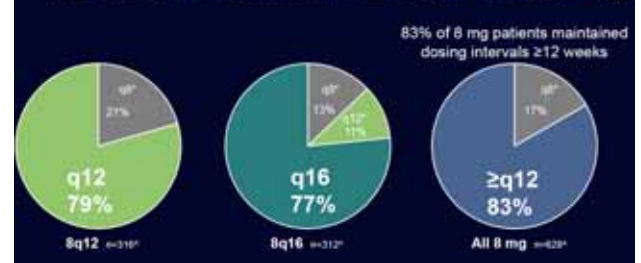
Extended Duration Anti-VEGF Therapies

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 (Sustimo)

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



Hsiehamp, Nancy M, et al. "A Randomized Phase 3 Trial of the Port Delivery System With Ranibizumab for Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration." *Retina* 42(10):2021.

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Take Home Message

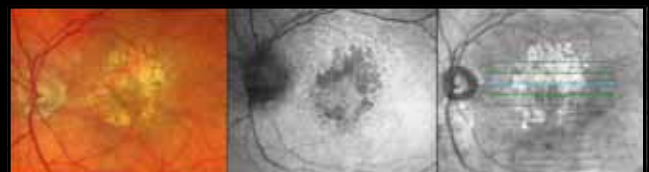
- Be familiar with features suggestive of exudative AMD (blood, fluid, PED, etc)
- OCT/OCTA allows for earlier detection of neovascularization and exudation in AMD = Earlier treatment = Vision preservation!!!
- OCTA is the only method of detecting and monitoring growth of non-exudative CNV membranes
- 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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