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Provider Name:

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- Correct Application Fee
- Detailed Course Summary
- Detailed Course Outline
- PowerPoint and/or other Presentation Materials
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- CV for EACH Course Instructor
- License Verification for Each Course Instructor
  - Disciplinary History?  Yes  No



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## CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE APPROVAL APPLICATION

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In addition to the information requested below, please attach a copy of the course schedule, a detailed course outline and presentation materials (e.g., PowerPoint presentation). Applications must be submitted 45 days prior to the course presentation date.

**Please type or print clearly.**

<b>Course Title</b> <u>Oct Interpretation</u>	<b>Course Presentation Date</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-family: monospace; font-size: 1.2em;">                 05/15/2017             </div>
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### Course Provider Contact Information

<b>Provider Name</b> <u>April</u> (First) <u>Weekley</u> (Last) <u>C</u> (Middle)		
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<b>Provider Email Address</b> <u>AWeekley@Retina2020.com</u>		
Will the proposed course be open to all California licensed optometrists?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Do you agree to maintain and furnish to the Board and/or attending licensee such records of course content and attendance as the Board requires, for a period of at least three years from the date of course presentation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

### Course Instructor Information

Please provide the information below and attach the curriculum vitae for each instructor or lecturer involved in the course. If there are more instructors in the course, please provide the requested information on a separate sheet of paper.

<b>Instructor Name</b> <u>Anthony</u> (First) <u>Culotta</u> (Last) <u>J</u> (Middle)		
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**I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all the information submitted on this form and on any accompanying attachments submitted is true and correct.**

April Weekley  
 Signature of Course Provider

3/21/2017  
 Date



**Acuity Eye Specials & Retina Institute**

**CE Dinner May 15<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Agenda**

Topic	Time	Speaker
OCT interpretation	6:30-7:30	Anthony Culotta(Retina)
Selected cases of Optic Disc Edema	7:30-8:30	Jessica Boeckmann

***Requesting 2 hour CE approval***

3/23/2017

OCT Interpretation Continuing Education

This presentation details the history of retinal OCT (optical coherence tomography) including the creation of the technology and the initial diagnostic applications. The presentation goes on to further detail the advances in the technology and the expansion of its diagnostic applications. Case studies are presented to help apply the technology to particular patient cases. The presentation will conclude with the future of OCT retina.

Anthony J. Culotta, M.D.

## **"OCT Interpretation of Retinal Diseases"**

Anthony Culotta, MD

- A. Discuss pathophysiology and treatment of retinal diseases
  - 1. Central serous retinopathy
  - 2. Wet macular degeneration
  - 3. Juxtafoveal retinal telangiectases
  - 4. Uveitic CME
  - 5. Other retinal diseases
  
- B. Review OCT Technology and development
  - 1. Discuss differences between time domain and spectral domain OCT
  - 2. Discuss OCT Clinical applications
  - 3. Review OCT images of normal eyes and various retinal diseases to allow for you to educate your patients
  - 4. Interpret OCT finding to know when to refer patients for retinal consultation
  
- C. Discuss classical versus atypical presentations of macular edema
  
- D. Compare traditional versus new emerging treatments
  
- E. Discuss related new research trials exploring innovative treatment

Review:

Discuss patient cases with OCT images in context of other imaging technology.

# OCT Interpretation

**Anthony Culotta, M.D.**



**Retina**Institute

*On call for you*

# Course Objectives

- Review OCT technology and development
- Discuss differences between time domain and spectral domain OCT
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- Review OCT images of normal eyes and various retinal diseases to allow you to educate your patients
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# Introduction

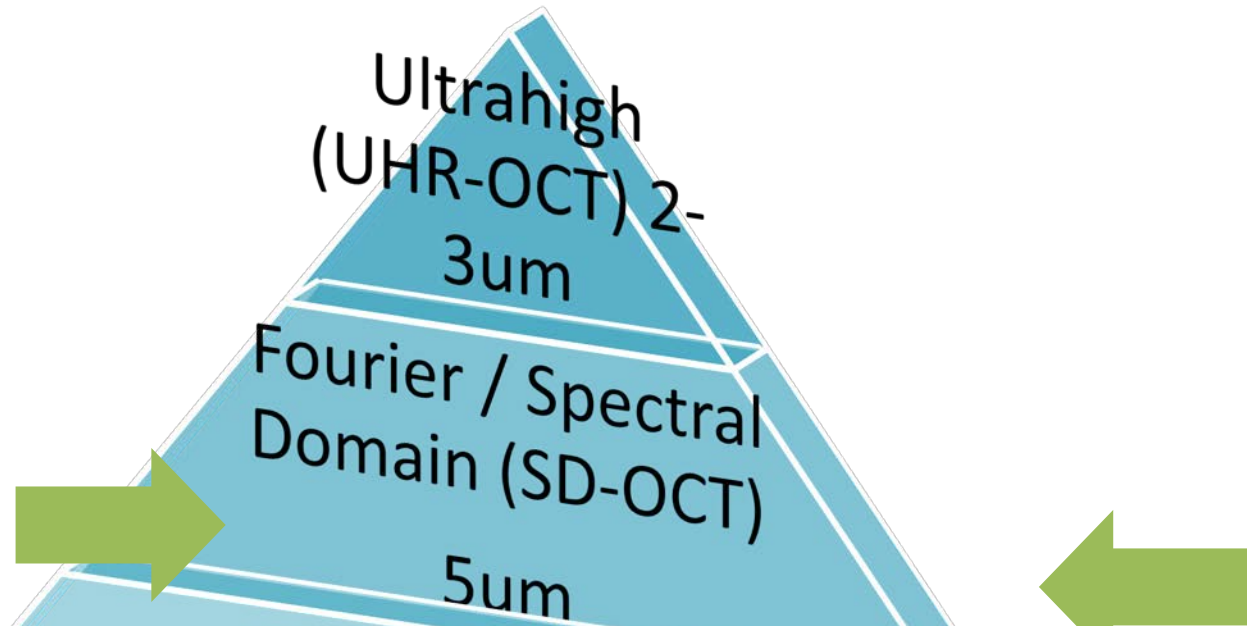
- Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)
  - Imaging technique first introduced in 1991
  - Collaborative development by MIT and New England Eye Center (Tufts)
  - Tomographic imaging analogous to MRI, CT, or ultrasound
  - High axial resolution = 10 microns
  - Allows for a “histologic” cross-section of the retina and enhanced visualization of other parts of the eye



# Technology

- OCT is analogous to ultrasound B-Scan
  - Except optical rather than acoustic reflectivity is measured
- A much higher image resolution is thus obtained with OCT
- Michelson interferometry:
  - Light passes through the eye → different reflection are obtained from different layers

# Resolutions of OCT Machines



# Comparison

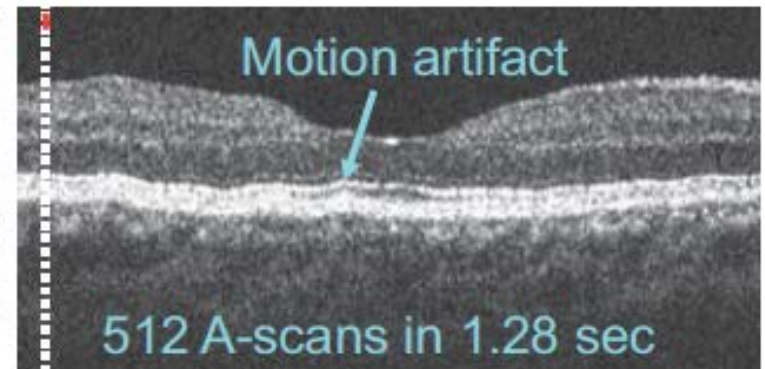
- SD-OCT
  - Simultaneous
  - 2048 pixels at a time



1024 A-scans in 0.04 sec

Higher speed, higher definition and higher signal.

- TD-OCT
  - Sequential
  - 1 pixel at a time



512 A-scans in 1.28 sec

# Common OCT Machines

- TD-OCT
  - Stratus
- SD-OCT
  - Spectralis
  - Cirrus
  - Optovue RTVue, iVue

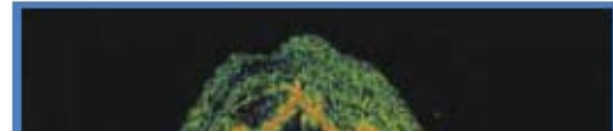
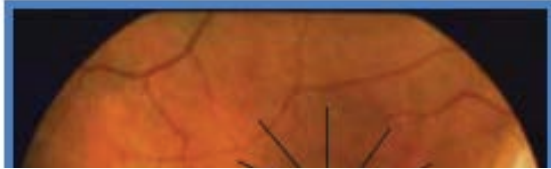
# Time Domain OCT (Stratus)

- Became commercially available in 2002
- “State of the art” still in 2007

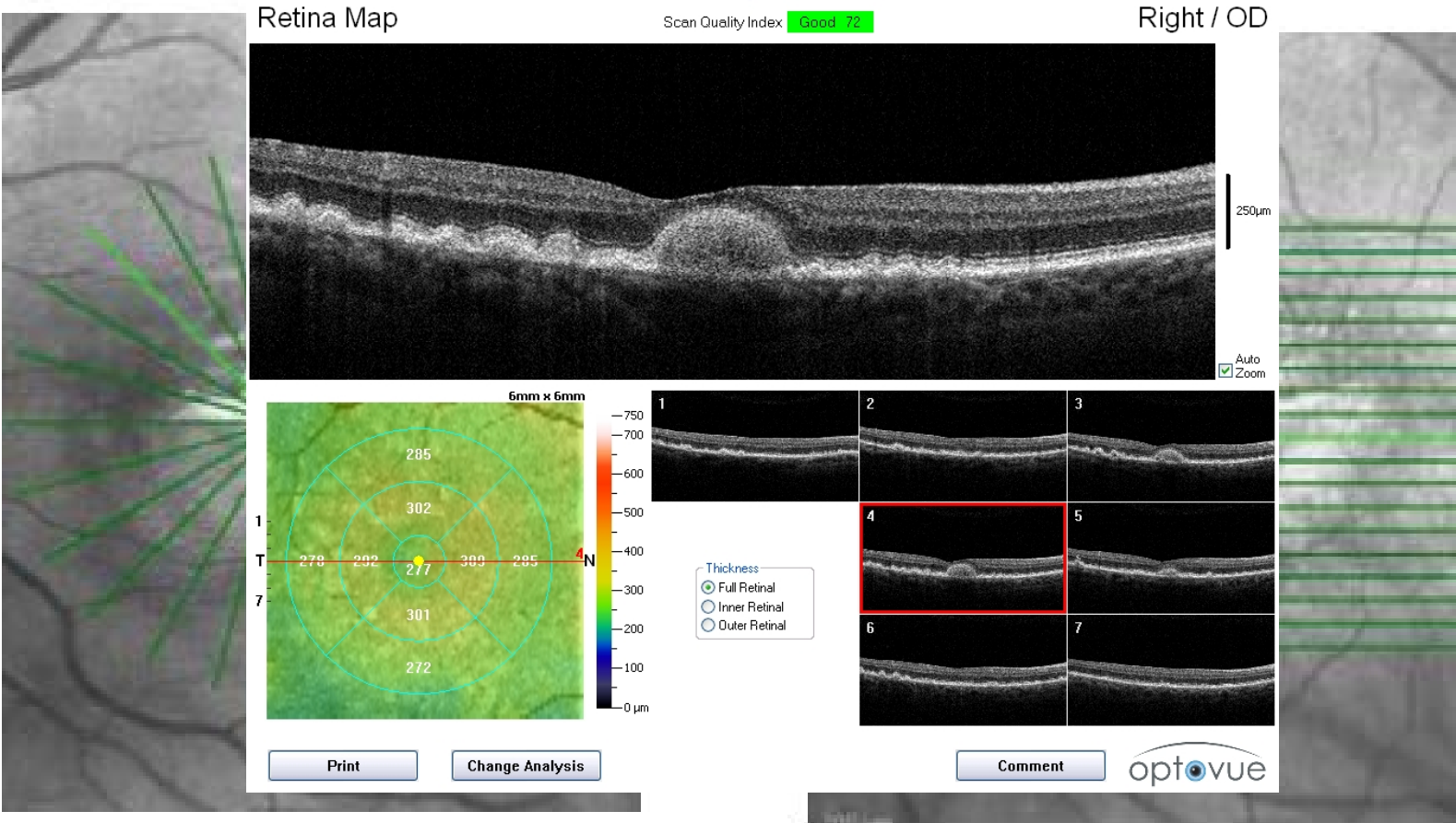


# Stratus: Time-Domain

- Two forms of data output:
  - 6 linear scans through macula
  - Macular topography mapping



# SD-OCT



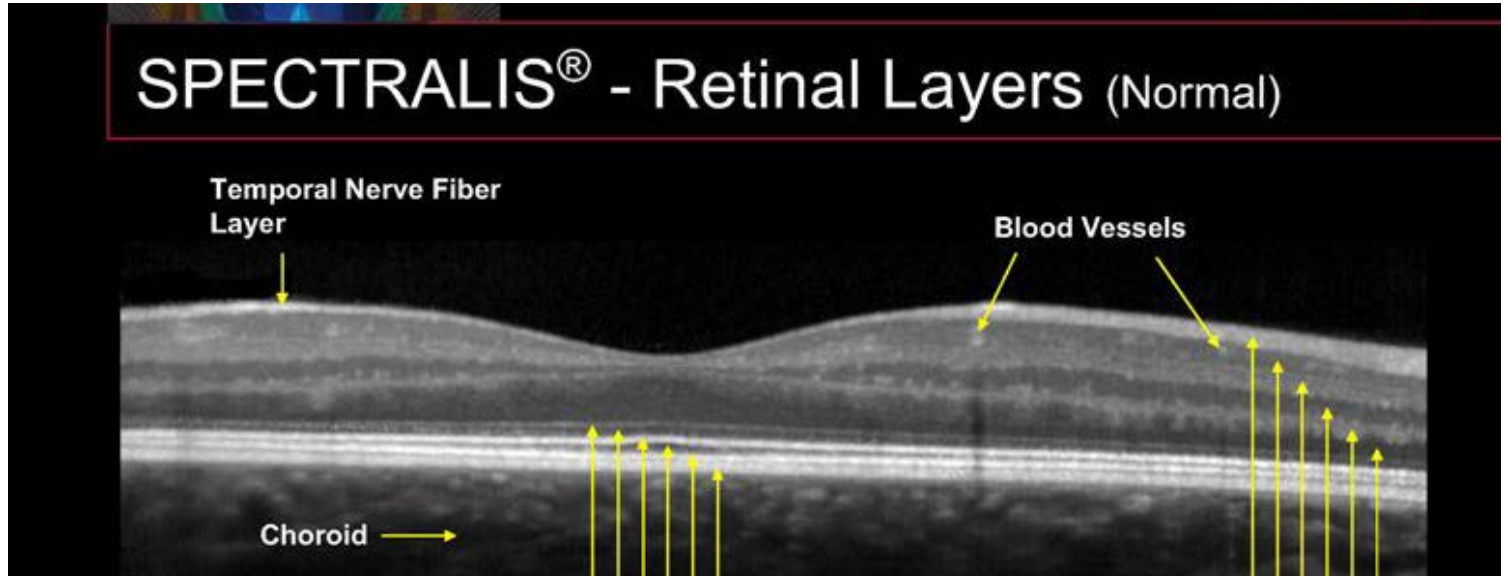
# OCT Hands-On



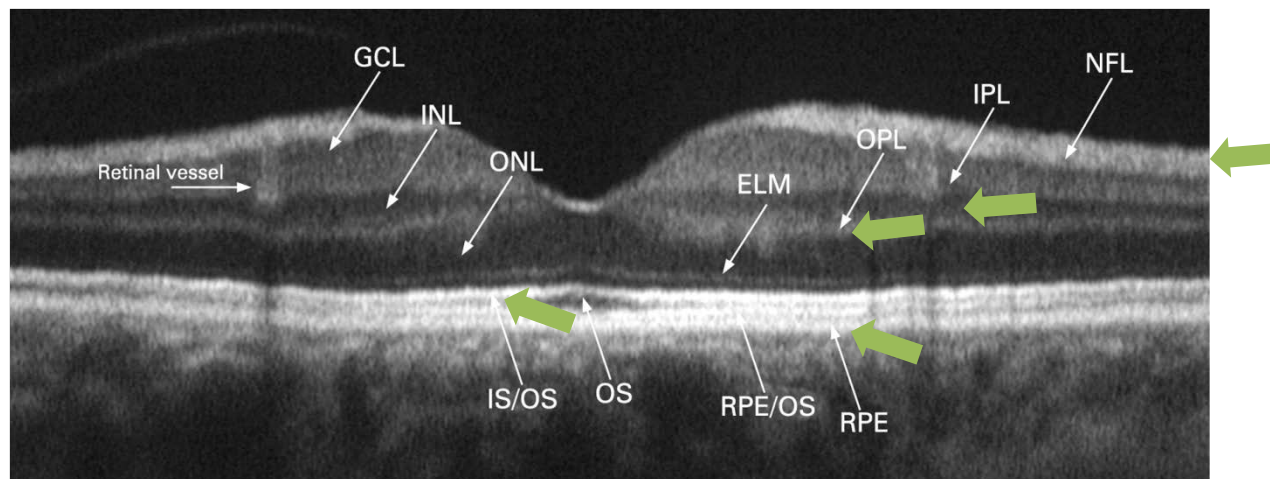


# SD-OCT

## SPECTRALIS<sup>®</sup> - Retinal Layers (Normal)

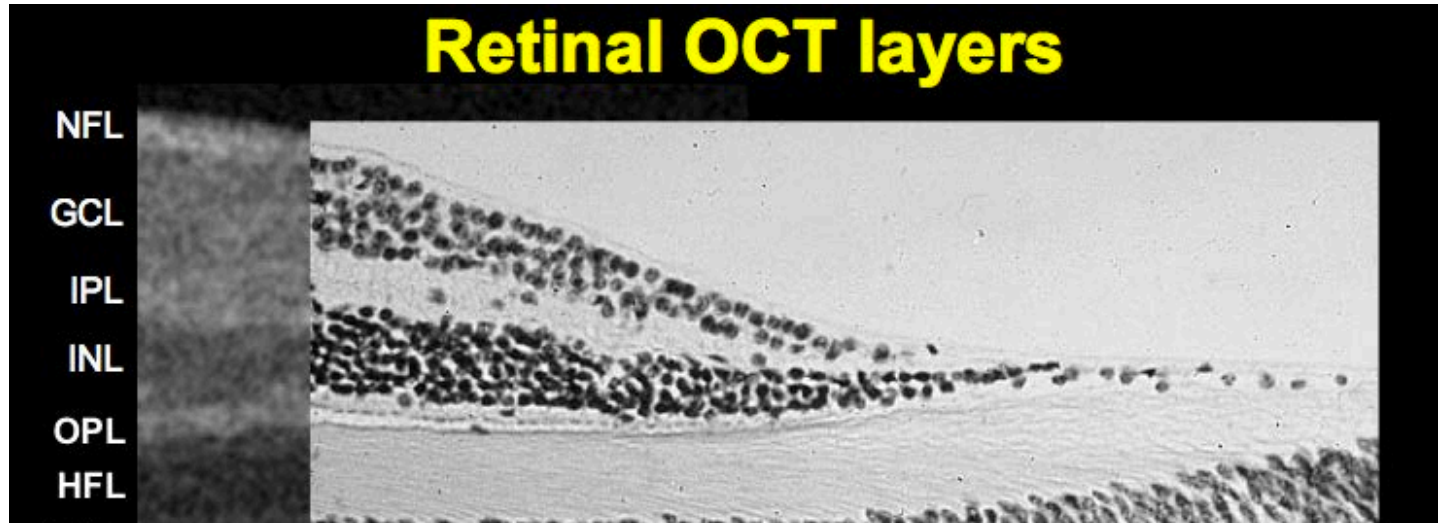


# Normal Retina OCT Structures



- ➔ • NFL & GCL are bright
- ➔ • Densely packed nuclear layers are dark
- ➔ • Horizontal plexiform layers are bright
  - Photoreceptors are hyporeflective
- ➔ • IS/OS junction is bright
- ➔ • RPE, inner choroid are hyper-reflective

# Histologic “Slice” of the Retina



# Applications of SD-OCT

Poor fixation due to decreased vision

- Tracking & registration

Unexplained VA loss

- Explanation of symptoms based on cellular level
- Detection of subtle findings

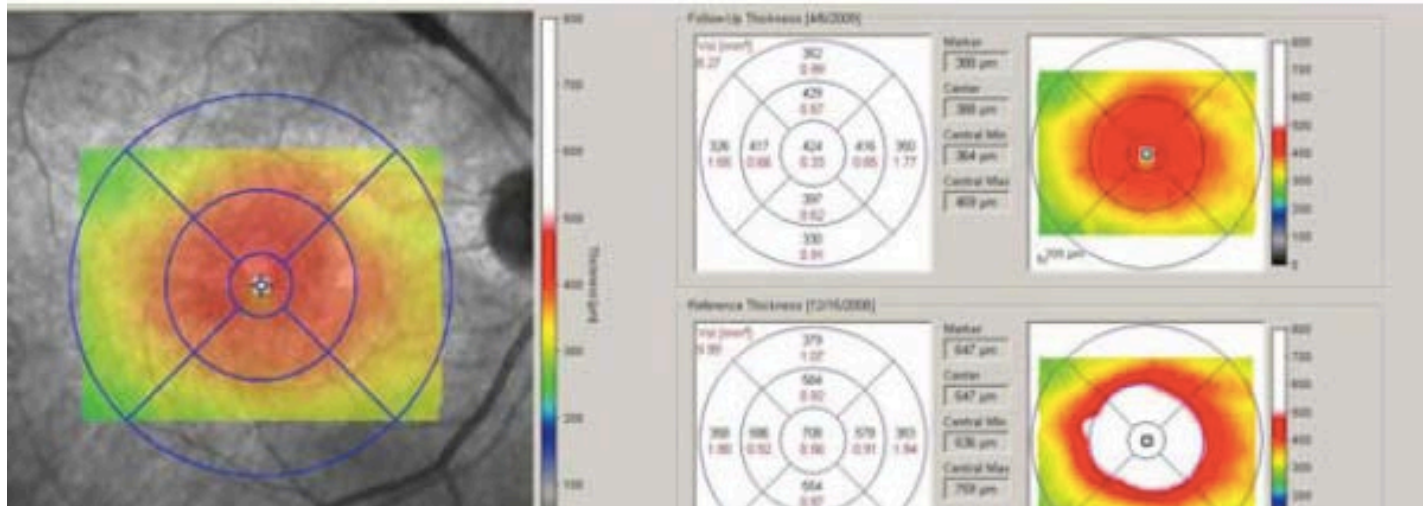
Response to therapy

- Analysis of change from baseline

Research

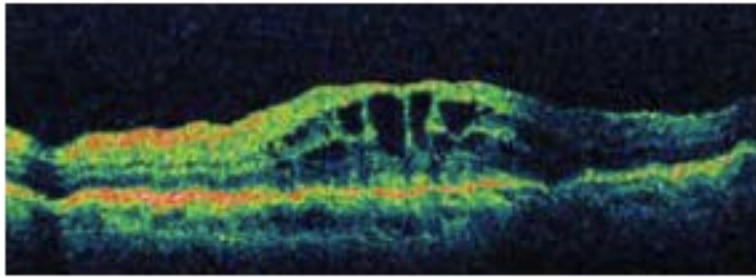
- Clinical trials outcome
- Analysis of retinal layers

