Glaucoma or Neuro? Multimodality Testing Reveals the Answer

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Office Visit: #1

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<th><strong>Patient demographics:</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Chief complaint:</strong></td>
<td>Distance blur OD and OS that gradually worsened within the past 2 years</td>
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| **Ocular and medical history:** | **Unspecified glaucoma (1980)**  
LPI OU (2002)  
Depression, anxiety, and OCD (2002)  
Hypertension (2017) |
| **Family ocular and medical history:** | **Glaucoma – Mother**  
Family medical history – unremarkable |
| **Medications:**         | Unspecified hypertensive medication |
## Office Visit: #1

| BCVA:          | OD: 20/40 \(^{-2}\) PHNI  
|               | OS: 20/200 PHNI          |
| EOMs:          | SFROM OU (-) pain (-) diplopia |
| Angles of Vision: | Right: 50, Left: 50     |
| Pupils:        | OD: PERRL (-) APD Size 5.5mm  
|               | OS: PERRL (-) APD Size 5.5mm |
| CF:            | OD: Slow responses to finger count, *constriction inferior temporal*  
|               | OS: Field constriction: *Superior temporal and inferior temporal*      |
| IOP:           | OD: 24 mmHg               
|               | OS: 26 mmHg               |
| Slit Lamp:     | LPI OD/OS, otherwise WNL  |
| Fundus (Undilated): | OD: C/D: 0.80, deep cup  
|               | OS: C/D: 0.70, deep cup   |
Assessment and Plan

• Moderate-Severe Primary Open Angle Glaucoma OU:
  • History of previous glaucoma treatment, high IOPs, and large optic nerve appearance.

• Pt was referred to the Bowden Clinic for a glaucoma work up and a DFE.
**Office Visit #2: Glaucoma Work-Up**

| sc Visual Acuity | • OD: 20/200⁻² (PH 20/150)  
| | • OS: 20/250⁺¹ (PH 20/150) |
| EOMs: | SFROM OU (-) pain (-) diplopia |
| Angles of Vision: | Right: 50, Left: 50 |
| Pupils: | • OD: PERRL (-) APD Size 5.5mm. Sluggish consensual response  
| | • OS: Equal, Round, Sluggish Reaction to light, Size 5.5mm, Fast escape with swinging flashlight test |
| Confrontation Fields: | OD/OS: Severe temporal constriction |
| Vitals: | BP: 143/80 mmHg |
# Office Visit #2: Glaucoma Work-Up

| Color:                      | • OD/OS: HRR 0/6  
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<td>Patent LPI OD 1 o’clock and non-patent LPI OS 11:30 o’clock. Otherwise WNL.</td>
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| Fundus: OD/OS:              | • Optic nerve: Superior neuro-retinal rim thinning, OS: 1+ pallor  
|                            | • 0.80/0.80  
|                            | • Macula: Normal and contour  
|                            | • Vessels: Normal caliber without AV nicking  
|                            | • Periphery: Attached 360, (-) holes, tears     |
Example:

Ganglion cell ou analysis: macular cube 200×200

OD thickness map

OS thickness map

Fovea: 102, 94

Fovea: 103, 95

OD deviation map

OD sectors

Diversified distribution of normals

OS sectors

OS deviation map

Average GCL + IPL thickness

Minimum GCL + IPL thickness

OD µm | OS µm

74 | 72

64 | 57
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Assessment and Plan
Office visit #2

• Bitemporal hemianopia:
  • Decreased vision OS>>OD presumably secondary to chiasmal lesion
  • 24-2 HFV revealed a dense temporal hemianopsia OU with dense central defects OS. Pt was educated the need to perform an MRI. Pt’s wife was informed that the most likely cause of the visual field defects is a pituitary adenoma. The condition and surgical treatment was discussed.

• Elevated IOPs:
  • (28/27 mmHg) Superior NRR thinning noted on DFE OU consistent with retinal nerve fiber layer thinning observed on OCT analysis. Pt’s wife was informed the pt might need to take glaucoma drops in the future.

