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# **MIGS: Will Glaucoma Become a Surgical Disease**

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# Disclosures

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- **Aerie**
- **Allergan**
- **Alcon**
- **Aquesys**
- **AVS**
- **Glaukos**
- **Ivantis**

# Which eye had surgery vs eyedrops?



# Why Should Glaucoma Be a Surgical Disease?

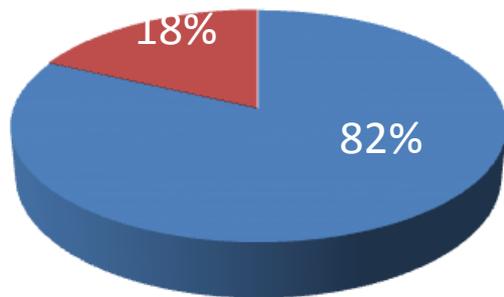
- **Simplicity**
- **Safe and effective surgery avoids...**
  - **Eye Drops**
    - **Side effects (esp to ocular surface)**
    - **Compliance**
    - **Recurring expense**

# Selective and Argon Laser Trabeculoplasty

At 1 year, 82% of patients who underwent SLT remained on the same number of medications (2.6)

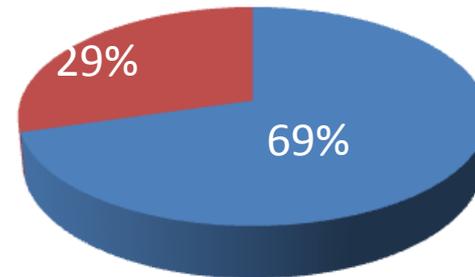
- 18% required an *additional* medication
- 100% of patients remained on the same number of medications or increased their medications
- More patients in the ALT group than the SLT group required an additional medication at 1 year

## SLT Group



- SLT group members maintained on the same number of medications at 1 year after treatment
- SLT group members had one additional medication at 1 year after treatment

## ALT Group

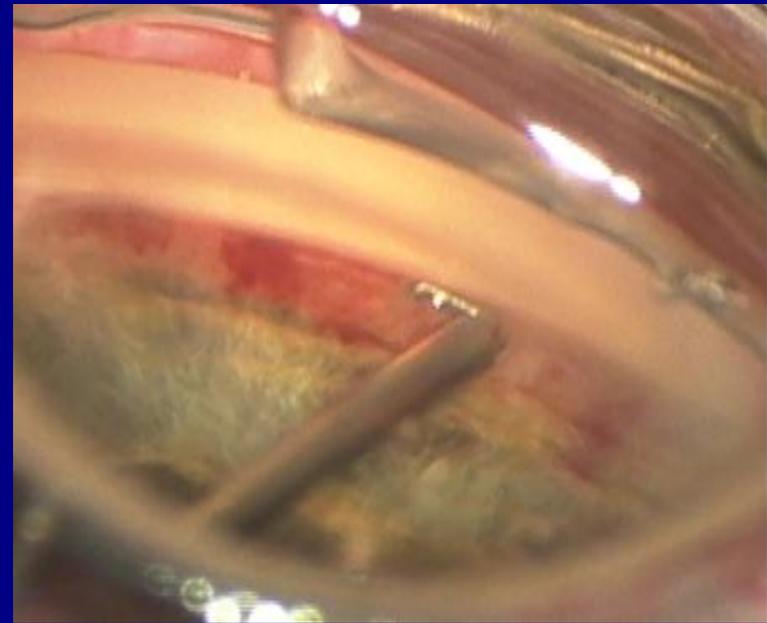


- Eyes that remained on the same number of medications
- Eyes that required one additional medication

# MIGS: A New Perspective

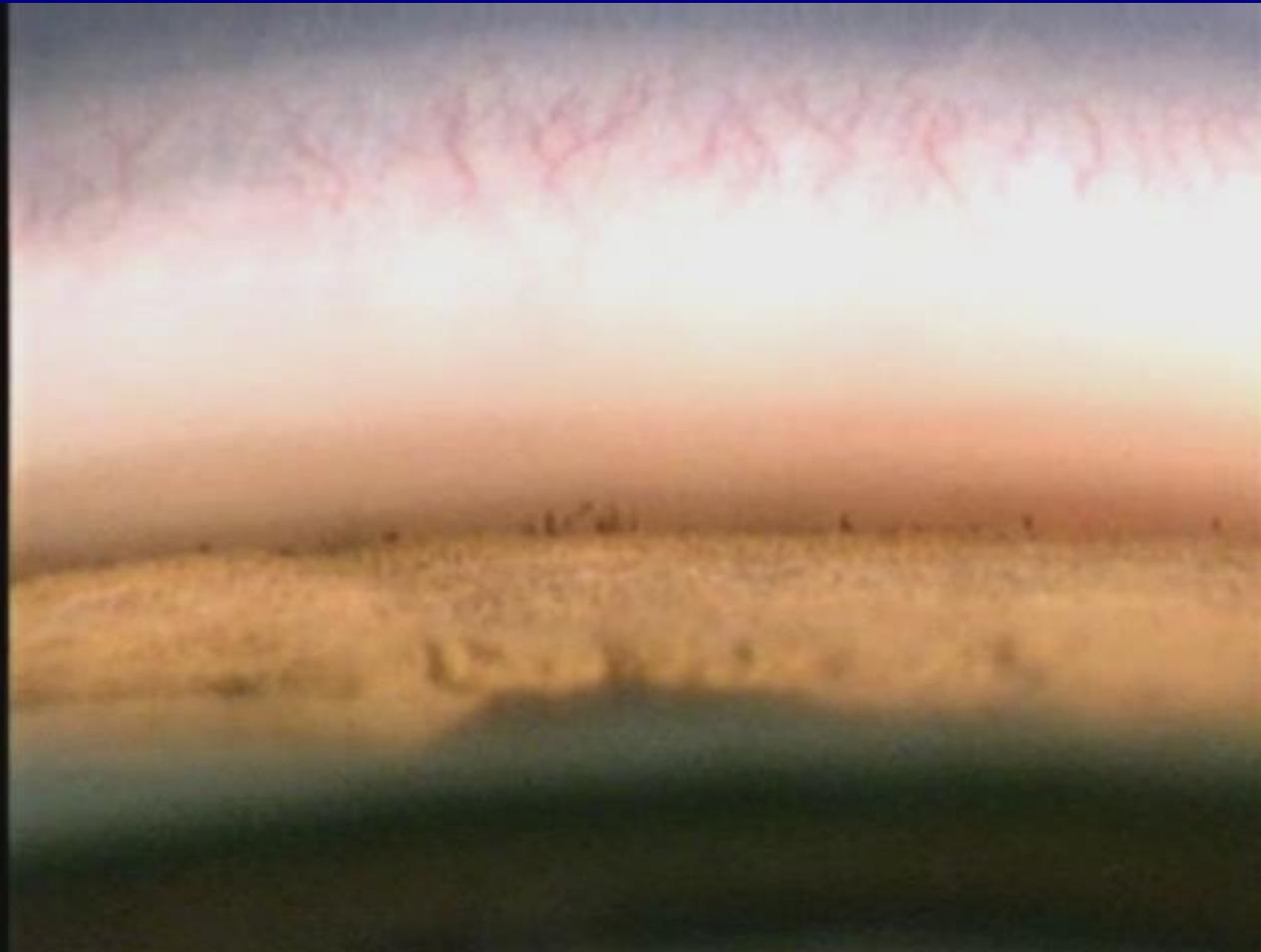
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- Who is a candidate?
- What justifies the procedure?
- How to start implanting?



# R. Stegmann's View of the Canal

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# MIGS: What is it?

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- **Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery**
- Ab interno micro-incision procedures
- Lower risk
- Earlier intervention
- Minimal additional technology
- Does not preclude other glaucoma surgery

# MIGS: Mechanism of Action

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## 1. Subconjunctival

- Aquesys (Xen)

## 2. Canal

- Glaukos (iStent)
- Ivantis (Hydrus)

## 3. Suprachoroidal

- Transcend (CyPass)
- Glaukos (G3)

**Trabectome is disruptive to the TM/canal  
and, thus, not a MIGS procedure**

# Glaucoma Surgery Profile

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- Open angles
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## Trab or Tube

- More advanced disease
- Open or closed angles
- Lower IOP target (<13)
- Higher risk
- Recognized long term effect (s)

# Variables to Consider

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1. Efficacy
2. Risk/complications
3. Technical ease
4. Duration
5. Cost to physician/ASC/hospital
6. Reimbursement

# Canal Surgery Milestones

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- **1962: Sinusotomy – Krasnov**
- **1968: Trabeculectomy – Cairns/Watson**
- **1978: Non perforating trabeculectomy- Zimmerman**
- **1982: Deep sclerectomy- Fyodorov**
- **1993: Visco canalostomy – Stegmann**
- **2001: Aquaflow Collagen Implant**
- **2004: Canaloplasty – Stegmann, Lewis**
- **2012: iStent (Trabecular bypass) – Hill**

# Clinical Development Milestones

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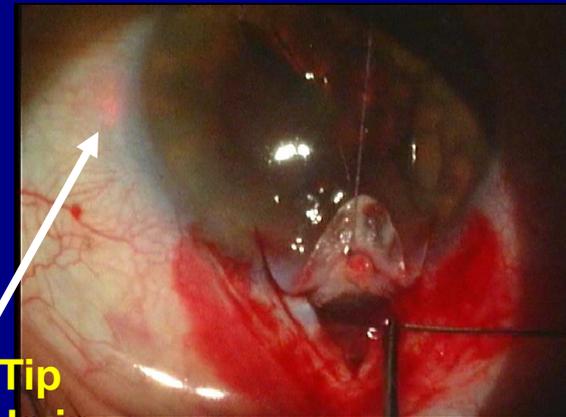
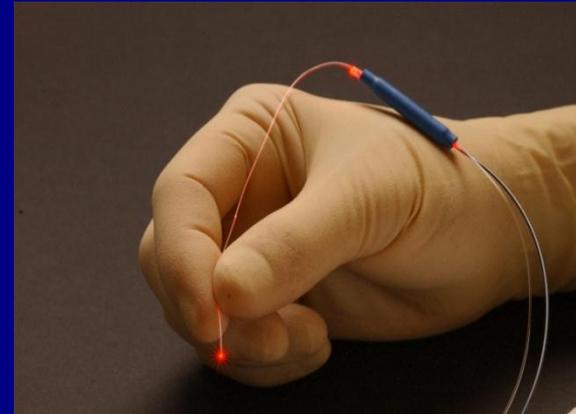
1999 – Stegmann: viscocanalostomy