# Reproducibility for Analysis of Change: CME

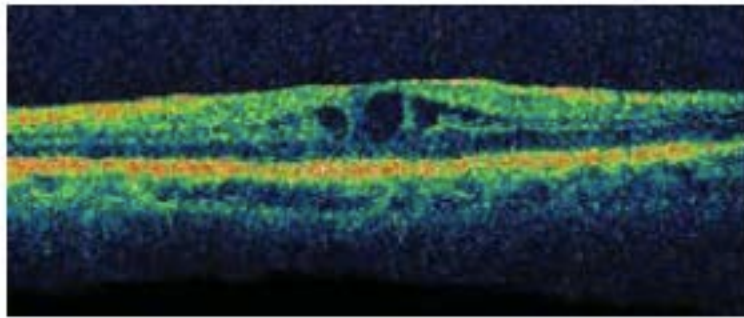


# Qualitative Use of OCT

- Baseline

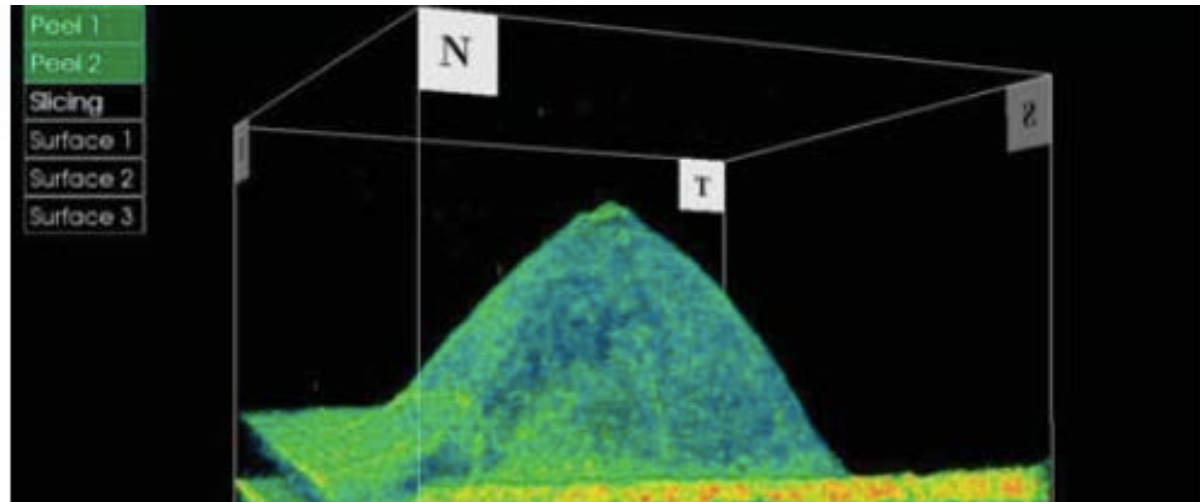


- One month post treatment

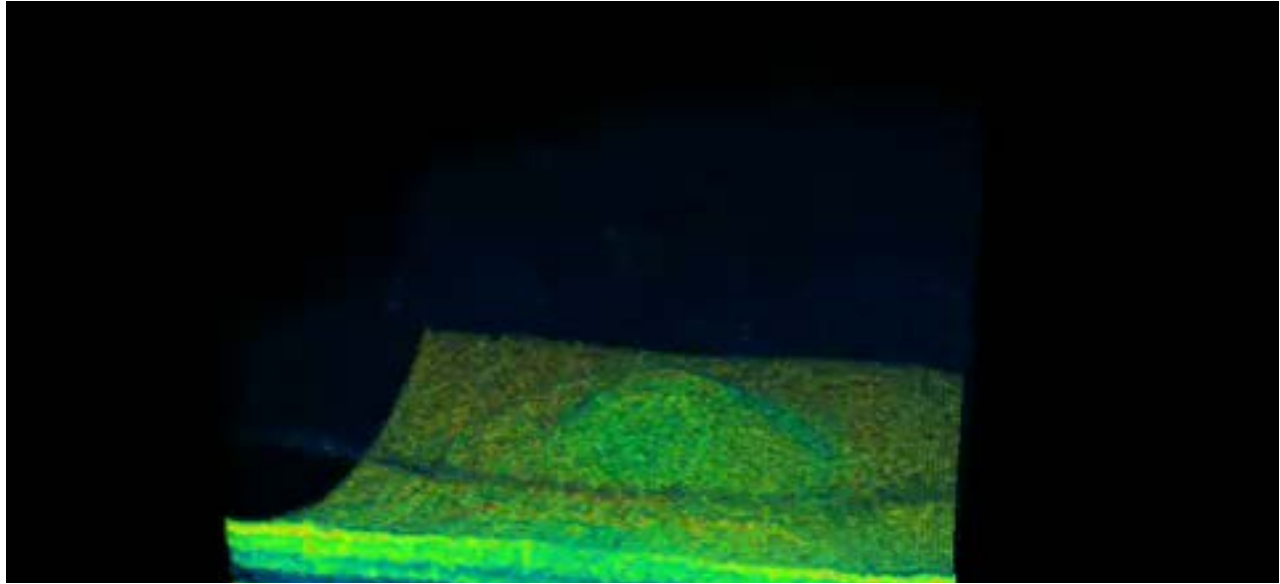


- Document change
- Aid in treatment decision making
- Educational tool for patients
- Enhances compliance

# 3D-Imaging Educational Tool

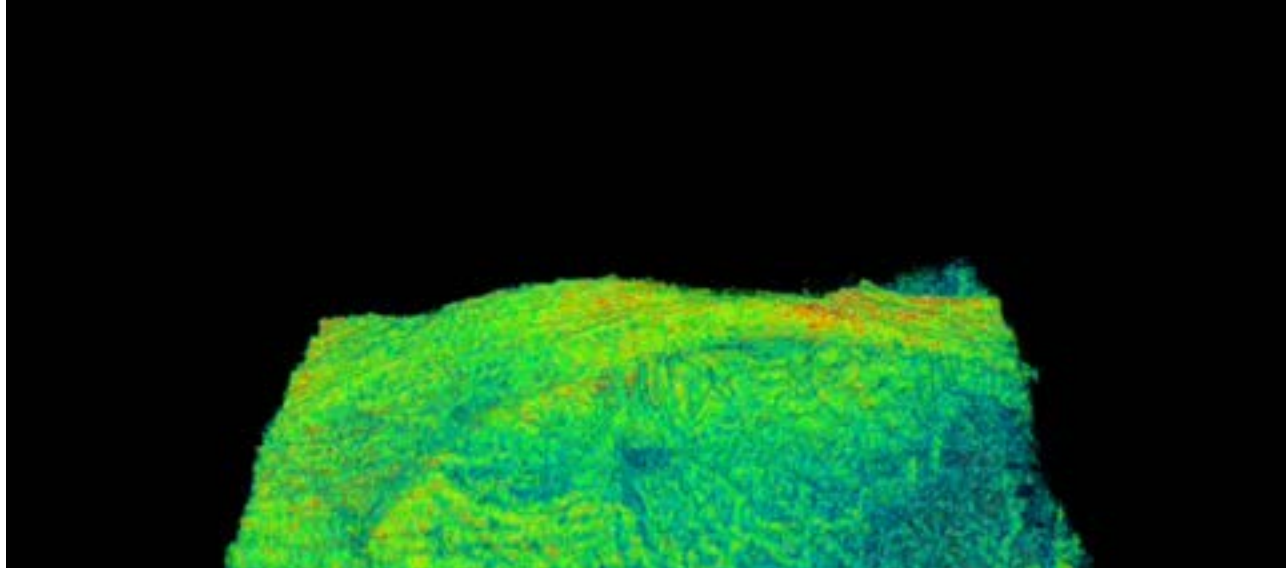


# 3D-Video: Macular Hole





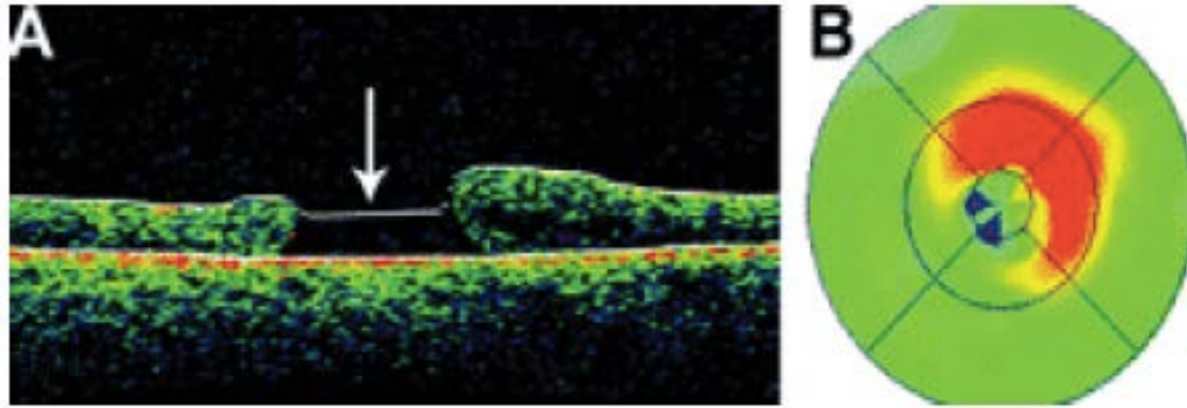
# 3D-Video: ERM



# Potential Artifacts

- Be able to distinguish artifact vs. pathology
  1. Boundary Line Errors
  2. Decentration Errors
  3. Motion Artifact
  4. Low Signal Strength

# Boundary Line Errors



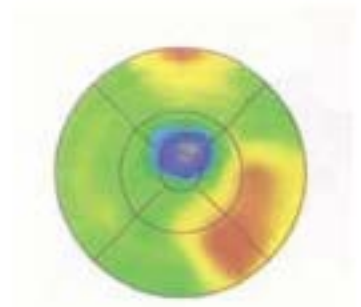
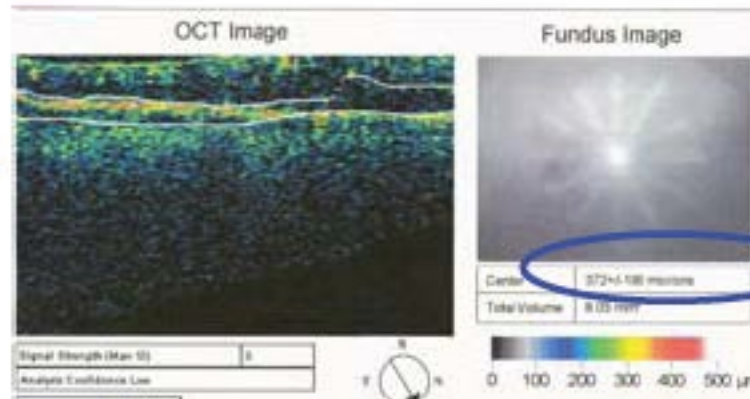
- Software interpolates the inner retinal surface across the discontinuity
- Thickness map does not demonstrate the full thickness hole

# Decentration Error

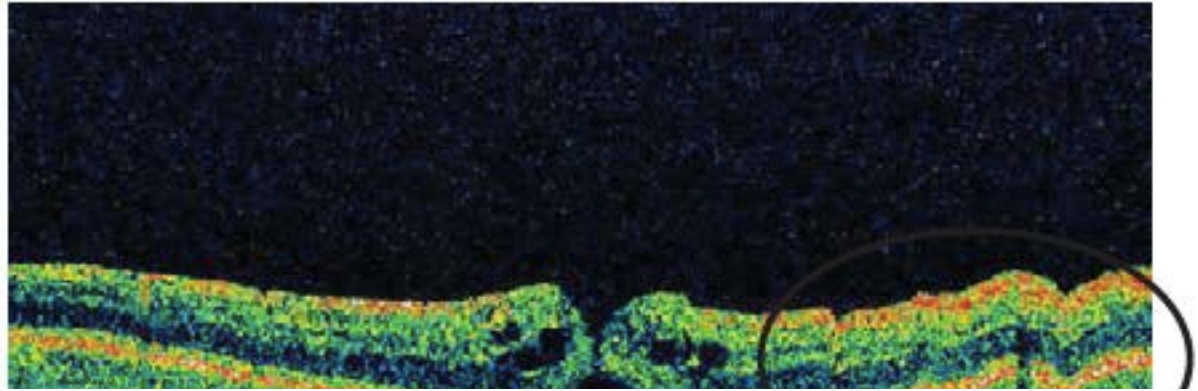
Boundary line error

>10% standard deviation

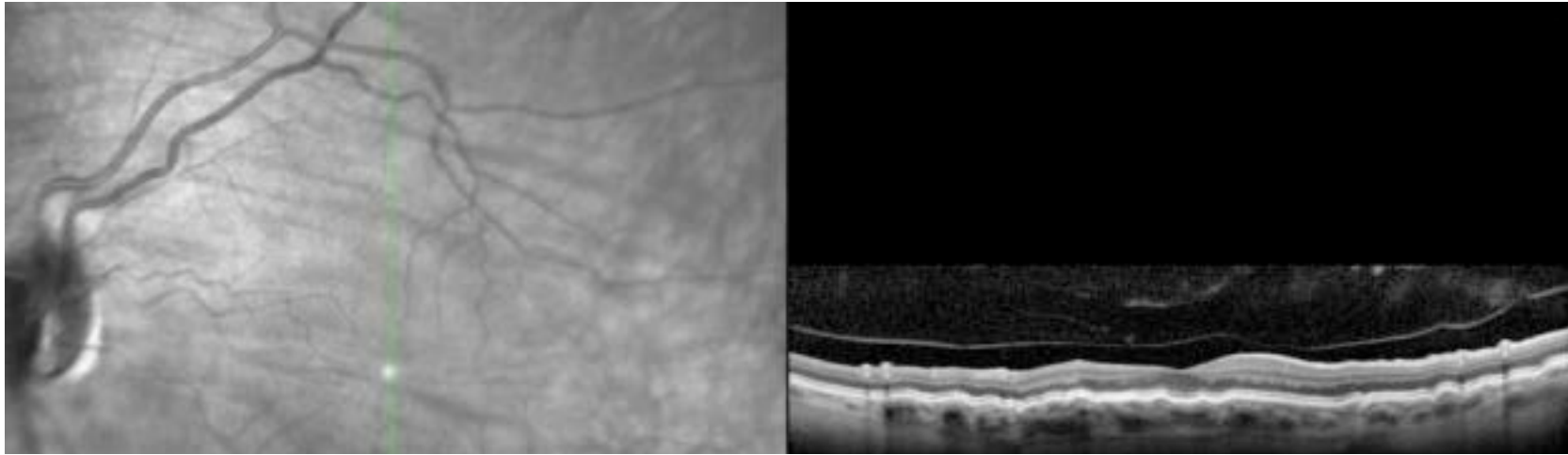
Scan not centered on image window



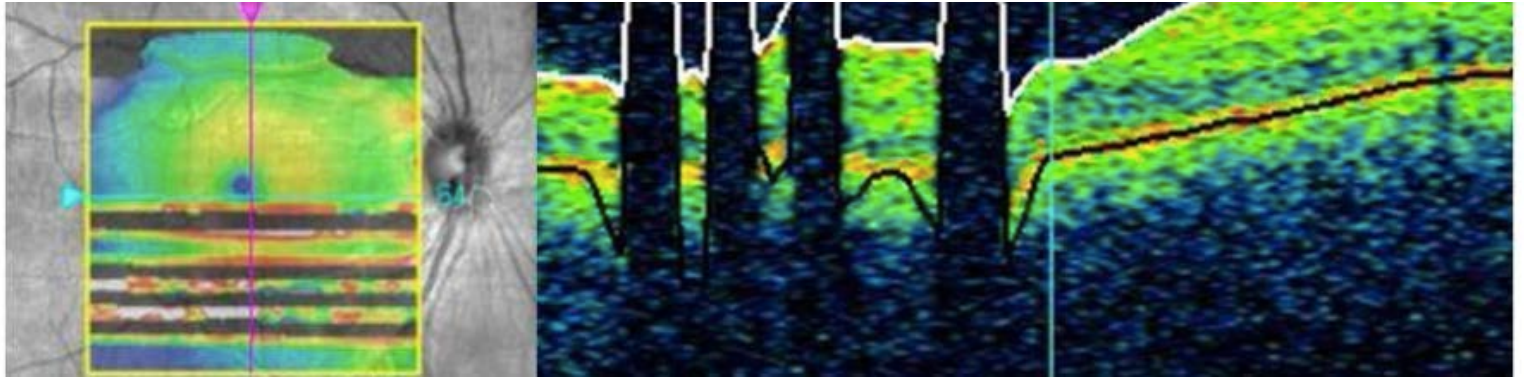
# Motion Artifact



# Hypotony Maculopathy



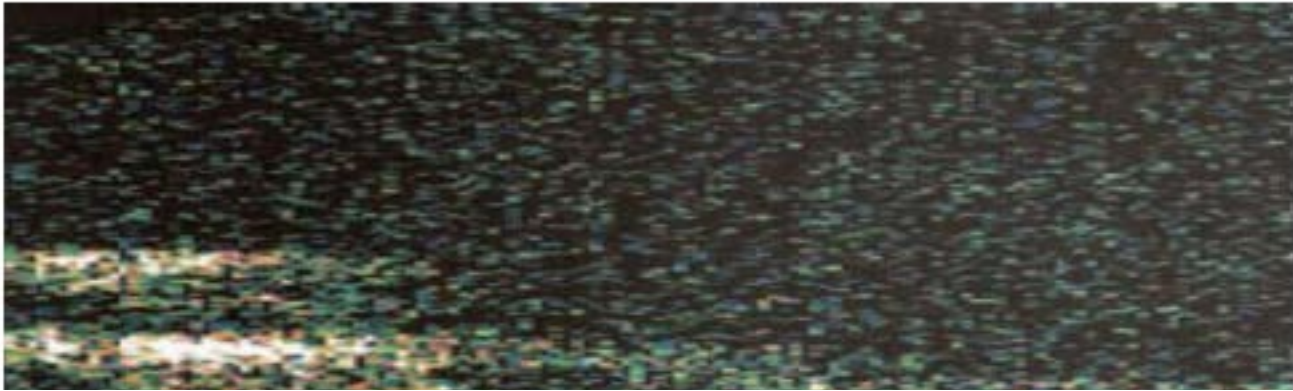
# Blink Artifact



- Missing pieces of information between blinks
- Segmentation lines
- Inaccurate topographic mapping

# Low Signal Strength

- Dense Cataract





# Techniques for Optimal OCT Scan

- Good dilation (although usually can get scans undilated)
- Optimal tear film
  - Have patient blink prior to scan
  - Artificial tears
- Image centered
- Proper depth of image
  - e.g. – Spectralis – center images within the blue brackets on the screen

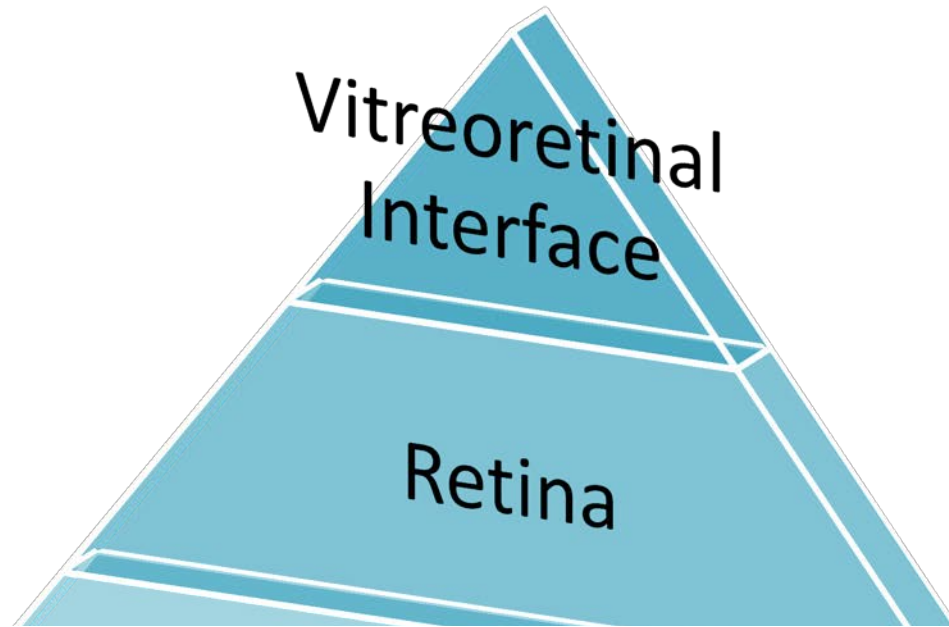
# OCT Evaluation of Clinical Disorders

- CSCCR
- VMT
- ERM
- Pseudoholes
- Macular Holes
- Macular Edema
- Retinal Detachment
- Retinoschisis
- Optic nerve head pit
- Optic nerve drusen
- ARMD
- Glaucoma
  - NFL
  - Angle evaluation – pupillary block, plateau iris
- Anterior segment
  - LASIK flaps
  - Posterior capsule

# OCT Interpretation

- Review systematically, from inner → outer (from top of scan to bottom)
- Vitreoretinal surface (+/-PVD, VH, AH, VMT)
- Dark vs. Bright areas
- Identify artifacts
- Identify normal structures that are not pathological (e.g. retinal blood vessels)