• RTC the next Monday to repeat HFV 24-2. Pending repeatability of the VF defects, will refer the patient for an MRI of the brain and orbits.
Differential Diagnosis

• Neoplastic lesions from breast, colon, kidney, prostate
• Pituitary hypophysitis (Inflammation)
• Craniopharyngioma
• Parasellar meningioma
• Chiasmal glioma
• Parasellar internal carotid artery aneurysm
Normal Pituitary Gland:

https://radiopaedia.org/cases/pituitary-mri-normal-study
University Health System’s Results/Impression from MRI

• “Pituitary and pineal glands. There is a 2.6 x 3 x 4.4 cm T1 isointense, T2 iso/hyperintense heterogeneously enhancing sellar lesion with suprasellar extension and mass effect on the optic chiasm. There is less than 50% encasement of bilateral cavernous ICAs, compatible with macroadenoma. There is also a mass effect on bilateral ACAs and third ventricle.”
Outcome

- The wife called the clinic and reported the patient had a successful surgery
- Surgery lasted from 10:00am to 4:40pm
- An additional MRI was scheduled in 2 weeks
- Patient reported a significant improvement in vision and color vision after surgery
- Lost to follow up
Pituitary Gland Anatomy

- Anterior pituitary gland
  - Adenohypophysis
    - Somatotrophs – Growth hormone
    - Thyrotrophs – TSH
    - Corticotrophs – ACTH
    - Gonadotrophs – FSH and LH
    - Lactotrophs – Prolactin
- Posterior pituitary gland:
  - Neurohypophysis
    - Oxytocin
    - ADH
Pituitary Adenoma

- Functional:
  - Hypersecretion of hormones
  - Prolactinoma
  - Acromegaly
  - Cushing’s disease
  - Thyrotropin-secreting

- Nonfunctional
  - Macroadenomas (>1cm)
  - No active secretion of hormones
  - Mass effects
Pituitary Macroadenoma Symptoms

- **General:**
  - Visual field loss
  - Decreased visual acuity
  - Headache
  - Depression

- **Corticotrophin Insufficiency:**
  - Weakness
  - Dizziness
  - Vomiting
  - Shock

- **Thyrotropin Insufficiency:**
  - Weight gain
  - Depression
  - Emotional instability
  - Decreased mental function

- **Gonadotrophin Insufficiency:**
  - Depression
  - Sleep disturbances

- **Somatotropin Insufficiency:**
  - Stunt growth in children
  - Delayed puberty
Treatment

• Transsphenoidal surgery
  • Most common surgery
  • Endoscope travels from nasal cavity → sphenoid sinus → sellar floor
  • Serious complications are rare
• Radiation therapy
• Medical therapy
Post Operative

• Headache relief
• Rapid visual field improvement
  • May take 6-12 months for the full extent of visual field recovery
• Pituitary function assessed
• Steroid coverage
• MRI in 3 months
Post Operative

• Visual outcome is difficult to predict because of different factors:
  • Age
  • Size of adenoma
  • Pre-operative visual field defect and visual acuity
  • Optic atrophy
  • Duration of symptoms
  • Amount of retrograde axonal degeneration using OCT Ganglion Cell Analysis

• 3 stages of recovery of visual function:
  • Rapid, delayed and late recovery
Prognosis If Left Untreated

- Optic atrophy $\rightarrow$ permanent vision loss
- CN palsies (3, 4, 6)
- Temporal lobe epilepsy
- Facial pain
- Hypothalamic dysfunction
- Pituitary gland apoplexy
Normal Tension Glaucoma vs Space Occupying Lesion

- Unexplainable decreased VAs
- >50 years of age
- Optic nerve pallor
- Vertical respect on visual fields
- Neurological symptoms
References


PUSH IT TO THE LIMIT

A Glaucoma Quandary

Saoul Mancha, OD
UIWRSO Primary Care Resident
New Patient Initial Visit

10/14/19

• CC: 48 year old Hispanic female referred for glaucoma work up from outside clinic due to failed VF testing.
• HPI: GLC suspect, OU, since last exam, no pattern, no reported decrease in vision. Denied any ocular symptoms.
Initial Visit

Hx

• Ocular Hx
  • Unremarkable other than (+) FOHx of glaucoma (mother)

• Medical Hx
  • Unremarkable

• ROS
  • Unremarkable

• NKDA

• Medications
  • Pt denies use of ocular or systemic medication

• Mood normal alert and oriented x3
Initial Visit

Entrance Testing

• DVAcc
  • OD: 20/20-1
  • OS: 20/20-1

• Rx
  • OD: -0.75 sph
  • OS: -1.00 sph
  • Add +1.00

• EOMS:
  • SFROM, (-) pain/dpl OD and OS

• Pupils
  • PERRLA (-) APD 5mm OU

• Confrontation fields
  • OD: normal
  • OS: normal

• IOP
  • OD: 19 mmHg GAT
  • OS: 17 mmHg GAT
Initial Visit
Ant. Seg.