2001 - Ultrasound imaging to localize canal and outflow system

2003 – Development of flexible 250u lumen microcannula

2004-05 -Viscodilation and suture stent passage

- Canal tensioning or **Canaloplasty**



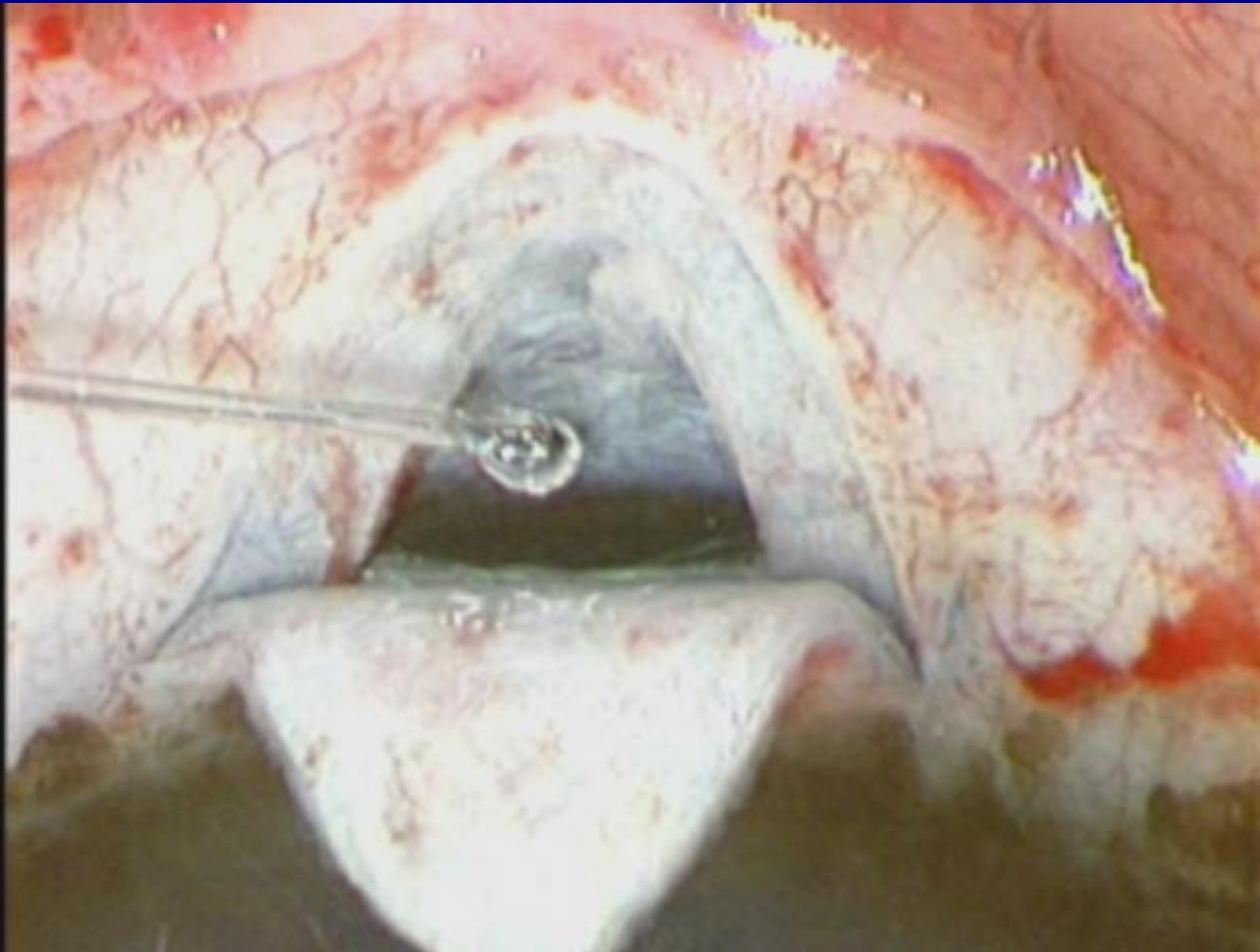
**Illuminating Tip  
of Microcannula in  
Schlemm's Canal**

# **Canaloplasty: Mechanism of IOP Reduction**

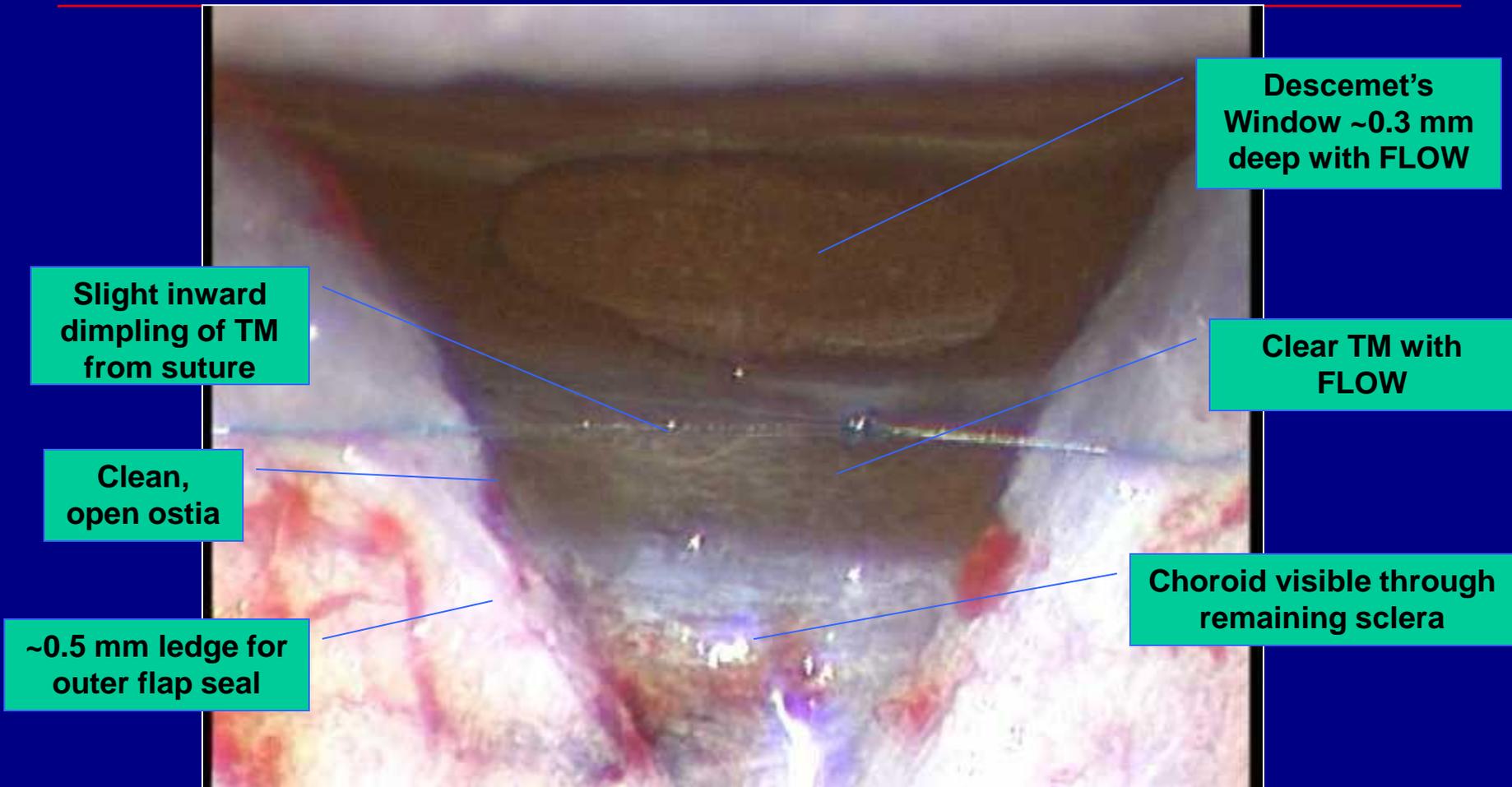
- 1. Aqueous flow through Trabecular Descemet's membrane (or window)**
- 2. Aqueous re-absorption**
  - Subconjunctival filtering bleb**
  - Through canal and collectors**

# Canaloplasty

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# Canaloplasty – Surgical Site



# Canaloplasty: Indications

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- 1. Open angle glaucomas including PDS and PXE**
- 2. Expect Trabeculectomy to Fail**
  - Failed trabeculectomy or hypotony in fellow eye
  - Significant conjunctival disease
- 3. Concerned about further loss of vision**
  - High myopia and contact lens wearers
  - Immunosuppressive treatments
  - Anti-coagulation

# Aussie: Case Report

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47 y/o man on 4 meds s/p SLT

- High (-9.0) myope
- Ocular surface disease from long term glaucoma meds
- IOP: 18-20
- Pachy: 490
- Advanced cupping with sup arcuate defect OU



# Canal vs Trab: Ayyala et al

Time Point	Canaloplasty IOP (mmHg)	No. of Patients	Trabeculectomy IOP (mmHg)	No. Patients	P Value
Preoperatively	21.2±6.6	33	23.4±10.4	46	0.28
1 day	9.3±6.0	33	5.7±3.6	46	<0.01*
1 week	13.7±6.4	32	6.8±3.8	45	<0.001*
1 month	14.4±5.8	32	8.8±4.5	46	<0.001*
3 months	12.6±5.6	32	10.3±3.7	46	0.05*
6 months	12.1±4.0	32	11.2±4.5	43	0.40
9 months	12.9±5.1	33	11.6±3.4	39	0.18
12 months	13.8±4.9	33	11.6±4.0	46	0.03*

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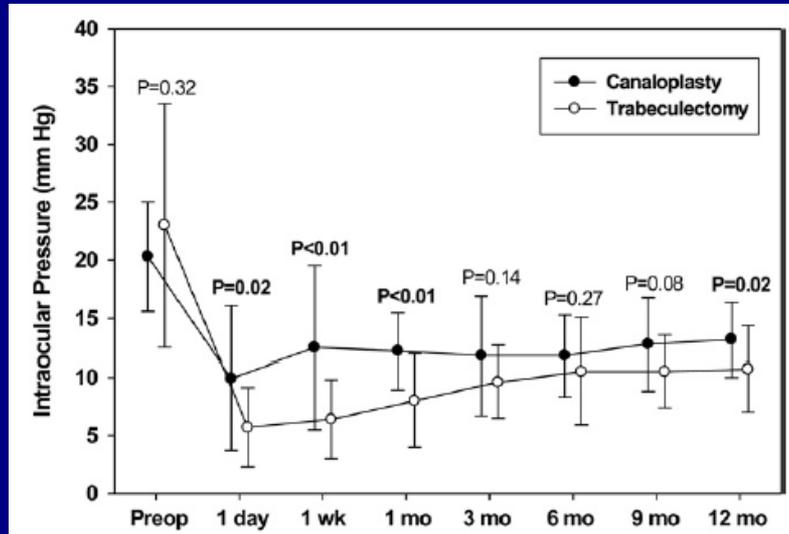


Table 7. Reoperations

	Reoperation Type (n)	No. of Patients (%)
Canaloplasty	Trabeculectomy (1)	5 (15)
	Express shunt (1)	
	Ahmed glaucoma valve (3)	
Trabeculectomy*	Bleb revision for leaking cystic bleb (2)	4 (9)
	Express shunt for failed blebs (2)	

\*One patient had suprachoroidal hemorrhage drainage.

# Canaloplasty: Challenges

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1. “Learning curve” - finding the canal
2. Canal access in various glaucomas
3. Magnitude of IOP reduction
4. Long term efficacy

# JK: Case Study

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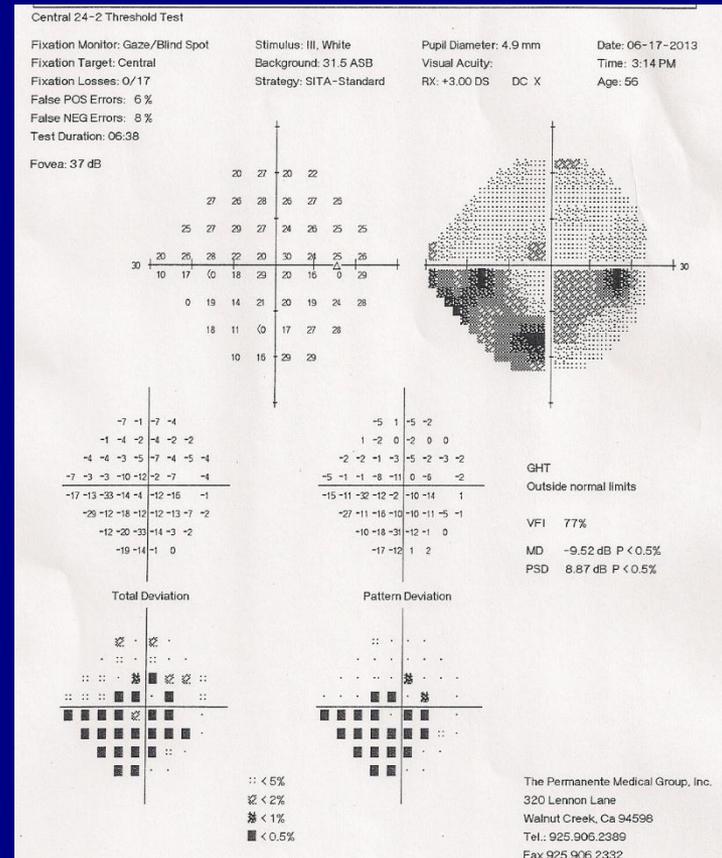
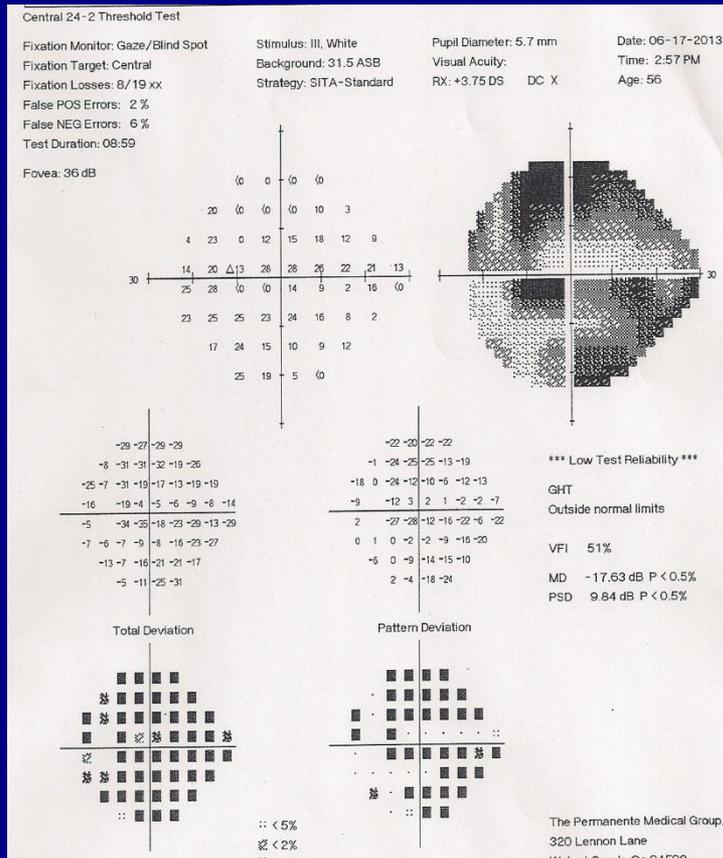
- 56 y/o MD with high myopia and glaucoma since 2007, complains of ocular irritation and redness
- History:
  - High myopia (-18.0) – wears GP CL
  - 2006: Glaucoma, initial IOP 23/27
  - 2007: Phaco/IOL OS
  - 2009: Trab/5FU (post op hypotony)
  - 2009: Head MRI, blood studies all WNL
- Meds: Azopt OU, Travatan OU, Timolol OU

