Review of Systems

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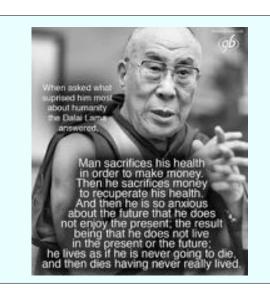
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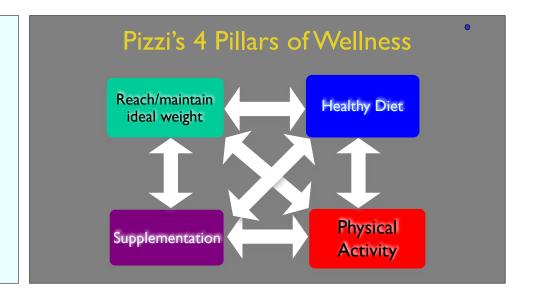
• To provide clinically useful information about caring for patients living with oculosystemic disease.

The Eye in Systemic Disease

- Inflammatory
- Infectious
- Vascular
- Endocrine
- Neurologic
- Collagen-vascular
- Neoplastic





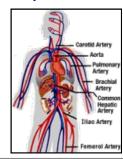


☐ The eye does not exist in isolation. It is an extension of the brain/CNS.

 $\hfill \Box$ The anatomy of the eye is structured to serve the functions of the retina.

☐ Primary reason for dilation is to detect systemic disease.

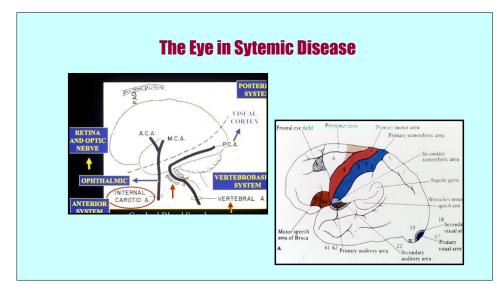


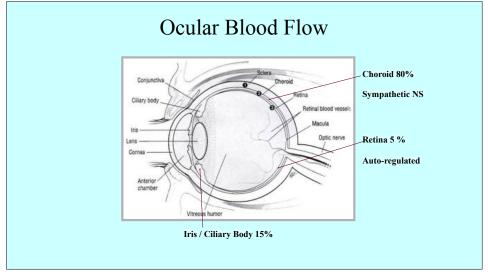


The eye is the only part of the body where neurological and vascular tissues can be directly and simultaneously viewed.

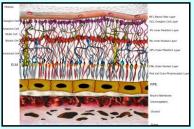


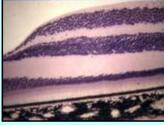






The Eye in Systemic Disease





Inner and Outer Blood Retinal Barriers

Retina/RPE, Choroidal Pigmentation

Epidemics and Other Major Public Health Challenges

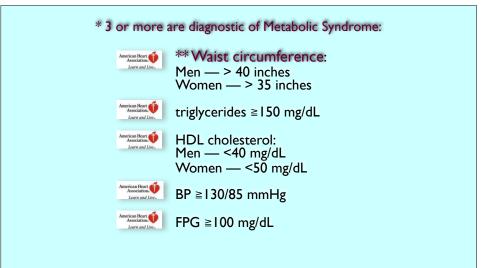


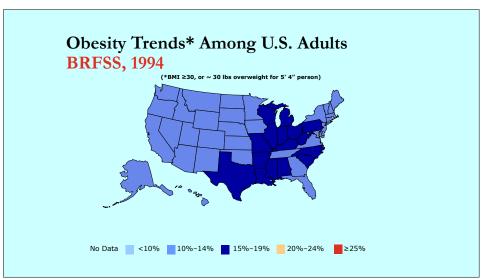
Obesity/Excess Weight Smoking Age-related Eye Disease

The Pathology of Obesity Yeast Infections, Gout Skin Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome, Low Testosterone, High Estrogen Endocrine Heart Attack, Stroke, CHF Heart DIABETES Pulmonary Sleep Apnea GI Gallstones, GERD Urinary Incontinence Gyno Abnormal Menses, Infertility Depression, Memory Problems Neuro Cancer Breast, Colon, Prostate, Bladder, Esophagus Post-Op Pulmonary Embolism

Diabesity

- M_____S____ is characterized by central (abdominal) obesity, dyslipidemia, raised blood pressure, and insulin resistance.
- "Diabesity"
 - Up to 97% of type 2 caused by excessive weight
 - Obesity = Increased weight caused by excess accumulation of fat.
 - "Over-fat" = normal BMI w/large waist
 - · Visceral fat

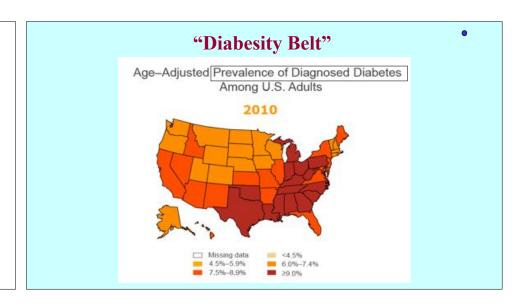
















Food Matters

Optimal nutrition always starts with food.

Eat

Diets that "starve" are seldom sustainable.

