

Retinal emergencies in the times of COVID 19
Retinal detachment continued

Part 2

Quiz Vitreal haemorrhage

Which of the following is true?



- 1 Vitreal haemorrhages will clear on their own accord and are in themselves benign
- 2 Most vitreal haemorrhages are suspicious of a retinal tear ✓
- 3 Vitreal haemorrhages are a common sequela to PVD
- 4 Current treatment for a Vitreal haemorrhage includes vitrectomy, scleral buckle and cryotherapy

7.5% PVD have associated vitreal haemorrhage

Quiz Which of the following is a false statement regarding peripheral retinal neovascularisation?

1/ It is also known as Eccentric disciform degeneration

2/ It is amenable to Ranibizumab injections

3/ 50% of patients with peripheral retinal neovascularisation also have macular degeneration

4/ It is similar to dry macular degeneration





Quiz Which of the following is less of a risk factor for retinal detachment

a/ Trauma

b/ female

c/ prior cataract surgery

d/ vitreal haemorrhage



Can we apply risk factors
to assess the Pts
susceptibility to RD?
Do some markers carry more
weight?

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| Pseudophakic | 8.5-33% |
| male | 2% |
| 50+ | |
| PVD | 10-17% |

Ring Ophthal sms image and ask
to triage at E & E

Nil food

Sip water?

Take pyjamas

Carer overnight in Melbourne

Lost more than half vision on
arrival from 10:30 am to 1 pm



Ms. E.J. aet 60

31-1-20

LE black line
comes & goes,
wavy shadow,
flashes

Vision fine

Youngest of 12, all
myopic

PRK

2 sisters & mother
RD

Weiss ring

action PVD

cautioned RD signs
& symptoms



Ms. E.J.

24-2-2020 1/12 later
cobwebs persist
bright lights temporal
vision

PVD

amsler NAD

PRK wore Rx since aet 6

High Myope

FOH mother, 2 sisters RD

Hx RD



Ms. E.J.

superiorly 2
horseshoe tears

Moral

FOH

Myopia how
much?

Wide field
scanners vs BIO



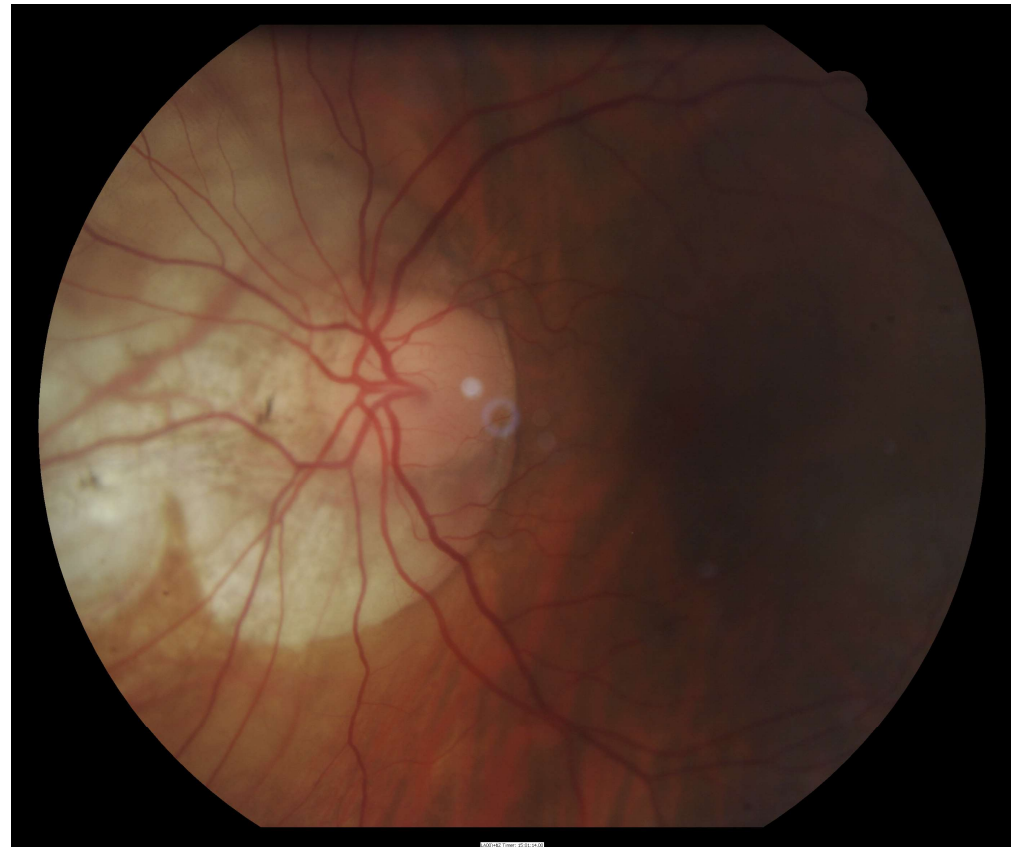
Ms L.A. aet 55 13/01/2012 past 3/12 vision unstable D & N OU

R -6.00/-2.75 x 45 L -6.50/-0.25 x 7.5 6/12 OU

Posterior staphyloma nasal to ONH

No flashes no distortion

Supero nasal RD to edge of staphyloma LE



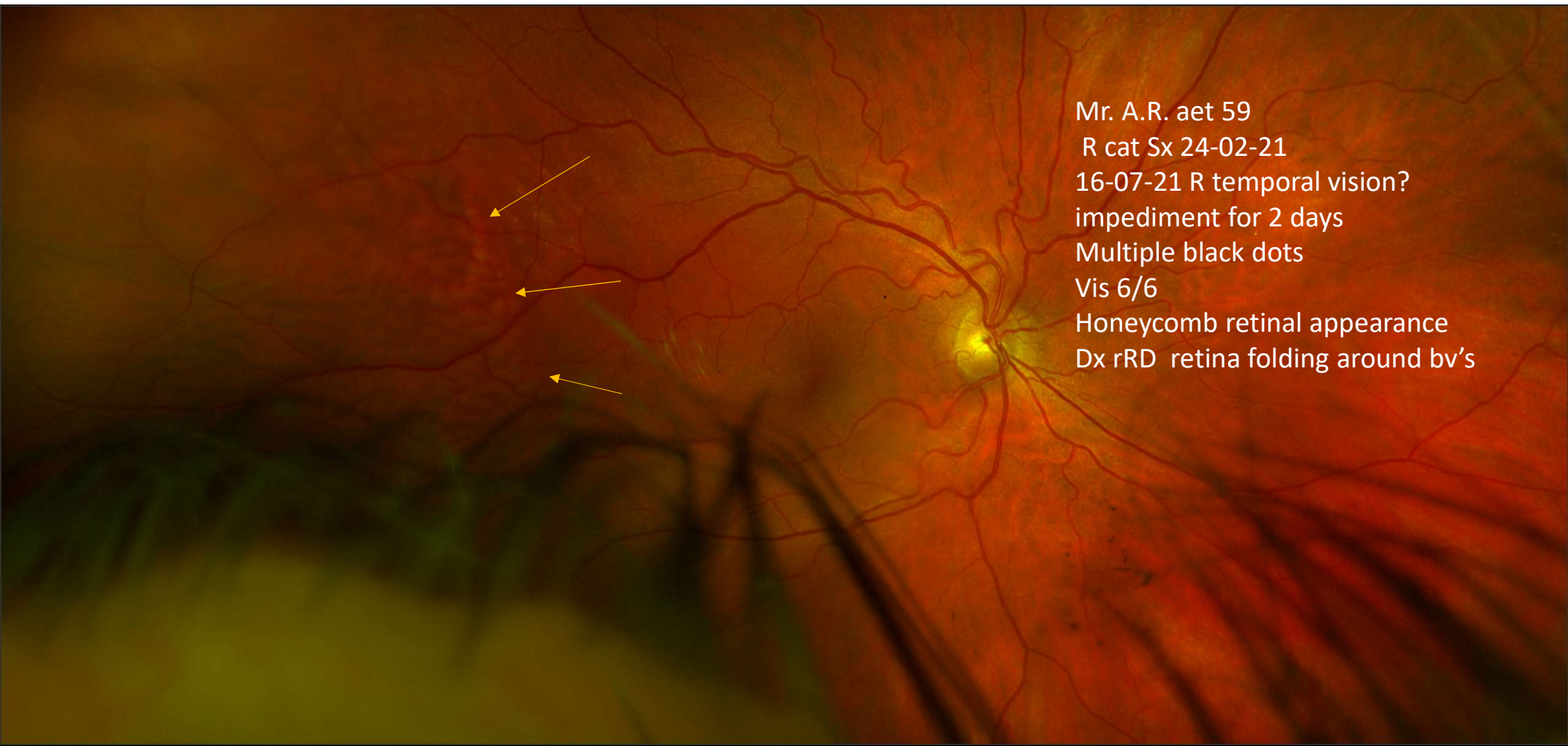
Ms. L.A.