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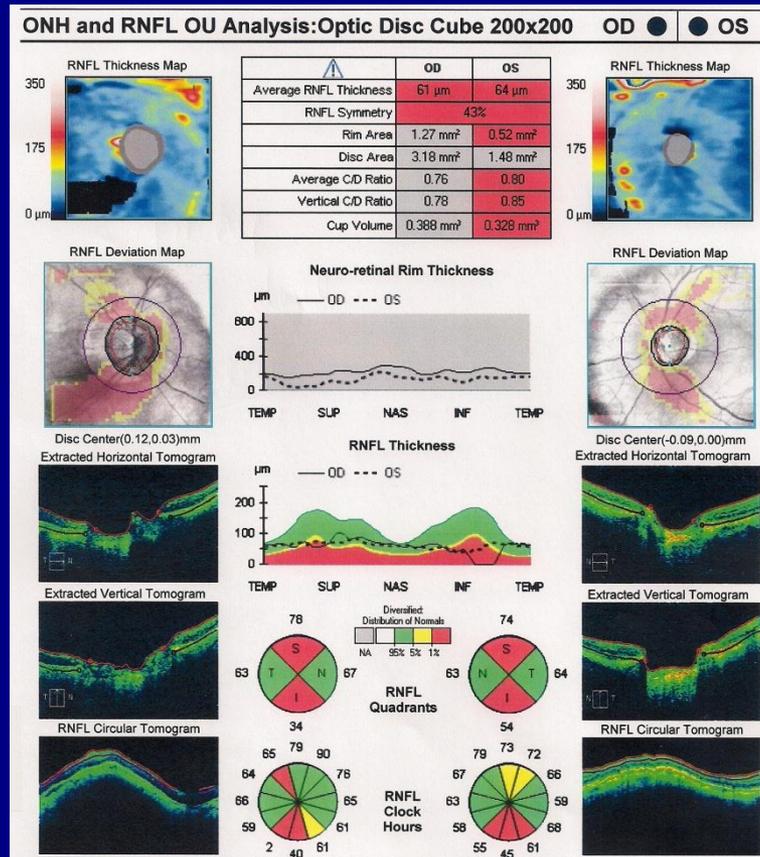
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■ Exam:	<u>OD</u>	<u>OS</u>
– Acuity	-18.00CL=20/30	20/20
– SLE	2+ follicles, redness OU	
–	2+ NS, PSC	PC IOL
– IOP	11	11
– Fundus	0.8 cup	0.9 cup pale
– Pachy	606	590

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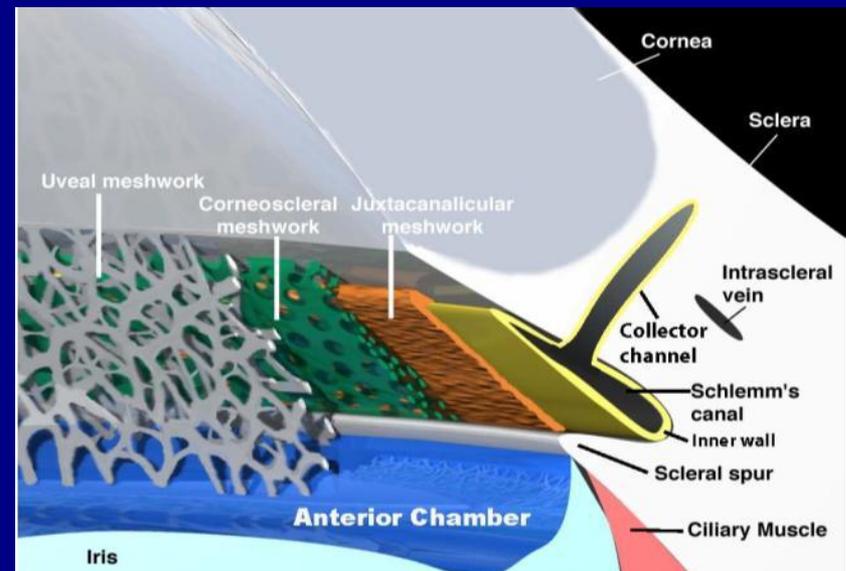
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## ■ Problem List

- High myopia
- POAG – progression, optimal IOP
- Ocular redness – allergy to meds, CL

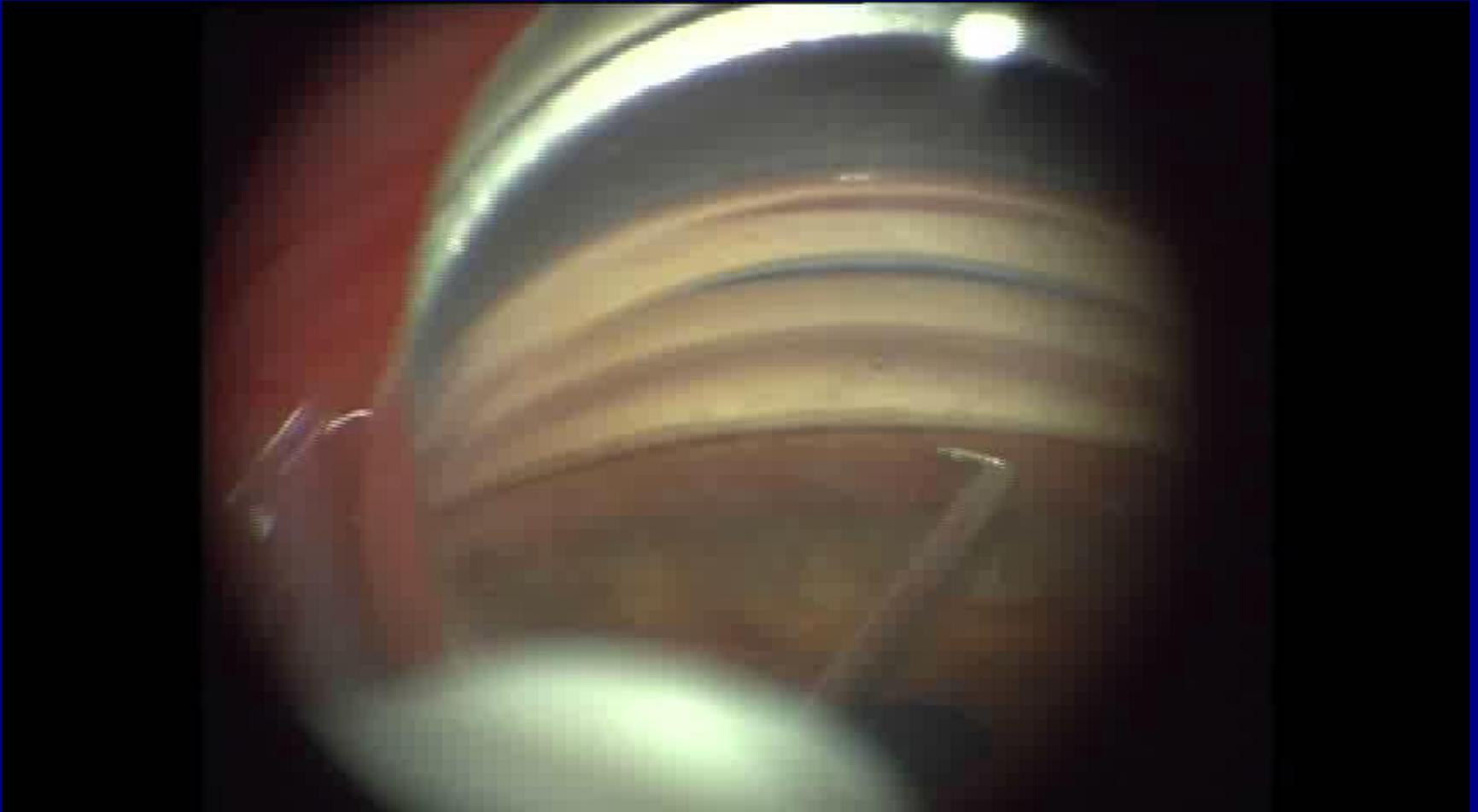
# Canal-based, non disruptive MIGS Procedures

- Dilates and preserves Schlemm's canal by channel reconstruction and trabecular meshwork bypass
- Re-establish flow to collector channel system
- May be performed with or without cataract surgery
- Options:
  1. iStent (Glaukos)
  2. Hydrus (Ivantis)



# Glaukos iStent

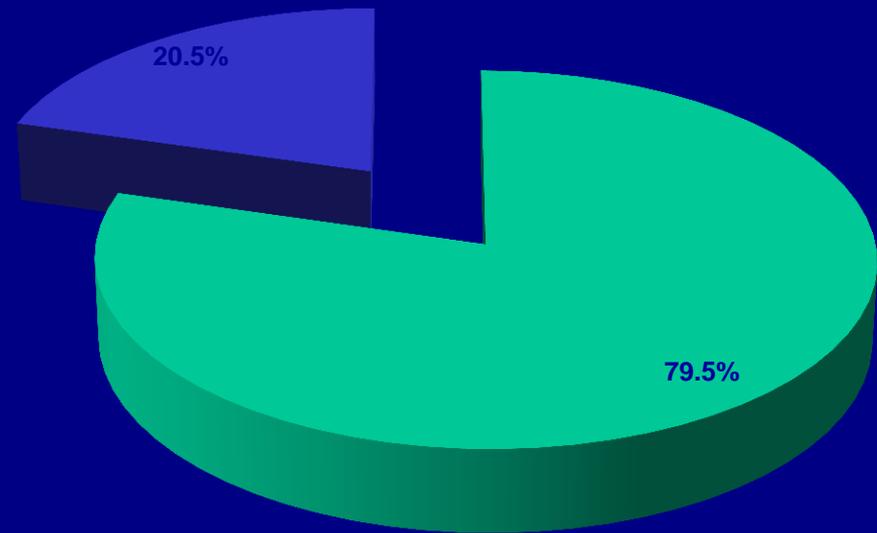
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# Prevalence of Glaucoma and Cataract

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- Of the 3.5 million annual cataract procedures performed in the US, 20.5% \* of these patients are on a glaucoma medication