# Review OCT in “Layers”



# OCT Interpretation

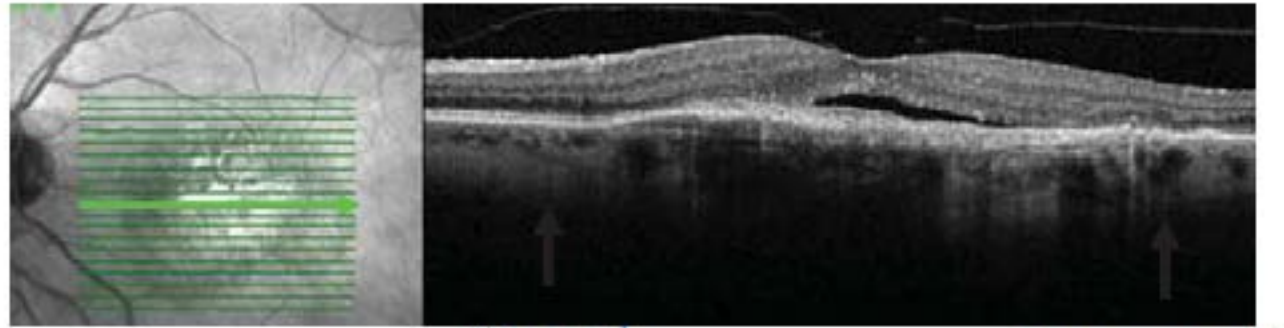
- **Hypo-Reflective**

- Cellular nuclei: GCL, INL, ONL
- Shadowing beneath vessels
- Fluid
- Cystic spaces
- Loss of tissue

- **Hyper-Reflective**

- Interface changes: NFL, IPL, OPL, ELM
- IS/OS junction
- RPE
- Lipids

# Orientation

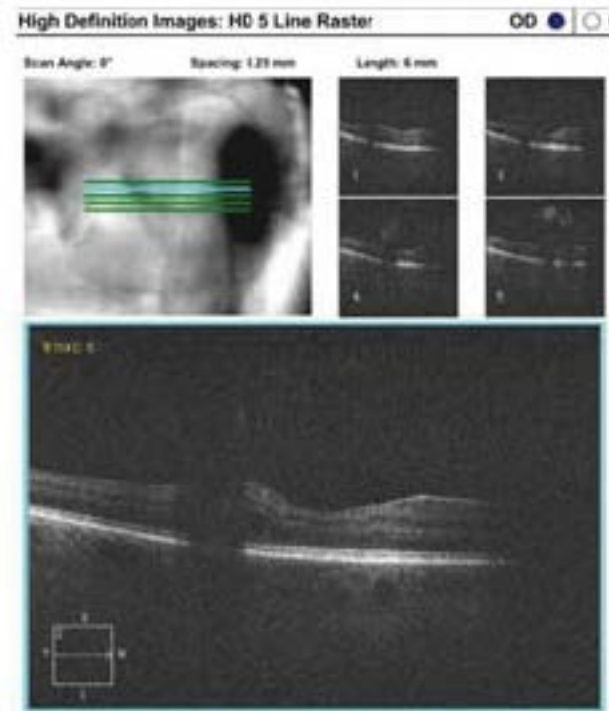


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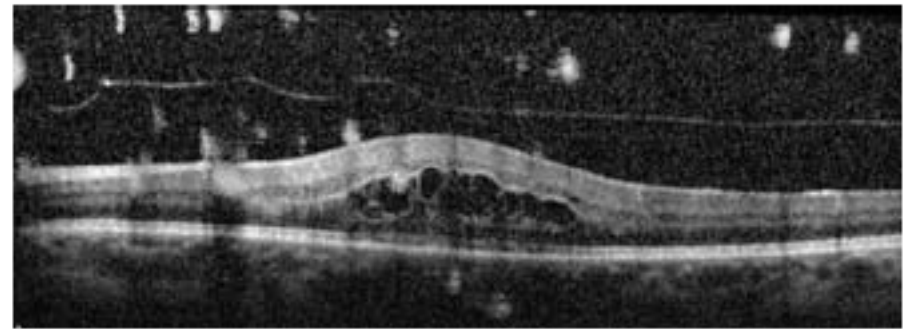
Temporal



# Vitreous Opacities

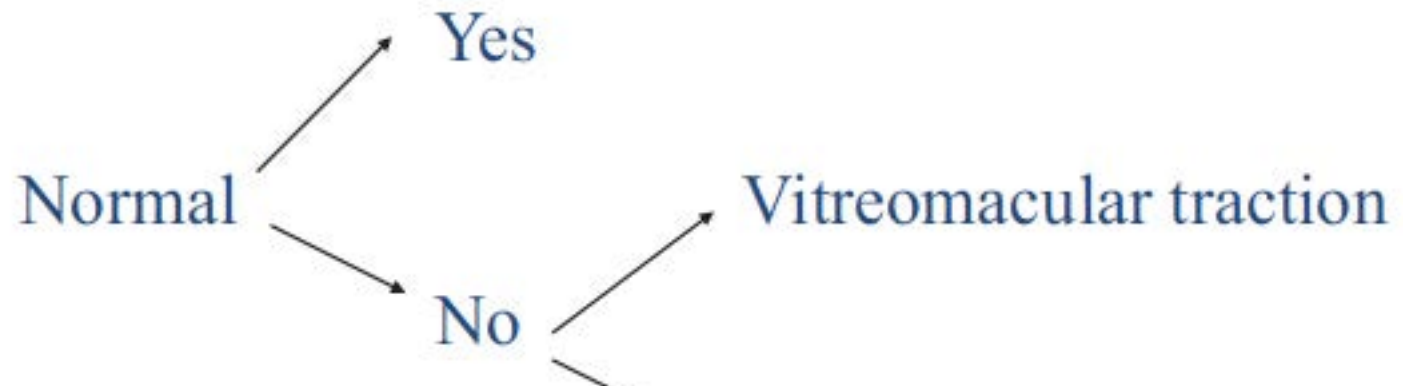


Large Vitreous Floater



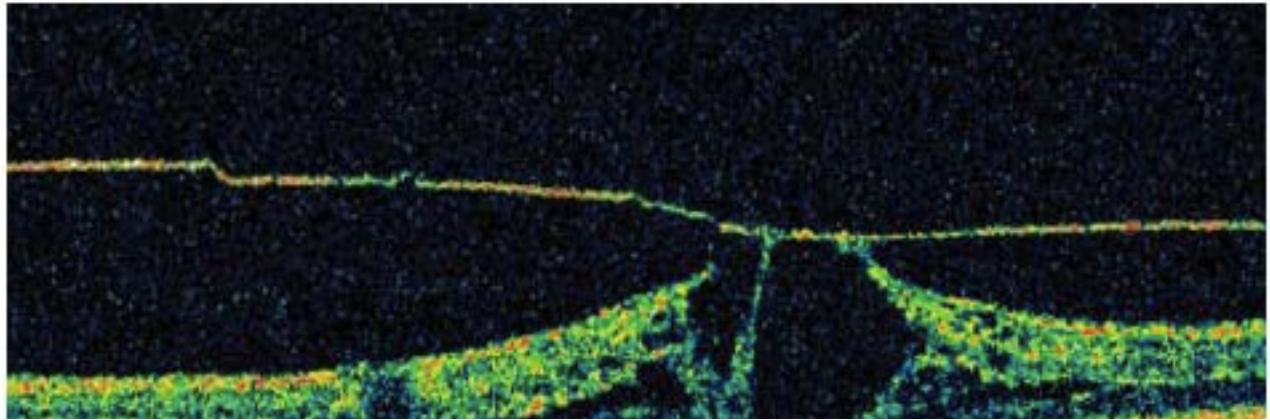
Asteroid Hyalosis

# Vitreoretinal Interface

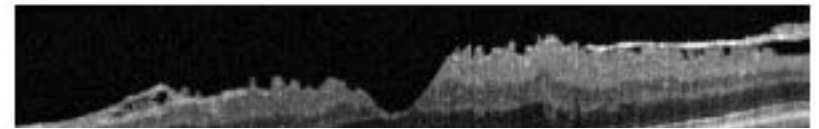
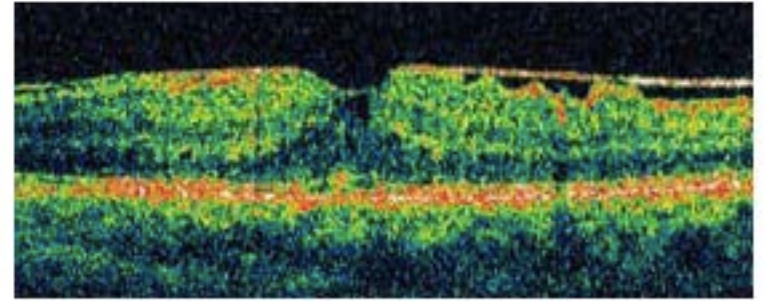
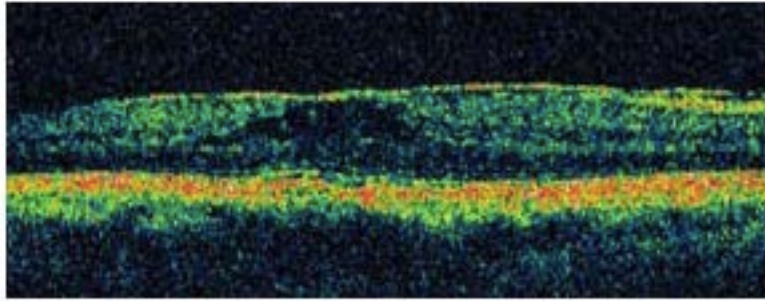




# Vitreomacular Traction (VMT)



# Epiretinal Membrane (ERM)

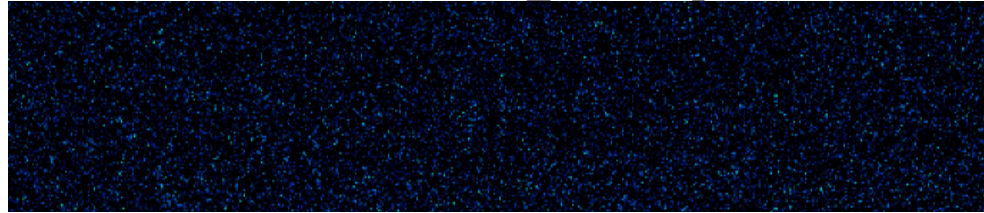


# Retina

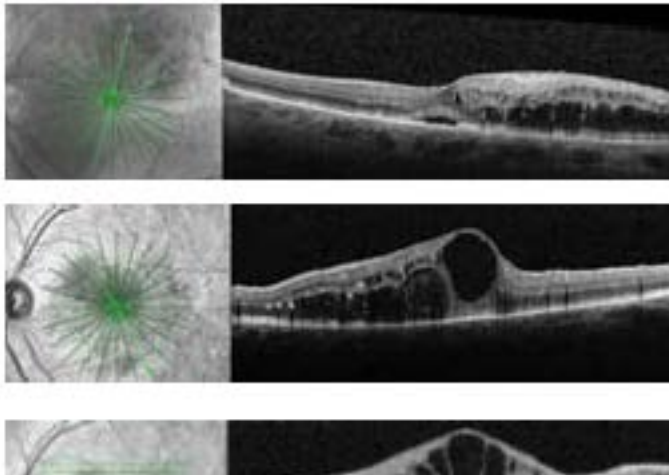
- Retinal Artery Occlusion
- Macroaneurysms
- Intraretinal Exudates
- Intraretinal Hemorrhages
- CME
- SRF
- Macular Hole / Lamellar / Pseudoholes
- JFT
- Plaquenil Toxicity
- Retinal Detachments

# CRAO

- 32 y/o man with h/o sickle cell anemia
- c/o sudden vision loss of the right eye.  
His BCVA of the right eye is CF.



# Retinal Edema



BRVO

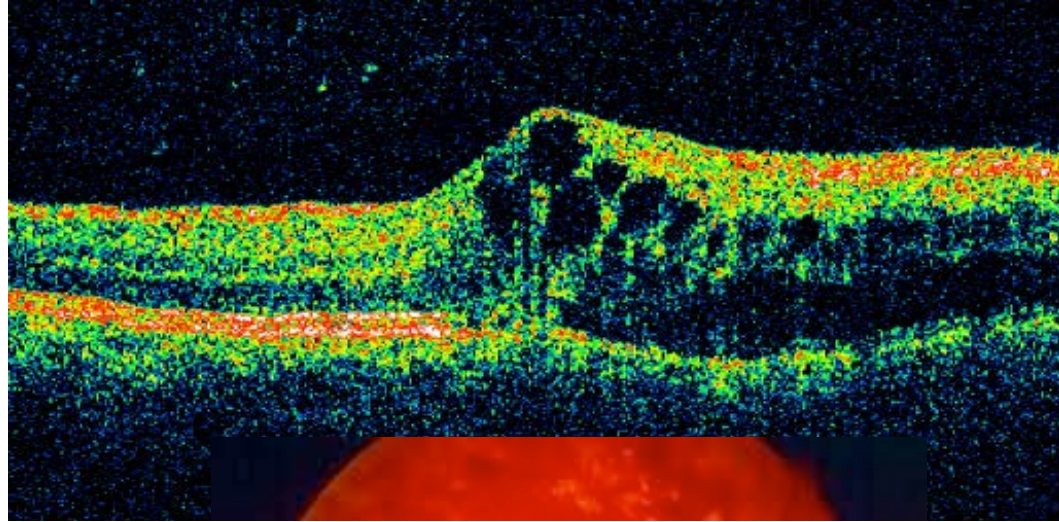
- Retina is thickened

- Cystoid spaces

DME

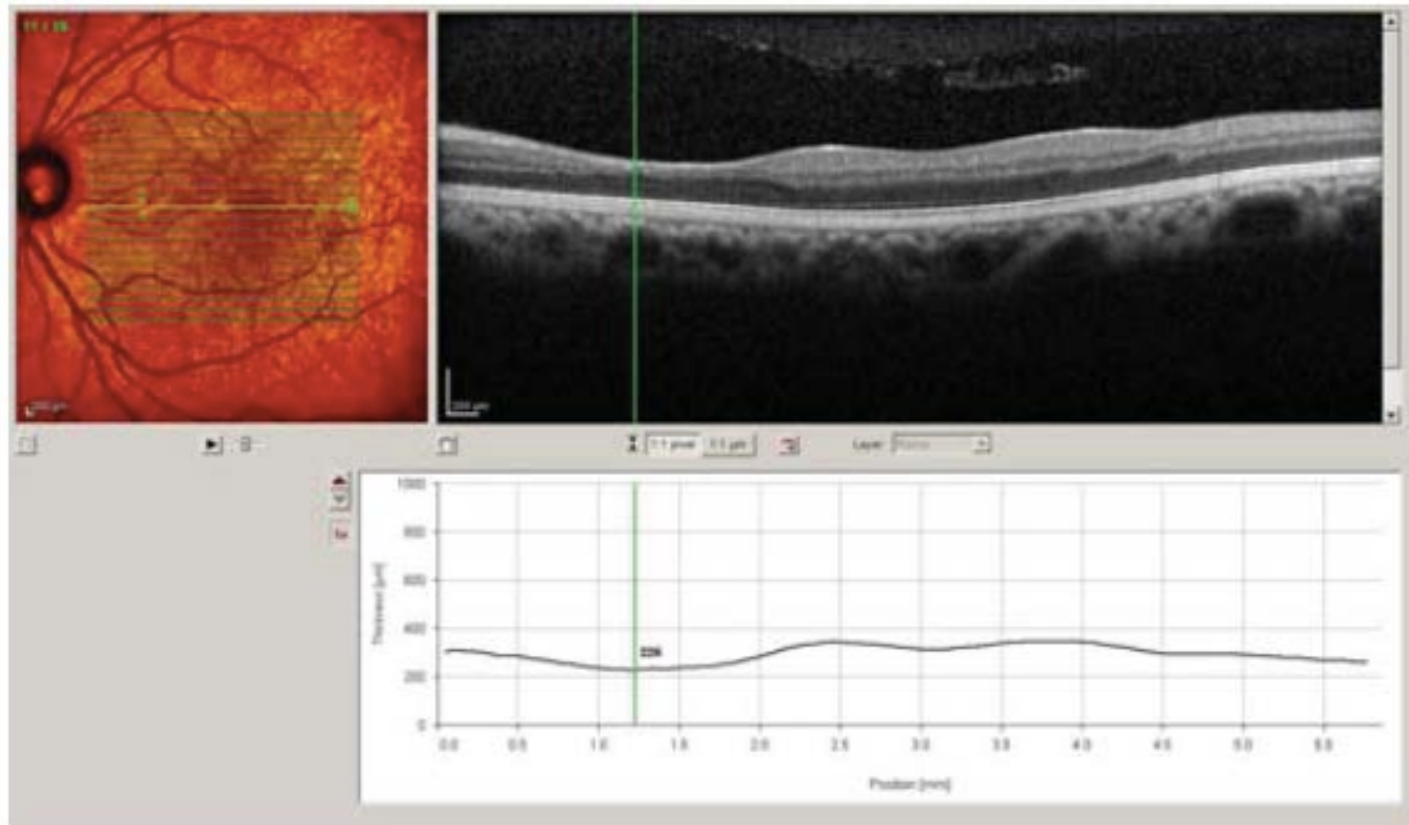
- May be associated with subretinal fluid