14-12-17 asymptomatic RD LE has had laser & gas
High Myope, Prior RD, 50+
Dx asymptomatic R temporal RD



Ms. L.A. RE : Buckle, gas cryo





Mr. A.R. aet 59
R cat Sx 24-02-21
16-07-21 R temporal vision?
impediment for 2 days
Multiple black dots
Vis 6/6
Honeycomb retinal appearance
Dx rRD retina folding around bv's

Peak Occurrence of Retinal Detachment following Cataract Surgery: A Systematic Review and Pooled Analysis with Internal Validation

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n = 3,352,094 eyes

Abstract

Introduction: Timing of retinal detachment (RD) following cataract surgery is of importance for both diagnostic and prognostic factors. However, results on RD onset-time following cataract surgery have been conflicting.

Method: A systematic pooled analysis of the literature regarding timing of retinal detachment following cataract surgery. Outcomes were verified against an independent dataset.

Results: Twenty-one studies, reporting on rates of RD in 3,352,094 eyes of 2,458,561 patients, met our inclusion criteria and were included in the analysis. The mean pooled time to RD following surgery was 23.12 months (95% CI: 17.79-28.45 months) with high heterogeneity between studies ($I^2=100\%$, $P < 0.00001$). Meta-analytic pooling for the risk of retinal detachment revealed a risk of 1.167% (95%

Peak occurrence of Retinal detachment following cataract surgery: A systematic review & pooled analysis with Internal validation R Kassem et al J Ophthalmol . 2018 Nov 22;2018:9206418. doi: 10.1155/2018/9206418. eCollection 2018.

- Reviewed 21 studies reporting rates of RD in 3,352,094 eyes after cataract sx
- 0.7% vs 0.08% in general population ie 8.75 x greater risk
- Generally happened b/n 1.5 and 2.3 years
- Due to changes in Vitreous volume and biochemical changes = PVD
- 40 – 54 yo RD risk increased to 3.64% up to 4 yrs after Cat Sx
- **Moral** = carefully monitor young pseudophakes for RD

Dean Elliott, MD, Detroit

PUBLISHED 15 MARCH 2004



PVD

Evaluation and Management of PVD

Firm vitreous attachment Vitreous base 3mm b/n PP & Ora, retinal scars, lattice deg'n & like, ONH & retinal vessels

PVD = vitreous syneresis, then liquefied vitreous passes through hyaloid membrane shearing posterior hyaloid from retina

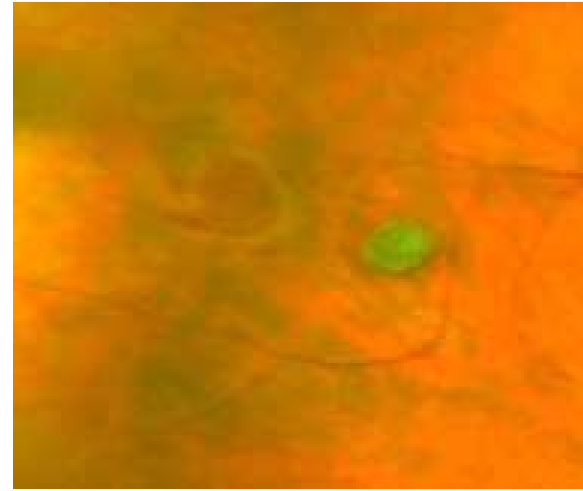
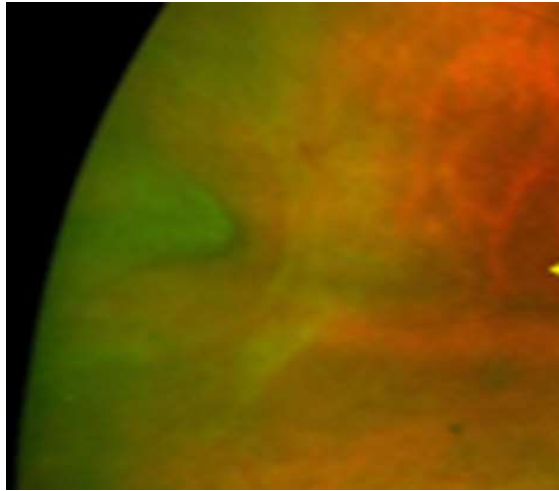
Age 30-59 10% 60-69 27% 70+ 63%

Axial length (myopia 10 yrs earlier), trauma, Cat Sx

Firm vitreal attachment + vitreo retinal traction = HST or hole & operculum

HST = vitreous into sub retinal space = rRD (split sensory retina & RPE)

10 – 15 % acute PVD have retinal tear



RPE pigment cells migrate through tear to vitreous (Shafer's)
Peripheral dot (punctate) haems =VR traction (impending tear?)
Flashes (VR traction) Floaters (Weiss, blood, condensed vitreal collagen)
Review 4/52 as breaks may form after symptoms
Unlikely to have break if not there at 4/52, counsel RD S & S
Laser = CR scar to stop communication b/n vitreous & SRS
Cryo if media Opacities

Shafer's sign

A Sign of Trouble

How to locate and identify a telltale finding that could prevent a near-future retinal detachment.

By Bisant A. Labib, OD 15th March 2018



Shafer's sign refers to the presence of a collection of brown pigmented cells in the anterior vitreous following a PVD

25 to 90% proceed to RD

Absence does not mean retina intact

Red blood cells = 70% correlation retinal tears (vitreal haem)

Acute posterior vitreous detachment: the predictive value of vitreous pigment and symptomatology V Tanner et al
Br J Ophthalmol. 2000 Nov;84(11):1264-8

In 200 eyes presenting with an acute PVD, 25 were found to have an associated retinal break, 23 of which were also Shafer positive

| Abnormal Vitreous Cells | Source | Clinical Indication |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Brown (Shafer's sign) cells | Pigment from RPE of retina | Retinal break |
| Red cells | Red blood cells from hemorrhage | Retinal break or proliferative retinal process |
| White cells | Inflammatory white blood cells | Vitritis, pars planitis |

Mr. D.J. aet 63 9/10/19

Farmer & rowing coach

LE 6 days cobwebs & flashes temporally
sl blur unaided VA 6/6 6/6 =

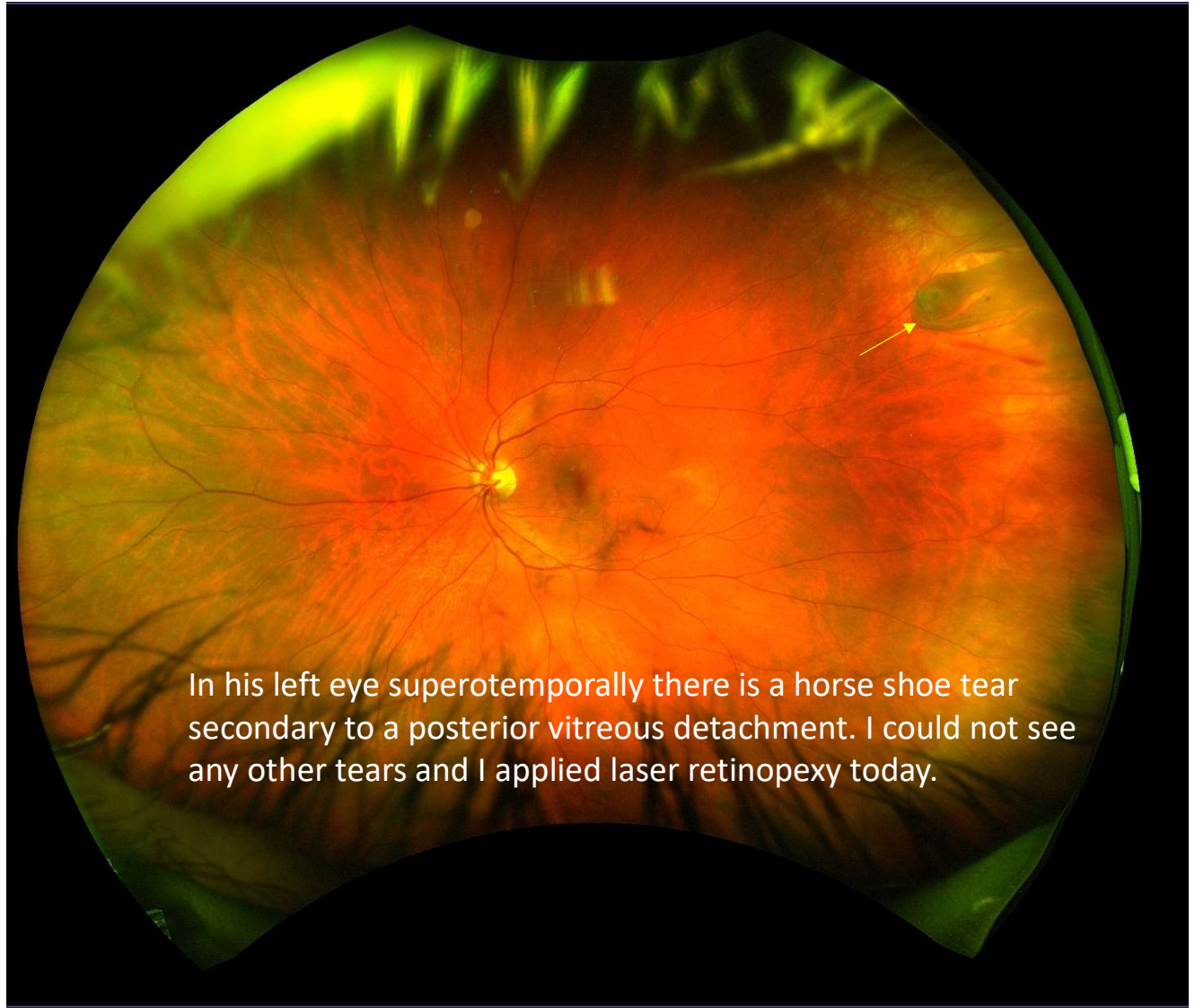
Urgency or emergency?