**OD**
- **Lids:**
  - Clean and clear
- **Tear film:**
  - TBUT 4 seconds
- **Conj:**
  - Pinguecula N&T
- **Ant Chamber:**
  - Deep and quiet
- **Iris**
  - WNL
- **Lens**
  - 1+NS, central congenital opacity (not within visual axis)
- **Angles**
  - 4T&N
- **Gonio**
  - S: Pig TM, flat iris insertion, 2+ pig, iris strands 360, (+) PAS
  - I/N/T: CB, flat iris insertion, 2+ pig, iris strands 360, (-) PAS

**OS**
- **Lids:**
  - Clean and clear
- **Tear film:**
  - TBUT 4 seconds
- **Conj:**
  - Pinguecula N&T
- **Ant Chamber:**
  - Deep and quiet
- **Iris**
  - Flat iris nevus 5 o’clock
- **Lens**
  - 1+NS, trace cortical change
- **Angles**
  - 4T&N
- **Gonio**
  - S/I/N/T: CB, flat iris insertion, 2+ pig, iris strands 360, (-) PAS
Initial Visit

Dilated

Post. Seg.

OD

- Optic Disc:
  - Inferior NFL thinning at 7 o’clock, Drance heme 7 o’clock, temporal choroidal crescent, slight tilt
- C/D:
  - V: 0.80
  - H: 0.70
- Macula:
  - Normal color and contour for age
- Vessels:
  - Mild A-V nicking
- Periphery:
  - WWOP nasal and superior
- Vitreous:
  - WNL

OS

- Optic Disc:
  - Inferior NFL thinning at 6 o’clock, (+) lamellar dots, temporal PPA
- C/D:
  - V: 0.70
  - H: 0.65
- Macula:
  - Normal color and contour for age
- Vessels:
  - Mild A-V nicking
- Periphery:
  - WWOP inferior-nasal and nasal
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Inferior NFL thinning
Drance heme
Initial Visit

Diagnostic Tests

• Pentacam:
• Humphrey Visual Field 24-2
• Optical Coherence Tomography ONH/ RNFL
• Optical Coherence Tomography Ganglion Cell Analysis
OD
- CCT: 527um
- ACV: 168 mm³
- ACD: 2.90 mm

OS
- CCT: 514 um
- ACV: 166 mm³
- ACD: 2.93 mm
OD: Low reliability 2' FP/FN, possibly early arcuate defect, MD: -2.63

OS: Good reliability indices, questionable early superior nasal defect, MD: -0.47
OCT ONH & RNFL

- Avg size nerve, thinning of sup and inf neuroretinal rim and RNFL, Inf notch OD>OS

- Avg size nerve, thinning of sup and inf neuroretinal rim and RNFL, Inf notch OD>OS
Inferior step defect, diffuse thinning of superior and inferior macular thickness.

Inferior step defect, diffuse thinning of superior and inferior macular thickness.
Assessment & Plan

• Normal-tension glaucoma (NTG) suspect. Secondary to enlarged C/D ratios, (+) family Hx and NRR thinning.

• Patient currently undergoing intense bodybuilding regimen. Drance heme likely 2’ Valsalva maneuver associated increase on intraocular pressure.

• Patient educated on findings and recommended scaling down weight and intensity.

• RTC 4 weeks for repeat HVF 24-2, IOP check and monitor Drance heme.
Follow Up Visit

11/11/19

• CC: 48 year old Hispanic female return for continuation of glaucoma work up.

• HPI: GLC suspect, OU, since last exam, no pattern, no reported decrease in vision. Denied any ocular symptoms. Denied sleep apnea.
Follow Up Visit

Entrance testing

- DVA sc
  - OD 20/25
  - OS 20/30
- EOMS:
  - SFROM, (-) pain/dipl OD and OS
- Pupils
  - PERRLA (-) APD 5 mm OU
- Confrontation fields
  - OD: normal
  - OS: normal
- IOP
  - OD: 14 mmHg GAT
  - OS: 15 mmHg GAT
## Follow Up Visit

### Ant. Seg.

### OD
- **Lids:**
  - Clean and clear
- **Tear film:**
  - TBUT 4 seconds
- **Conj:**
  - Pinguecula N&T
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- **Angles**
  - 4T&N

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- **Lids:**
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- **Tear film:**
  - TBUT 4 seconds
- **Conj:**
  - Pinguecula N&T
- **Ant Chamber:**
  - Deep and quiet
- **Iris**
  - Flat iris nevus 5 o'clock
- **Lens**
  - 1+NS, trace cortical change
- **Angles**
  - 4T&N

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*No changes OD/OS since last visit*
Follow Up Visit
Post. Seg.

