

# Role of OCT in the Management of DME, AMD and Diseases of the Vitreomacular Interface

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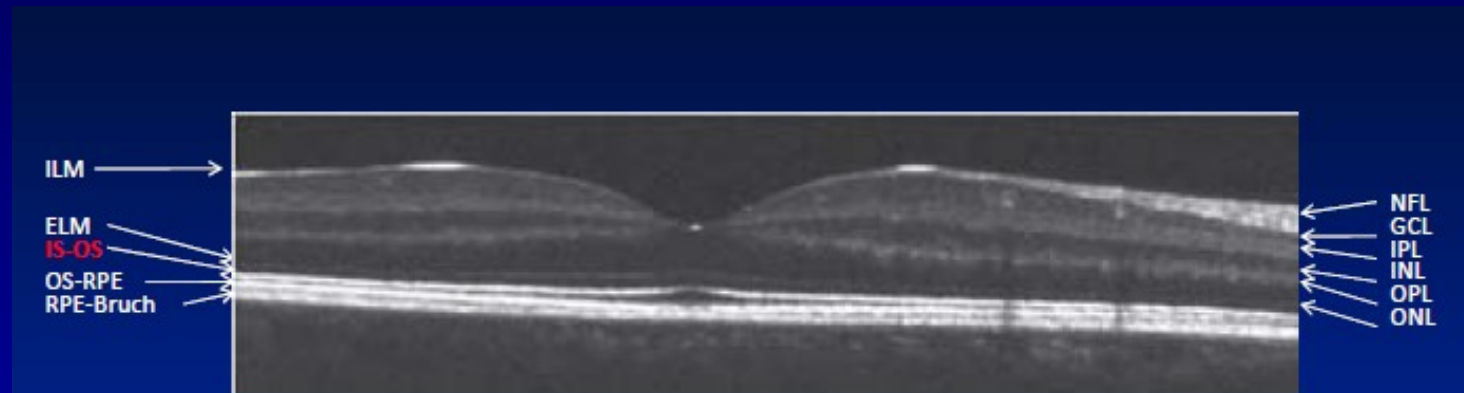
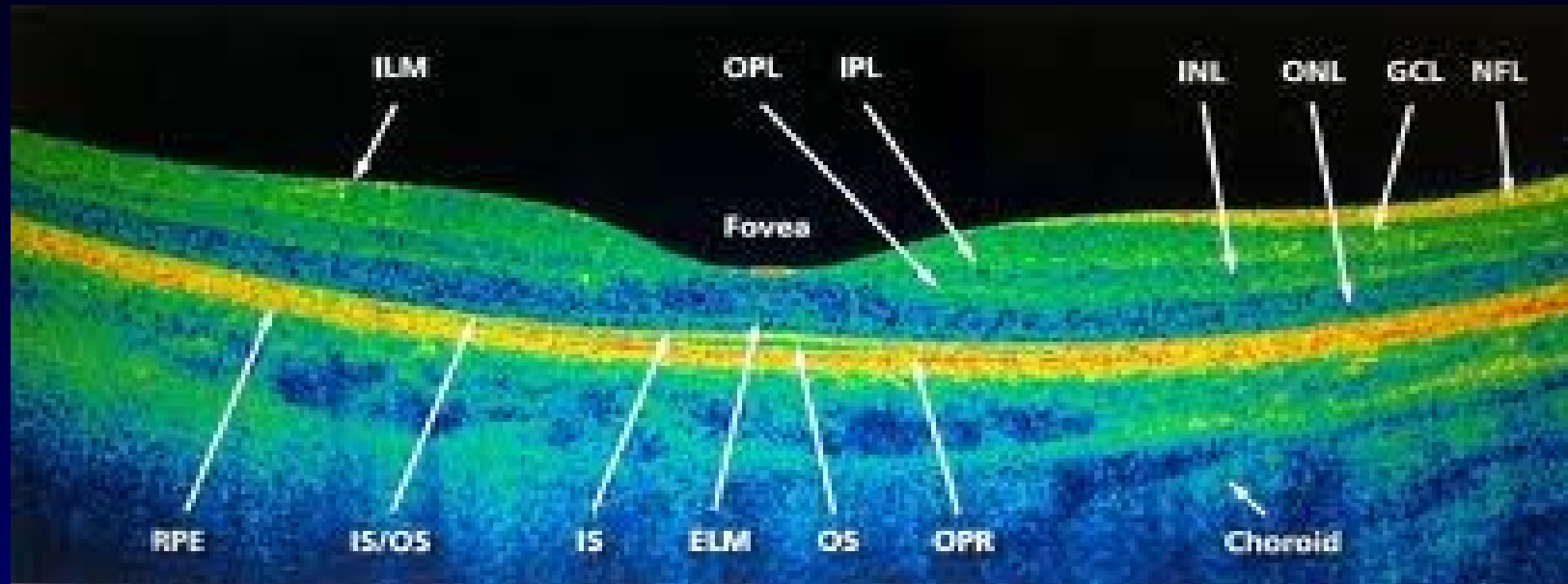