Vitreous haem (under mac)

Horse shoe tear

Preretinal haem

Referred that day



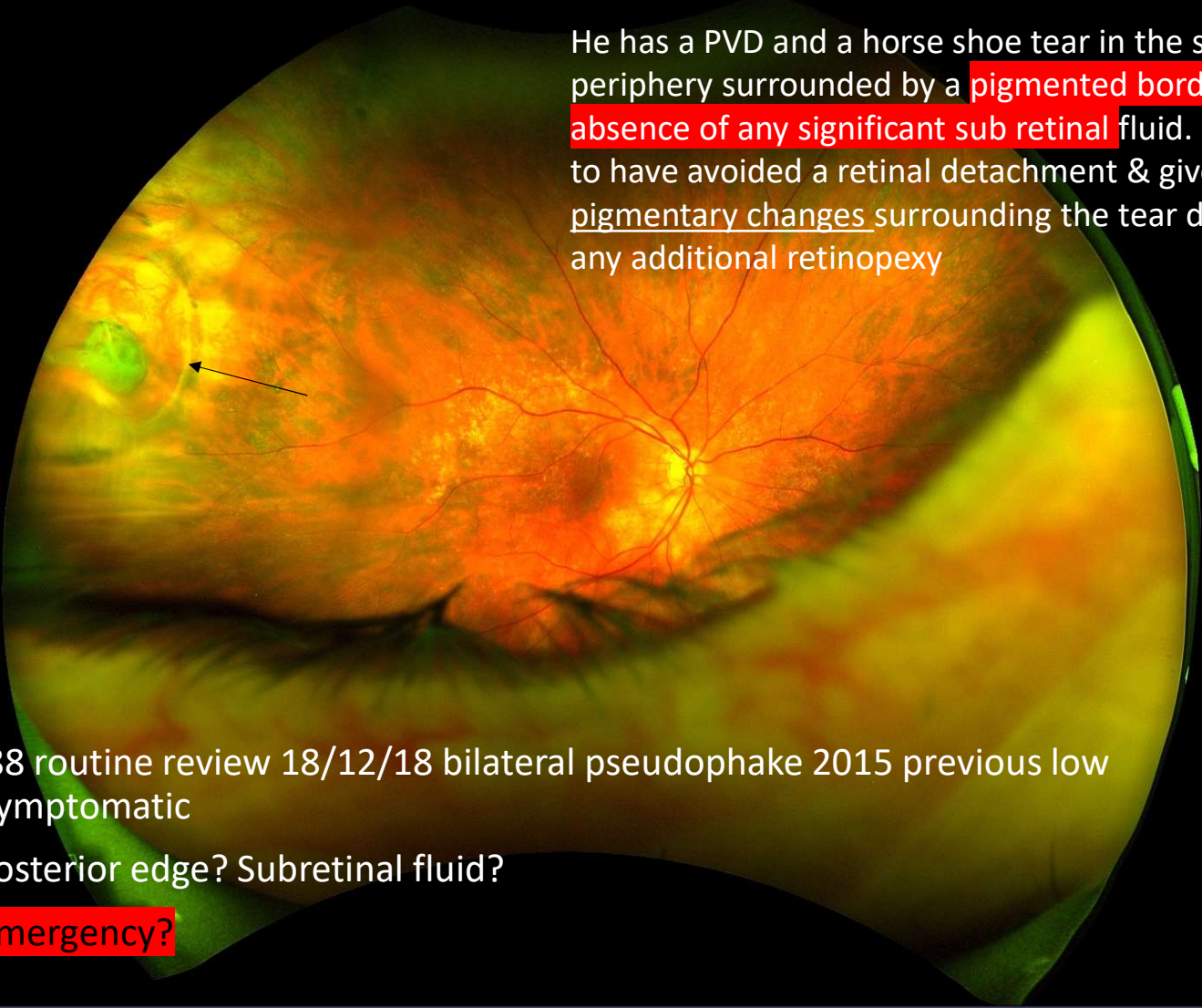
In his left eye superotemporally there is a horse shoe tear secondary to a posterior vitreous detachment. I could not see any other tears and I applied laser retinopexy today.

What if it was a
HST?



It was a pleasure seeing He has
dense cataracts OU and an
asymptomatic operculated hole
temporally LE. I will perform R
cataract surgery first followed by
left a month later

Mr. R.P. Aet 68 13/10/20 Reduced vision 6/12 -2.75 6/15 -1.75/-1.00 x 70 6/15
dense cataracts can't remember last EE urgency or emergency?



He has a PVD and a horse shoe tear in the supero temporal periphery surrounded by a pigmented border in the absence of any significant sub retinal fluid. He is fortunate to have avoided a retinal detachment & given the pigmentary changes surrounding the tear does not require any additional retinopexy

- Mr. O.T. Aet 88 routine review 18/12/18 bilateral pseudophake 2015 previous low hyperope asymptomatic
- Pigmented posterior edge? Subretinal fluid?

Urgency or emergency?

Mrs. JM aet 70
asymptomatic
Refer or not refer?
When?

Non urgent referral
Vision 6/6 R 6/9.5 L
Bilateral PVD
Horseshoe tear with
shallow sub retinal
fluid
Pigment hypertrophy
=chronicity (like
retinal laser)
POAG more issue
Monitor, no active Tx
necessary



Ms. M.S. aet 62 4/12/19

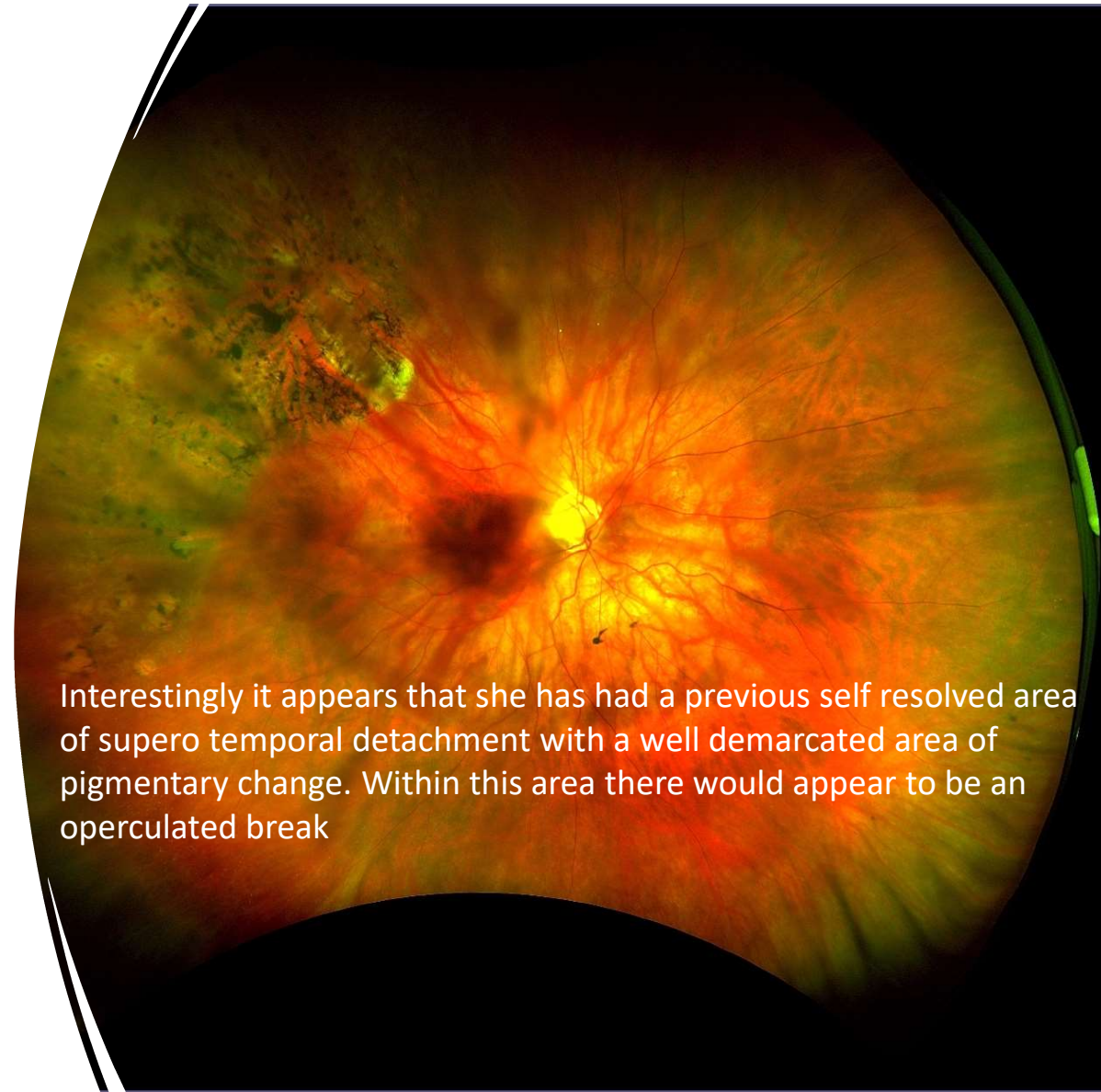
under surveillance for R pigmentary changes since 2011

R -12.00/-2.00 x 62.5 6/9 -10.25/-1.50 x 120 6/6

no flash/floaters, denied trauma

Urgency or emergency?