# BRVO



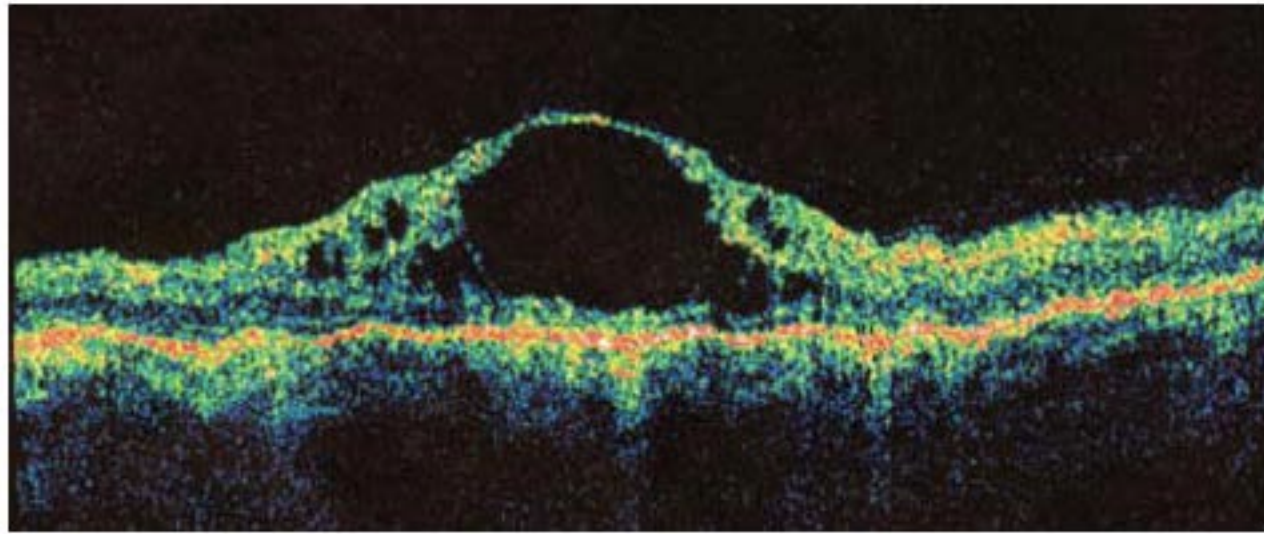
# Unexplained Vision Loss

Pt c/o scotoma



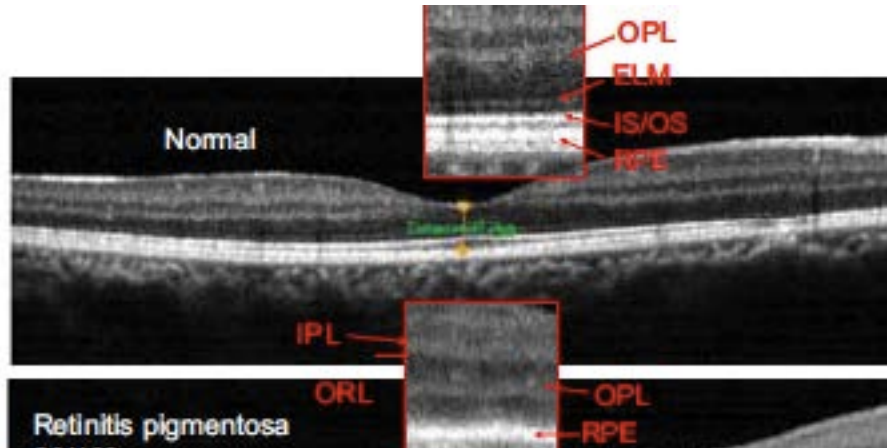
Focal retinal atrophy from BRVO

# Retinitis Pigmentosa with CME





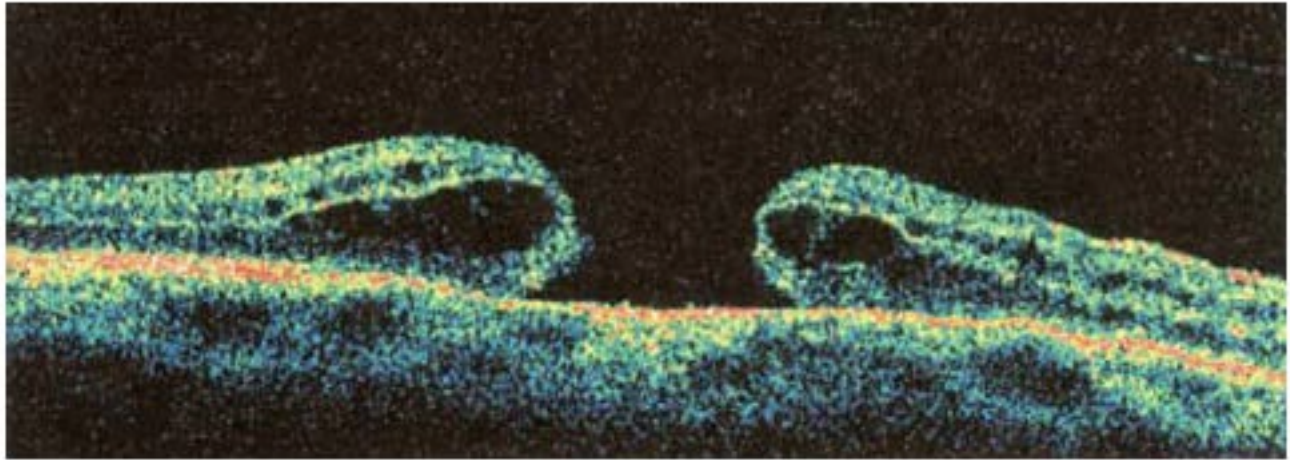
# Retinitis Pigmentosa



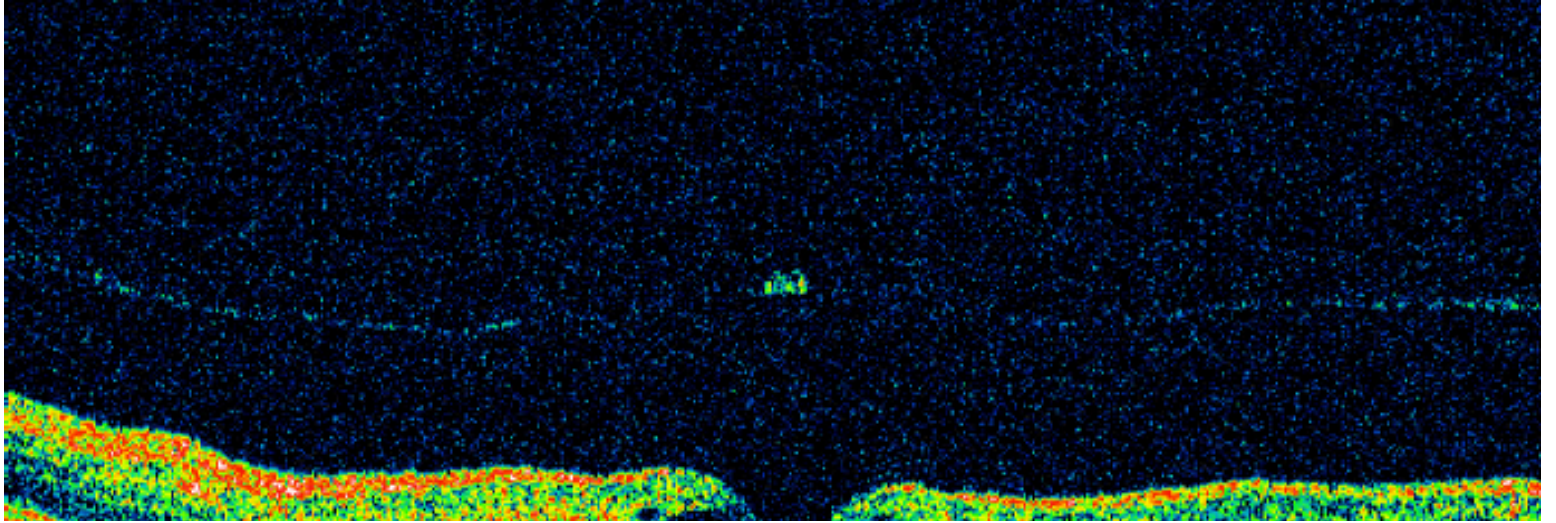
Normal Eye

Thinning of the  
outer retina with

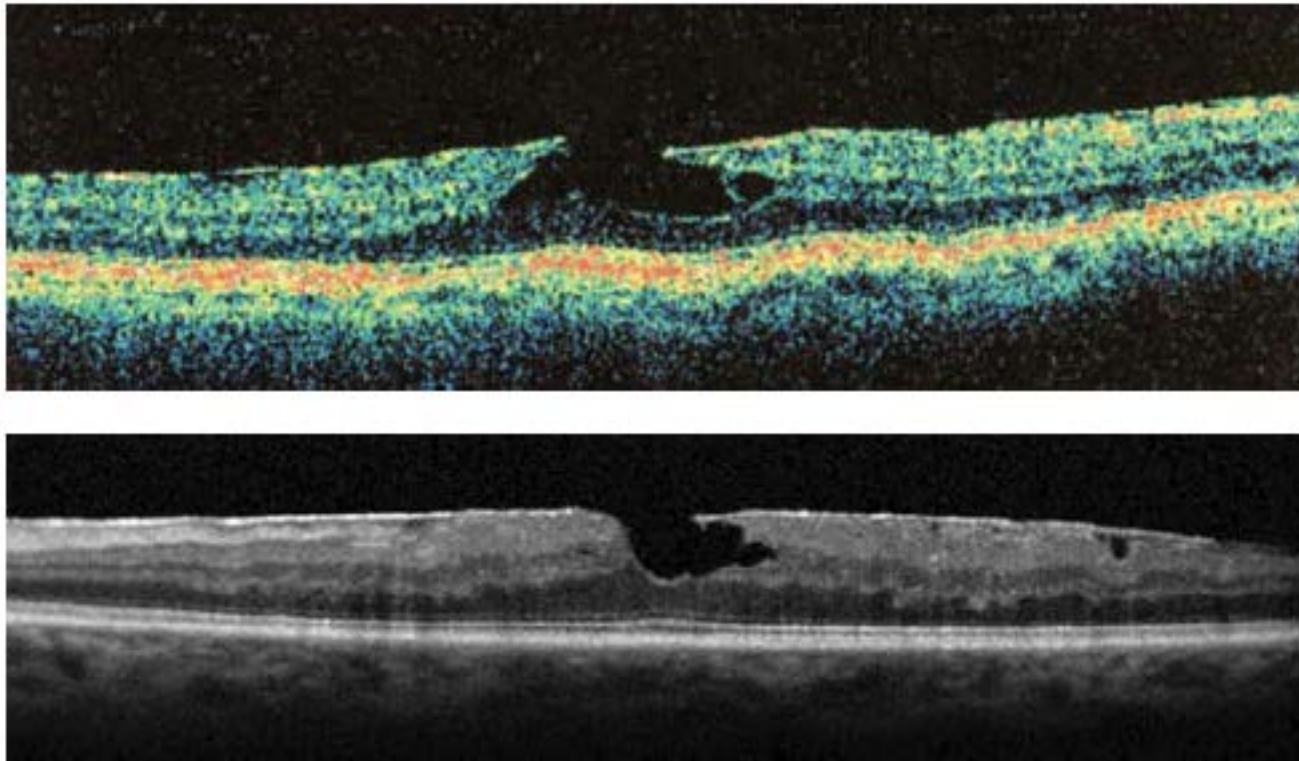
# Macular Hole



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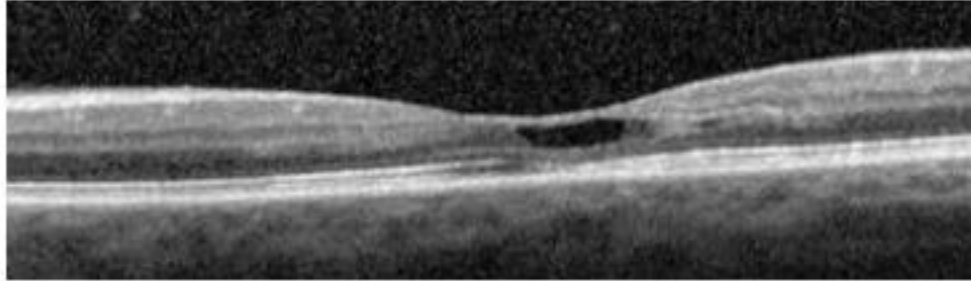


# Lamellar Hole



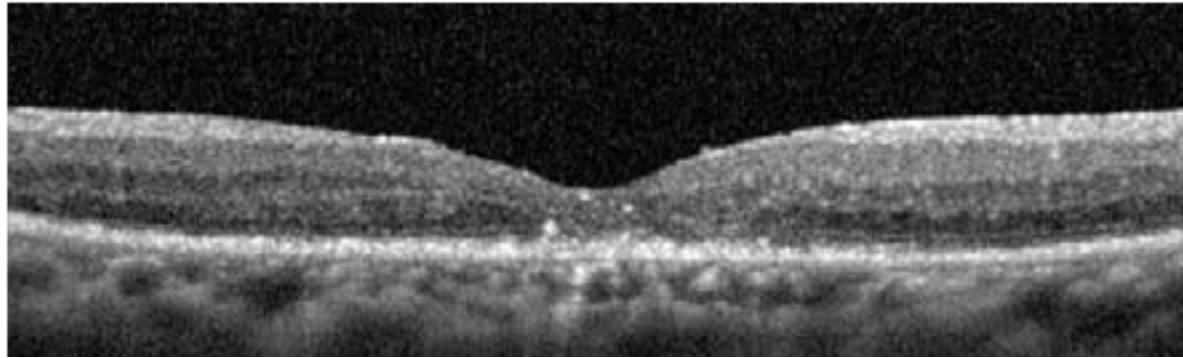
What is likely to be the patient's visual acuity?

# Juxtafoveal Telangiectasia



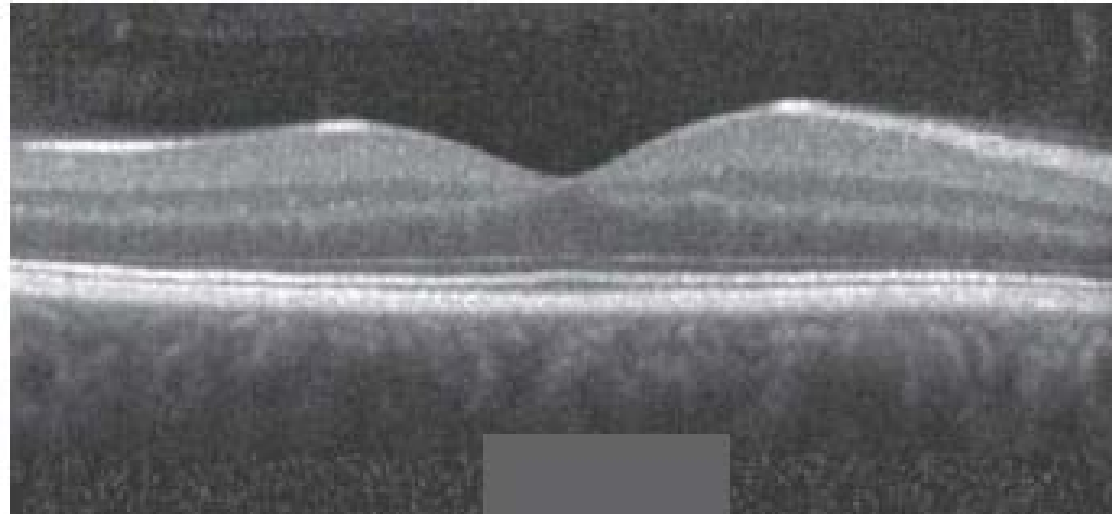
- Intraretinal “cavities”
- ILM drape
- Retina is not

# Reattachment after Chronic RD



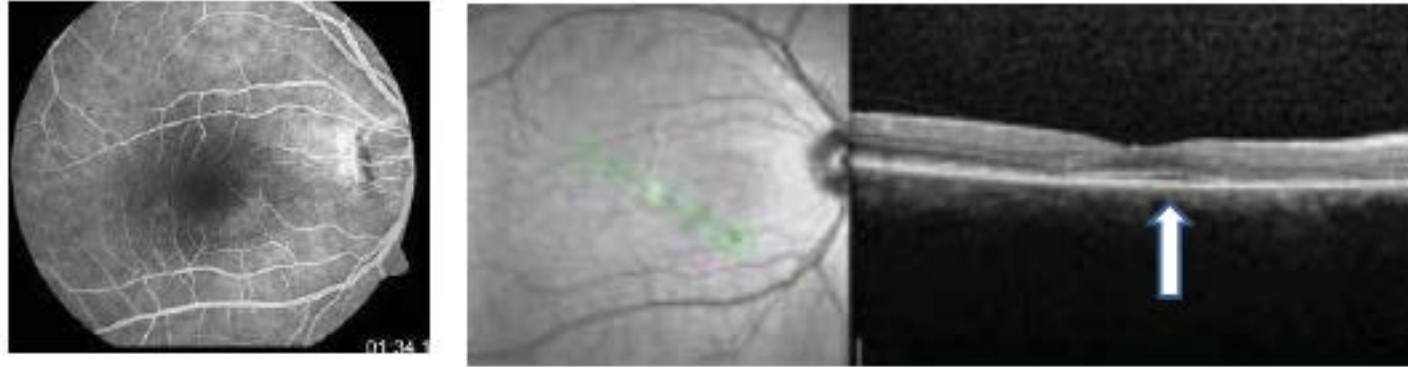


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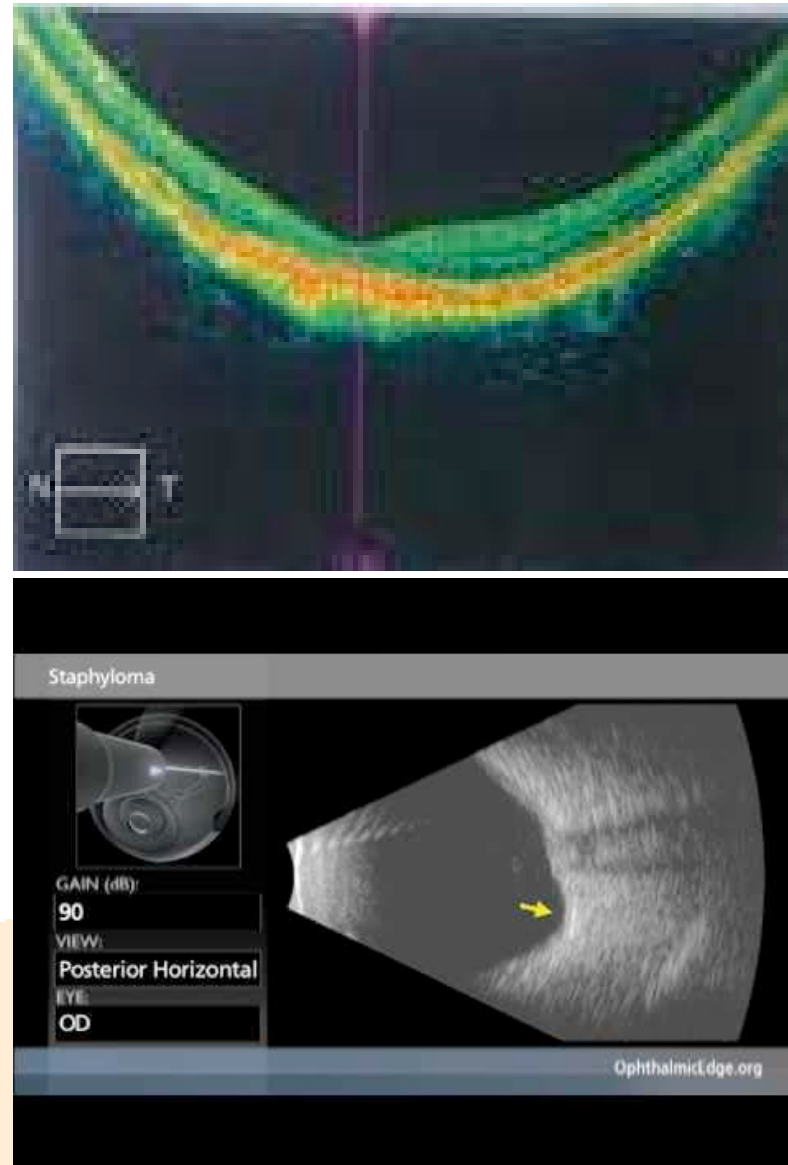




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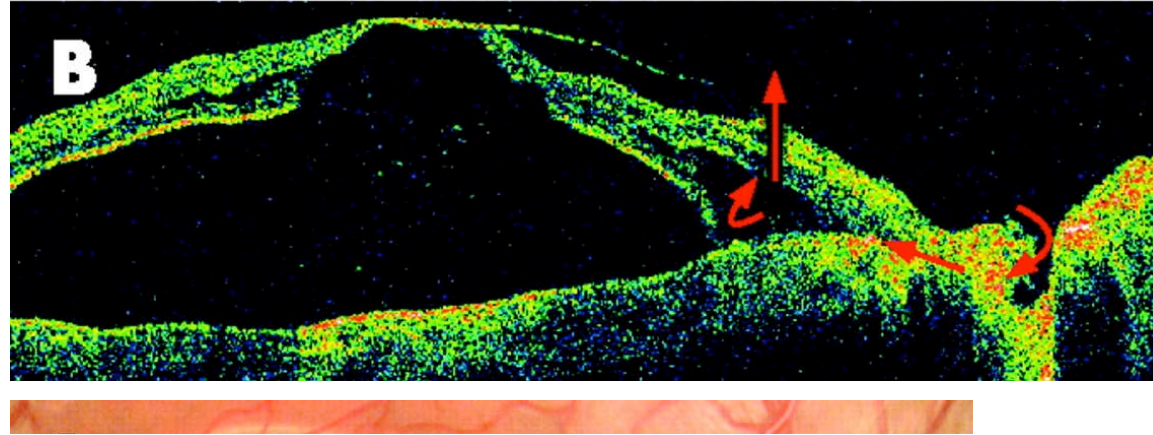


# High Myope (-15D) → Posterior Staphyloma



# Optic Nerve Pit with Serous Retinal Detachment

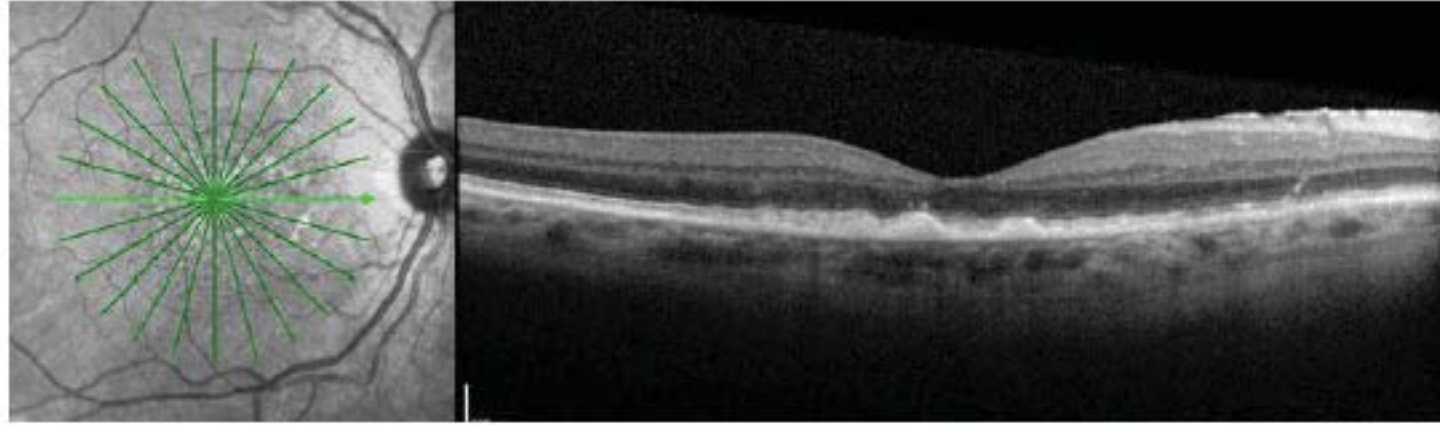
8 year old boy with this congenital finding:



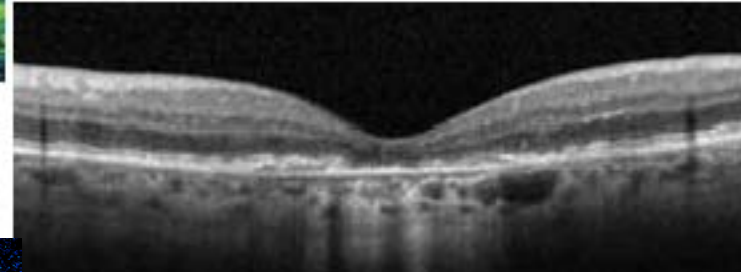
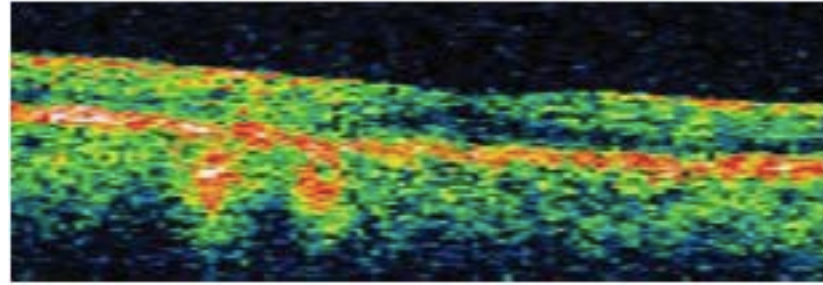
# RPE/Subretinal Space/Choroid

- ARMD
  - Drusen
  - Geographic Atrophy
  - Choroidal Neovascular Membrane (CNVM)
  - Subretinal Fluid
- Best's Disease/Vitelliform Dystrophy
- Central Serous Chorioretinopathy
  - Neurosensory detachment