Real Food

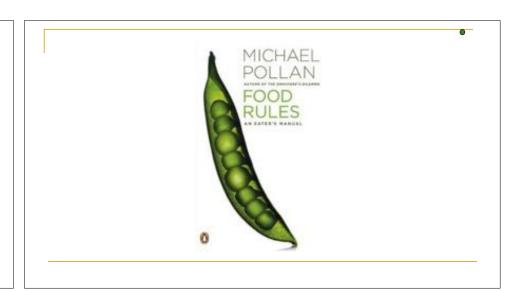
Not refined, synthetic, food-like products.

Not too much.

Portion size

Mostly plants.

A plant-intensive diet provides most essential nutrients.





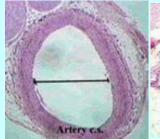


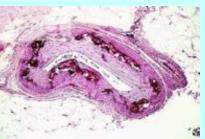
Cigarette Smoking, Ocular & Vascular Disease

- Increased arteriolar stiffness (sclerosis)
- Increased Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF)
- Development/worsening of DR
- Development/worsening of AMD



Arteriosclerosis with calcification of vessel wall

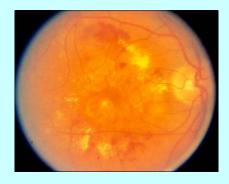






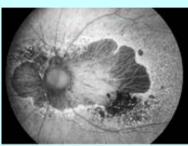
AMD + Smoking = Blindness

The AMD Epidemic

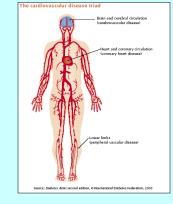


AMD: a sick eye in a sick body?





Is AMD a Systemic Disease?





Johanna Seddon, MD (Tufts U)

"Don't smoke; follow a healthful diet rich in dark green leafy vegetables and low in fat; eat fish a few times a week; maintain a normal weight and waist size; exercise regularly; and control blood pressure and cholesterol."

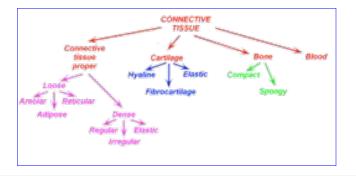
"Anyone with signs of intermediate-level macular degeneration in both eyes or advanced macular degeneration in one eye should also take dietary supplements that contain lutein, zeaxanthin, vitamin C, vitamin E, and zinc."

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The Eye in Connective Tissue Disease



What is connective tissue?

"Cellular glue" that gives tissues their shape and helps them do their work. Cartilage and fat are examples.

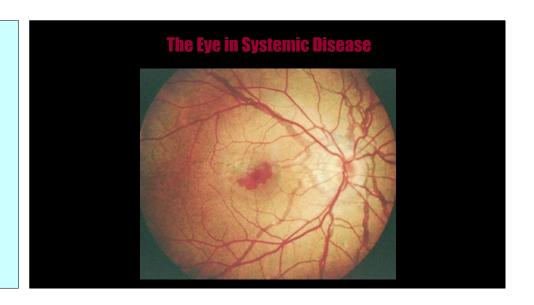
*There are over 200 disorders that impact connective tissue!

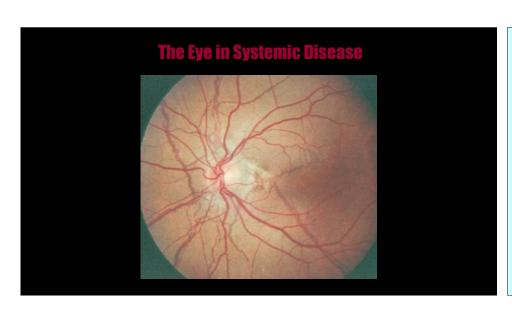


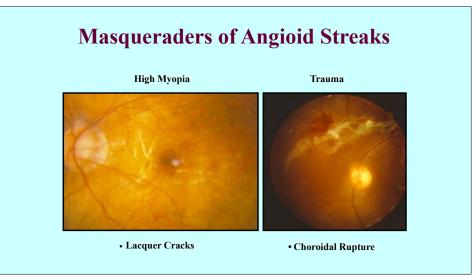
Connective Tissue Disorders

- Ankylosing Spondylitis
- Sjogren Syndrome
- Pseudoxanthoma Elasticum
- Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
- Paget's Disease
- Marfan Syndrome
- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Angioid streaks are present in 85% of patients with PXE.







Differential Dx. of Angioid Streaks: PEPSI

Diagnosis Pseudoxanthoma	Key Clinical Features redundant, "plucked chicken" skin hypertension weak peripheral pulses gastrointestinal bleeding
Ehlers-Danlos syndrome	blue sclera joint hyperextensibility fragile, elastic skin excessive bruising
Paget's disease	extrackeletal calcification bony erosion and abnormal formation osteoarthritis hearing loss, vertigo, tinnitus slurred speech, difficulty swallowing
Sickle cell disease	hemoglobin SS (most frequently) anemia
Idiopathic	vaso-occlusive crises

The Eye in Systemic Disease

Angioid Streaks:

- Alterations/breaks of the Retinal Pigment Epithelium (RPE), Bruch's Membrane and Choriocapillaris
- Patient is usually asymptomatic unless CNV develops
 Approximately 50% have associated systemic disease
- Decreased vision is secondary to CNVM or a streak through the fovea