- Doesn't smell right
- Non urgent referral



Interestingly it appears that she has had a previous self resolved area of supero temporal detachment with a well demarcated area of pigmentary change. Within this area there would appear to be an operculated break

Mrs. J.H. aet 60

1st presentation to clinic

23-02-21 past couple of days black spot and temporal flashes OS

PVD with white cells only, no Schaeffers sign and temporal blot haems

9/20 ERM peel and vitrectomy RE

Urgency or Emergency?

Ophthal 2 days VR surgeon 2 days after

Left very peripheral superonasal tear

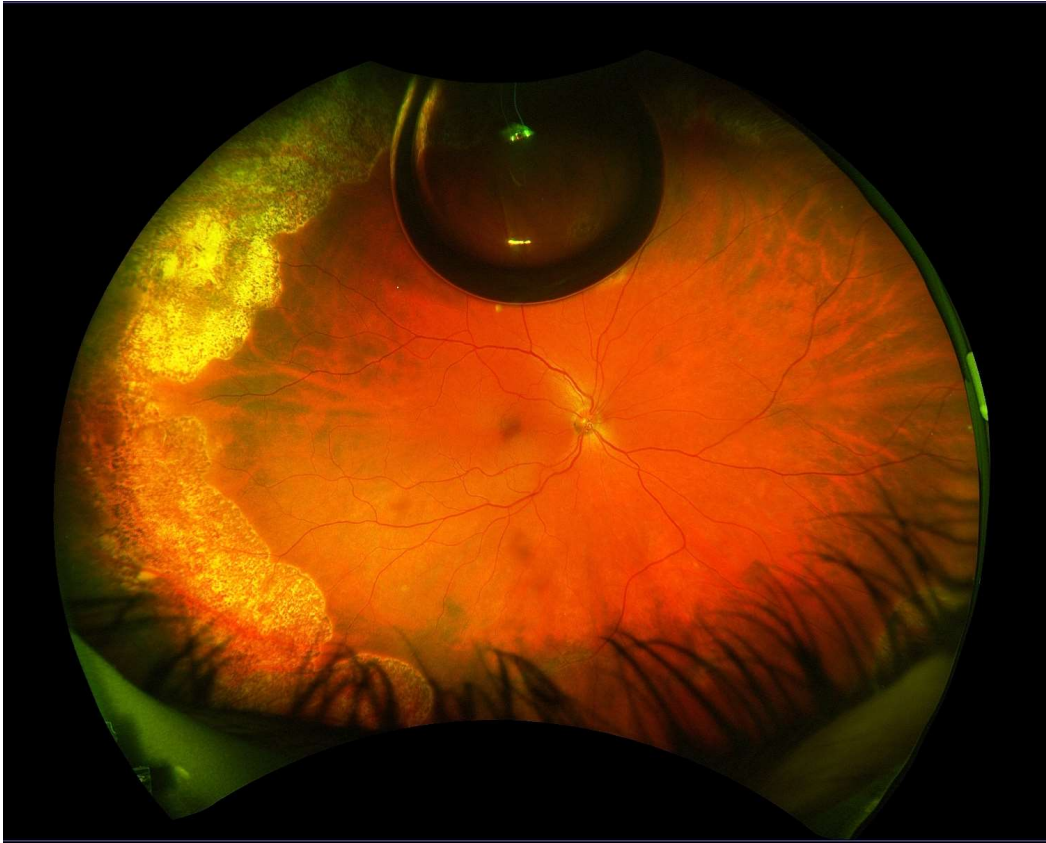
In office barrier laser insufficient?

Dx Theatre and EUA and cryotherapy or indirect laser

'Chance of missing more tears by attempting office based laser is quite high'



Mrs. S.A. aet 60 3-1-19 RD SX RE had 8 tears following blunt trauma (toggle)
angle recession, vossius ring, LD in LE
referred high IOP post Sx Diamox, Lumigan, Cosopt, Eniden, PF





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REVIEW of OPHTHALMOLOGY

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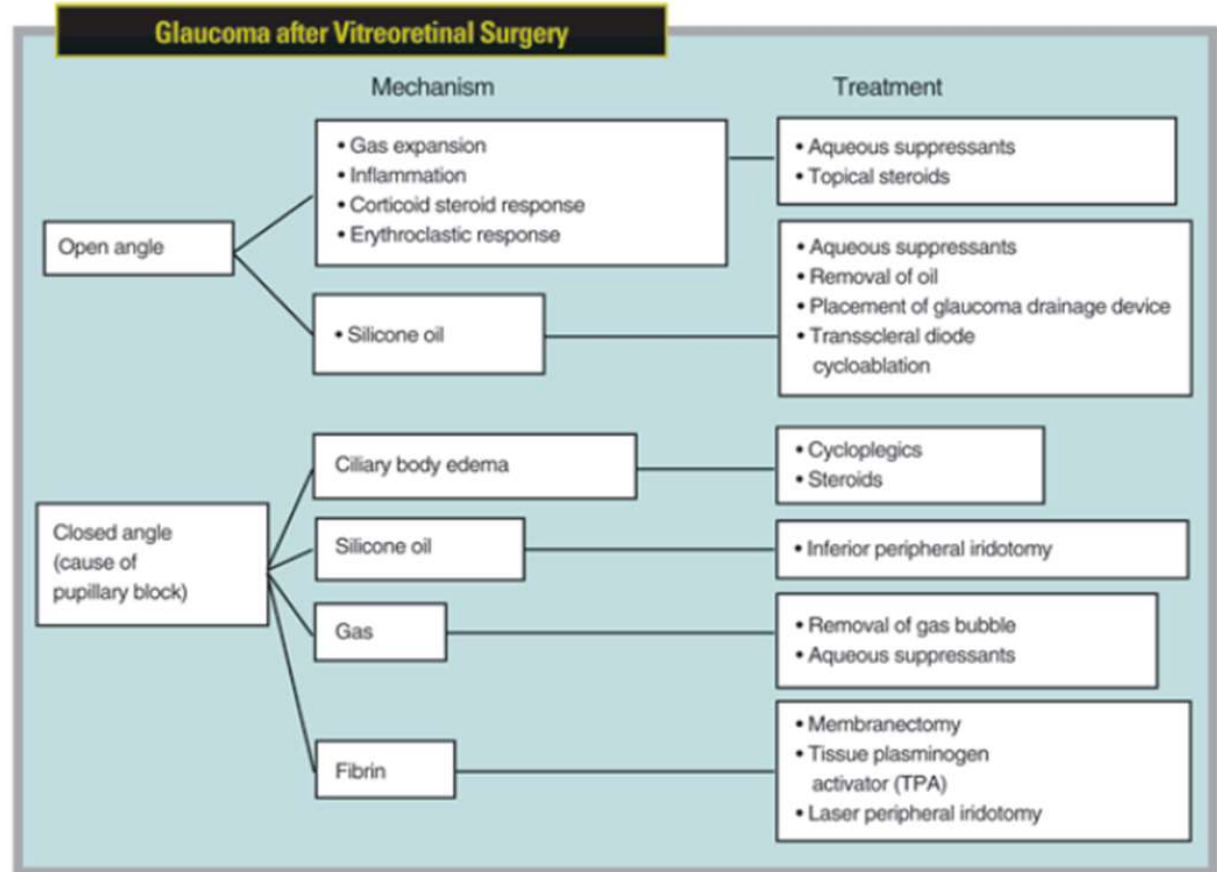
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Managing Patients After Retinal Surgery

11/1/19

Dear Colleague

Thank you for seeing ~~me~~ for an IOP check in the right eye. Following @ Vity cryo + gas for a mac-on RD the @ IOP ↑ to 44 mm Hg but today on Diamox, Evidin, Cosopt + Valdan, the IOP has dropped to 8 mmHg. I have stopped the Diamox and have made an appt for her to be seen in 2 weeks + would appreciate you seeing ~~me~~ for a pressure check in 1 week. The retina today





Mrs. S.C.