Undilated

OD
- **Optic Disc:**
  - Inferior NFL thinning at 7 o'clock, resolving Drance heme 7 o'clock, wedge defect 6 o'clock, temporal choroidal crescent, slight tilt
- **C/D:**
  - V: 0.80
  - H: 0.70
- **Macula:**
  - Normal color and contour for age
- **Vessels:**
  - Mild A-V nicking
- **Periphery:**
  - Not examined
- **Vitreous:**
  - WNL

OS
- **Optic Disc:**
  - Thinning of inferior rim, (+) lamellar dots, temporal NFL, wedge defect 6 o'clock
- **C/D:**
  - V: 0.70
  - H: 0.65
- **Macula:**
  - Normal color and contour for age
- **Vessels:**
  - Mild A-V nicking
- **Periphery:**
  - Not examined
- **Vitreous:**
  - WNL
Follow Up Visit

Diagnostic tests

- Humphrey Visual Field 24-2
- Provocative Water Drinking Test
- Fundus Photos
HVF

Repeat

OD: Low test reliability
Superior arcuate defect, repeated depressed points when compared to last VF. MD: -3.34
Provocative Water Drinking Test

- Baseline IOP
  - OD: 14 mmHg GAT
  - OS: 15 mmHg GAT

- 15 minute IOP check post WDT
  - OD: 20 mmHg GAT
  - OS: 20 mmHg GAT

- 30 minute IOP check post WDT
  - OD: 19 mmHg GAT
  - OS: 19 mmHg GAT

- 45 minute IOP check post WDT
  - OD: 17 mmHg GAT
  - OS: 15 mmHg GAT
Fundus Photos

- Inferior NFL thinning
- Resolving Drance heme
- Wedge defect
• Inferior NFL thinning
• Wedge defect
Assessment & Plan

- Normal-tension glaucoma (NTG) suspect. Secondary to enlarged C/D ratios, (+) family Hx and NRR thinning.

- Patient currently/still undergoing intense bodybuilding regimen.

- Patient educated on findings and recommended scaling down weight and intensity. Patient reported understanding and concurred.

- RTC 1 week for HVF 24-2 (patient educated on importance of obtaining reliable baseline test for BOTH EYES), Pattern ERG, VEP.

- Patient did not return to 1 week follow up.
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- IOP was checked (with iCare) at beginning of lift, bottom of lift and during lift.
Follow Up Visit #2

1/6/2020

• CC: 48 year old Hispanic female return for glaucoma work up (HVF OU).

• HPI: GLC suspect, OU, since last exam, no pattern, no reported decrease in vision. Denied any ocular symptoms.
Follow Up Visit

Entrance testing

- DVA sc
  - OD 20/25
  - OS 20/40 ph 20/20
- EOMS:
  - SFROM, (-) pain/dpl OD and OS
- Pupils
  - PERRLA (-) APD 5mm OU
- Confrontation fields
  - OD: normal
  - OS: normal
- IOP
  - OD: 18 mmHg GAT
  - OS: 16 mmHg GAT
Follow Up Visit
Ant. Seg.

**OD**
- **Lids:**
  - Clean and clear
- **Tear film:**
  - TBUT 4 seconds
- **Conj:**
  - Pinguecula N&T
- **Ant Chamber:**
  - Deep and quiet
- **Iris**
  - WNL
- **Lens**
  - 1+NS, central congenital opacity (not within visual axis)
- **Angles**
  - 4T&N

**OS**
- **Lids:**
  - Clean and clear
- **Tear film:**
  - TBUT 4 seconds
- **Conj:**
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- **Ant Chamber:**
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  - 4T&N

No changes OD/OS since last visit
Follow Up Visit
Post. Seg.
Undilated

**OD**
- **Optic Disc:**
  - Inferior NFL thinning at 7 o’clock, resolved Drance heme, wedge defect 6 o’clock, temporal choroidal crescent, slight tilt
- **C/D:**
  - V: 0.80
  - H: 0.70
- **Macula:**
  - Normal color and contour for age
- **Vessels:**
  - Mild A-V nicking
- **Periphery:**
  - Not examined
- **Vitreous:**
  - WNL