Etiology:

- Pseudoxanthoma elasticum (85%)
- · Ehlers Danlos syndrome
- Paget's Disease
- · Sickle Cell Anemia

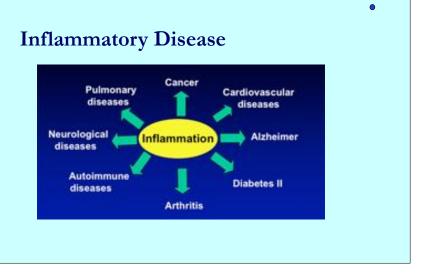
Angioid Streaks

Management:

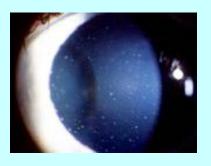
- Observation if no CNVM
- Focal laser, PDT, Anti-VEGF if CNVM is present
- Management of underlying systemic disease

Follow up:

- Every 6 mon with dilated fundus examination, OCT/OCTA
- Amsler Grid self-testing (\sim 3 x week)



A Word About Uveitis



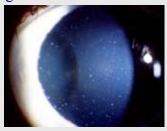
What is uveitis?

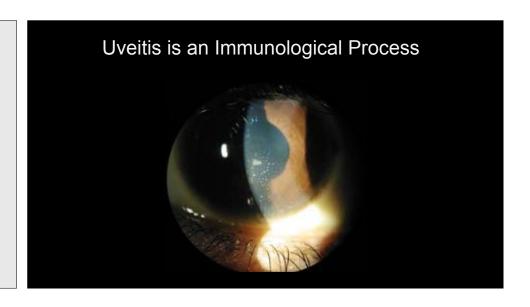
- Defined as inflammation of the uveal tract.
- For decades, considered a single disease.
- Fact: Uveitis entails a multitude of diseases.
 - -Some uvetic diseases are local, ocular immune.
 - -Many are <u>systemic</u> diseases with ocular manifestations.



What is uveitis?

- Because the spectrum of pathogenesis ranges from autoimmunity to neoplasia to viruses, management requires an understanding of:
 - Internal medicine
 - Infectious diseases
 - Rheumatology
 - Immunology





Immune Privilege

- The eye has a special relationship with the immune system.
 - Ability to quench unwanted immune-mediated inflammation.
 - This ability is known as immune privilege.
 - Immune privilege enables ocular tissues to remain clear.

Common Etiologies of Anterior Uveitis

- In uveitis, immune privilege is overcome
- Idiopathic (post-viral syndrome)
- Human leukocyte antigen (HLA)-B27– positive or HLA-B27–associated
- Trauma or s/p intraocular surgery

HLA-B27

- HLA-B27 is present in 1.4-8% of the general population.
- However, it is present in 50-60% of patients with acute iritis.
- HLA-B27 diseases include:
 - Ankylosing spondylitis
 - Reiter syndrome
 - Inflammatory bowel disease
 - Psoriatic post-infectious arthritis



Hypopyon w/+ HLA-B27

"A patient with recurrent, acute, unilateral anterior uveitis is nearly 80% likely to be HLA-B27 positive."

Zamecki and Jabs Am J Ophthal, 2010

Review of Systems Quiz

- A granulomatous condition is characterized by an organized collection of:
- A. Macrophages.
- B. Eosinophils.
- C. Histamine.
- D. Tumor cells.

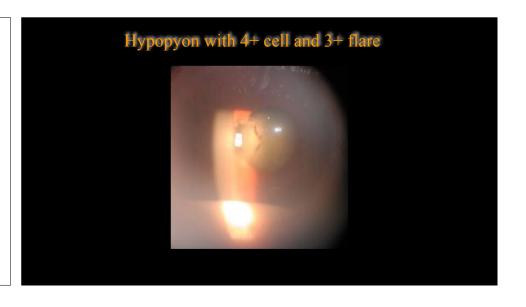
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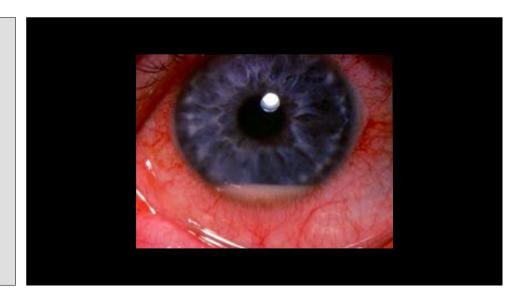
- Dark adapt
- SL on max illum
- Low mag
- Optic section (long)
- Increase mag
- ID the cells
- Shorten to short optic section or conic beam
- Count the cells





Hypopyon

- A collection of leukocytes that settle in the inferior anterior chamber angle.
- Related to amount of fibrin which allows the WBCs to clump and settle.
- Highly suggestive of HLA-B27 disease, Behçet disease, or endophthalmitis.