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**OCT in Vitreo-macular Diseases**  
**Basics and Concepts**

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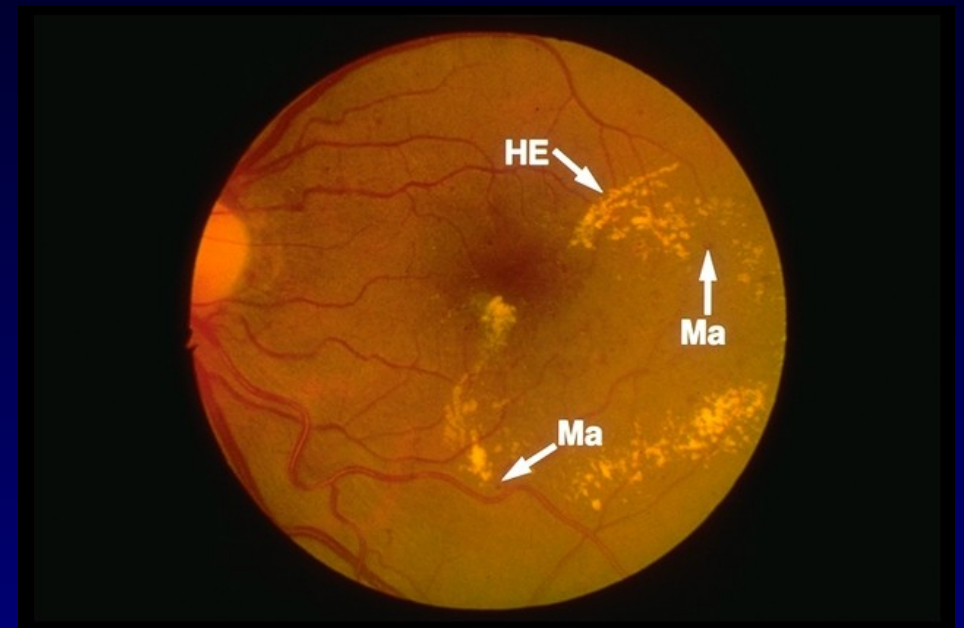
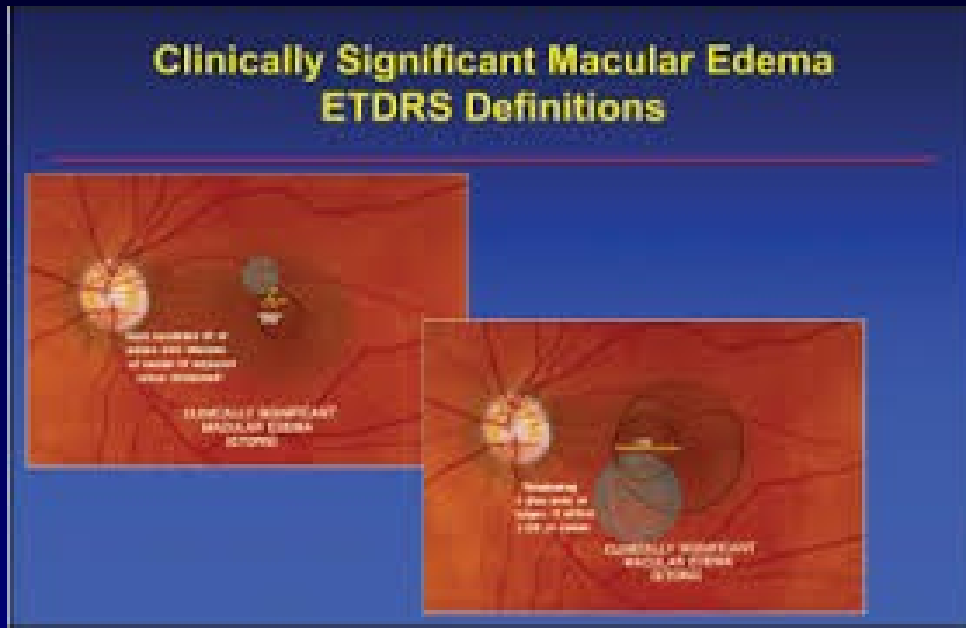
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# The Health Macula