**OS**
- **Optic Disc:**
  - Thinning of inferior rim, (+) lamellar dots, temporal PPA, wedge defect 6 o’clock
- **C/D:**
  - V: 0.70
  - H: 0.65
- **Macula:**
  - Normal color and contour for age
- **Vessels:**
  - Mild A-V nicking
- **Periphery:**
  - Not examined
- **Vitreous:**
  - WNL
• Good reliability indices, early arcuate defect (REPEATED), MD: -3.60

• Good reliability indices, early nasal step vs early superior arcuate nasal defect, MD: -0.51
Assessment & Plan

• Patient was stressed on the controversy of beginning topical treatment.
• Normal-tension glaucoma (NTG) vs Valsalva maneuver induced optic neuropathy. Secondary to enlarged C/D ratios, (+) family Hx and NRR thinning.
• Patient currently is in undergoing intense bodybuilding regimen.
• Patient reported understanding and wished to begin Latanoprost OU.
• Patient educated on option of topical vs surgical treatment. Patient reported understanding and wished to begin topical treatment.
• RTC 4-6 weeks for pressure check.
Follow Up Visit #3

- CC: 48 year old Hispanic female return for glaucoma work up (HVF OU).
- HPI: GLC suspect, OU, since last exam, no pattern, no reported decrease in vision. Denied any ocular symptoms.
Follow Up Visit

Entrance testing

- DVA cc
  - OD 20/20
  - OS 20/20
- EOMS:
  - SFROM, (-) pain/dpl OD and OS
- Pupils
  - PERRLA (-) APD 5mm OU
- Confrontation fields
  - OD: normal
  - OS: normal
- IOP (+) use of Latanoprost drops
  - OD: 12 mmHg GAT
  - OS: 11 mmHg GAT
- Color HRR plates
  - OD: WNL
  - OS: WNL
Follow Up Visit

Ant. Seg.

OD

- Lids:
  - Clean and clear
- Tear film:
  - TBUT 4 seconds
- Conj:
  - Pinguecula N&T
- Ant Chamber:
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- Iris
  - WNL
- Lens
  - 1+NS, central congenital opacity (not within visual axis)
- Angles
  - 4T&N

OS

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Follow Up Visit
Post. Seg.

Undilated

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**Inferior NFL thinning**
**Resolved Drance heme**
**Wedge defect**
OCT ONH & RNFL

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- Inferior step defect, diffuse thinning of superior and inferior macular thickness.
**HVF**

- Good reliability indices, early arcuate defect (REPEATED), MD: -2.89
- Good reliability indices, early nasal step vs early superior arcuate defect, MD: -1.51
Assessment & Plan

• Normal-tension glaucoma (NTG) vs Valsalva maneuver induced optic neuropathy. Secondary to enlarged C/D ratios, (+) family Hx and NRR thinning.

• Patient re-educated on importance of compliance with Latanoprost gtts.

• BP checked at end of exam was recorded as 115/76 RAS.

• Recommended to follow up with PCP, recommended an ambulatory blood pressure monitoring cuff to check for nocturnal hypotension.

• RTC 4-6 weeks for pressure check and consult with OMD.
Glaucoma

Epidemiology

• Glaucoma is one of the worlds leading causes of irreversible blindness.
• Affecting ~60-70 million people world wide.
  • Expected to reach >110 million by 2040
NTG
NTG

Pathophysiology—“y-tho”

• Vascular
• Mechanical
NTG

Risk Factors

- Systemic vascular disease
- Increased diastolic blood pressure
- Vasospastic conditions
- Disc hemorrhages
- Genetics (MYOC, GLC1A, OPTN)*
NTG

Diagnosis

• Progressive cupping of optic disc.
• IOP <22mmHg.
• VF defects that correlate with optic nerve damage.
• Normal open angles with no previous episode of closure or damage.
The Effectiveness of Intraocular Pressure Reduction in the Treatment of Normal-Tension Glaucoma

CNTGS

Purpose:

• We report an intent-to-treat analysis of the study data to determine the effectiveness of pressure reduction.

• Determined that intraocular pressure is part of the pathogenesis of normal-tension glaucoma by analyzing the effect of a 30% intraocular pressure reduction on the subsequent course of the disease.
The Effectiveness of Intraocular Pressure Reduction in the Treatment of Normal-Tension Glaucoma

RESULTS:

• Visual field progression occurred at indistinguishable rates in the pressure-lowered (22/66) and the untreated control (31/79) arms of the study (P = .21). In an analysis with data censored when cataract affected visual acuity, visual field progression was significantly more common in the untreated group (21/79) compared with the treated group (8/66).