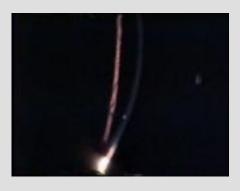


Hyphema

- Can occur in eyes with a chronic uveitis (UGH Syndrome)
- Can result from NVI/NVA



KPs and Iris Nodules



Serous/Exudative RD in Posterior Scleritis



History

- A 34 year-old black female presents symptoms of bilateral redness x 7 days
- Gradual onset, gradual worsening
- Mild pain, mild photophobia OU
- Ocular history positive for previous episodes OU

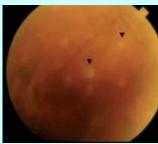
Clinical Findings

- Biomicroscopy
 - 2+ cells in AC OU
 - "Mutton fat" deposits on endothelium OU
 - Iris nodules OU
 - Areas of posterior synechia OU
- TAP: 9 mmHg OD/11 mmHg OS
- DFE
 - "Snowbanking"
 - Gray/white (old) vitreous "puff balls" inferior PP OU



Posterior Seg "Puff-balls" and "Snowbanking"





What is your ocular diagnosis?

Assessment

- Bilateral anterior uveitis
 - Probably recurrent/chronic
- Granulomatous
 - Mutton-fat KPs
 - Iris nodules
- Prior posterior segment inflammation



What is your plan?

Ocular management?
Systemic testing?
Consultation?

A granulomatous uveitis has an increased likelihood of being part of a s_____ disease process.

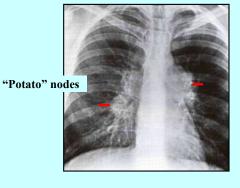
Actual Management

- Treated anterior uveitis using conventional topical meds.
 - Steroid
 - Cycloplegic (atropine)
- Ordered targeted systemic "uveitis" work-up
 - Serum lysozyme
 - ACE will be elevated in up to 80% of patients with active $\ensuremath{\mathrm{S}}$
- Chest imaging

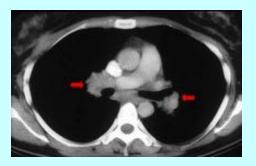
Corticosteroids

- Topical steroids are the mainstay to treat ocular inflammatory conditions
- Choosing which medication to use depends on the severity and location of the ocular inflammation

Bilateral Hilar Lymphadenopathy on Chest X-Ray in Pulmonary Sarcoid



Bilateral Hilar Lymphadenopathy on CT Scan of Chest



Outcome

- Sarcoidosis
 - Patient was also placed on po Prednisone (short-term)
 - Good ocular response to medical therapy
- What imaging tests to order:
 - Chest X-ray
 - CT of chest and abdomen



Key Points: Sarcoidosis**

- A multi-system disease.
- Most often occurs between 20 and 40 years of age, with women being diagnosed more frequently than men.
- 10 to 17 times more common in African-Americans than in Caucasians.

Questions and Answers





Review of Systems Quiz

What is the most common cause of death in the United States?

- A. Stroke.
- B. Myocardial infarction.
- C. Cancer.
- D. Pneumonia.

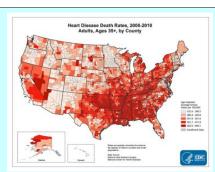
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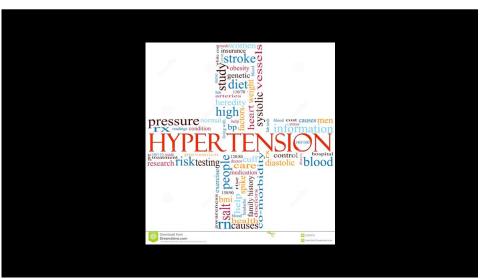
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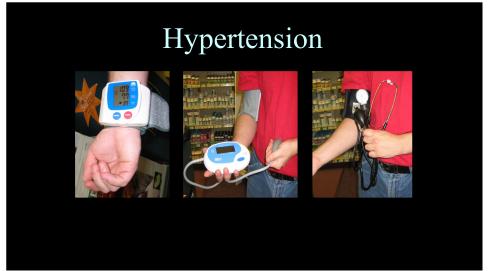
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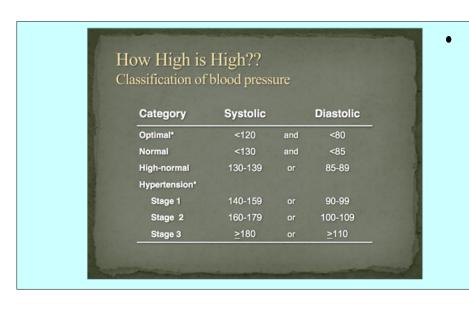
- Myocardial Infarction is the most common cause of death in USA.
- 610,000 per year
- Cardiac valve disease is most common cause of cardiac emboli to the eye.**

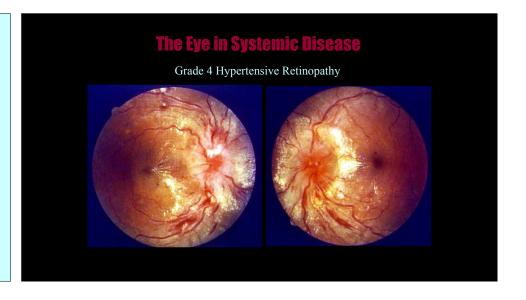












The Eye in Systemic Disease

Clinical Ophthalmoscopic findings

Grading of Hypertensive Retinopathy

Grade 4

Grade 1 Retinal vessels narrowed > 90 and < 110 Diastolic BP

Grade 2 Nicking of retinal vessels > 90 and <110 Diastolic BP

Grade 3 CWS, Hemes, Lipid exudates > 110 – 115 Diastolic BP

> 130 Diastolic BP

• Grades 3 and 4 = increase risk of cerebral, heart and kidney problems

Grade 3 + Optic disc swelling

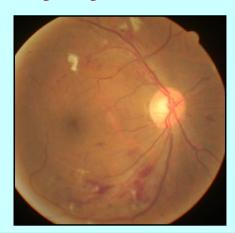
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54 year old