Mrs. S.C. aet 65

- Retired radiographer
- Font larger over last 6/12
- +7.00/-1.25 x 100 6/6 +7.25/-0.75 x 72.5 6/19
- PI OU
- ACLO narrow AC
- L amsler +ve
- IOP 19 R 22 L



Mrs.S.C.

Urgency Or
emergency?

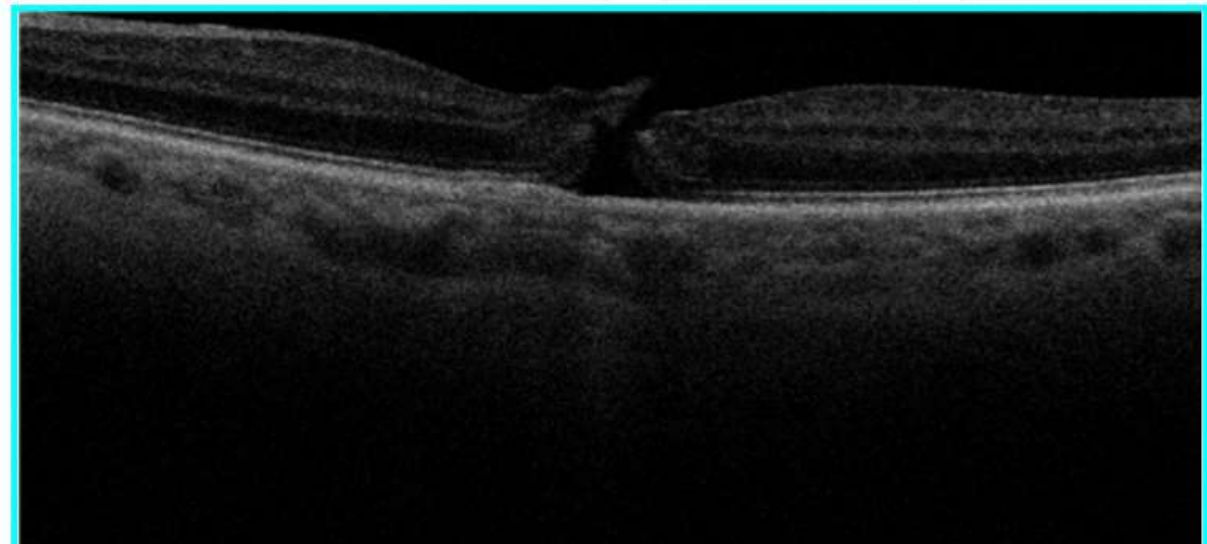
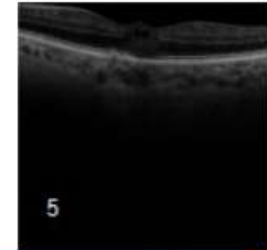
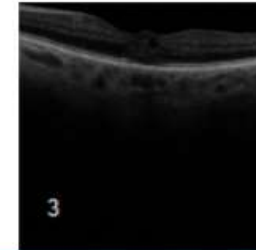
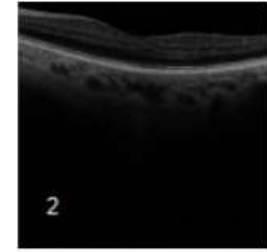
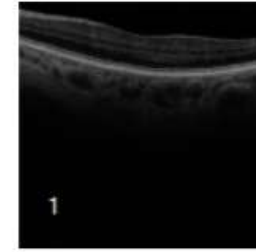
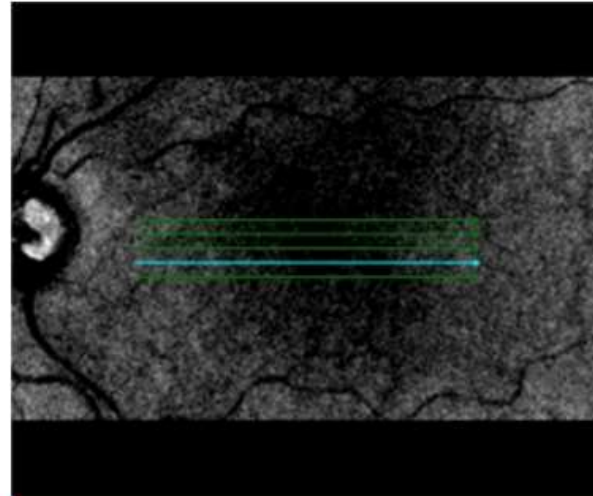
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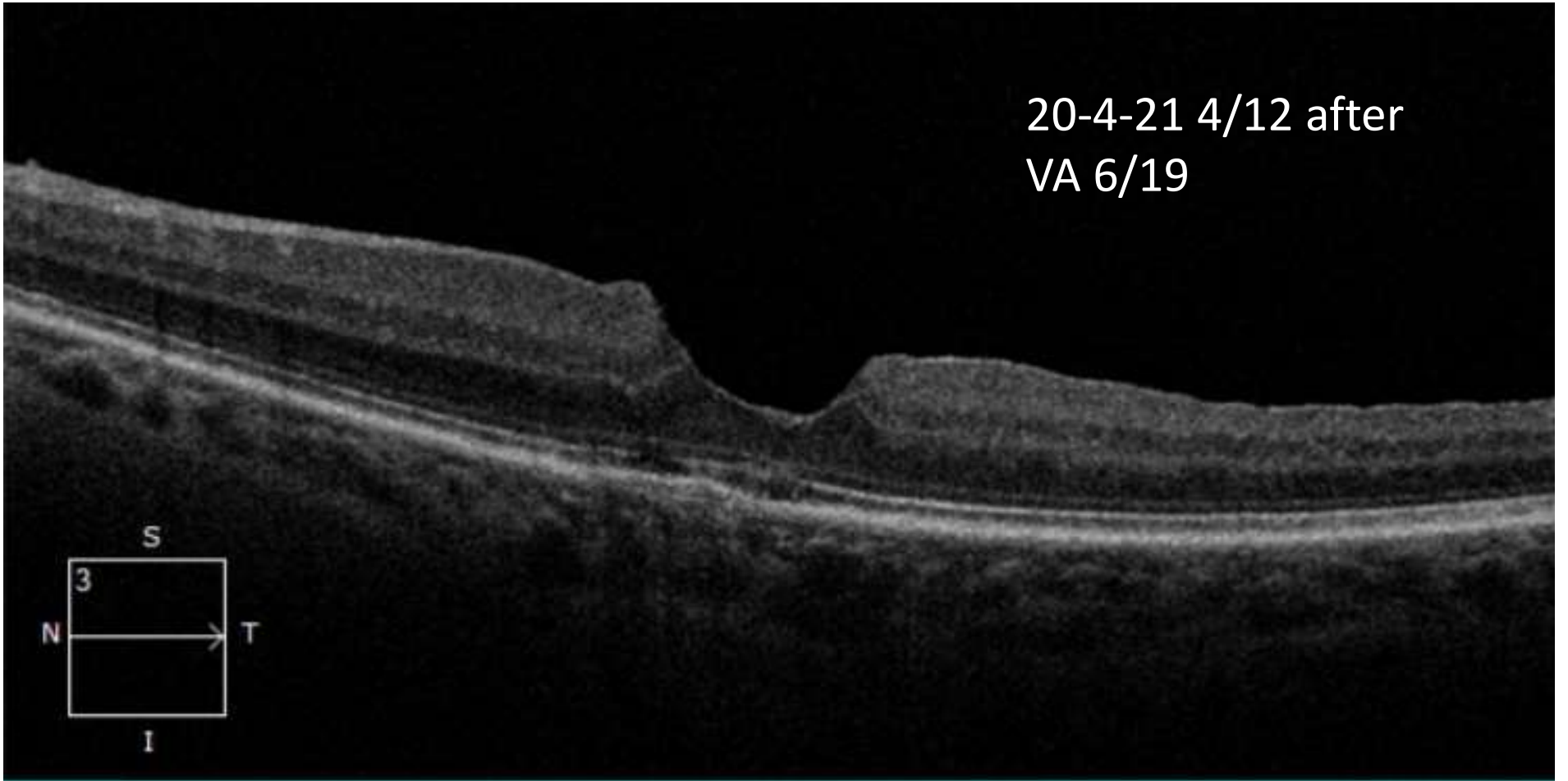
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Mrs. S.C. Urgency or emergency?

- Sx to repair macular hole scheduled 1/12 later
- High hyperope, shallow AC
- ILM peel, Vitrectomy, gas tamponade = AC closing and high IOP
- Cataract combined procedure
- The bubble acts as an internal, temporary bandage that holds the edge of the macular hole in place as it heals.
- Chin Face down position for 1/52
- Operate within 3/12 if acute or sooner
- PF or maxidex 4/52 and IV triamcinolone if CMO

20-4-21 4/12 after
VA 6/19



Mrs. A.D. aet 58 17-7-20

Binocular flashing temporal side past 3/12

COVID couldn't attend

Vision fine

Esp in dark & head movement

Prior floaters, none recently

Prior Hx retinal issues

Mrs. A.D.