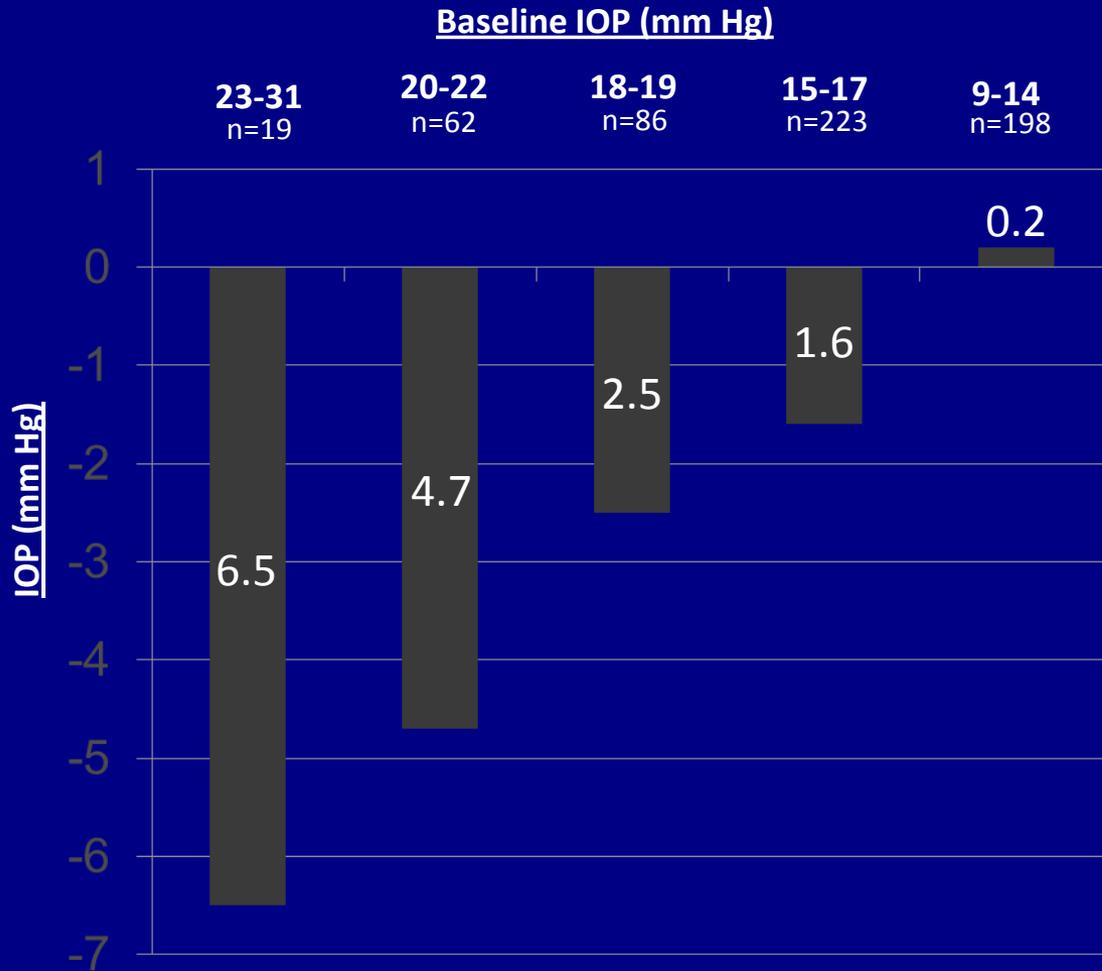


*A Large Percentage of your Patient Population fits the Approved Indication*

■ Patients with Cataract ■ Patients with Cataract and Glaucoma/OHT

\* Medicare data analysis 2003 - 2007

# Effect of Cataract Surgery on IOP Reduction



**87% of patients who underwent cataract extraction experienced minimal to no reduction in IOP**

- 53% had a mean reduction of 1.6 to 2.5 mm Hg
- 34% had an increase of 0.2 mm Hg

From a retrospective chart review of 588 normotensive and OHT patients who underwent cataract surgery

# When Should iStent Be Used?

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- In any patient with mild-moderate glaucoma undergoing cataract surgery
  - Patients on 1 glaucoma med
    - Goal: getting patient off meds
  - Patients with normal VF

# What is Mild to Moderate OAG?

<h2>STAGE 1</h2> <p><b>HIGH RISK OCULAR HYPERTENSION</b></p> <p>IOP 20-30mmHg GOAL: Control IOP, eliminate non-compliance and drug burden.</p>	<h2>STAGE 2</h2> <p><b>MILD GLAUCOMA</b></p> <p>IOP 20-35mmHg GOAL: Significant, steady and sustained IOP control. Minimize compliance and drug burden.</p>	<h2>STAGE 3</h2> <p><b>MODERATE/ADVANCED GLAUCOMA</b></p> <p>IOP &gt; 30mmHg GOAL: Control IOP, maximize outflow. Minimize non-compliance, drug burden and chronic morbidity.</p>	<h2>STAGE 4</h2> <p><b>REFRACTORY/ COMPLICATED &amp; NORMAL TENSIVE GLAUCOMA</b></p> <p>IOP Uncontrolled GOAL: Control IOP.</p>
<p><b>VISUAL FIELD</b></p>  <p>Visual Function Intact</p>	<p><b>VISUAL FIELD</b></p>  <p>Central Arcuate Field Loss</p>	<p><b>VISUAL FIELD</b></p>  <p>Expanded Arcuate Field Loss in up to 2 Quadrants</p>	<p><b>VISUAL FIELD</b></p>  <p>Significant Visual Field Loss in up to 3 Quadrants</p>
<p><b>PHYSIOLOGIC CHANGES</b></p> <p>No Measurable or Observable Change</p> 	<p><b>PHYSIOLOGIC CHANGES</b></p> <p>C:D <math>\leq</math> 0.7 Documented Expansion and Deepening of Cup</p>   	<p><b>PHYSIOLOGIC CHANGES</b></p> <p>Deep Focal Notches or C:D &gt; 0.7 with Documented Expansion and Deepening of Cup</p>   	<p><b>PHYSIOLOGIC CHANGES</b></p> <p>C:D &gt; 0.9 Severe Expansion and Deepening of Cup</p> 
<p>STAGE 1 PROTOCOL</p>	<p>STAGE 2 PROTOCOL</p>	<p>STAGE 3 PROTOCOL</p>	<p>STAGE 4 PROTOCOL</p>

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- iStent: Option to treat glaucoma as a surgical disease

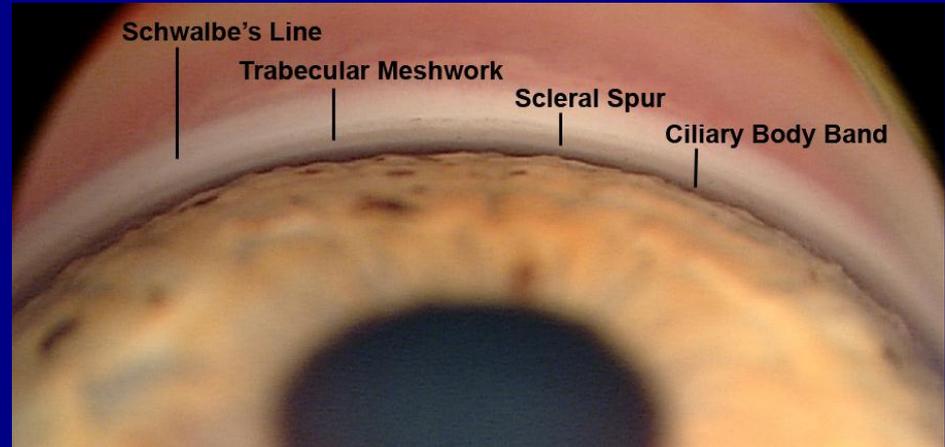
# Gonioscopy is back!

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- Get comfortable in the office with gonioscopy