+ Diabetes

+ HTN

+ Cholesterol

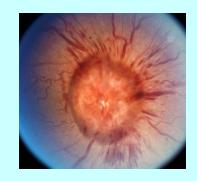


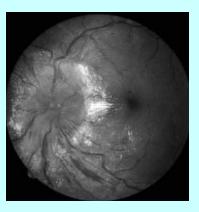
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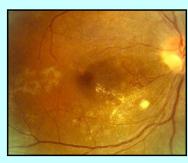
Malignant Hypertension





Elschnig Spots in Hypertensive Choroidopathy





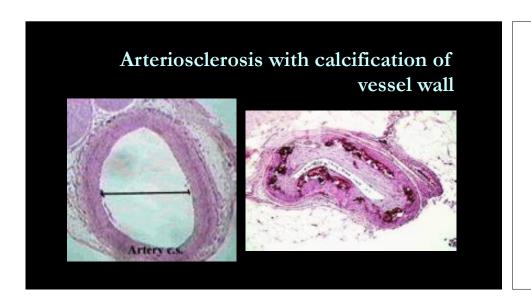
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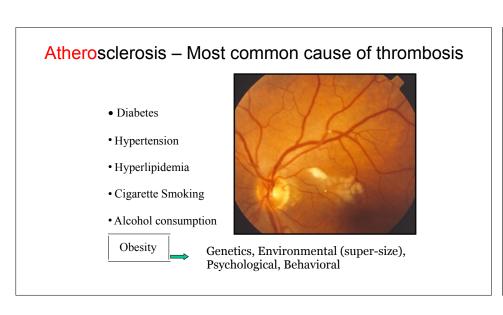
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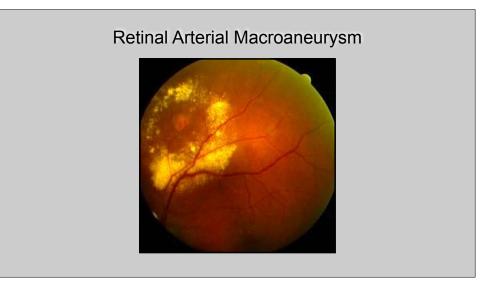
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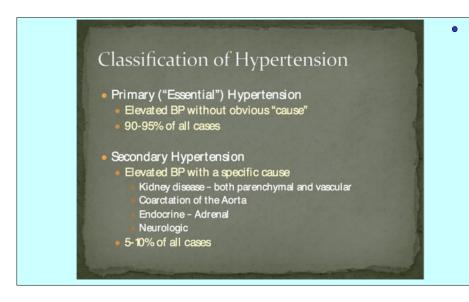
The Eye in Systemic Disease Essential Hypertension – Long standing Arteriosclerosis Grade 2-3

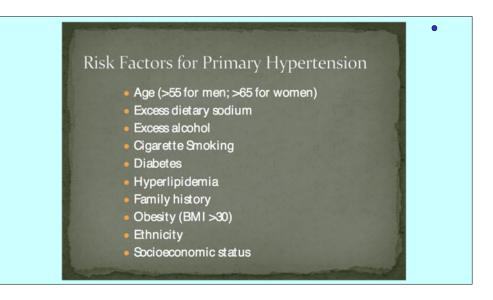


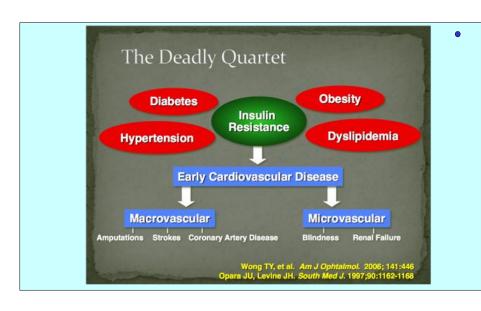


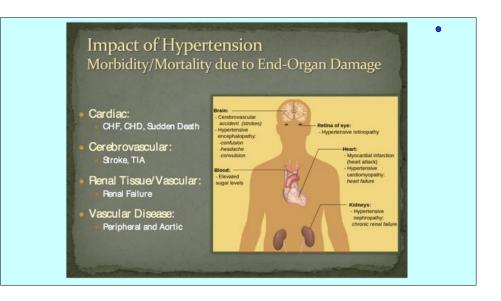












Hypertension and Ocular Disease

- Hypertension increases risk and progression of ocular disease in numerous situations:
 - More advanced DM retinopathy in HTNsive DM
 - Risk factor for retinal venous & arterial occlusion, embolism, macro-aneurysm
 - MAY be risk factor for macular degeneration and open-angle glaucoma.