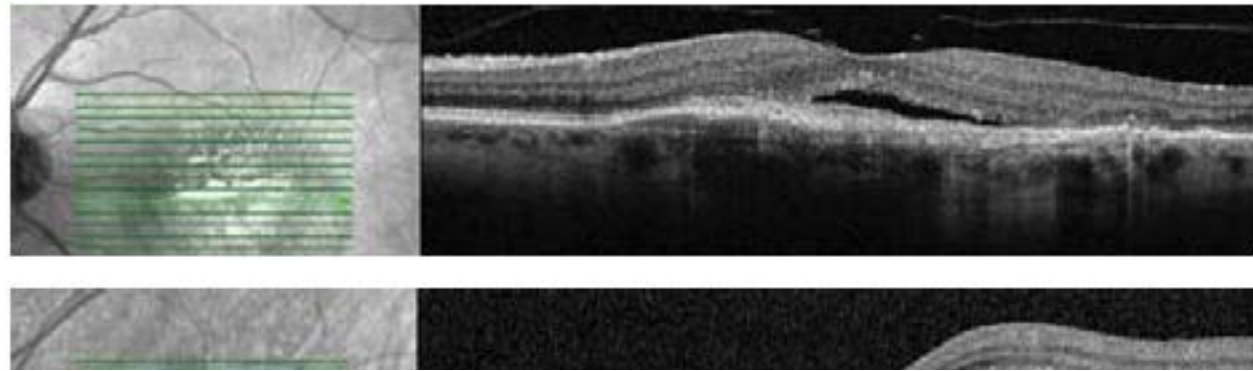
# Drusen



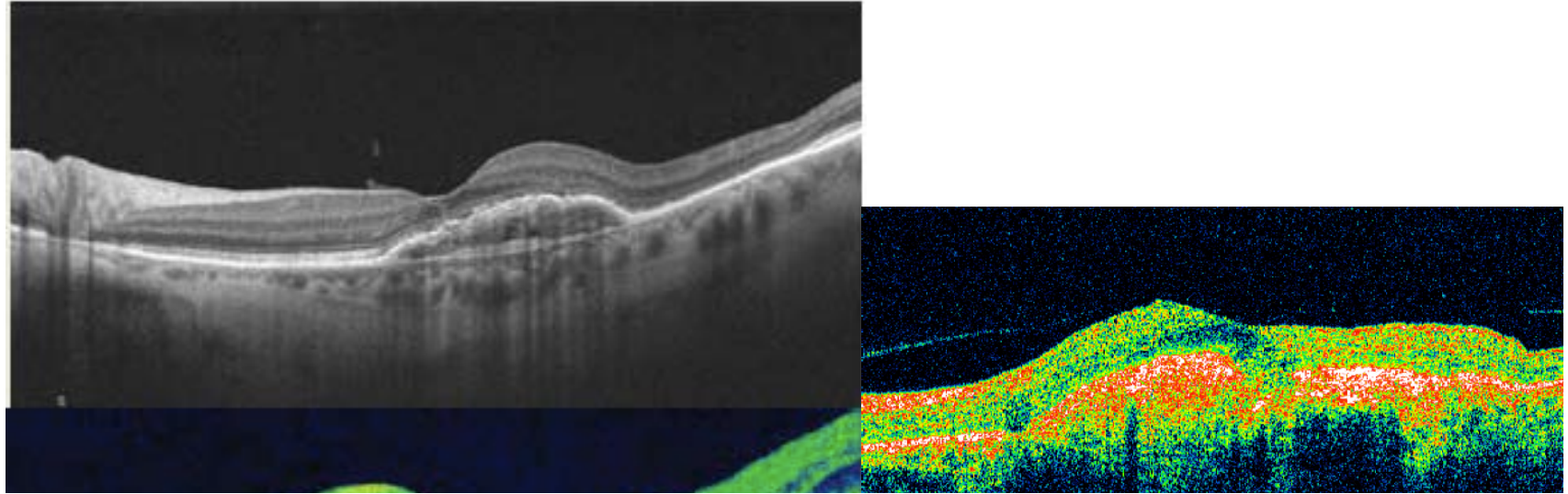
# Geographic Atrophy



# Exudative AMD



# Exudative AMD – Disciform Scar

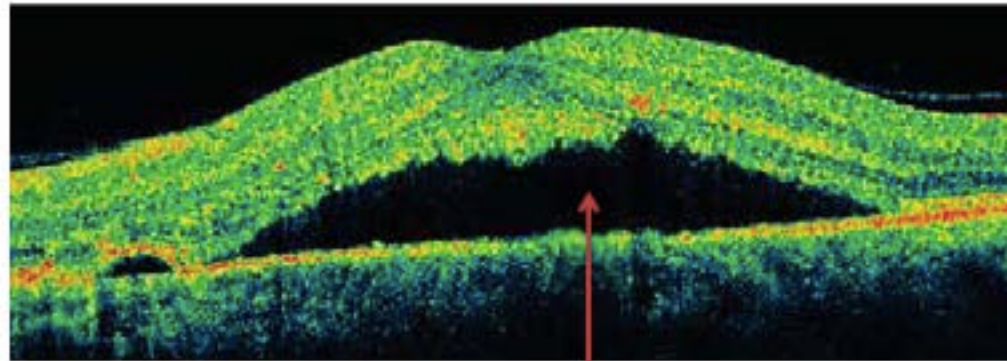




# CNV from Myopic Degeneration

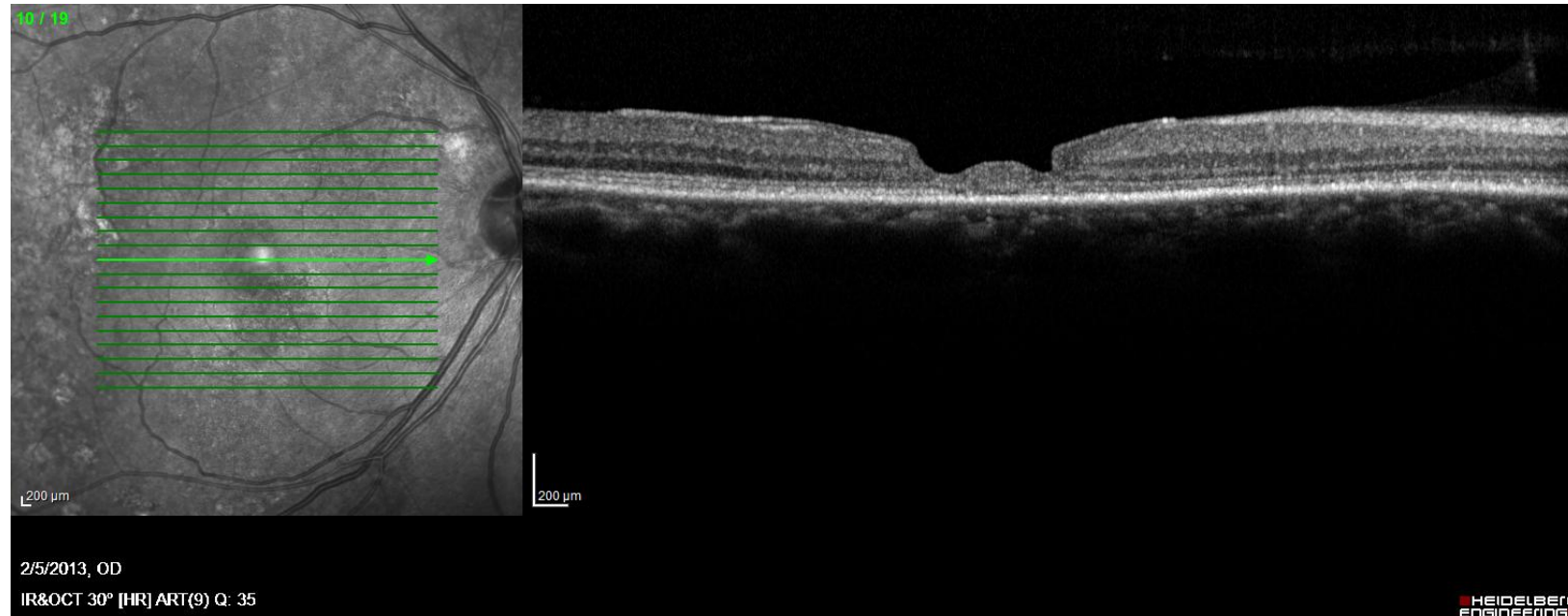


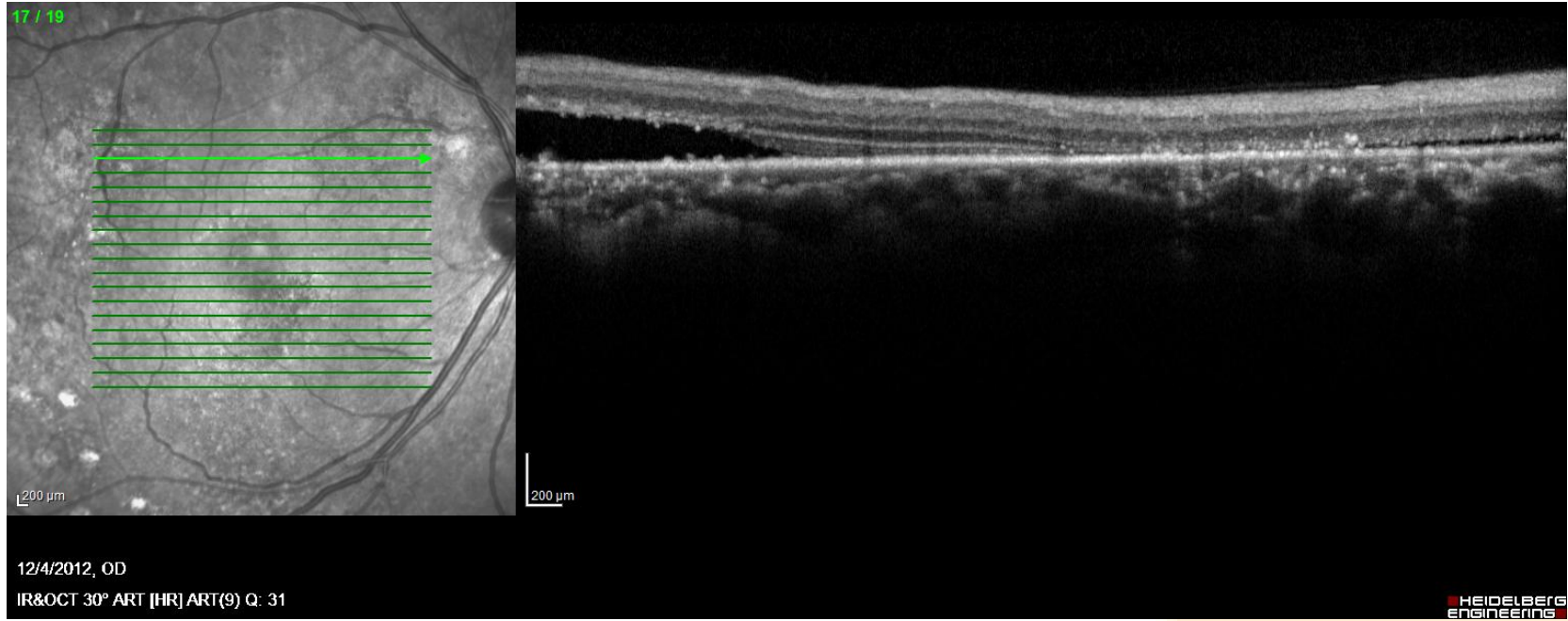
# Central Serous Chorioretinopathy

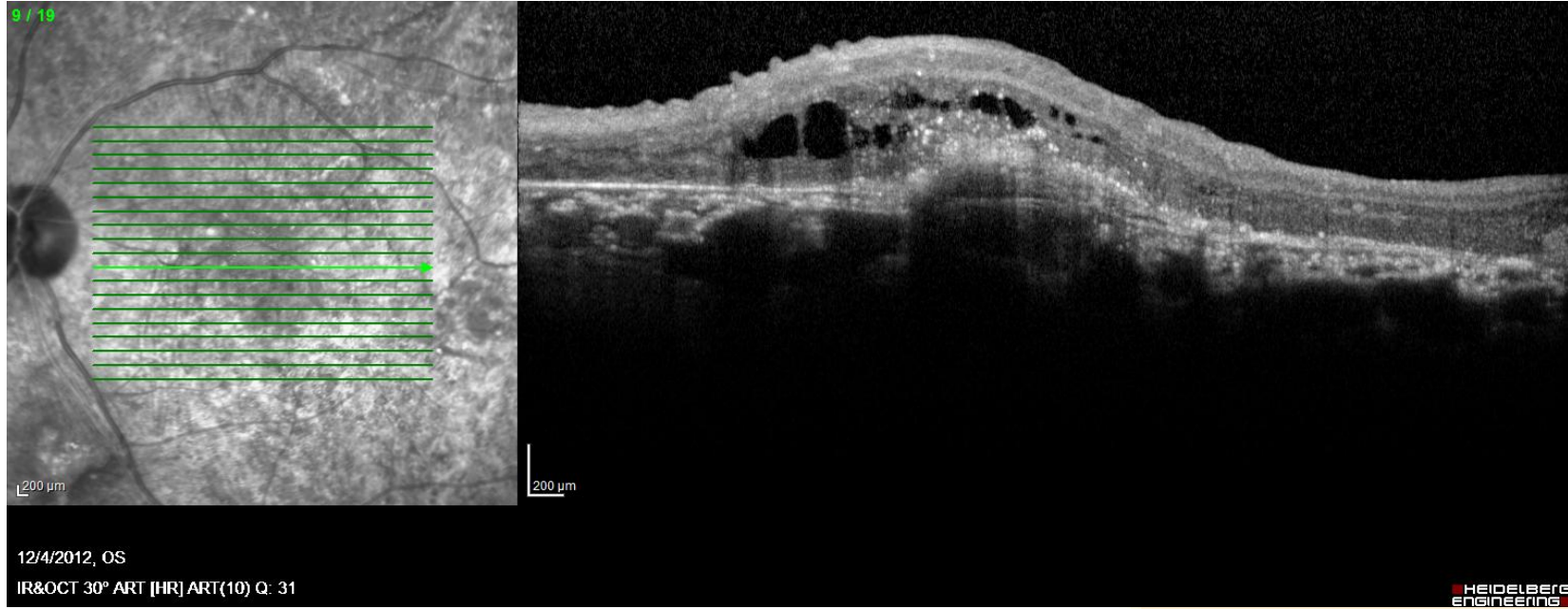


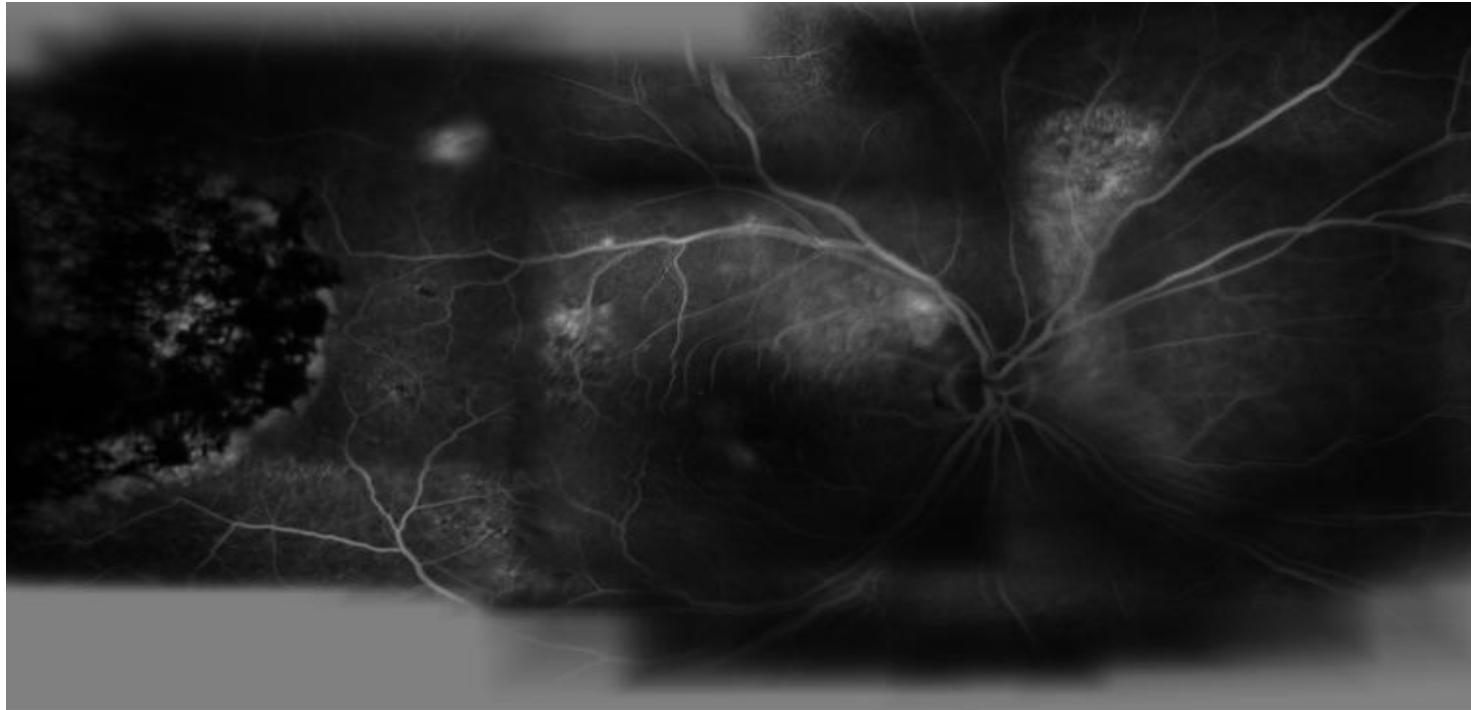
NSD/SRF

# Case 1 50 yo hisp male with chronic va loss ou









12/4/2012, OD  
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# Multifocal CSR

Typically younger persons and often males

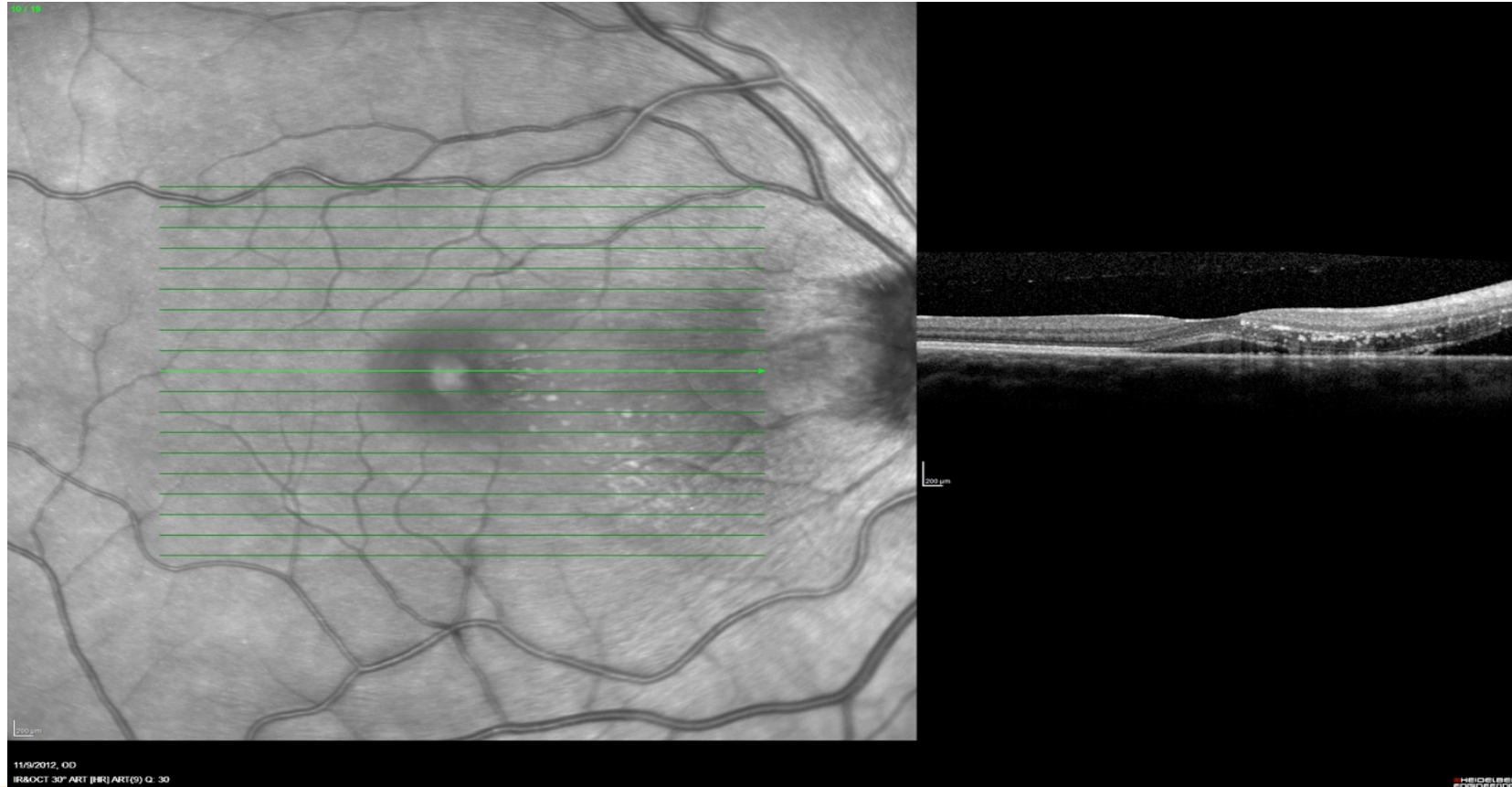
Multiple leakage points and bilaterally for this gentleman