• An overall survival analysis showed a survival of 80% in the treated arm and of 60% in the control arm at 3 years, and 80% in the treated arm and 40% in the controls at 5 years.
Differential Diagnosis
Differential Diagnosis

- Compressive lesion
- Optic neuritis
- Optic disc pits
- Angle closure
- PION
- NAION
• Diagnosis of exclusion
• Will the latanoprost decrease this patients glaucomatous damage if we are able to reach a 30% reduction of IOP?
2 Million dollar question....

• Is this patient too healthy?

• Will we find a decrease in nocturnal blood pressure causing a optic nerve perfusion problem?


So You’ve Diagnosed Optic Disc Drusen, Now What?

CPT FIONA YUAN, OD
What is disc drusen?

- Calcified, hyaline deposits located in optic nerve anterior to lamina
- 1-2% of general population
- Varied appearance:
  - Buried vs exposed
- Associated visual field defects
- Differential: papilledema

Patel V, Oetting TA. EyeRounds.org 2007
Natural course

- Observational case series
- 8 patients
- Purpose: to investigate anatomical and visual field changes in patients with optic disc drusen
- Median follow-up time: 56 years
Natural course

- Conclusions:
  - Most changes in anatomy and visual field during “transition phase”
  - Occurs primarily in teenage years

- Malmqvist et al 2017
Pathophysiology

- Unknown mechanism

- Theory:
  - Dysfunctional axoplasmic flow and metabolism?
  - Small scleral canal?
  - Byproduct of papilledema?
Complications

- Anterior ischemic optic neuropathy
- Vascular occlusions
- Choroidal neovascular membranes
- Retinal hemorrhages
Diagnosis

- Optical coherence tomography (OCT)
  - Enhanced Depth Imaging
- Fundus Autofluorescence (FAF)
- B-scan ultrasound
- Fluorescein Angiography (FA)
- Visual field?
Diagnosis

Fig. 2. Fundus photographs and correlating optical coherence tomography (OCT) scans of a 63-year-old woman with multiple and clearly visible optic disc drusen (ODD) (A), a 25-year-old woman with a few visible ODD (B) and a 23-year-old woman with buried ODD (C).
Diagnosis

Fig. 5. (A) B-scan ultrasound of the right eye of a 12-year-old boy showing increased reflectivity from the optic nerve head consistent with calcified optic disc drusen (ODD). (B) Computed tomography scan of a 25-year-old woman showing hyperdense signals from the optic nerve head consistent with calcified ODD. (C) Hyperautofluorescence seen in the right eye of a 27-year-old woman with visible ODD seen by ophthalmoscopy.

Hamann et al 2018
Pseudopapilledema vs papilledema

- Difficult diagnosis in pediatrics

- Papilledema:
  - Optic nerve swelling secondary to elevated intracranial pressure (ICP)

- Symptoms:
  - Headaches
  - Nausea
  - Pulsatile tinnitus
  - Binocular diplopia
  - Transient visual obscurations
  - Visual field defects
Pseudopapilledema vs papilledema

- OCT
  - Inward deflection of RPE

- MRI
  - Posterior scleral flattening

- Exam findings
  - Loss of spontaneous venous pulsation (SVP)
  - Choroidal folds
  - Disc hyperemia
  - Retinal hemorrhages
  - Cotton wool spots
Table 1: General algorithm used at our institution for evaluating a pediatric patient with possible papilledema

- **Initial workup**: history, thorough neuro-ophtalmic and dilated fundus exam.
  - **Moderate to high suspicion for papilledema** - MRI and MRV brain
    - **Evidence of increased ICP** - LP with opening pressure
    - **Progressive RNFL thickening** - LP with opening pressure
  - **Low suspicion for papilledema** - serial optic nerve OCT in 6 weeks
    - **No signs of elevated ICP** - serial optic nerve OCT in 6 weeks
    - **Stable RNFL** - repeat in 12 weeks
    - **Progressive RNFL thickening** - LP with opening pressure
  - **Stable RNFL** - repeat in 12 weeks
    - **Progressive RNFL thickening** - MRI/MRV brain + LP with opening pressure
    - **Stable RNFL** - diagnose pseudopapilledema
    - **Progressive RNFL thickening** - LP with opening pressure
  - **Stable RNFL** - diagnose pseudopapilledema

McCafferty et al 2017
Which came first, papilledema or drusen?
Which came first, papilledema or drusen?