Mitchell P, et al. J Glaucoma. 2004; 13:319 Zau D, et al. Ophthalmology. 2015; 122:72

Treatments

- Step 1:
 - Lifestyle modifications
 - Diet and exercise
 - Limit alcohol and tobacco use
 - Reduce stress factors
- Step 2:
 - If lifestyle changes are not enough, drug therapy will be introduced
- Step 3:
 - If previous steps don't work, drug dose or type will be changed or another drug is added
- Step 4:
 - More medications are added until blood pressure is controlled

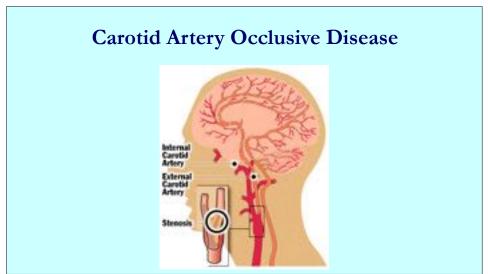
Goals in Hypertension Therapy

- Lower blood pressure
- Facilitate regression of LV hypertrophy
- Reduce risk of coronary athero and myocardial infarct
- Mitigate renal damage
- Avoid stroke and CNS hemorrhage
- Prevent peripheral vascular and carotid athero
- PROTECT THE EYES!!!

Summary -	Benefits of	Lowering	BP
Summary	Deficites of	Lowering	DI

	Average % Risk Reduction
Stroke Incidence	35-40%
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Heart Attack	20-25%
Congestive Heart Failure	50%

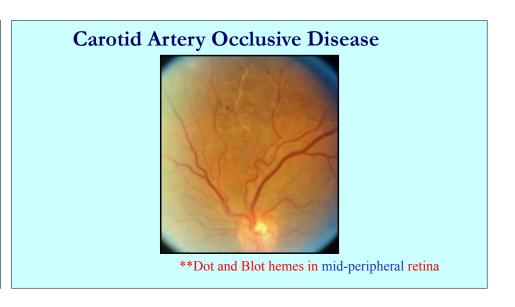


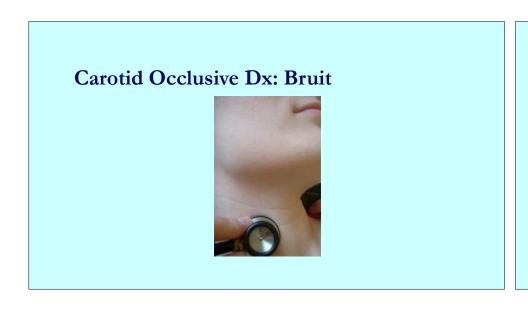


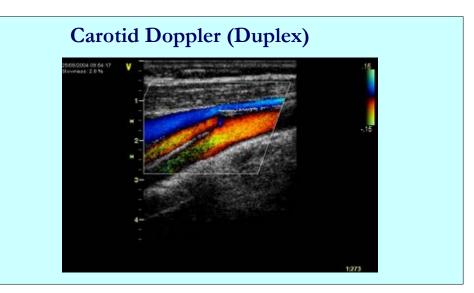
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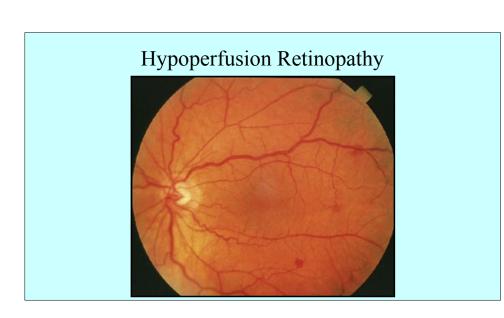
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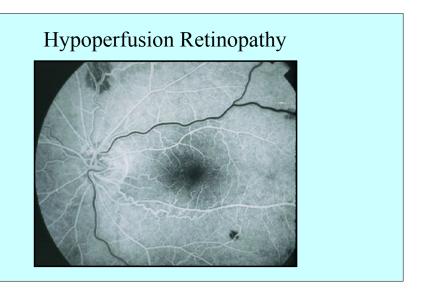
Ocular Ischemic Syndrome



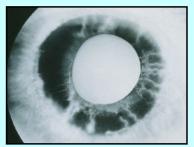








NVI and Cataract in Ocular Ischemic Syndrome





The Ocular Ischemic Syndrome (OIS)

Key Point

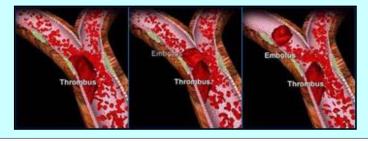
- Q: <u>Bilateral</u> involvement in patients with ocular ischemic syndrome may occur in up to approximately what percentage of cases?
- A: 20%

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Pathogenesis: Ocular Ischemic Syndrome

Non-invasive Carotid Doppler (Duplex) ultrasound**

 Atheromatous ulceration and stenosis at the bifurcation of the common carotid artery (90% occlusion has to be present)



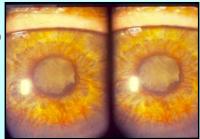
Key Point

- The most common etiology of ocular ischemic syndrome is severe unilateral or bilateral atherosclerotic disease of which artery?
- Internal carotid

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Ophthalmic Signs of Carotid Occlusion: Ocular Ischemic Syndrome