LD progress to RD?

Sclerosed vessels, irregular pigment, thin retina, atrophic holes

- General population < 10%
- Myopes → 25% including children
- Higher prevalence of LD in high myopes

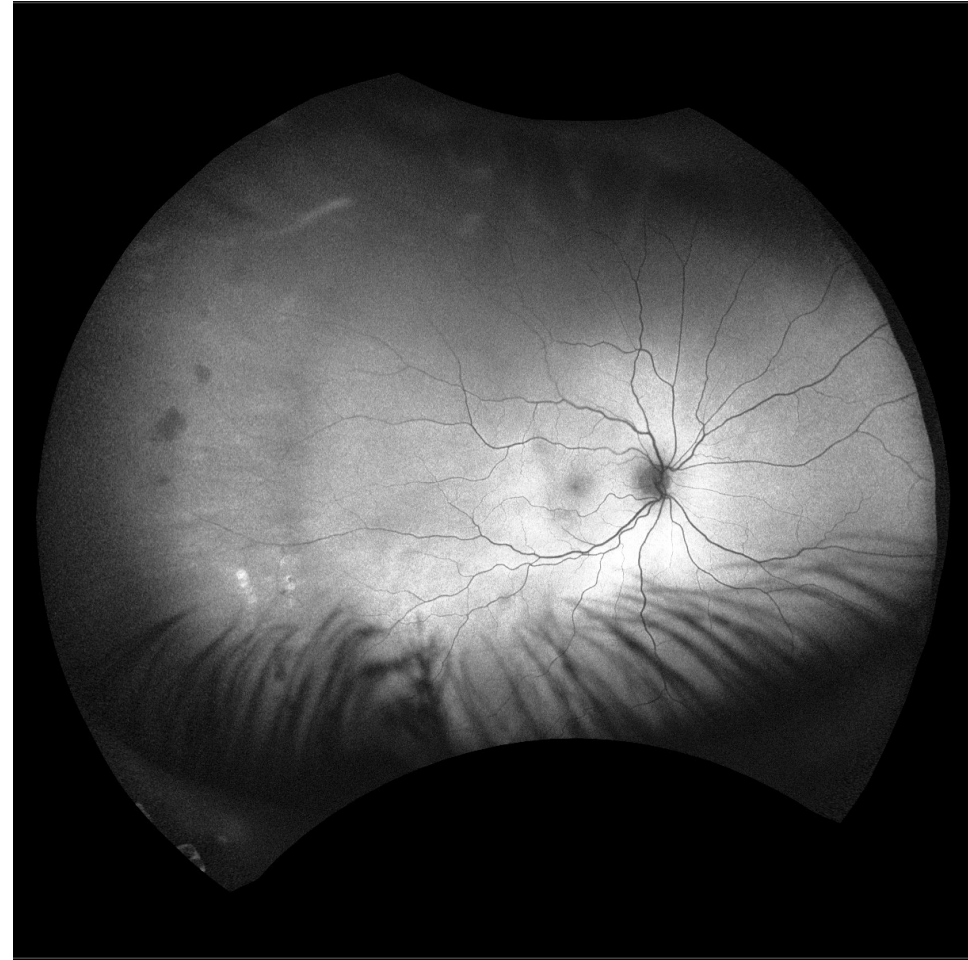
Lattice most important risk for RD

- Up to 60% in cases of rRD have LD via VR traction and stronger vitreal adhesion Sasaki et al 1995; Tillery et al 1976; Byer 1974
- Search for tears/holes near edge or outside of lattice
- Fellow eye?
- OCT shallow elevation (Silverstone?)



Mr. J.B. aet 63

attending clinic since aet 52 (2009), sister also has lattice and are both emmetropes **areas of Hypoautofluorescence**



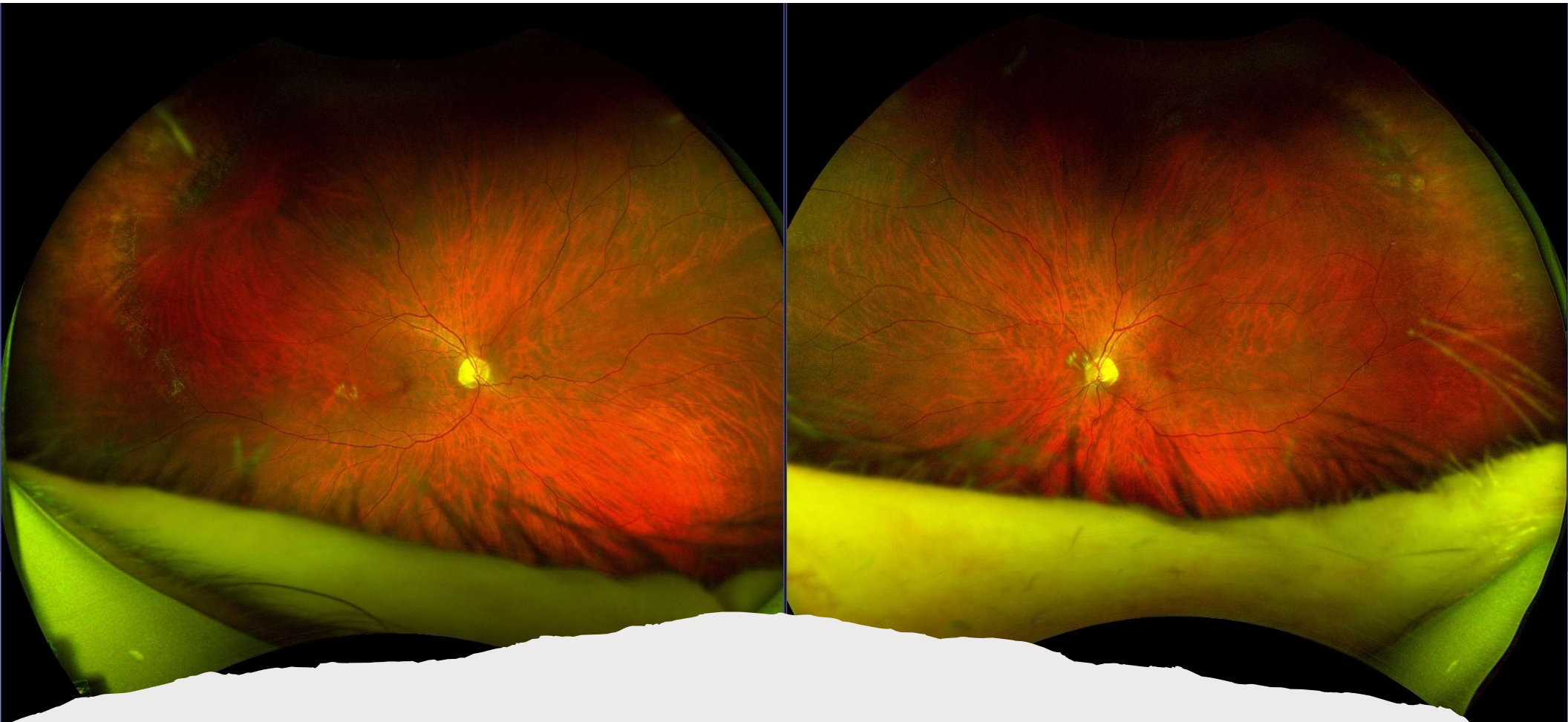
Mr. J.B. aet 63 LE with atrophic holes within lattice and pigment hypertrophy surrounding
note hyperautofluorescence around holes



Long-term Natural History of Lattice Degeneration of the Retina

Norman E. Byer, MD AAOVOLUME 96, ISSUE 9, P1396-1402, SEPTEMBER 01, 1989

An initial series of patients with lattice degeneration was reported to the Academy in 1964 and a follow-up report given in 1973. A continuing prospective study of 276 consecutive untreated patients (423 eyes) is now reported with follow-up from 1 to 25 years (average, 10.8 years). Clinical retinal detachments (RDs) occurred in 3 (1.08%) of 276 patients and 0.7% of eyes. Tractional retinal tears were seen in eight (2.9%) patients and 1.9% of eyes; one of these led to a clinical RD. Clinical or progressive subclinical RD occurred in 3 (2%) of 150 eyes with atrophic holes. Subclinical RD was seen in 10 (6.7%) of 150 eyes with atrophic holes, involving 9 (7.5%) of 120 patients, and had a much less serious prognosis than clinical detachment. Prophylactic treatment of lattice with or without holes in phakic, nonfellow eyes should be discontinued.



Mr. S.M.aet 60 Mild myope (-3.00) OHT Father POAG High myope & RD
No RD Symptoms or signs, vision good no PVD (yet)
“What can I do to not progress to retinal detachment?”