Collection of subretinal fluid results in permanent vision over time

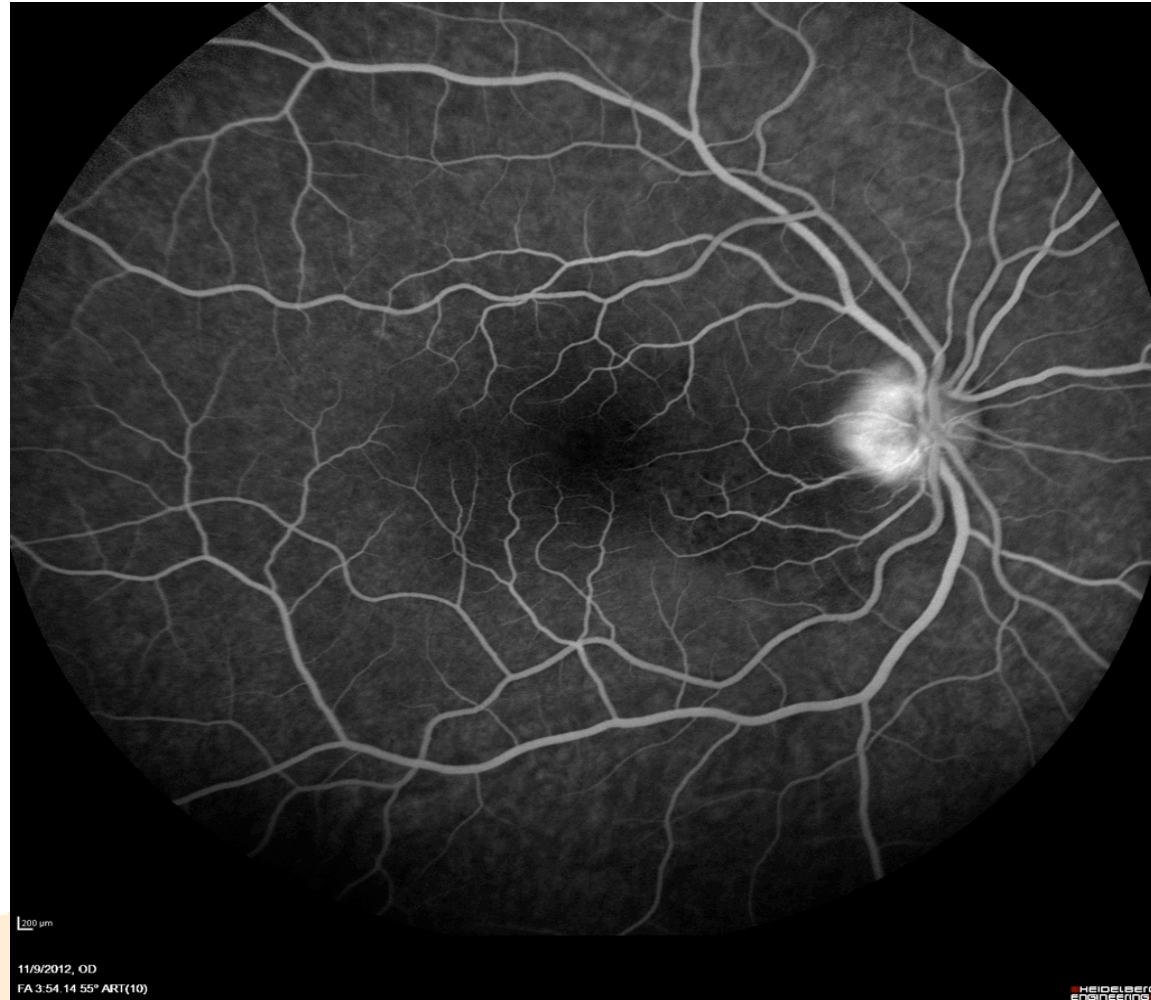
Need to be asked about steroid use

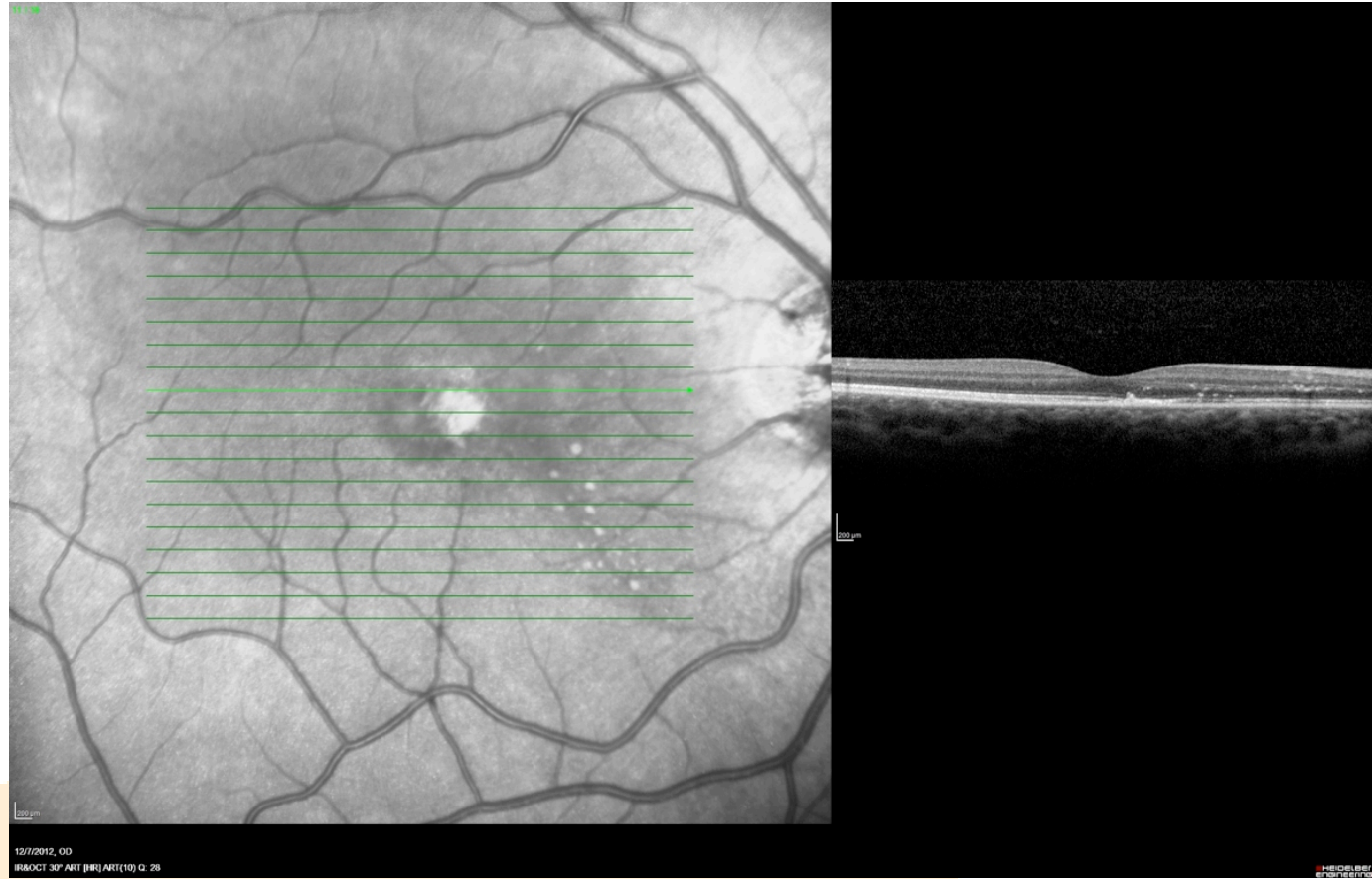
Possible new treatments including rifampin in addition to focal laser

# Case#2 - 20 yo white female with acute vision loss od









# Juxtapapillary choroidal neovascularization (CNV)

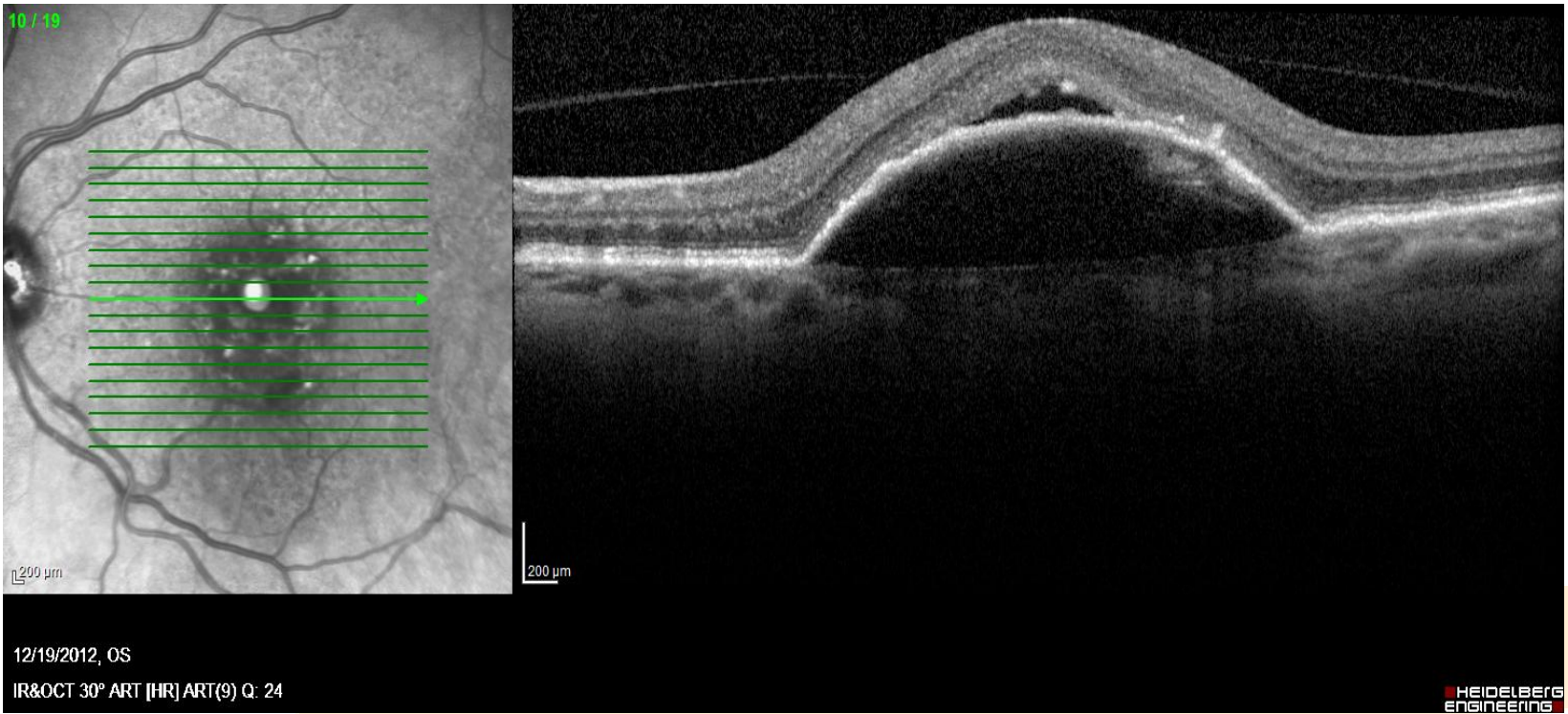
Typically younger persons

Subretinal fluid causes vision loss

Responds very well to anti-VEGF treatment

# Case #3 – 60 yo white female with chronic vision loss ou





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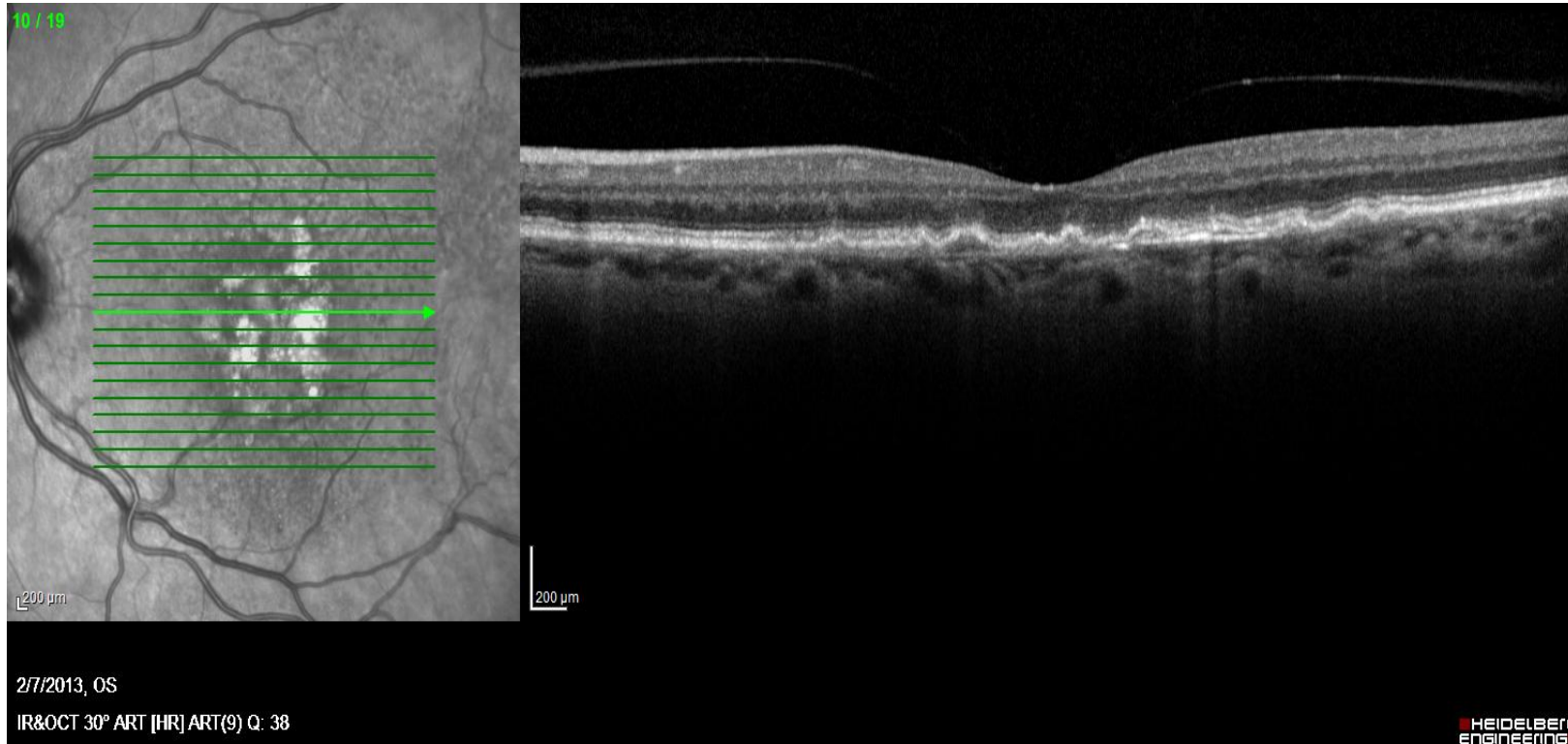
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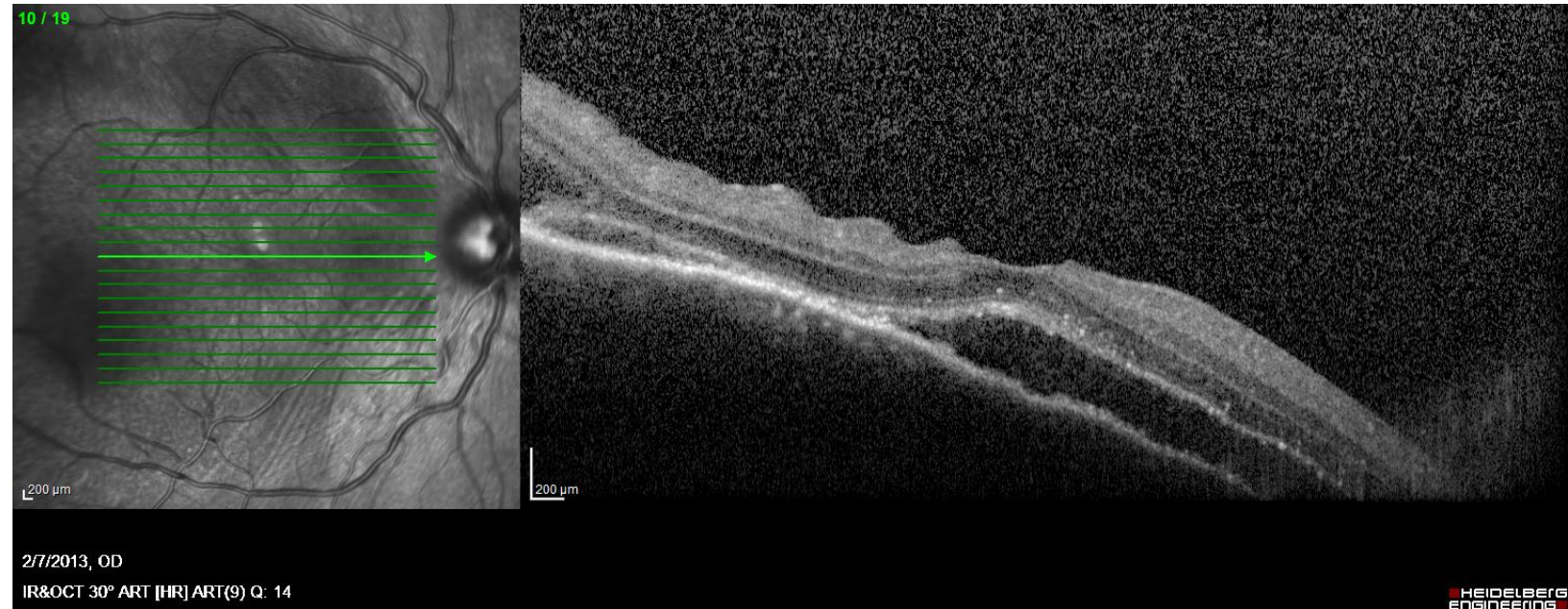
# Wet AMD

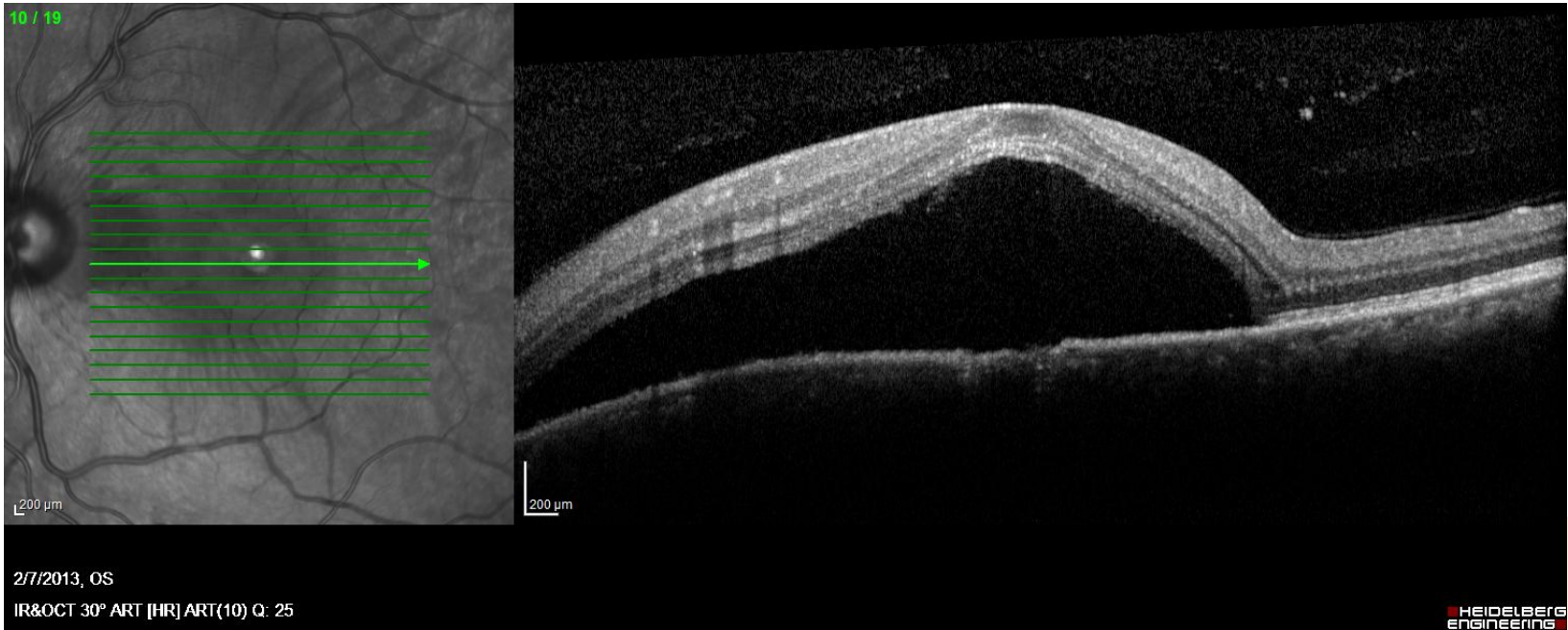
PEDs can be serous or fibrovascular

Responds well to anti-VEGF treatment

Low reported risk of RPE rip with treatment

# Case #4 – 30 yo hisp female with acute va loss ou





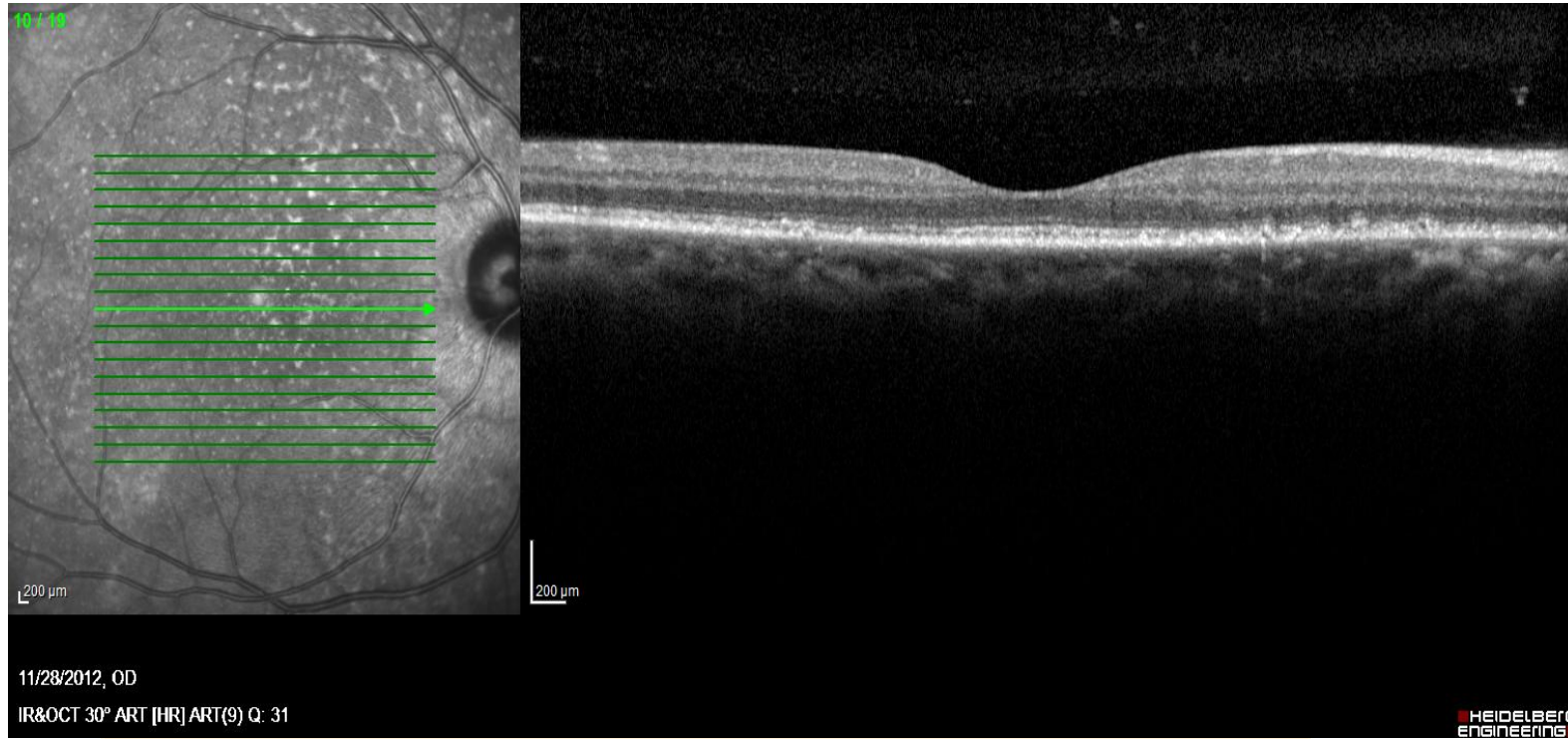


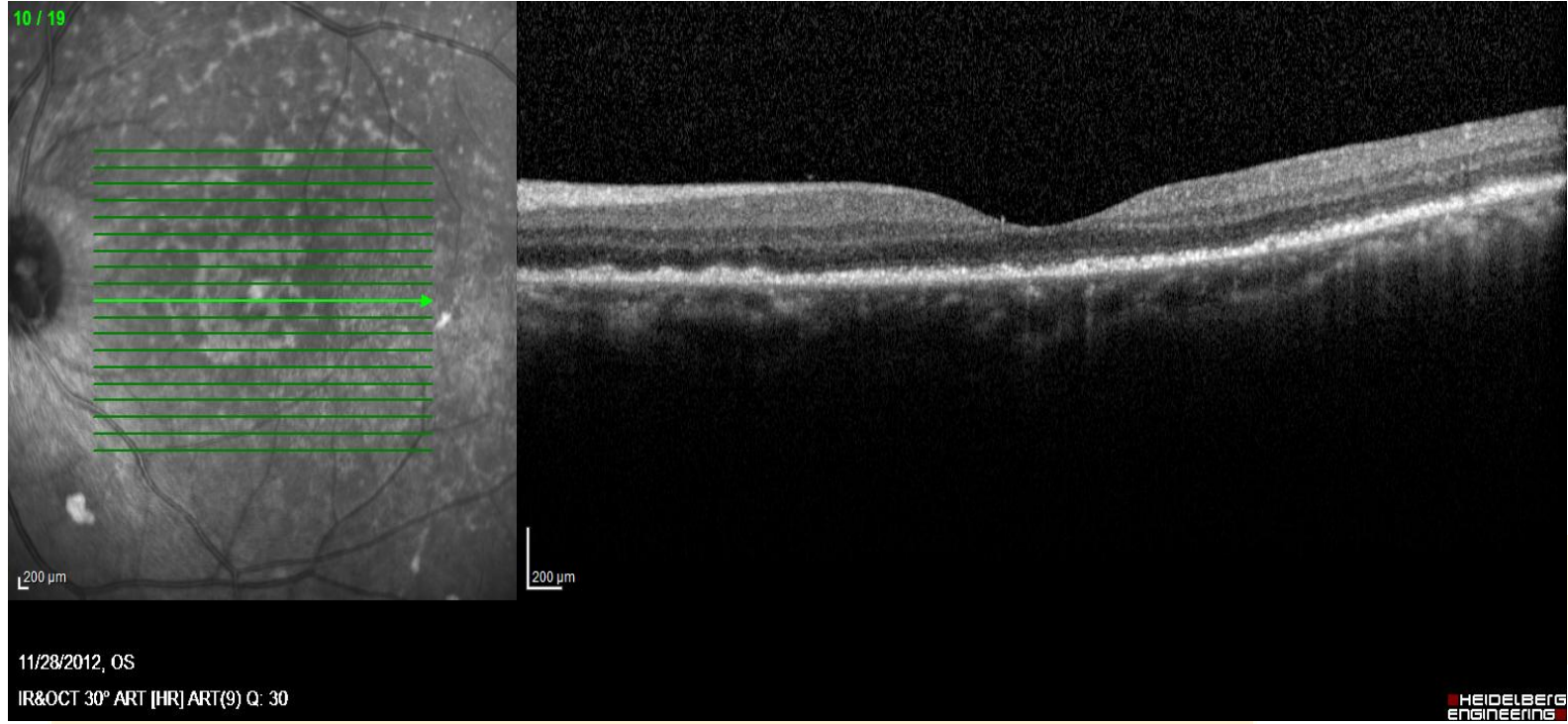


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# VKH (Haradas syndrome)