- Increased incidence of disc drusen in patients with resolved papilledema
  - 19% of patients vs 2% of general population

- Mechanism?
  - Decrease axonal transport -> altered calcium metabolism
  - Drusen reduce available space in optic nerve -> increased risk for elevated ICP
  - Misdiagnosis of pseudodrusen for optic disc drusen
Disease progression

- Fundus examination
- Fundus photography
- OCT
  - Negative correlation between drusen volume and RNFL thickness
  - RNFL loss develops before VF loss
- Visual field
  - Slowly progressive
  - Defects more severe with exposed vs buried

- Hamann et al 2018
- Skaat et al 2017
Treatment and management

- No established effective treatment

- Possible treatment:
  - IOP lowering medications
  - Brinazolamide: neuroprotective?

- Authors’ conclusion: decreasing IOP resulted in improved RGC function and delay in optic neuropathy
Concluding points

- Optic disc drusen remain fairly stable throughout life with most changes occurring during puberty/teenage years
- Various diagnostic methods
  - Pseudopapilledema vs papilledema
- High incidence of disc drusen in patients with resolved papilledema
- Fundus photography, OCT, and visual fields can be used to follow progression
- No treatment at the moment
  - In patients with elevated IOPs, Brinzolamide may be used to improve retinal function and delay disease
References


MGD, CVD, or HIV

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A 29 female, newly diagnosed with Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV) presents with symptoms of eye pain 7/10 especially when working on the computer (8 hours or more a day)

Ocular history: Simple Myopia, not a contact lens wear.

Medical history: Recently diagnosed (8 months) with HIV with a viral count of 7000 (3rd trimester pregnant) and T-Cell count (CD4) of 93. Started on Retroviral therapy (HAART), Truvada and Septra

Family history: Family history of: Diabetes (MGM and MGF), Hypertension (Father and MGM), Glaucoma (Mother and MGM)

Medications: Symtuza, ranitidine, sertraline, eszopiclone, clobetasol (topical), loperamide, valacyclovir, atovaquone, dolutegravir, emtricitabine/tenofovir
Examination

- Entrance testing: Visual fields normal, Extraocular movements normal, Pupils equal round and reactive, notable red rim upper and lower lid both eyes (OU)
- Change in Manifest glasses prescription in 8 months
  - Previous: Right eye (OD) -1.50-0.50x165 Left eye (OS) -1.75-0.25x150
  - Current: OD -2.50-0.25x015 OS -2.75-0.25x154
    - Improved 20/60 OU to 20/20 OU
- Lids 3+ inflamed and capped, no oil leaving glands on expression, 4-5 telangiectatic vessels along lower lid OD/OS, rubbery/swollen appearance.
- Cornea shows inferior 2+ punctate epithelial staining OU
- C/D OD: 0.3R, OS 0.35R
- Dilated Fundus Exam shows retina normal, no retinal viral disease noted
Summary

Signs
i. Meibomian gland expression very low and poor quality
ii. Telangiectasia along lid margins
iii. Eyelid rim redness
iv. Instant Tear Breakup
v. Diffuse corneal staining

Symptoms
i. Reduced fixation time
ii. Watery eyes
iii. Eye pain and irritation with near tasks
iv. Eyestrain and headache

What is causing the patient’s symptoms?
Treatment

- 1st visit:
  - Updated glasses Rx
  - Educated on visual hygiene
  - Bruder Mask warm compresses 2x daily
  - Oil based artificial tears

- 2nd visit:
  - Celluvisc
  - Fluorometholone
  - Doxycycline 100mg 2x daily (Ophthalmology ordered)
  - Doxycycline 20mg 2x daily after complications

- 3rd visit
  - 1000 mg Omega 3 supplementation (Patient felt better)
  - Lid debridement (Patient felt worse)

- 4th visit
  - Referred for Lipiflow treatment
Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS)

Trouble with near work, usually screens
- Occupational productivity: 64 - 90% have eyestrain, headaches, dry eye, diplopia and blurred vision either at near or distance after prolonged computer use
- Appropriate refractive correction alone could produce at least a 2.5% increase in productivity
  - presence of relatively small amounts of uncorrected astigmatism (<1.0 D) may produce a significant increase in symptoms of CVS

Combination of several eye problems
- Dry eye
  - higher gaze angle
- Infrequent blink
  - Mean blink rates were 22 per min while relaxed, but only 10 and 7 per min when reading a book or electronic display
  - Incomplete blink coverage
- Binocular vision issues
  - A subgroup of patients may exist whose symptoms of CVS can be alleviated by creating exo AP.
- Accommodative issues
  - Accommodative infacility was the most common oculomotor anomaly found
Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS)

Low to moderate oculomotor anomalies may cause significant symptoms if combined with prolonged computer use.