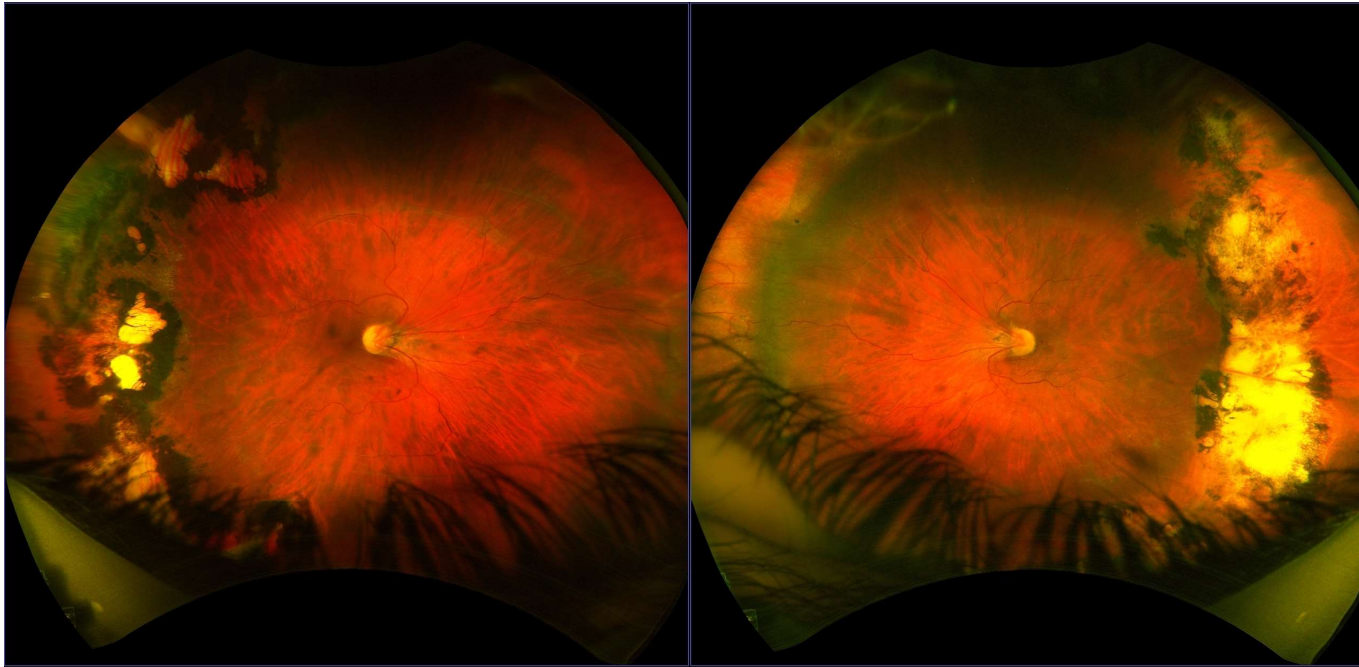
What can I do to stop LD going to RD?

Olden days

Pt with ROP

-10.50/-1.00 x 32.2.5 -12.00/-0.75 x 45

RD LE and prophylactic cryopexy RE



Surgeon 1

No laser unless LD posterior to vitreous base and elevated or horse shoe tear
Widespread prophylactic laser doesn't prevent rRD & can produce more complex ones?

Surgeon 2

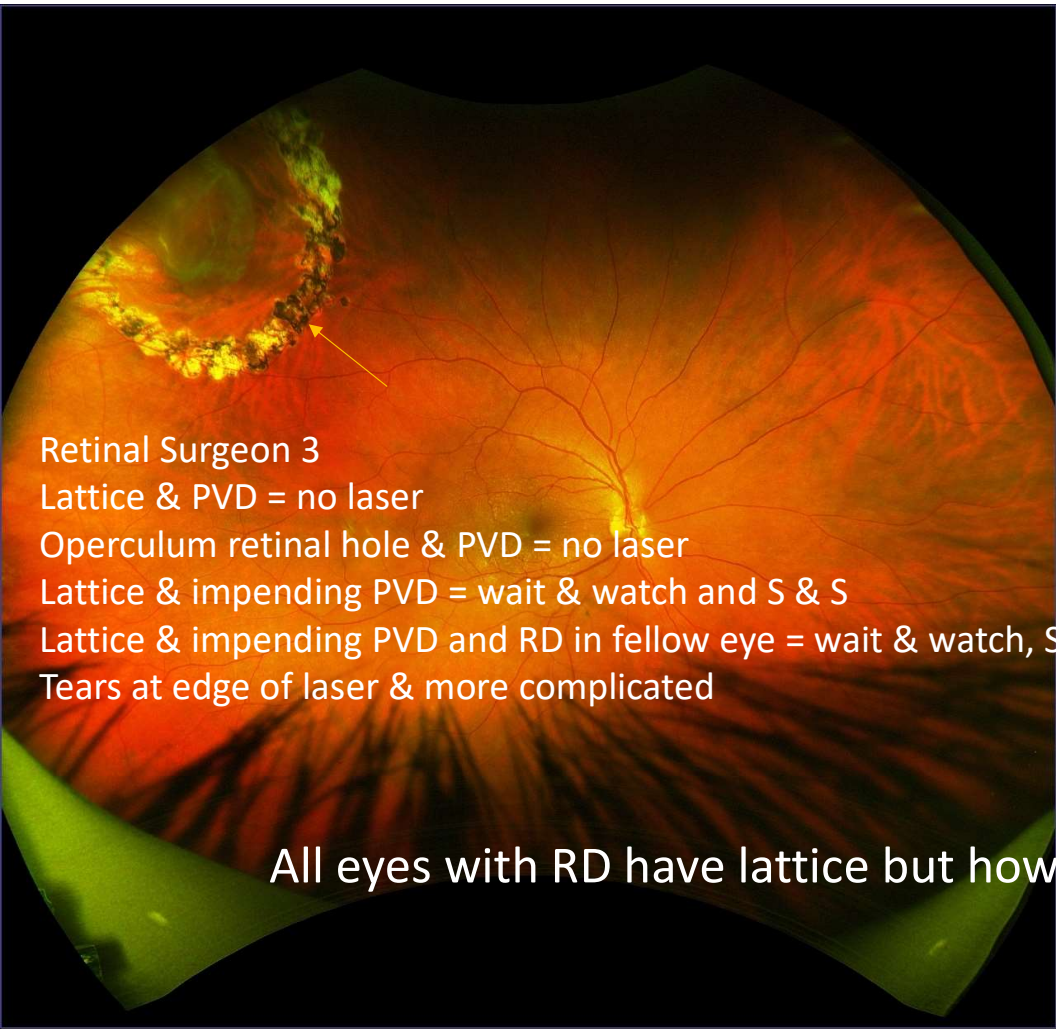
Leave lattice alone unless other eye has a rRD, then still no consensus

Warned S & S with PVD & return ASAP (within 48 hrs)

Any other ideas refer?

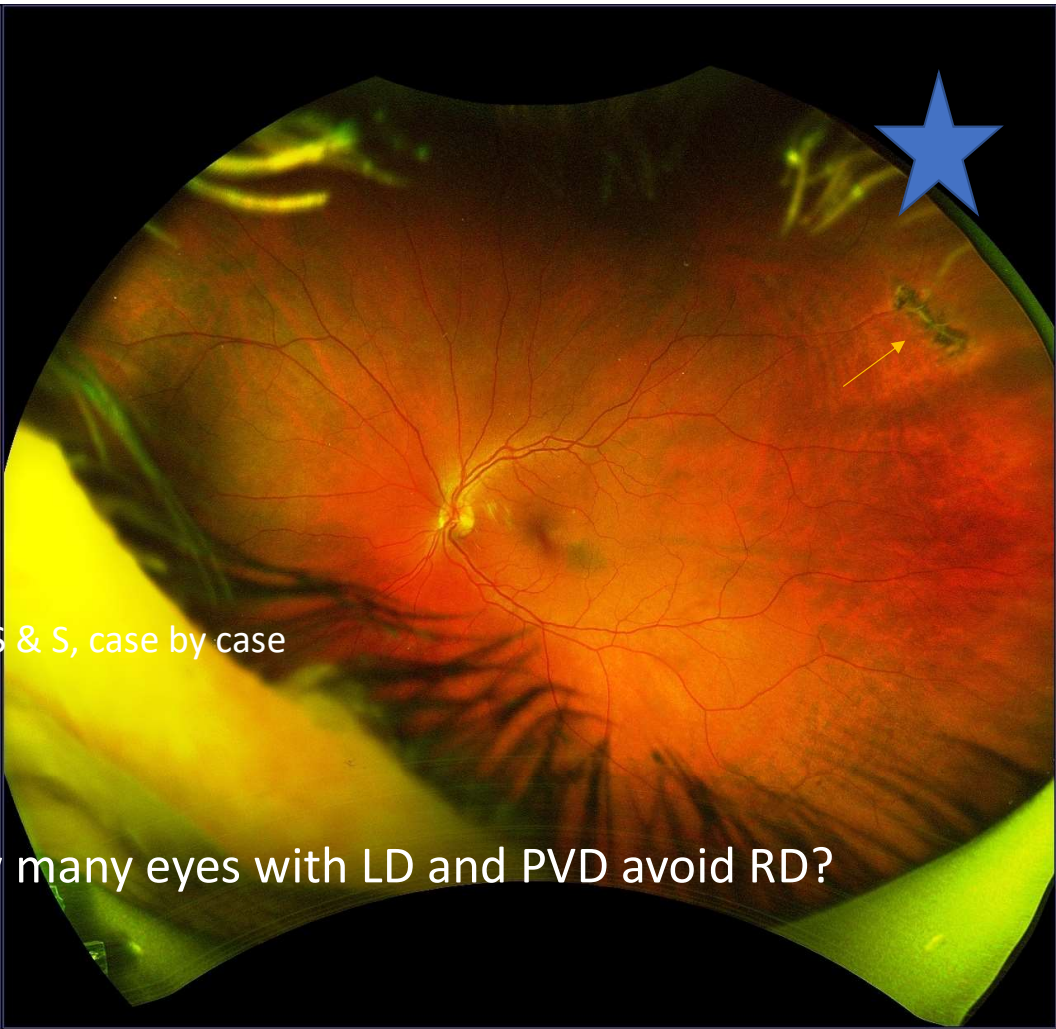
What if the patient is a great traveller?