- Seldom done yet billable

- [Gonioscopy.org](http://Gonioscopy.org) – great source

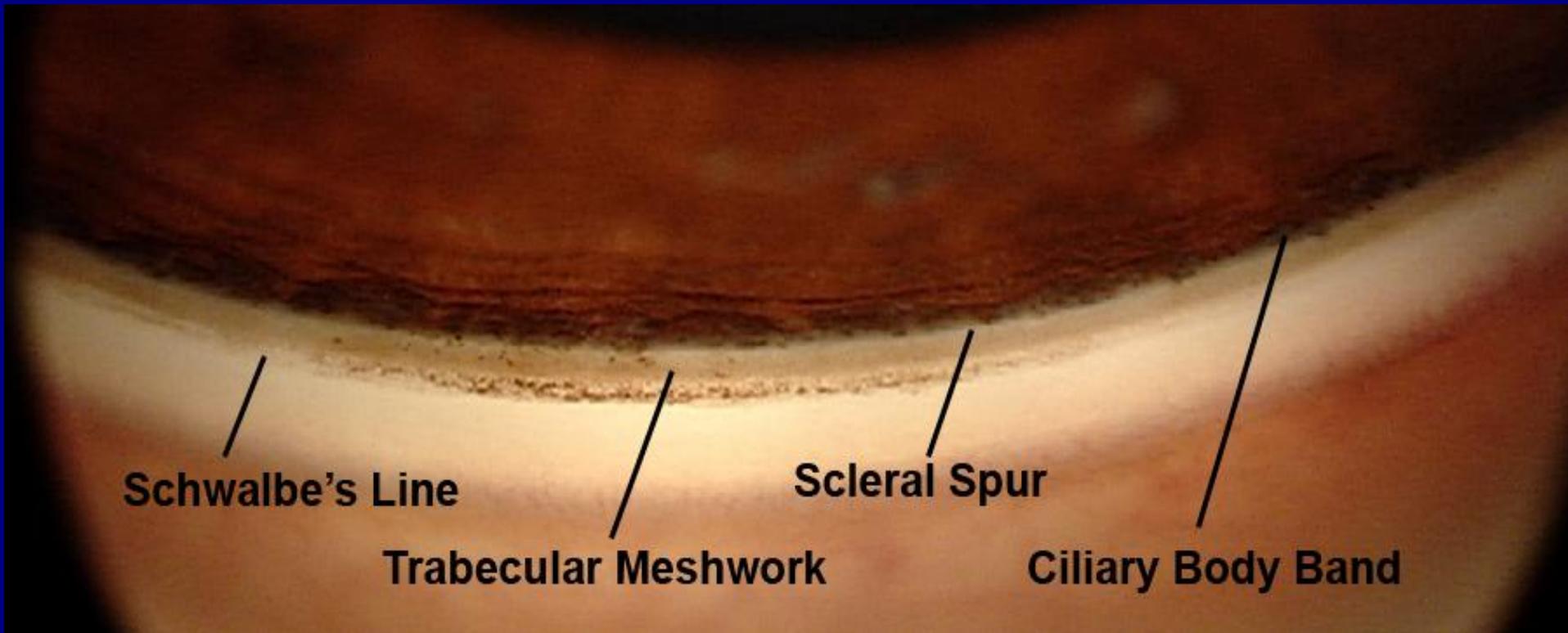


- Practice before a scheduled case

- Use a gonioscopy in one hand and Sinsky hook in the other

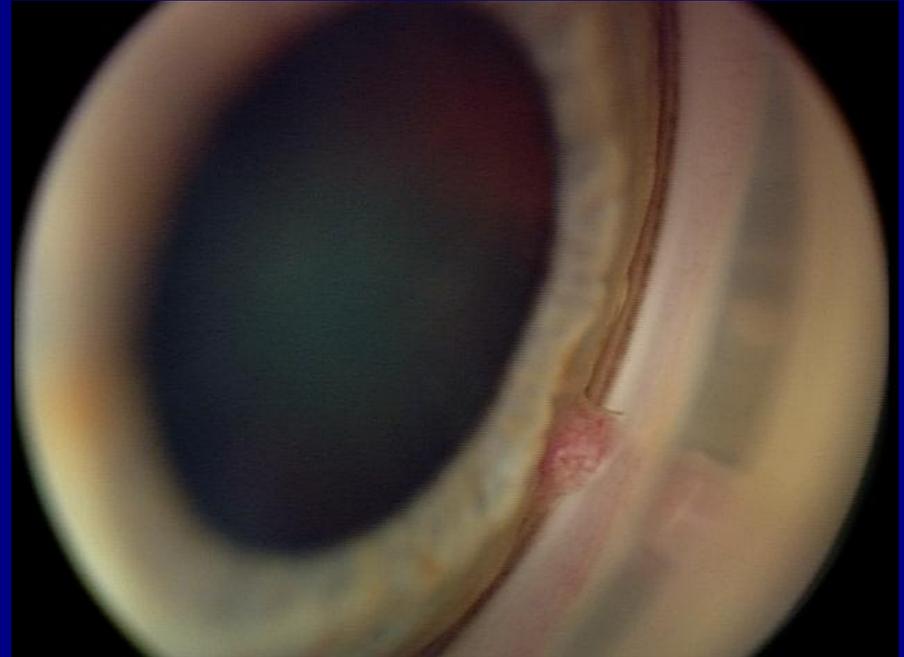
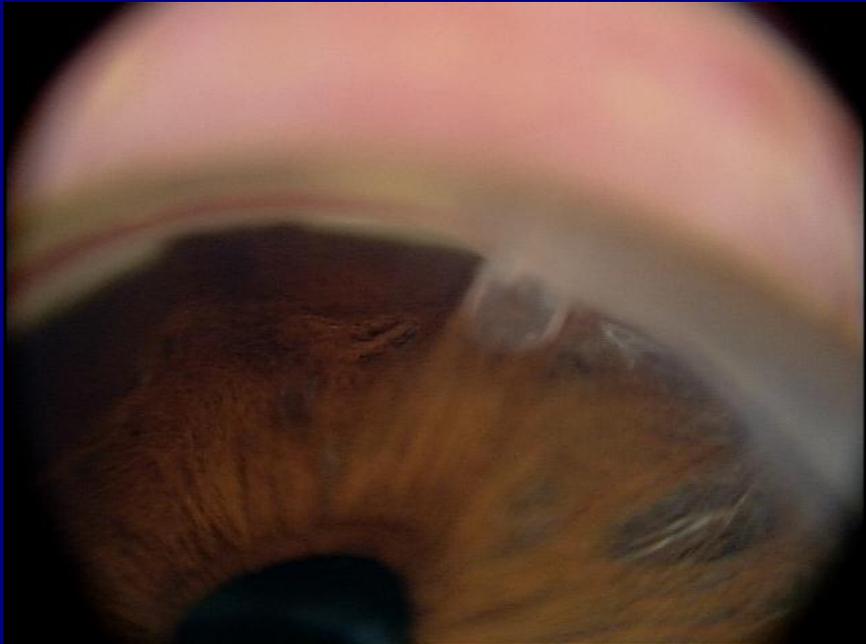
# Gonio Imaging - Angle Structures

## Normal angle - inferior view



# Gonio Imaging - Angle Structures

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# RG: Case Study

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- 79 y/o woman referred for glaucoma
- History:
  - RK + LASIK OD, RK OS
  - Blepharospasm (on Botox)
  - Dry eye
  - Ocular allergies (to BAK and other preservatives)
  - Cataract
- Meds: Non-preserved Timolol qd OU

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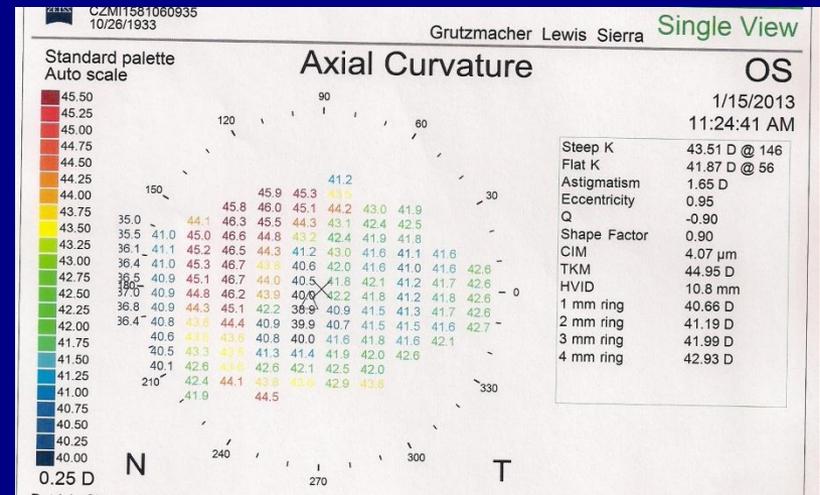
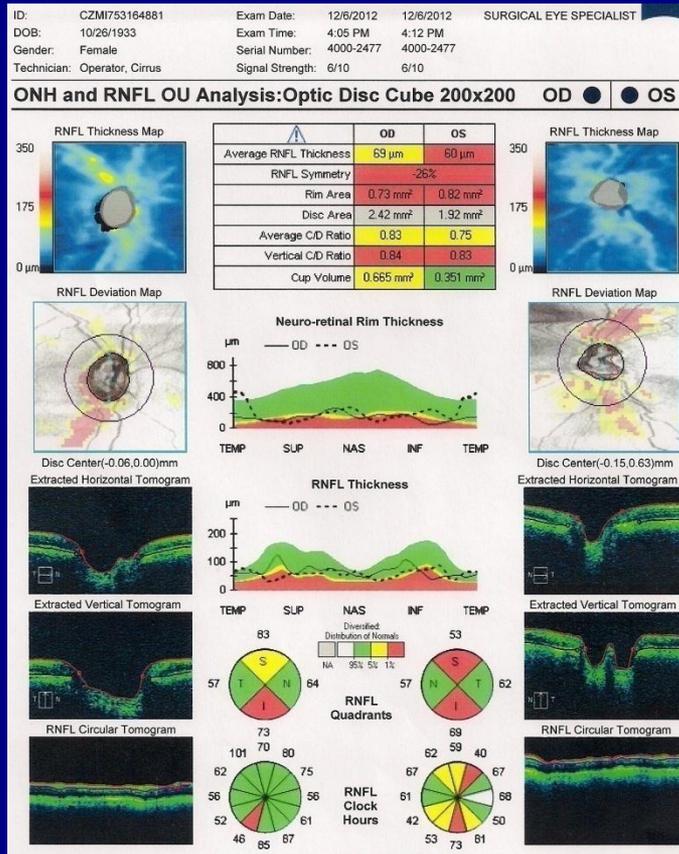


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■ Exam:	<u>OD</u>	<u>OS</u>
– Acuity	+1.75+2.50x045= <b>20/60</b>	0.50+1.00x128= <b>20/80</b>
– SLE	RK scars OU, 2+ NS	
– IOP	14	15
– Fields	Unreliable OU	
– Disc	0.8 cup	0.8 cup

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ID: Formula: Haigis ZEISS

Date of Birth: 10/26/1933  
Exam Date: 12/06/2012 n: 1.3375

Preoperative Data:

AL: 23.67 mm (SD = 0.03 mm, SNR = 85.9)  
K1: 39.73 D / 8.49 mm (\*)  
K2: 41.18 D / 8.20 mm (\*)  
SE: 40.45 D (\*)  
Cyl.: 1.45 D (\*)  
R: 8.35 mm (\*)

Target Ref: -0.25 D  
opt. ACD: 2.75 mm

Visual Acuity:  
Refraction:  
Eye Status: phakic

**OD**  
right

AMO Tecnis ZCB00 (ULIE)	Alcon A-TORIC SN6ATT	Alcon SN60WF	Alcon MA60AC (3 PC)				
ACD Const: 5.78	ACD Const: 5.55	ACD Const: 5.4	ACD Const: 5.21				
A0 Const: -1.047	A0 Const: -0.355	A0 Const: -0.466	A0 Const: 1.532				
A1 Const: 0.174	A1 Const: 0.157	A1 Const: 0.172	A1 Const: 0.012				
A2 Const: 0.246	A2 Const: 0.216	A2 Const: 0.212	A2 Const: 0.145				
IOL (D)	REF (D)	IOL (D)	REF (D)	IOL (D)	REF (D)	IOL (D)	REF (D)
27.5	-1.48	27.0	-1.23	27.0	-1.52	26.5	-1.19
27.0	-1.11	26.5	-0.86	26.5	-1.14	26.0	-0.81
26.5	-0.74	26.0	-0.49	26.0	-0.77	25.5	-0.44
<b>26.0</b>	<b>-0.38</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>-0.13</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>-0.40</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>-0.08</b>
25.5	-0.02	25.0	0.23	25.0	-0.03	24.5	0.28
25.0	0.33	24.5	0.58	24.5	0.33	24.0	0.64
24.5	0.68	24.0	0.93	24.0	0.68	23.5	0.99

Preoperative Data:

AL: 23.75 mm (SD = 0.03 mm, SNR = 44.5)  
K1: 40.71 D / 8.29 mm @ 65°  
K2: 42.56 D / 7.93 mm @ 155°  
SE: 41.64 D  
Cyl.: 1.85 D @ 155°  
R: 8.11 mm (SD = 0.00 mm)

Target Ref: -0.25 D  
opt. ACD: 2.98 mm

Visual Acuity:  
Refraction:  
Eye Status: phakic

**OS**  
left

AMO Tecnis ZCB00 (ULIE)	Alcon A-TORIC SN6ATT	Alcon SN60WF	Alcon MA60AC (3 PC)				
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25.5	-1.32	25.5	-1.44	25.0	-1.34	25.0	-1.45
25.0	-0.96	25.0	-1.07	24.5	-0.97	24.5	-1.08
24.5	-0.60	24.5	-0.71	24.0	-0.60	24.0	-0.71
<b>24.0</b>	<b>-0.24</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>-0.35</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>-0.24</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>-0.35</b>
23.5	0.11	23.5	0.00	23.0	0.12	23.0	0.01
23.0	0.46	23.0	0.35	22.5	0.47	22.5	0.37
22.5	0.80	22.5	0.70	22.0	0.82	22.0	0.72

(\* = Changed manually; ! = Borderline Value)

Topographic Data:

EyeSys EffRP Average Central Power\*

Atlas 1mm 40.66 2mm 41.19 3mm 41.99 4mm 42.93

Pentacam PWR\_SF\_40\*\* CT\_MIN\*\*

Optical (IOLMaster/Lenstar)/Ultrasound Biometric Data:

Ks K1(D) 40.71 K2(D) 42.56 Keratometric Index (n)\*\*\* 1.3375 1.332 Other

AL(mm) 23.75 Target Ref(D) -0.25

Lens Constants\*\*\*\* A-cons (SRK/T) 119.4 SF (Holladay1) 2.03

\*Not SimK values; average central corneal powers from other devices.  
\*\*PWR\_SF\_40 refers to the Pentacam Power Distribution display for the Sagittal Curvature (Front) Mean (Km) value at a 4.0 mm zone and centered on the pupil. Click on PWR\_SF\_40 to see this topographic display.  
CT\_MIN is the minimum central corneal thickness in microns as displayed by the Pentacam.  
\*\*\*Select the keratometric index (n) of your device. Instruments in North America typically default to 1.3375.  
\*\*\*\*Enter the constant available; the other will be calculated. If ultrasonic AL is entered, be sure to use your ultrasound lens constants.