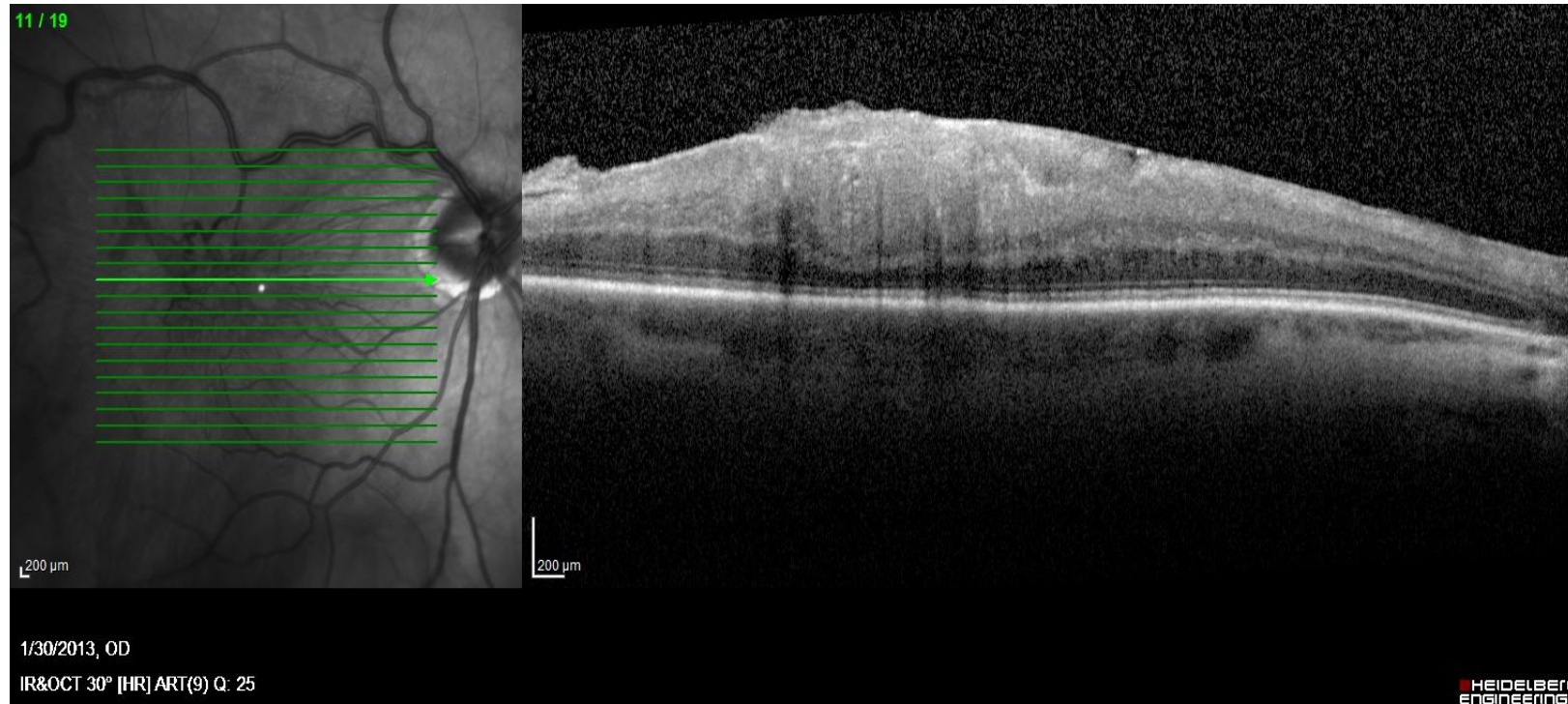
Subretinal fluid results from choroidal inflammation

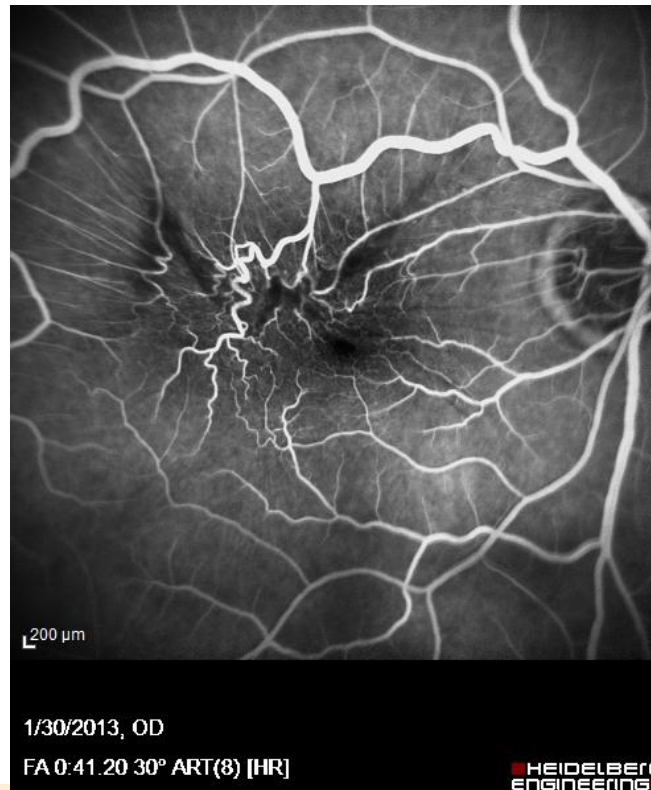
Serous retinal detachments from severe subretinal fluid

Needs long term steroid and anti-inflammatory treatment

Suprachoroidal delivery of steroids has been successful for cases involving eyes only

# Case#5 – 55 yo white male with chronic va loss od





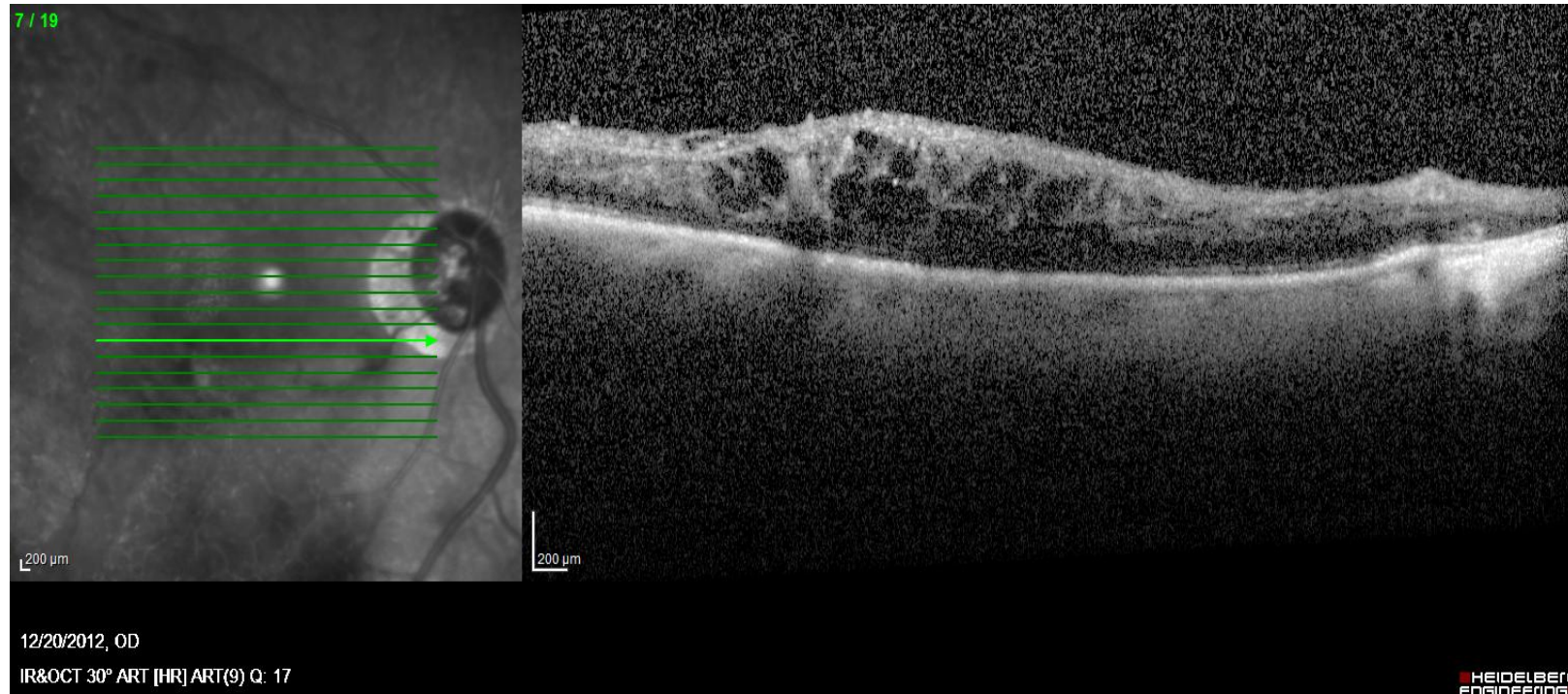
# Macular Pucker

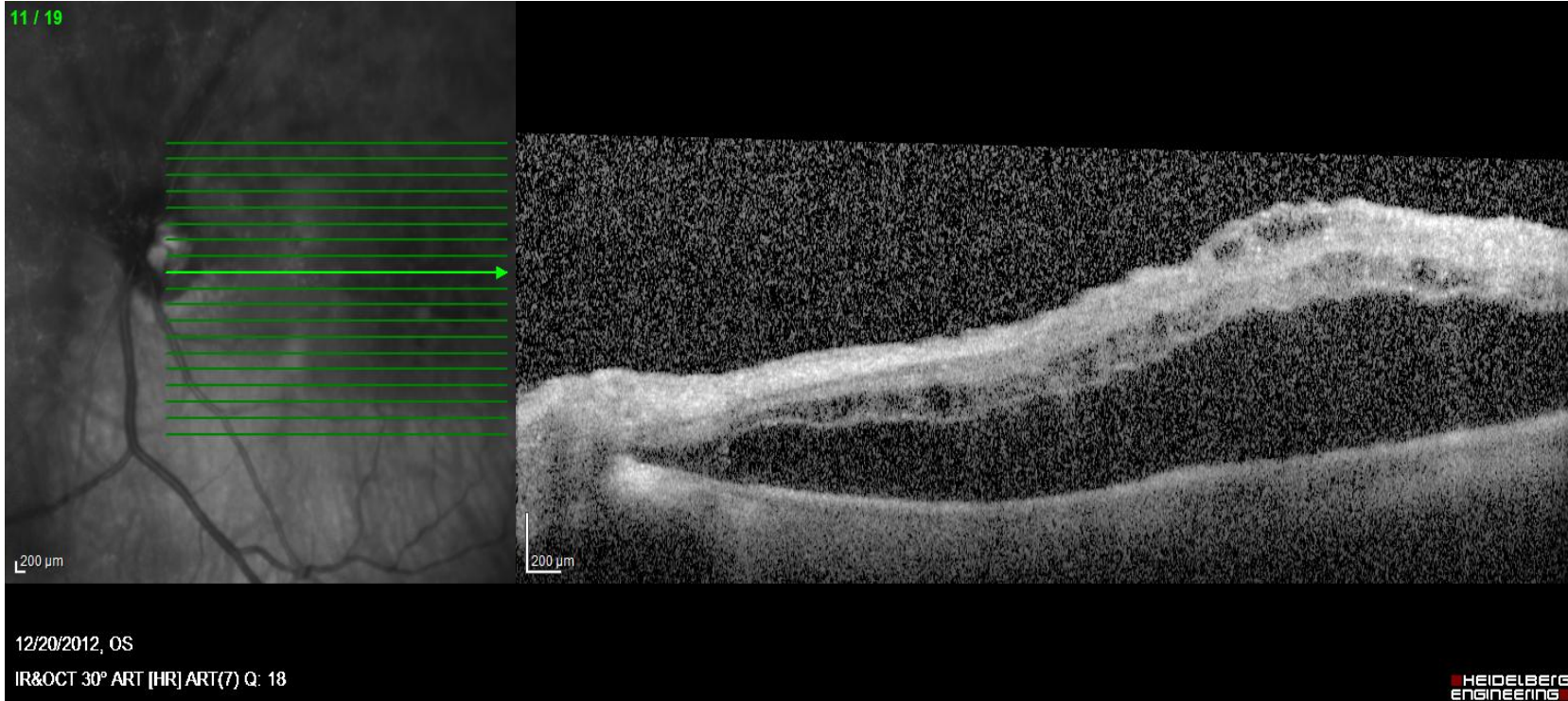
Usually this glial proliferation? results when PVD present

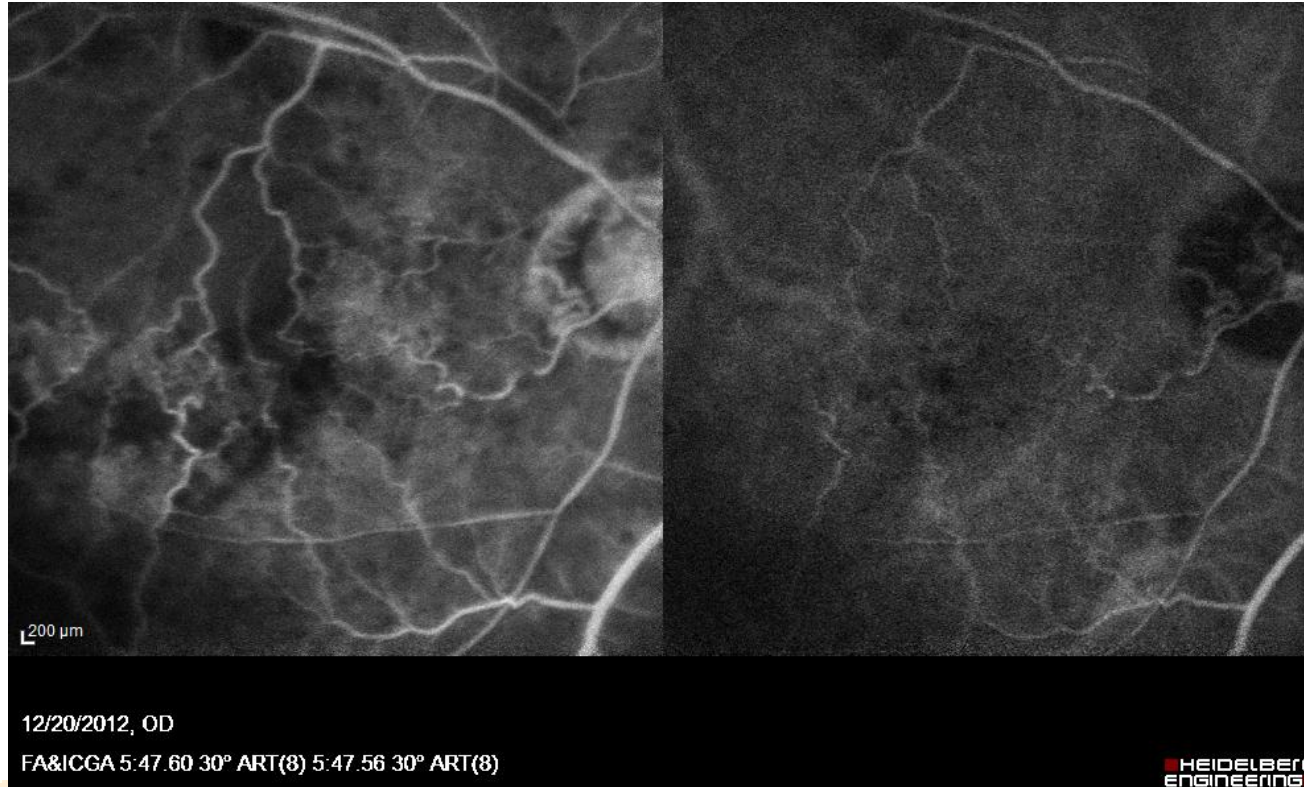
Very prominent pucker can result from PVR (proliferative vitreoretinopathy) from retinal tear/detachment

Surgical treatment only

# Case #6 – 90 yo chinese female with chronic vision loss ou







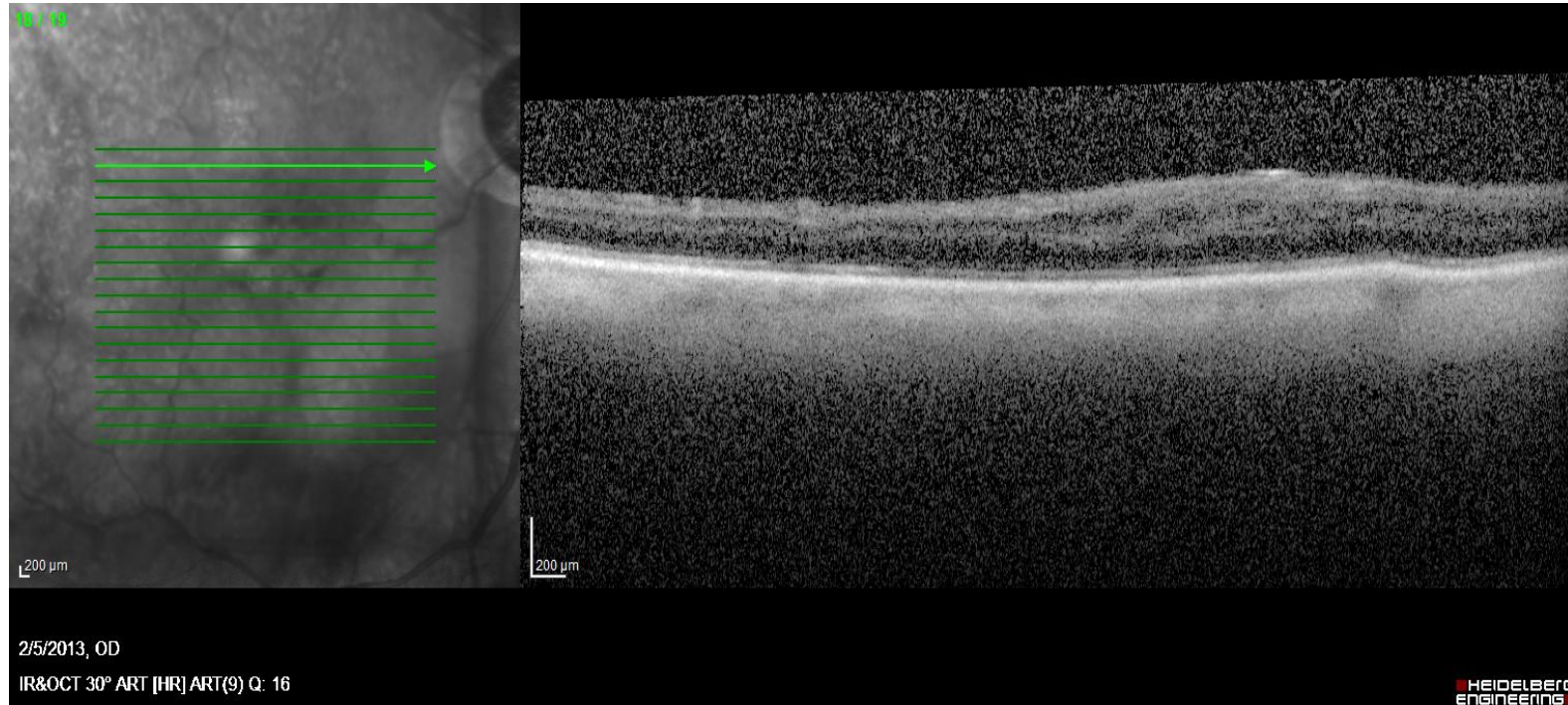


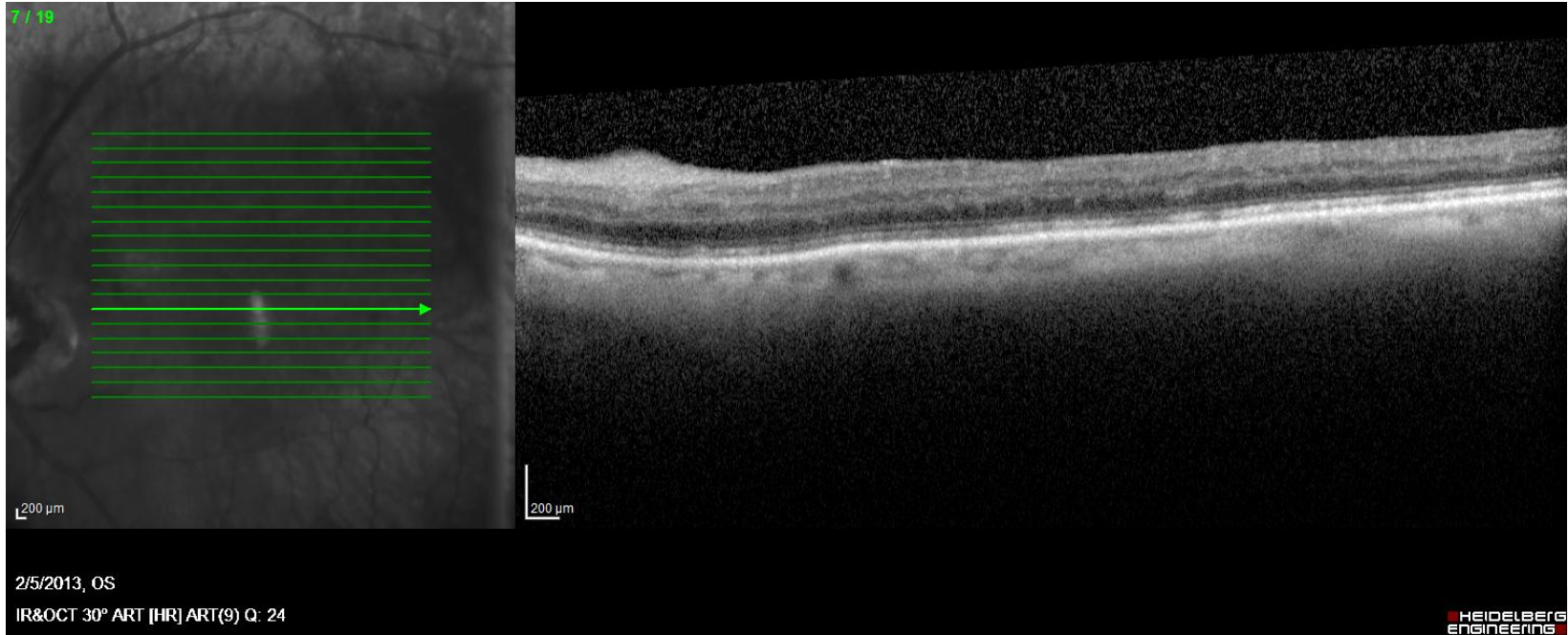
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# Retinal Vein Occlusions