Ms A.M. aet 55 incidental HST



Retinal Surgeon 3
Lattice & PVD = no laser
Operculum retinal hole & PVD = no laser
Lattice & impending PVD = wait & watch and S & S
Lattice & impending PVD and RD in fellow eye = wait & watch, S & S, case by case
Tears at edge of laser & more complicated

All eyes with RD have lattice but how many eyes with LD and PVD avoid RD?





Quiz Which of the following are possible sequelae following RD Sx

a/ Diplopia

b/ High IOP

c/ Increased glare intolerance

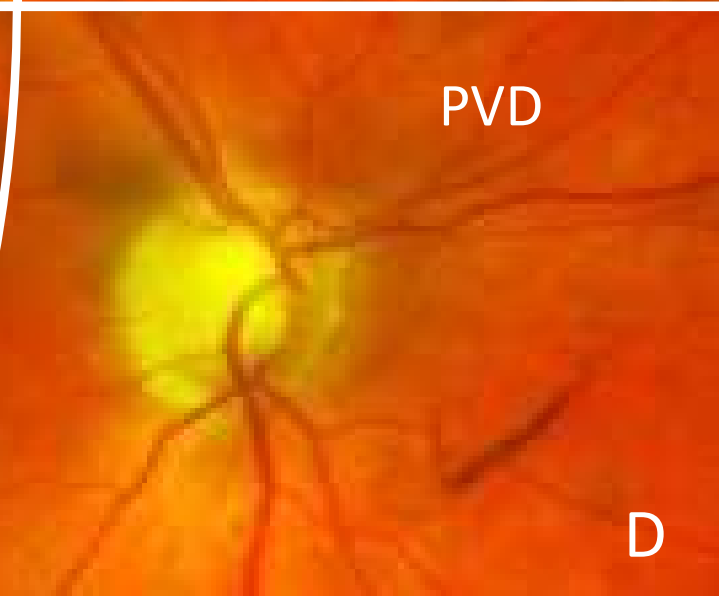
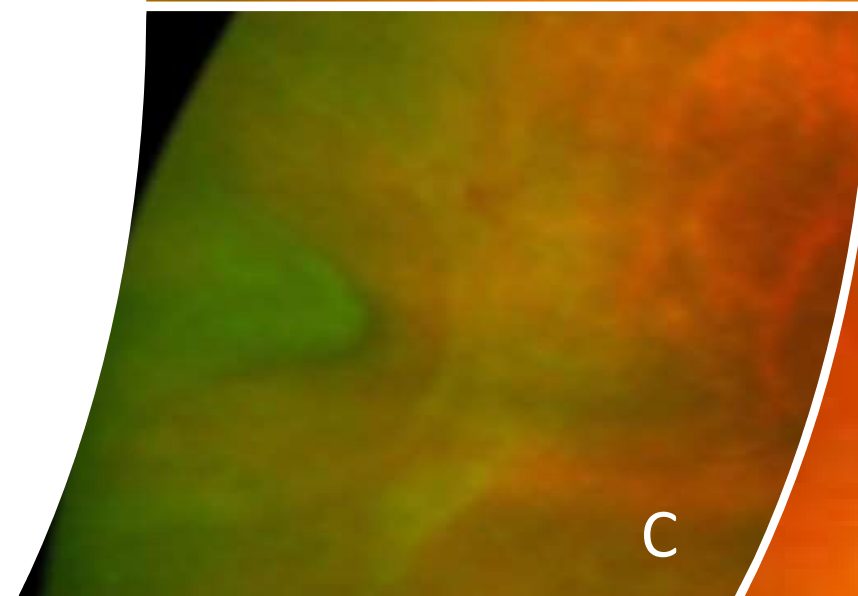
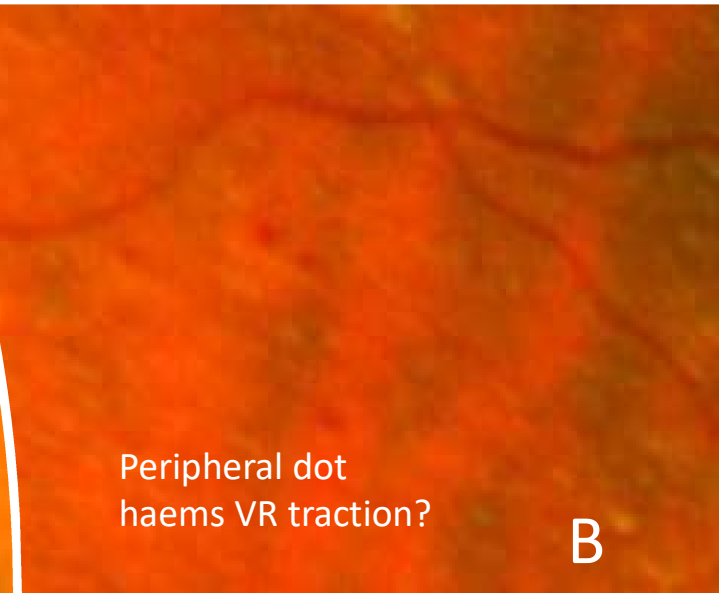
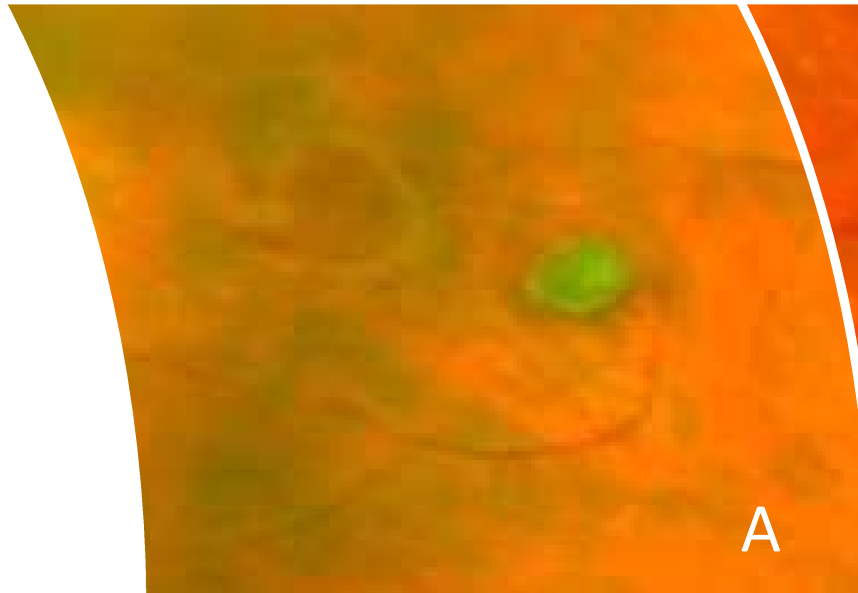
d/ Haloes

e/ Cataracts

f/ all of the above

Quiz Which of the following requires urgent referral?

- 1 A & D
- 2 B & D
- 3 C & D
- 4 A, B & D





Quiz Which of the following patients needs an emergency referral?

1 asymptomatic high myope with retinal hole with operculum and prior PVD

2 68 yo low hyperope with a temporal horse shoe tear with pigmented posterior edge and no obvious subretinal fluid

3 Low myope with vitreal haze following blunt trauma and occasional flashes

4 High myope with peripheral lattice degeneration, no PVD, good vision and asymptomatic

MCQ Which of these statements about lattice degeneration is false

- 1/ All lattice degenerations should be treated with retinal laser to prevent progression to rRD
- 2/ 60% of eyes with rRD have lattice degeneration
- 3/ Lattice degeneration is more common amongst high myopes
- 4/ Lattice degeneration has stronger adhesion to the vitreal face and are more prone to retinal tears with PVD