Bottom Line Up Front: Fix small problems

4-20 Rule
- Every 20 minutes
- Look 20 feet away
- For 20 seconds
- And blink 20 times
To enter a host cell, HIV binds to a **CD4 receptor**

HIV mainly targets lymphoid CD4+ T cells, but can infect other cells that express CD4 such as macrophages

More than 95% of the CD4+ T cells that die are resting
- Cell death is triggered when the host cell detects HIV and initiates a suicidal death pathway, thus causing pyroptosis (a highly inflammatory form of programmed cell death).

A normal CD4+ count is from 500 to 1,400 cells per cubic millimeter of blood

**CD4+ T lymphocytes stimulate macrophages, B lymphocytes (B cells), and CD8 T lymphocytes (CD8 cells),**

**Two components particularly affected in AIDS:**
- CD8+ T cells are not stimulated making AIDS patients very susceptible to most viruses, including HIV itself
- Antibody class switching declines significantly once helper T cell function fails. The immune system loses its ability to improve the affinity of their antibodies, and are unable to generate B cells that can produce antibody groups such as IgG and IgA.

**AIDS is diagnosed when the CD4+ T cell count falls below 200 or you have an AIDS-defining complication**
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

Ocular Complications of HIV/AIDS

- **Mechanism of action**
  - Opportunistic infection
  - Inflammatory State of system

- **Kaposi Sarcoma (AIDS defining illness)**
  - cancer that develops from the cells that line lymph or blood vessels

- **Cytomegalovirus**
  - Over 50% are infected by age 40
  - Retinal detachment, uveitis

- **Immune reconstitution inflammatory Syndrome (IRIS)**
  - Median of 48 days (29 to 99 days) after ART initiation
  - "immune recovery uveitis" (IRU) or "immune recovery vitritis" by various investigators
  - IRIS has been reported in 16 to 63 percent of CMV retinitis following the initiation of ART
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

Other Complications to consider
- Oral/esophagus candidiasis
- Exacerbations of existing skin ailments
- Bacterial super infections post antibiotic therapy

Dry eye, blepharitis and uveitis were the top three complications.
- Up to 33.9% of HAART study side effects
Meibomian Gland dysfunction (MGD)

Inflammatory disease
- ocular rosacea, mucous membrane pemphigoid, Sjögren’s syndrome, and chronic graft-versus-host
- Polymorphous neutrophil recruitment shown in MGD

Meibomitis = Inflammation

Meibomian gland dysfunction = blockage of meibum outflow
- Inspissation
- Blepharitis
- Structural change
- Gland death

Co-morbidity
- Ocular Rosacea
- Auto-Immune Conditions
- Sicca Syndrome
MGD Treatment – Global treatment

Environmental factors, blink rate, CVS

Sicca Syndrome
- punctal plugs

Artificial tears
- Oil based AT

Exposure treatment
- Scleral lenses
- Lagophthalmos
  - Night masks
  - Gels

Co-management
- Dermatology
- Rheumatology
MGD Treatment – Lipid flow

Warm compress
- Proper procedure
  - patients should heat lids to approximately 45°C
  - maintain contact for at least four minutes
- Lipiflow/iLux
- Pulsed Light

Scraping or expression
- Increase in inflammation
- 5psi to 40psi
- Probing

Omega 3
- 1000 mg DHA/EPA
  For higher potency, the total milligrams on the front of the label should closely match the milligrams of EPA and DHA listed on the back.

Liposome spray
MGD Treatment – Anti Inflammation

Topical treatment
- FML- inhibits neutrophils
- Iodine!!
  - low-dose formulation of 1% PVP-I (w/w) in a gel containing DMSO
- Androgen therapy
- N-acetyl-cysteine
- Azithromycin
- cyclosporine A

Oral treatment
- Doxycycline
  - Anti-inflammatory, anti-metalloproteinase
- Azithromycin
  - Inhibits cytokines, antibiotic Gram (-)
MGD Treatment

Considerations for patients with HIV

- Fungal superinfections w/antibiotic treatments
- Immune reconstitution inflammatory Syndrome (IRIS)
- If their cell count is low “They have the right to present with whichever complication they want”
References