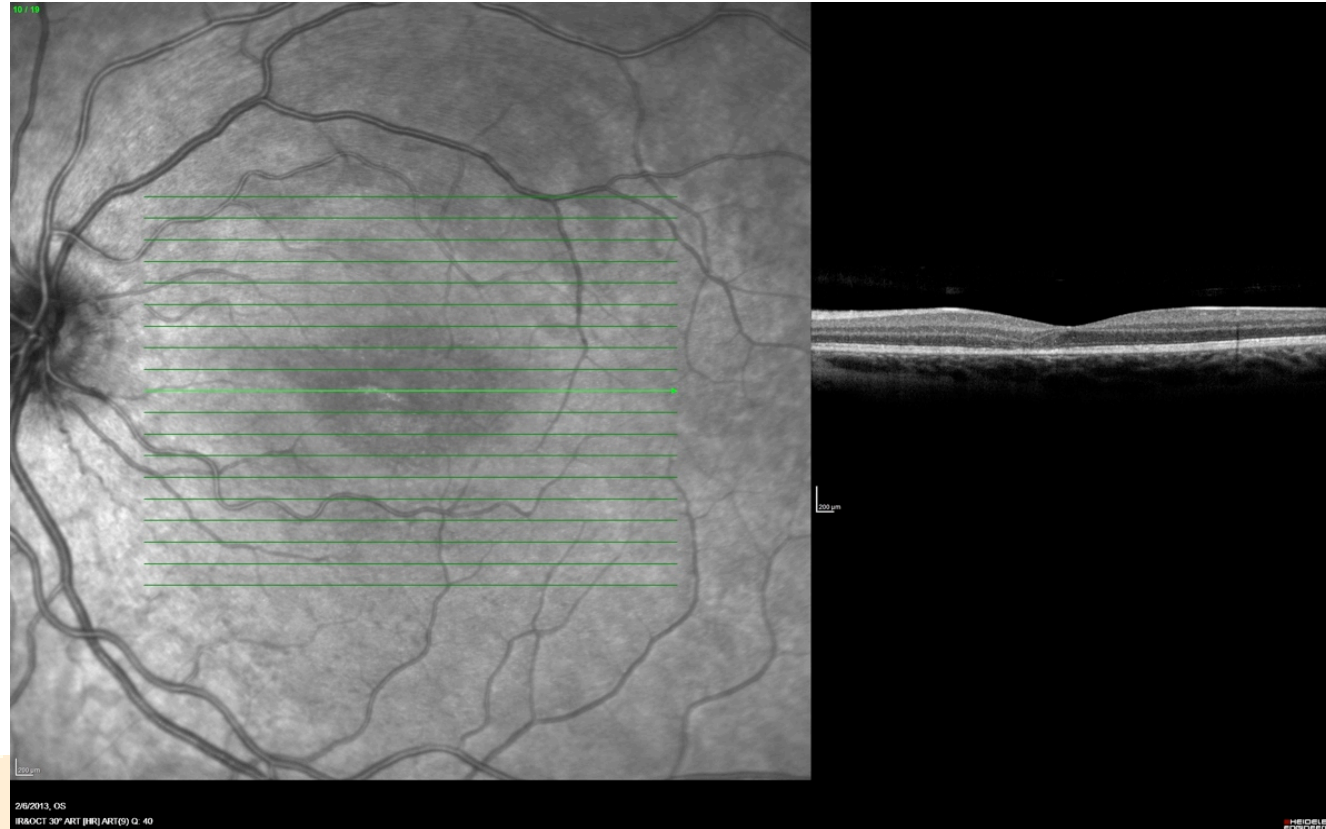
Risk factors are hypertension and glaucoma

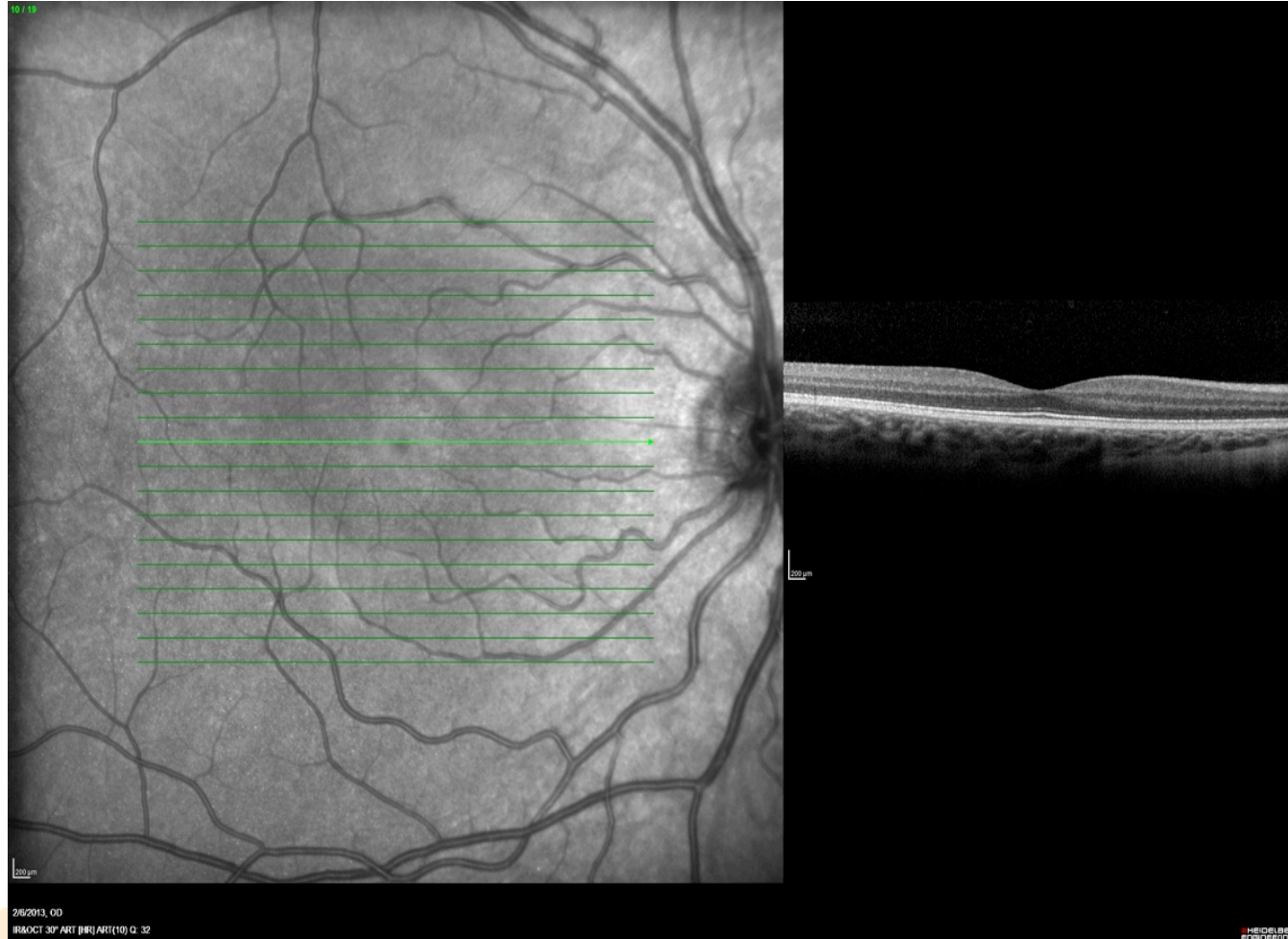
Types include BRVO, HRVO, and CRVO

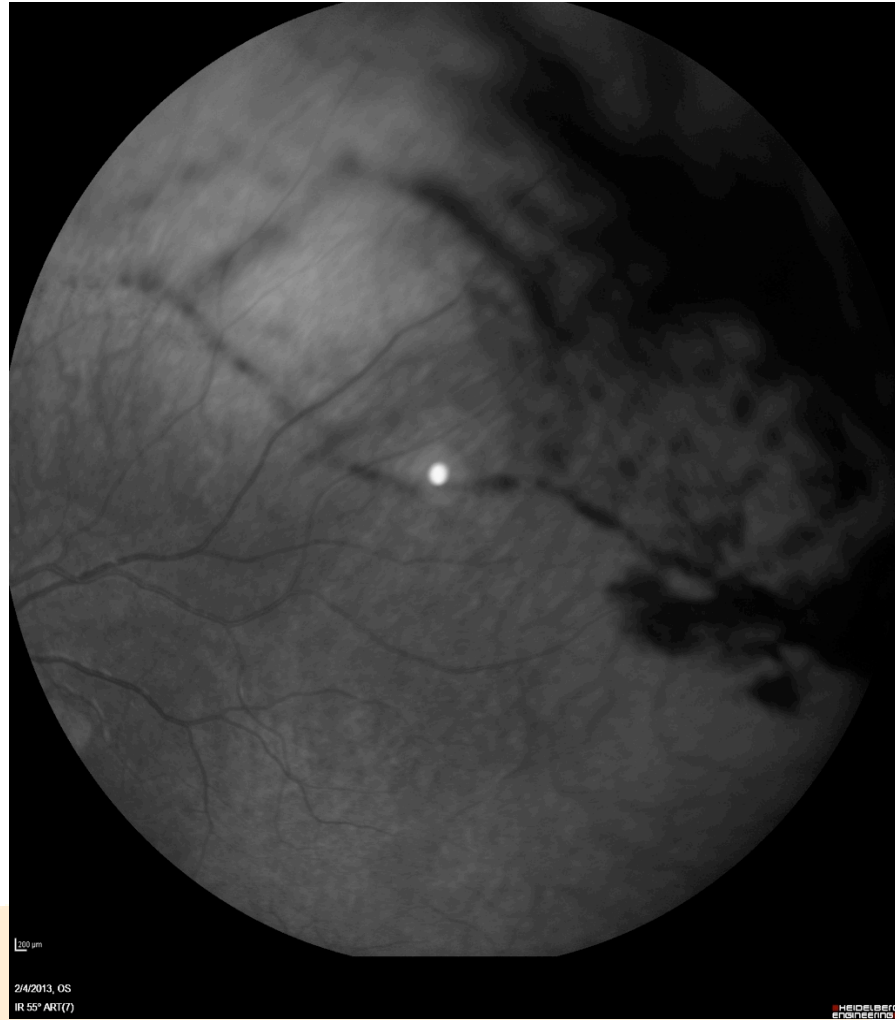
Respond well to anti-VEGF treatment and laser

Atrophy of retina in macula limits visual potential

# Case #7 – 15 yo white male with acute va loss after soccer ball hit OS







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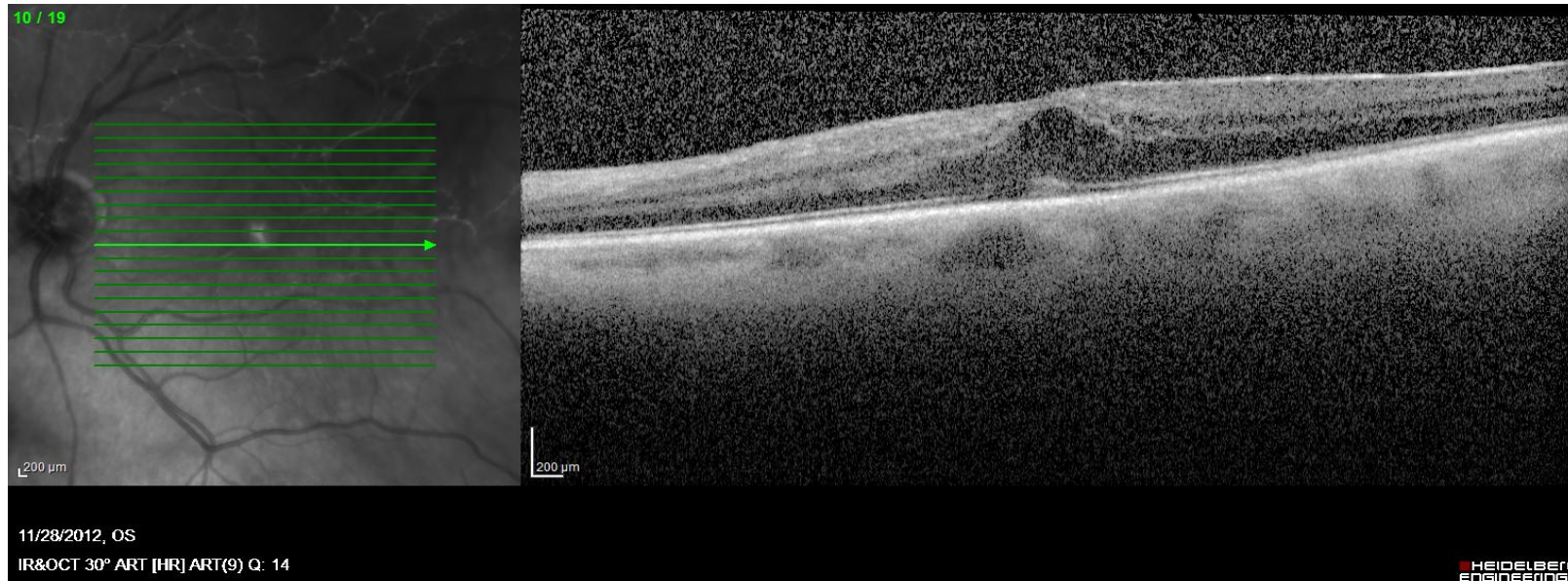
Results from sound waves created by blunt trauma

Defined as damage to photoreceptors

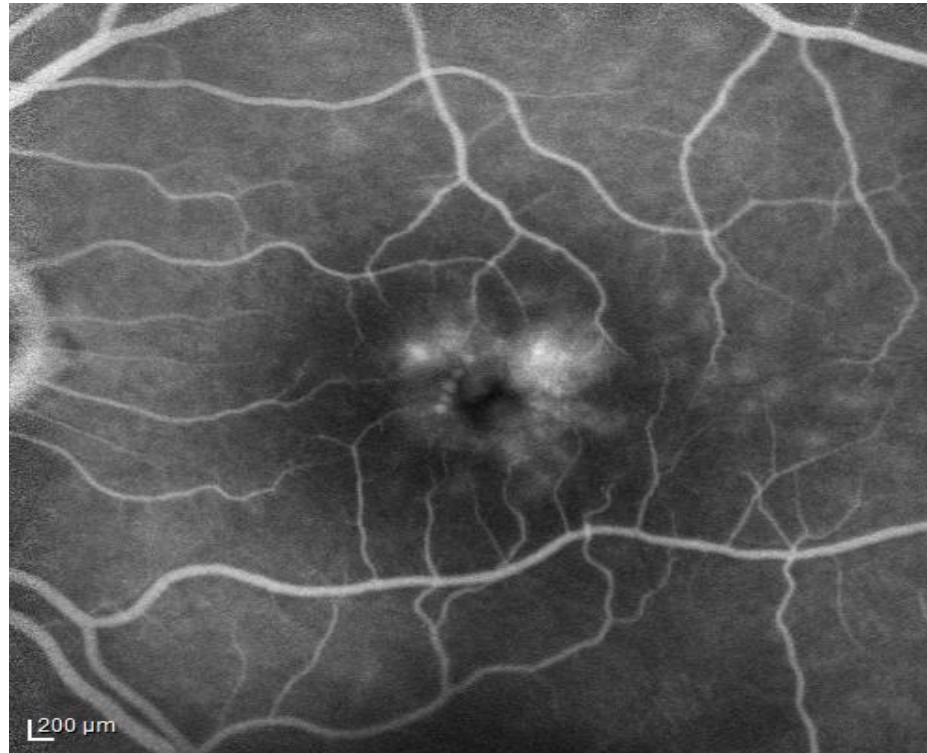
Can have some improvement over time

No effective treatment known

# Case #8 – 55 yo white male with acute va loss os



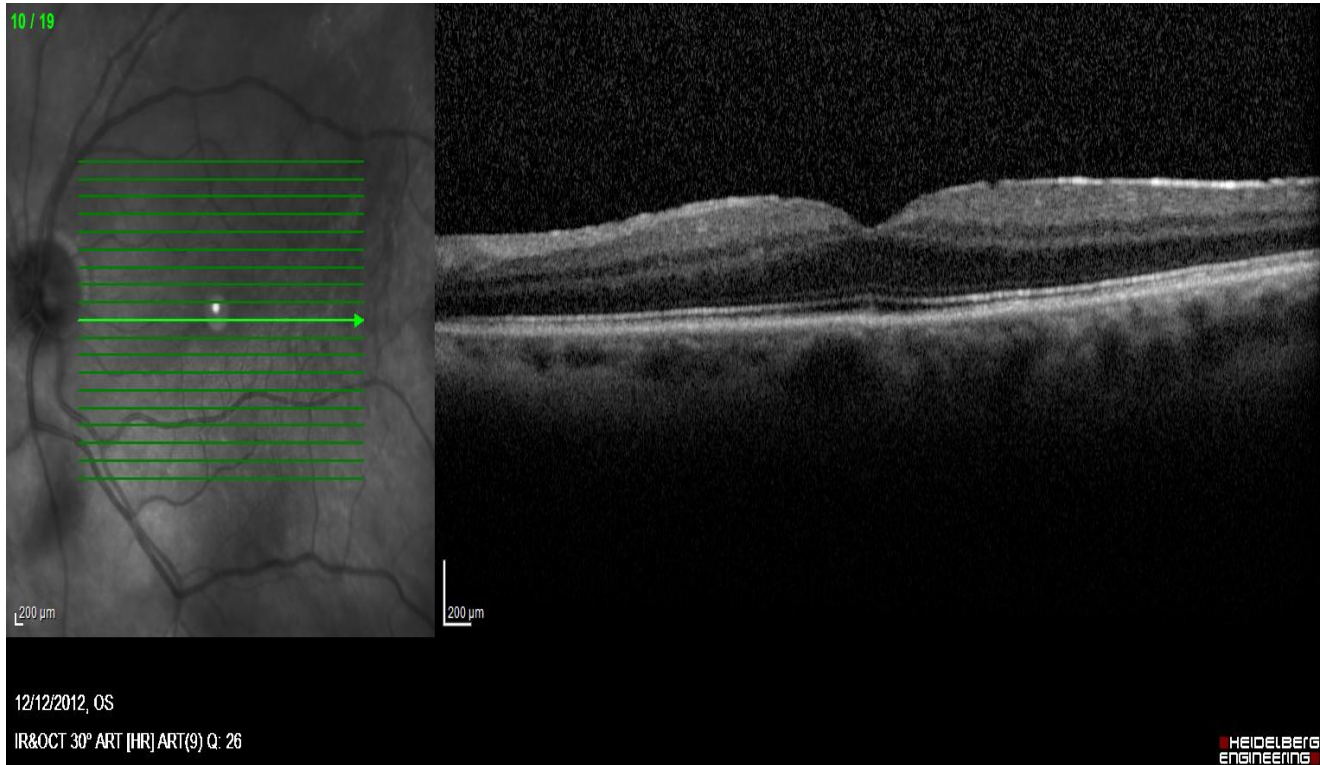




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# Iritis and CME

Intraocular inflammation can cause CME

NSAID gtts can effectively treat

Intravitreal medicine (kenalog) may be needed if resistant

# Conclusion

- OCT is a powerful diagnostic tool
- Aids in treatment decision making
- Surgical decision making
- Patient education
- Increases compliance
- Detect eye conditions early and therefore reduce risk of vision loss in our patients
- Helps identify patients (even asymptomatic) that should be referred for retinal consultation

# Thank You!



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