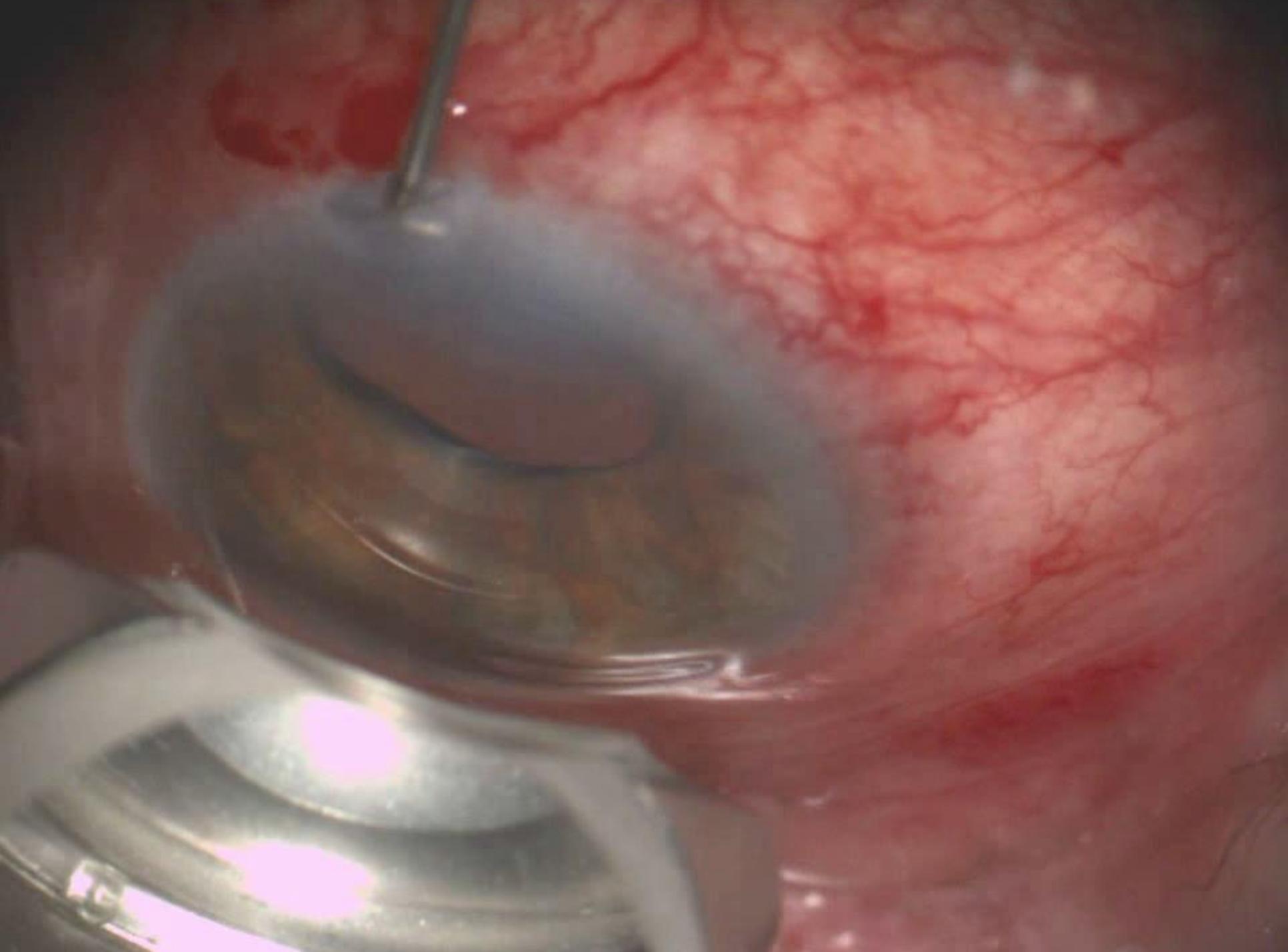
Calculate Reset Form

IOL Powers Calculated Using Double-K Holladay 1 Formula

EyeSys EffRP --  
Average Central Power (other) --  
Atlas 1-4 **24.08**  
Pentacam --  
IOLMaster/Lenstar **24.16**

**Average IOL Power: 24.12**

**Min: 24.08**  
**Max: 24.16**

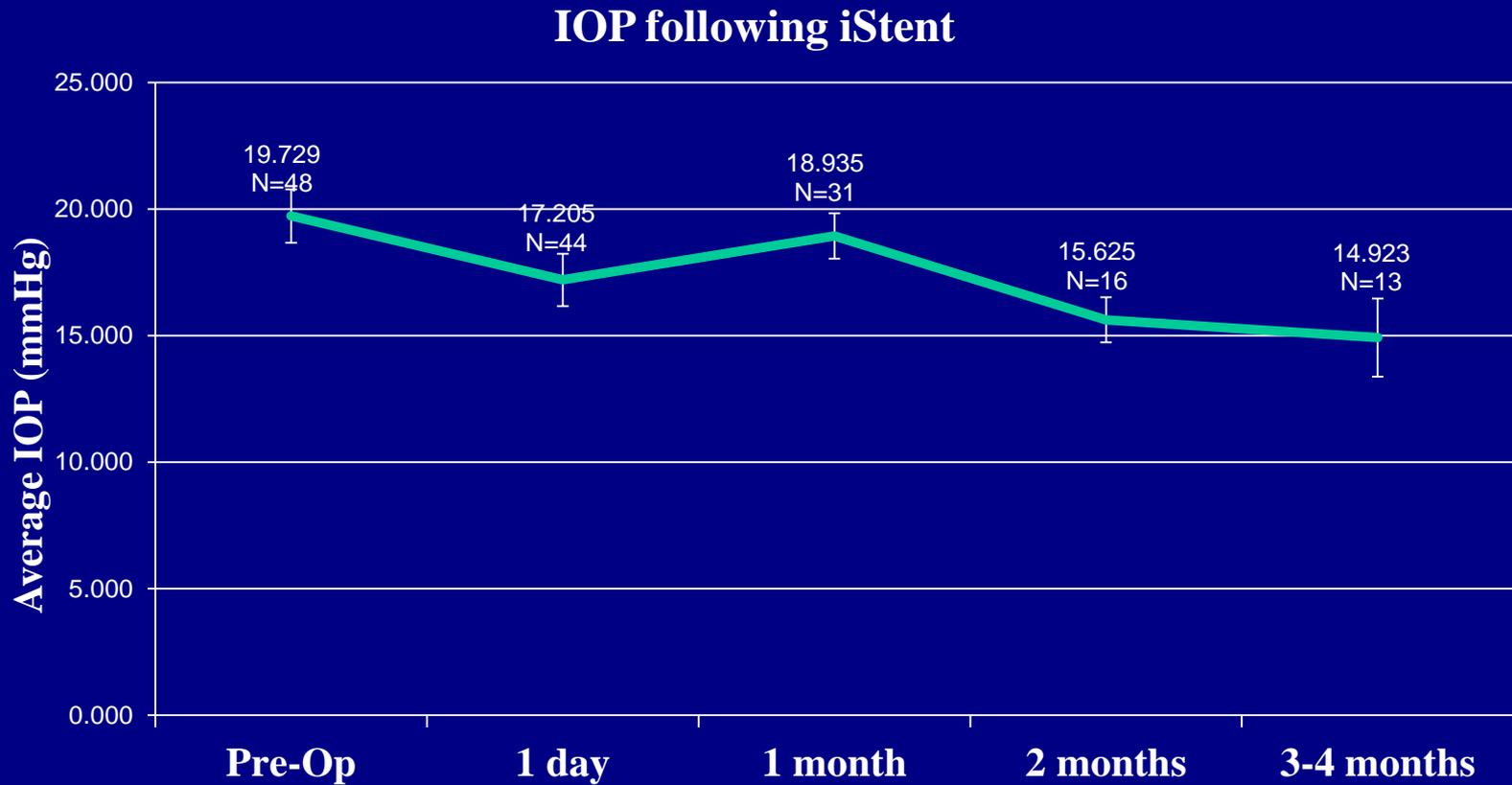


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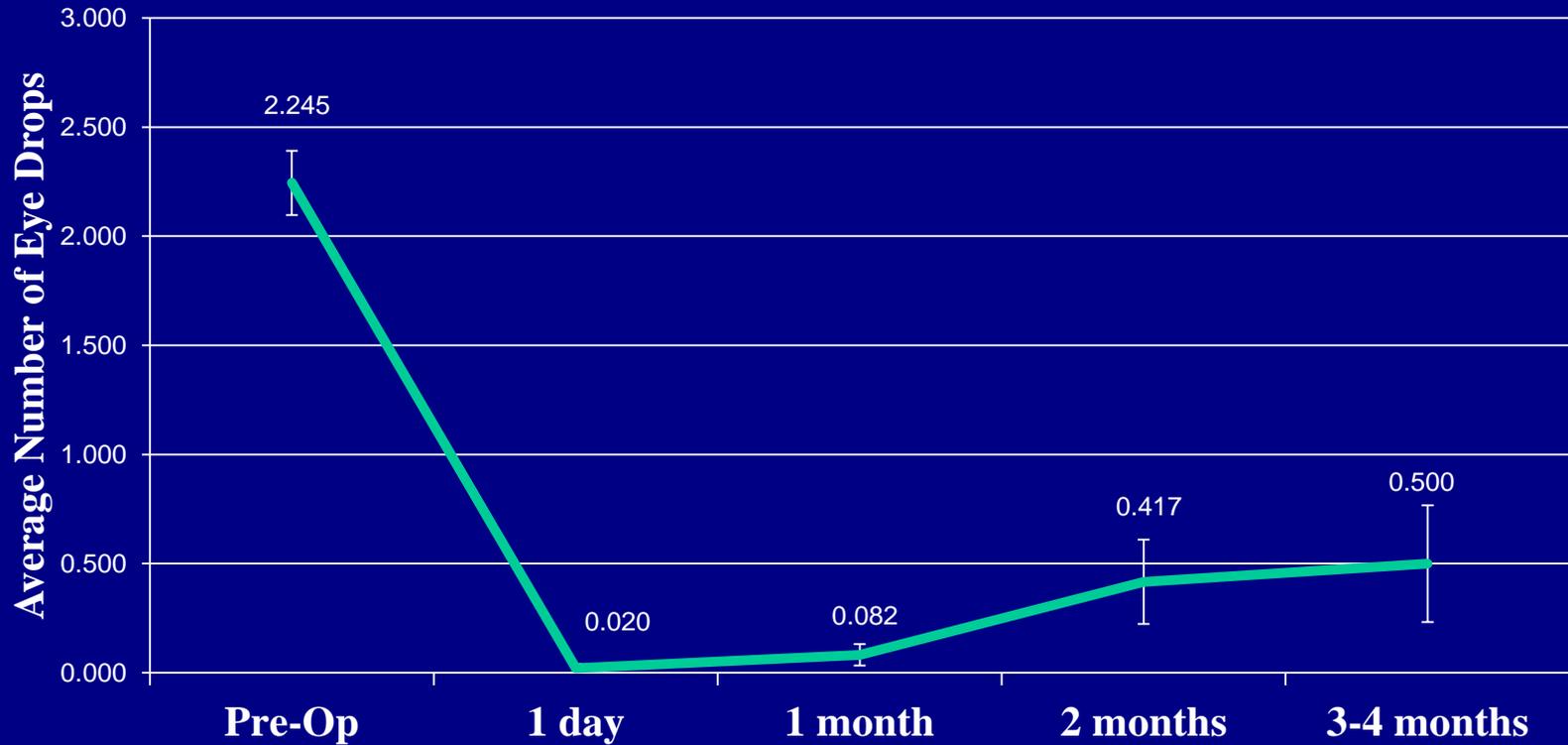
- **Underwent uncomplicated phaco/IOL (24D) with iStent**
- **Results:**
  - **Discontinued eye drops**
  - **IOP under control**
  - **Dry eye symptoms improved**
  - **Very happy with result**