- Dilated (but not tortuous) retinal veins
- Retinal Hemorrhages in mid-periphery (80%) of patients
- Cotton Wool Spots (5%)
- Neovascularization of the Disc (35%)
- Neovascularization of the Retina (8%)
- Rubeosis iridis/NVA (65%)
- Uveitis mild anterior (20%)
- Emboli (retinal)
- Lower IOP initially, then NVG



The Eye in Systemic Disease

OIS Work Up:

- Carotid artery evaluation (Carotid Duplex Scanning)–ICA, ECA, CCA
- Color Trans-cranial Doppler (TCD) ocular arteries
- Possible MRA (Magnetic Resonance Angiography)
- Computed Tomography (CT) Angiography
- Cardiology work up (Echocardiogram) Transesophogeal/Transthoracic
- HTN, DM, Lipid Panel, ESR, C-reactive protein

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Ocular Ischemic Syndrome





Cholesterol Plaques, disc pallor

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55 yo AA male BRAO OD

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55 yo AA male OS



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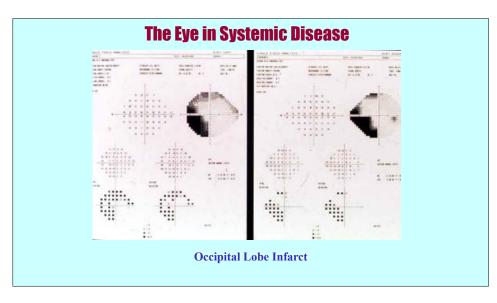
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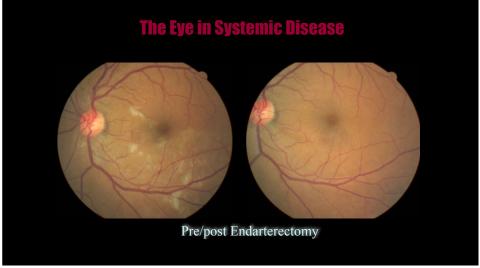
Treatment:

- Consider carotid surgery if warranted (Endarterectomy)
 - ➤ European Carotid Surgery Trial (ECST)
 - North American Symptomatic Carotid End. Trial (NASCET)
- Therapeutic approach Aspirin (325 mg QD or BID) , Plavix Control modifiable vascular risk factors (HTN, DM, dyslipidemia)
- Stop smoking
- Panretinal photocoagulation (PRP) if neovascularization

**Important Note:

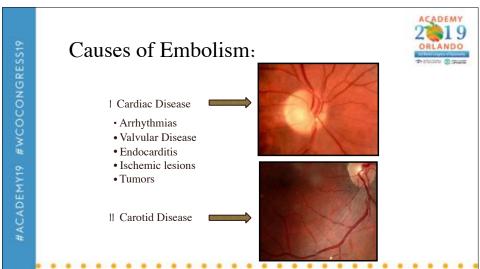
Leading cause of death in OIS = Ischemic heart disease Second leading cause of death = Stroke











What to do next? Any TIA <u>or</u> Retinal Ischemia/Emboli treated the same!



Co-occurrence of Acute Retinal Artery Occlusion and Acute Ischemic Stroke: Diffusion-Weighted Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study

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1/4 of patients with acute retinal ischemia (even if transient) had an acute brain infarction

10-15% of patients will have a disabling stroke within 3 months after a TIA, with half occurring within 48 hours after resolution of TIA.

Neurology's STANDARD OF CARE



- Neurologists consider an acute retinal artery obstruction a true medical emergency and classify it as a stroke.
 - Embolus goes to the eye rather than to the brain
- Patients with acute RAO need to be sent to the nearest stroke center or hospital emergency room with a stroke center.
 - Neuroimaging to assess risk of a major cerebral stroke within the next few hours or days

Follow-up



- RTC at 1 month to check for neovascularization of disc/iris
- RTC at 3 months to check for neovascularization of disc/iris
- Neo of <u>iris</u> = 20 % of patients at about 4 weeks
- Neo of disc = 3 % of patients
- Extremely important to perform a complete <u>medical work-up</u> to stop the progression of the disease along with any systemic sequelae.

Questions and Answers





Types of Hematologic Disorders

- Excess production of blood cells
- Impaired production of blood cells
- Destruction of blood cells
- Abnormal function of existing blood cells

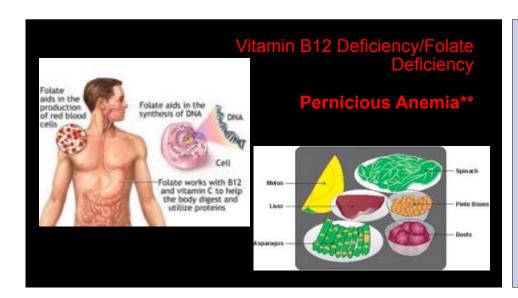
Common Disorders

- Anemia
- Sickle cell hemoglobinopathy
- Hematologic malignancies



Anemia:

*A decrease in red blood cells and/ or decrease in the level of hemoglobin.