# First 50 iStents: IOP



# First 50 iStents: Number of Eye Drops

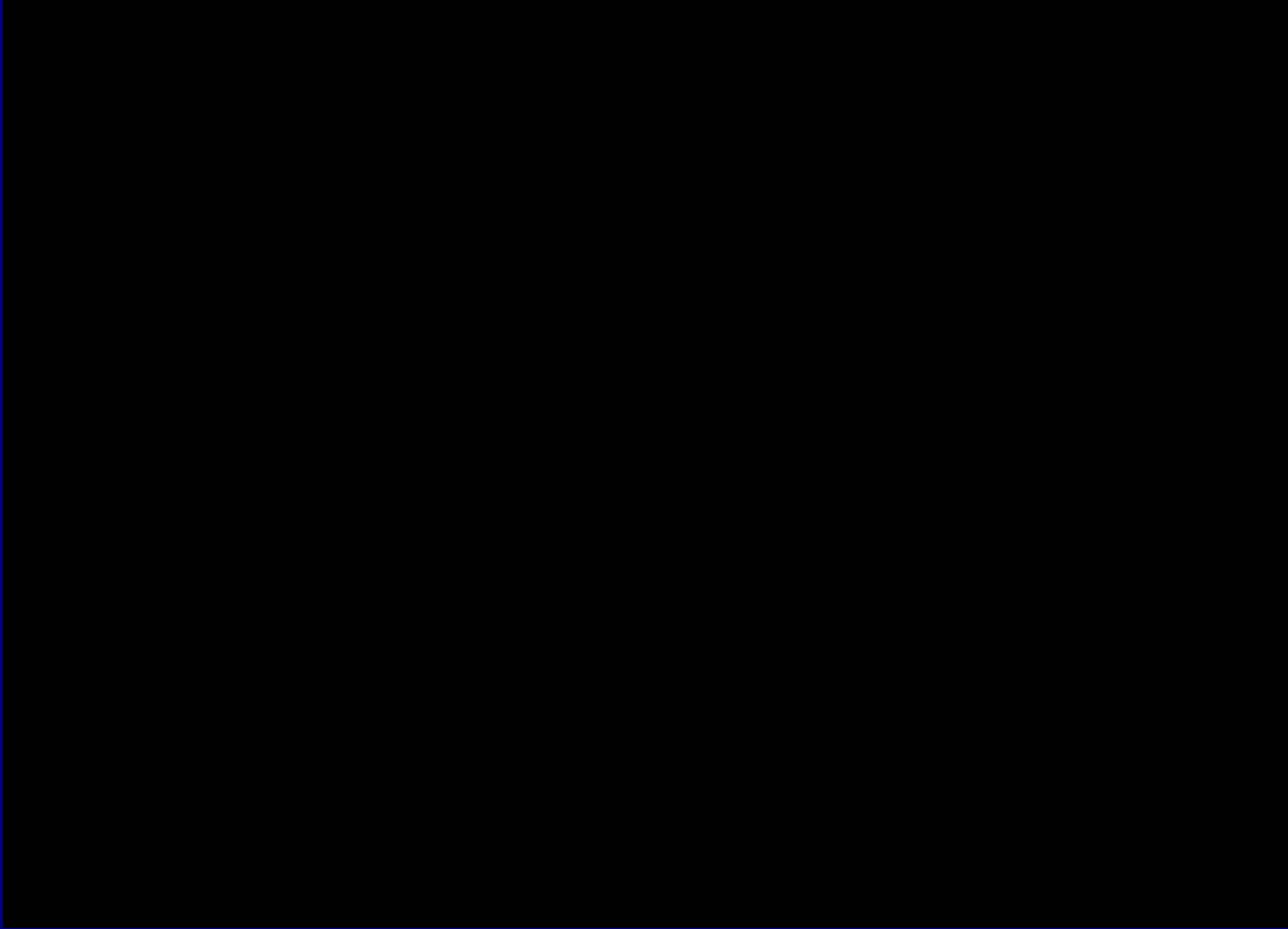
Number of Eye Drops after iStent



# iStent Insertion Tips

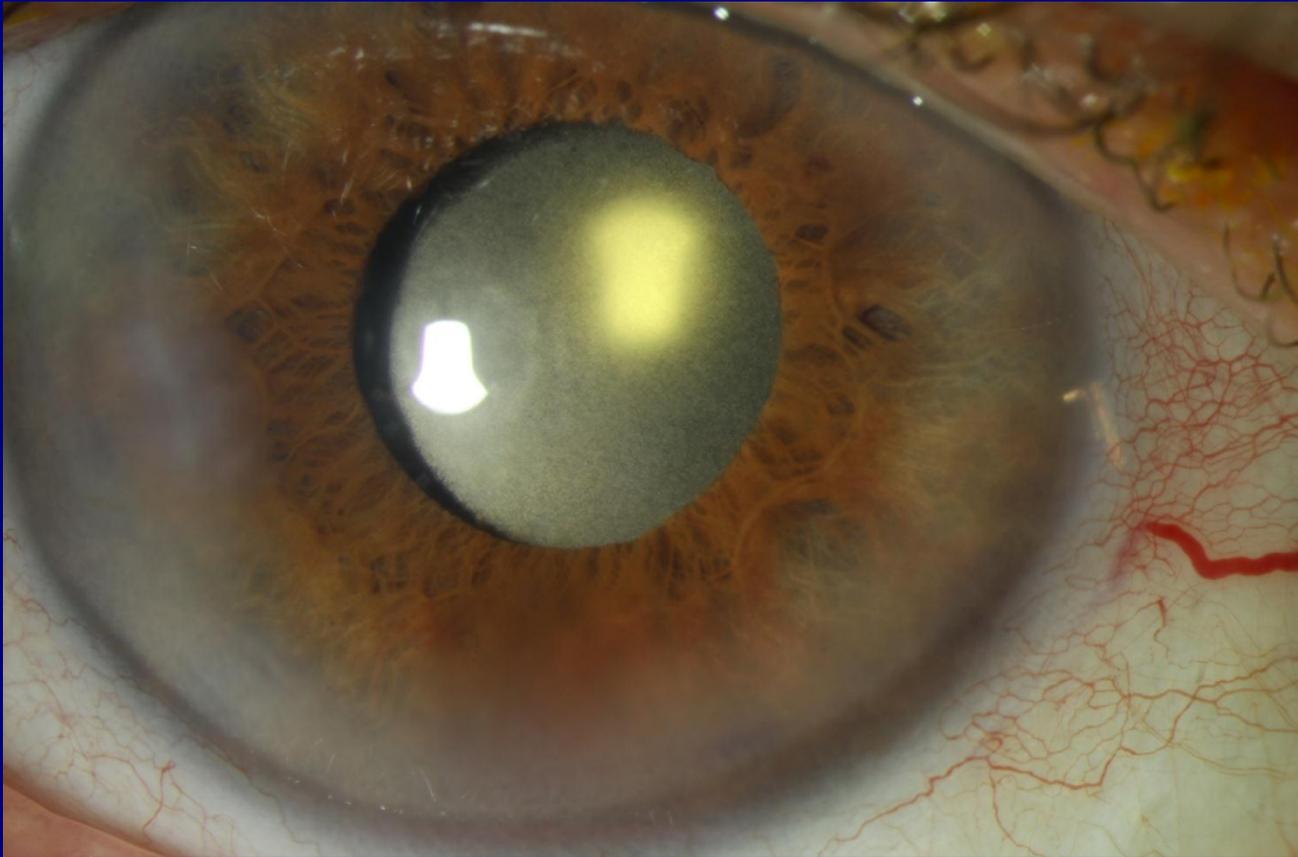
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- 1. Head positioning**
- 2. High magnification of microscope**
- 3. Maximize visibility (gonio view)**
- 4. Viscoelastic (just the right amount)**
- 5. Angle tip of injector into TM**
- 6. Press forward while injecting**
- 7. Re-assess after placement**



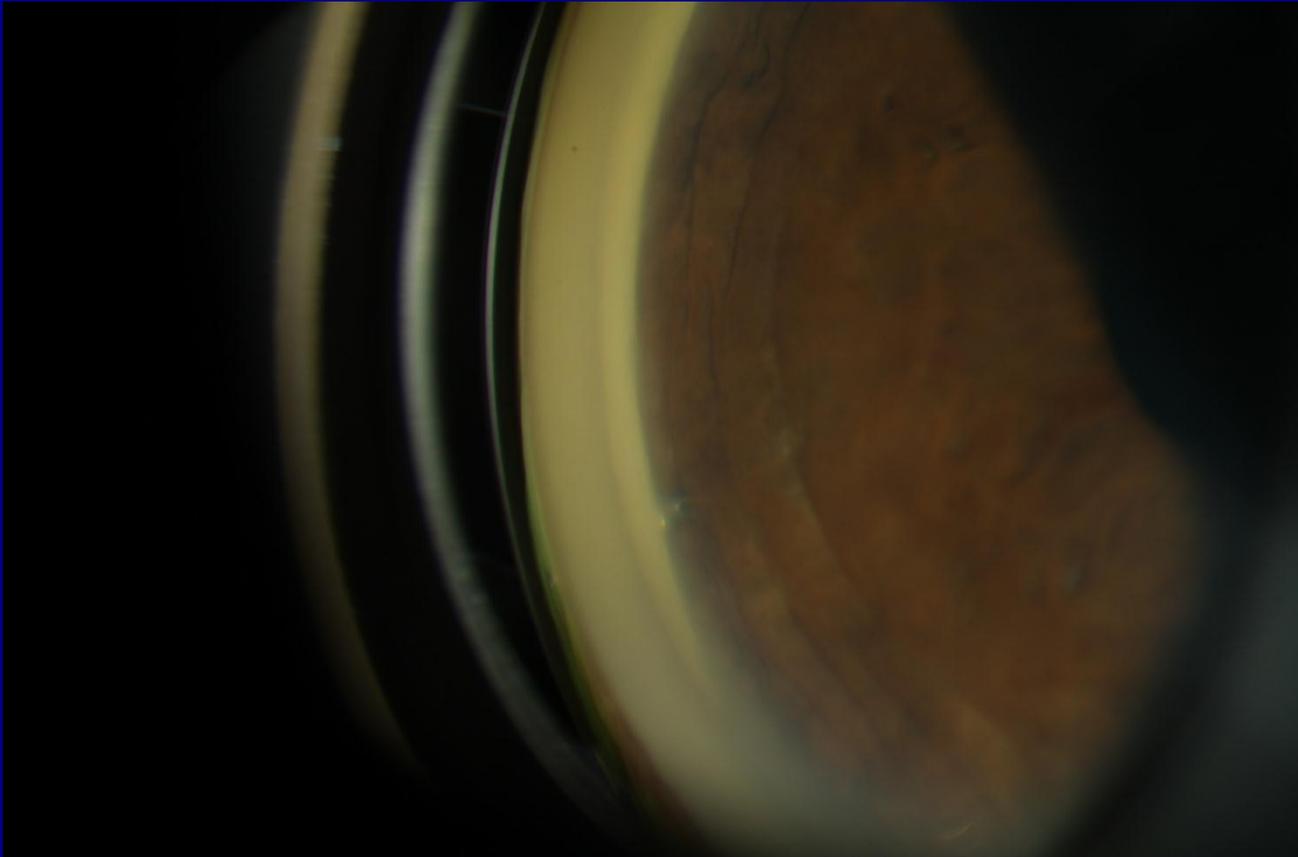
# Superficial iStent Placement

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# Well Placed iStent

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# Maximizing IOP Reduction with iStent?

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## ■ Multiple iStents?

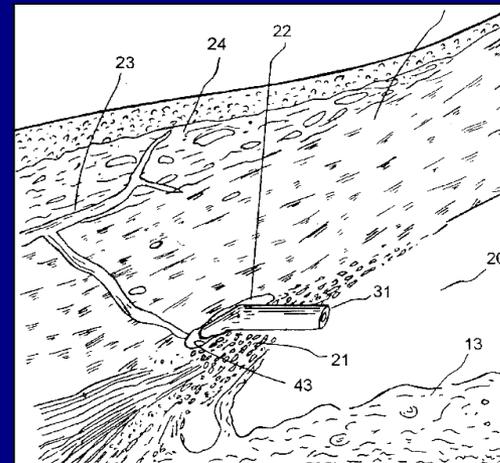
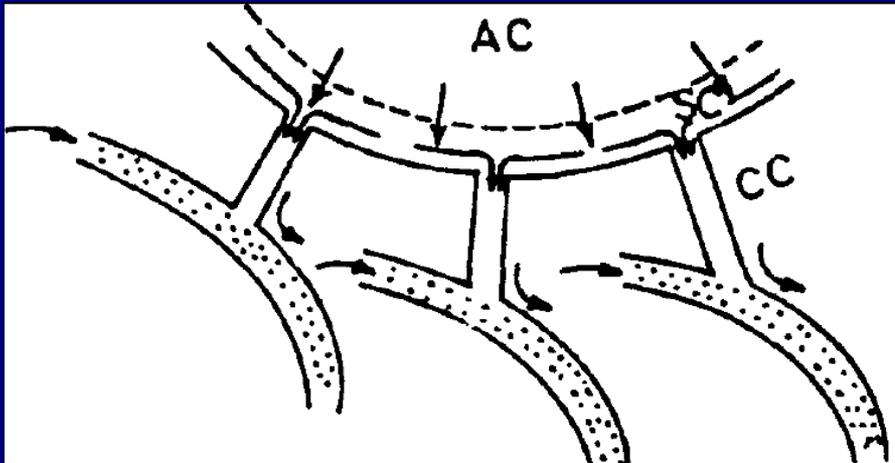
- 2 iStents achieve lower IOP (Ike Ahmed MD)
- Subject of continuing studies
- Not approved for reimbursement in US