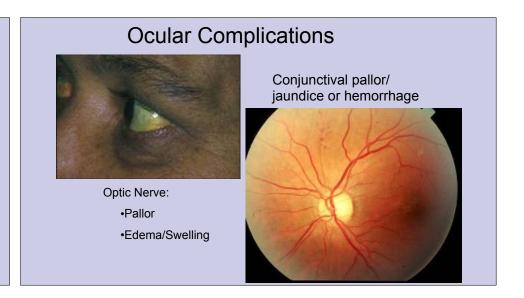
Anemic Retinopathy

- Retinal Findings:
 - · hemorrhages, CWS
 - dilated & tortuous vessels, exudates
 - Roth spots



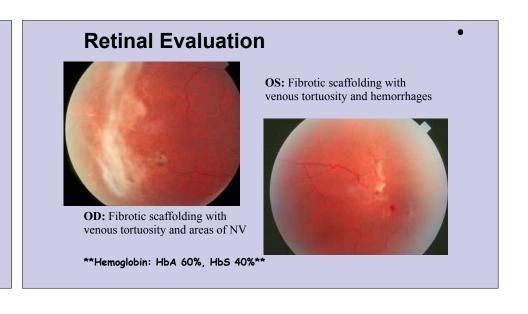
Anemic Retinopathy

- DDX:
 - hypertensive or diabetic retinopathy
- Pathophysiology:
 - anoxia, venous stasis, angiospasm, increased capillary permeability, and thrombocytopenia
 - severity of the anemia/ increased blood viscosity
- Manifestation of systemic disease



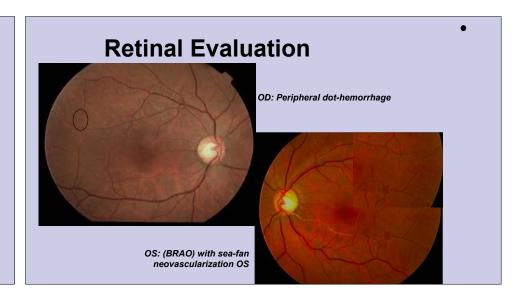
Case: 44 yo BM

- CC: Floaters OD X 6 months/ flashes of light/ +frontal headaches
- PMHX: Positive Sickle Cell Trait
 - Uncontrolled HTN X 15 years- h/o poor compliance with medications
- Blood pressure was 170/124 RAS
- BCVA: 20/20 OD, 20/20 OS.



Case Report: 45 yo BF

- Annual wellness
- PMHX: stroke one-month ago/ Hypertension/ hypercholesterolemia
- Aneurysmal dilation of the ascending thoracic aorta, and sickle cell trait.
- BCVA: 20/20 OD, 20/20 OS
- SLE: unremarkable



Red-free and FA of OS **Hemoglobin: HbA 58.3%, HbS 38.1%**

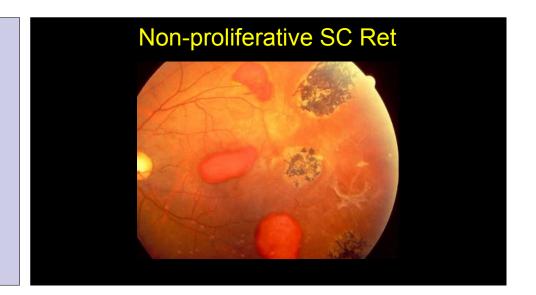
Ddx. of Peripheral NV

- PDR
- Familial exudative vitreoretinopathy
- Hyperviscosity syndromes
- Radiation retinopathy
- Sarcoidosis
- Ocular ischemic syndrome
- Sickle cell retinopathy
- Chronic myelogenous leukemia



Sickle Hemoglobinopathies

- Morbidity and Mortality
 - □ Vaso-occlusive events + chronic hemolytic anemia = tissue damage
- Variants
 - □ Sickle cell anemia- Hb SS
 - □ SC disease- Hb SC
 - □ Sickle β-thalassemia
 - □ Sickle cell trait –A ** (Most prevalent variant of sickle-cell dx.)
 - 8-10% of the Black population
 - □ 35-40% HbS and 55-60% Hb A



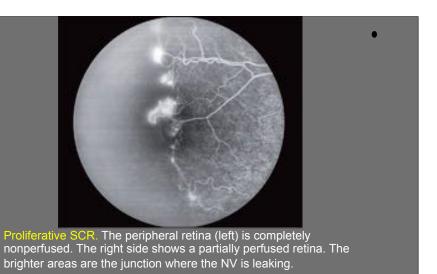
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Proliferative Retinopathy

Five stages:

- Stage 1. Peripheral Arteriolar Occlusion
- Stage 2. Peripheral Arteriovenous Anastomoses
- Stage 3. Neovascular and Fibrous Proliferations-Sea Fan formation
 - Auto-infarct or spontaneously regress (20-60%)
- Stage 4. Vitreous Hemorrhage
- Stage 5. Retinal Detachment



Take home message:

<u>Marked sickle cell retinopathy</u> can occur in the presence or absence of systemic diseases

Hypertension, Diabetes, Collagen Vascular Diseases, Sarcoidosis, Ocular Trauma

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Hematological Malignancies

- Leukemia
 - □ Acute myelogenous leukemia-AML
 - Chronic myelogenous leukemia-CML
 - □ Acute lymphoblastic leukemia-ALL
 - Chronic lymphocytic leukemia-CLL
- Lymphoma
 - □ Hodgkin Lymphoma
 - □ Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

Leukemic Retinopathy

- Opportunistic Infections:
 - □ CMV
 - □Retinopathy + papillitis —>
 - □Toxoplasmosis
 - Herpes
 - Fungal
 - Bacterial



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