## ■ Targeted placement of iStent

- Near aqueous vein
- Near pigmented area in meshwork

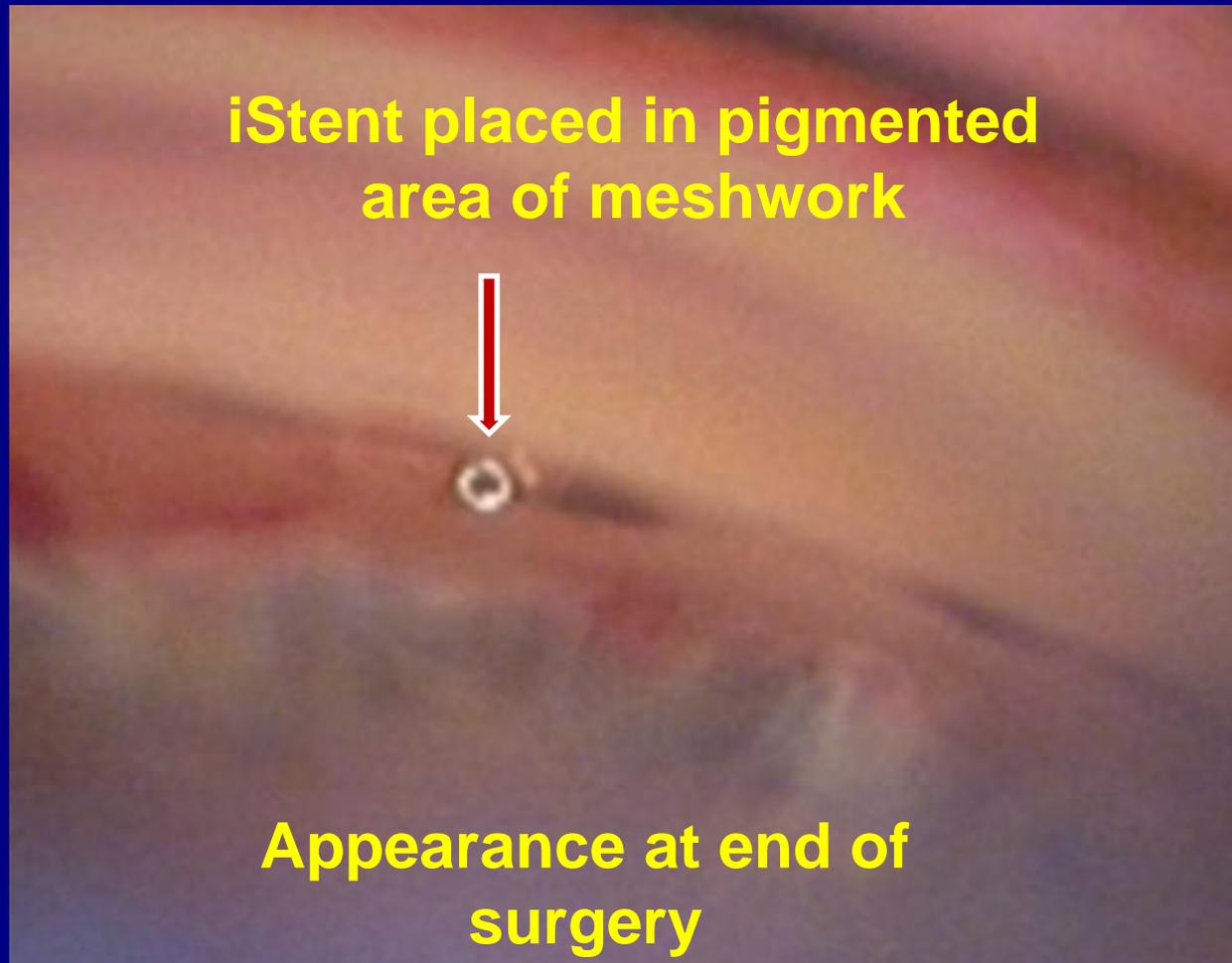
# The Role of Collector Channels in Reducing IOP

- There are numerous collector channels leaving Schlemm's canal at irregular intervals
- Bypassing the trabecular meshwork in the inferonasal quadrant is an optimal site to maximize outflow through Schlemm's canal
- Increasing outflow through the lower nasal quadrant has a significant impact on increasing outflow and lowering IOP as compared to targeting quadrants with lower collector channel congregations



# Targeted Placement: Pigmented Meshwork

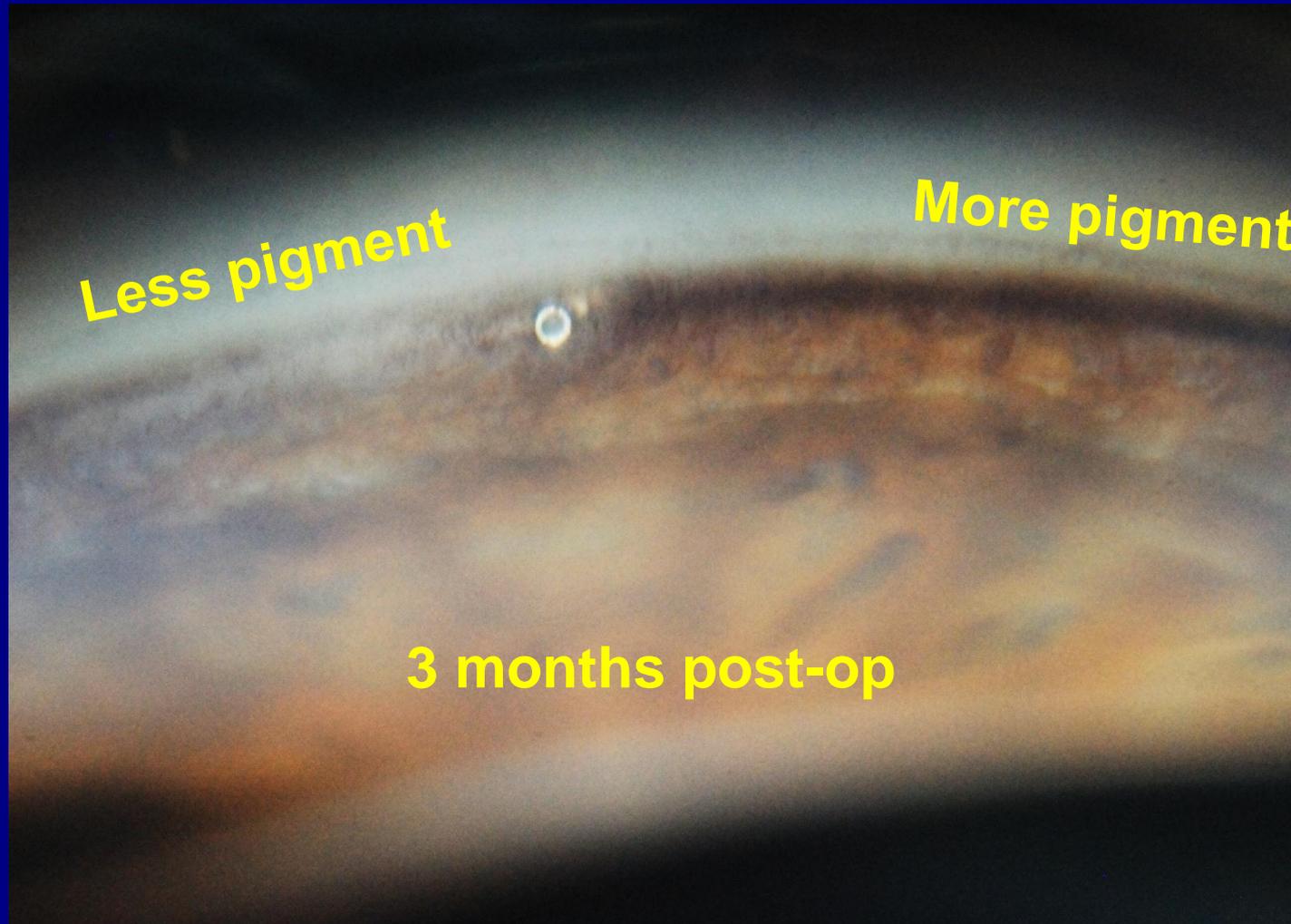
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# Targeting Collector Channels

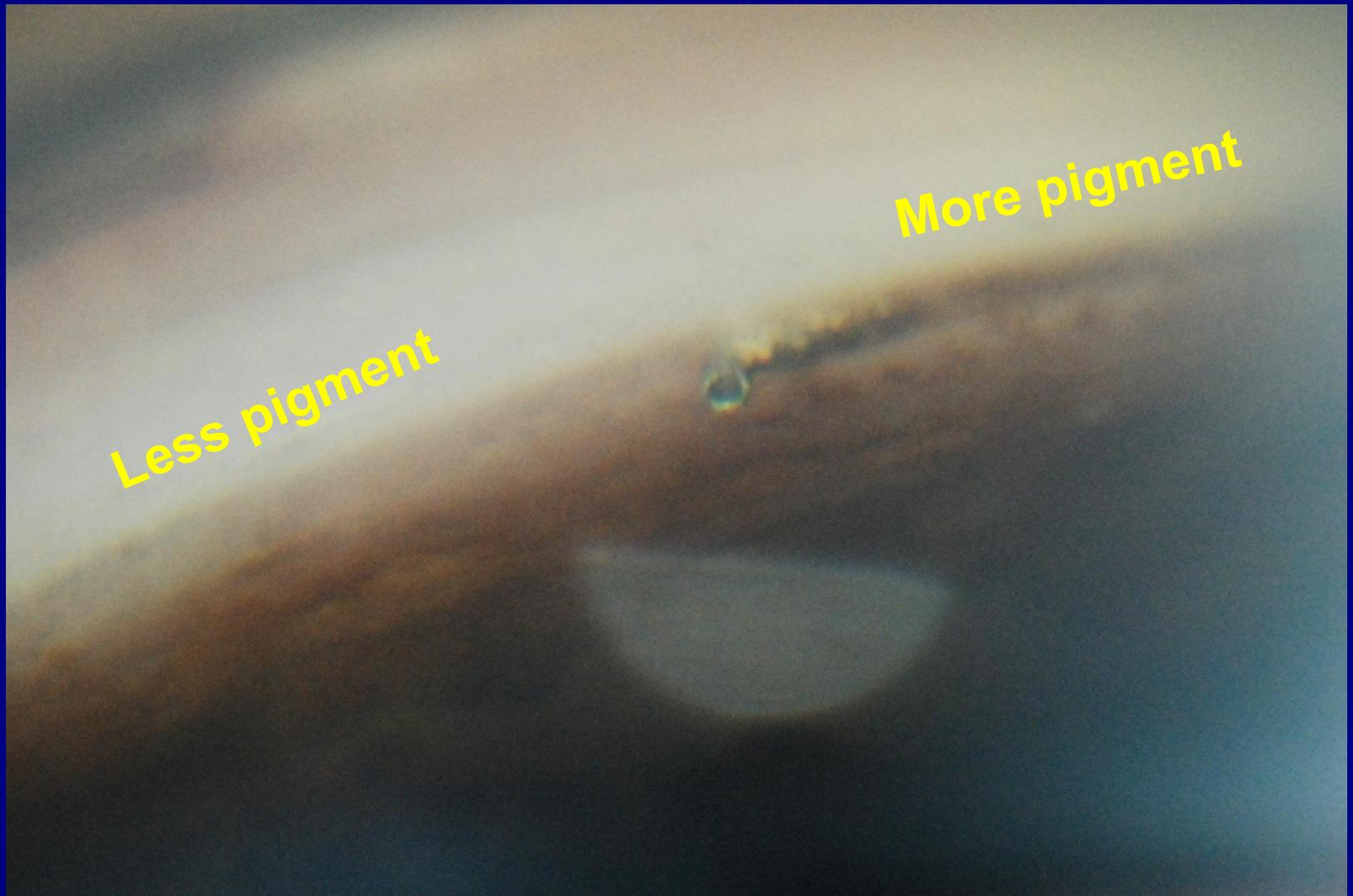
*Pigment Suggests Outflow*

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# Targeting Collector Channels

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# Summary

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- Large percentage of the patient population presents with mild-to-moderate glaucoma + cataract
- iStent is the first FDA approved device for the treatment of mild-to-moderate open-angle glaucoma in combination with cataract surgery; it will not be the last!
- Get comfortable with the gonioprism!