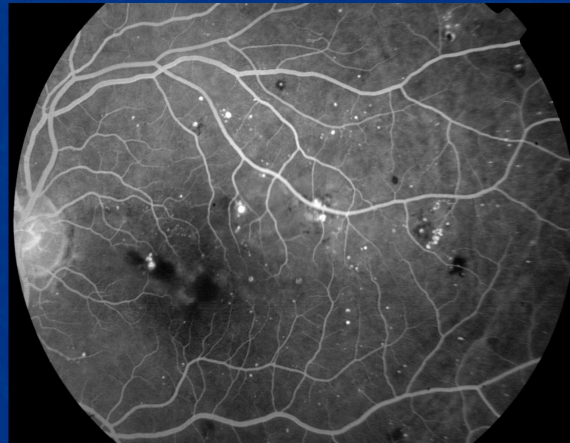
# Diabetic Macular Edema-ETDRS Era

## A Flashback (ETDRS Era)



# Diabetic Macular Edema-FFA Era

## Focal Macular Edema

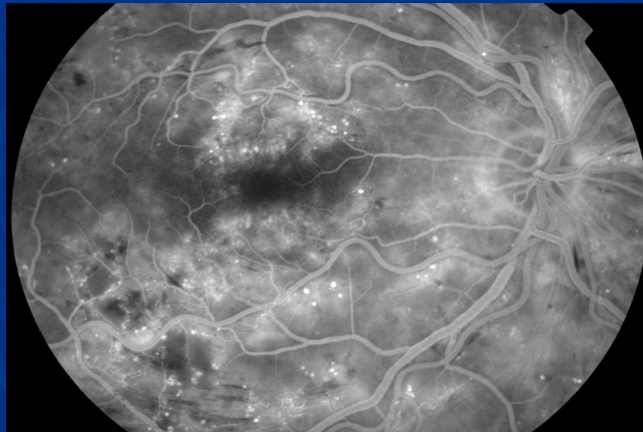


- A single or localized cluster of leakage sites
- Hard exudates common



# Diabetic Macular Edema2-FFA Era

## Diffuse Macular Edema

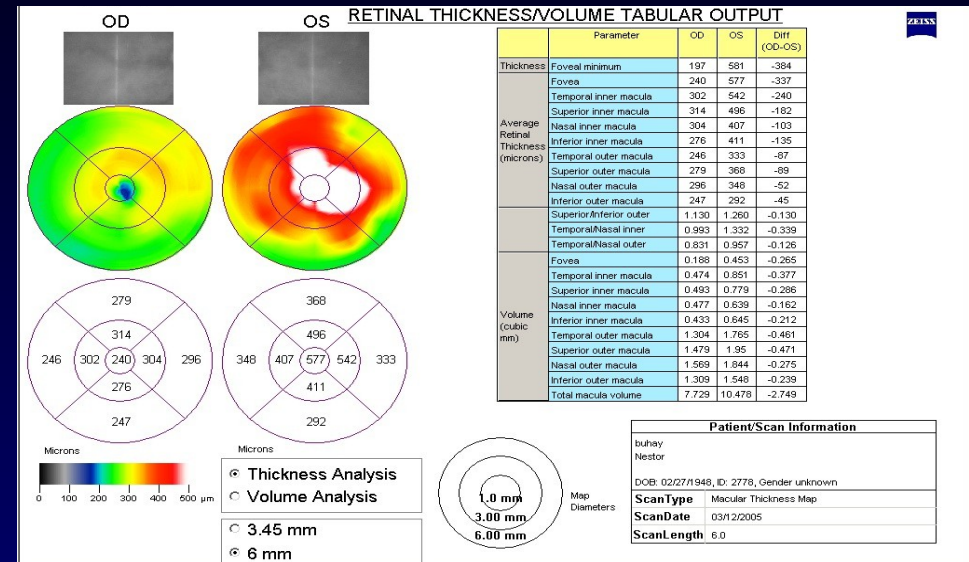


- Generalized breakdown of blood-retinal barrier with leakage from blood vessels throughout the posterior pole of the eye
- Hard exudates less common



# Diabetic Macular Edema: The Era of OCT

- Advantages:
  - Mapping of thickness in 6 mm radius of the macular area
  - Generates numeric and topographic data on state of the macula
  - Helps guide the decision to treat and follow up

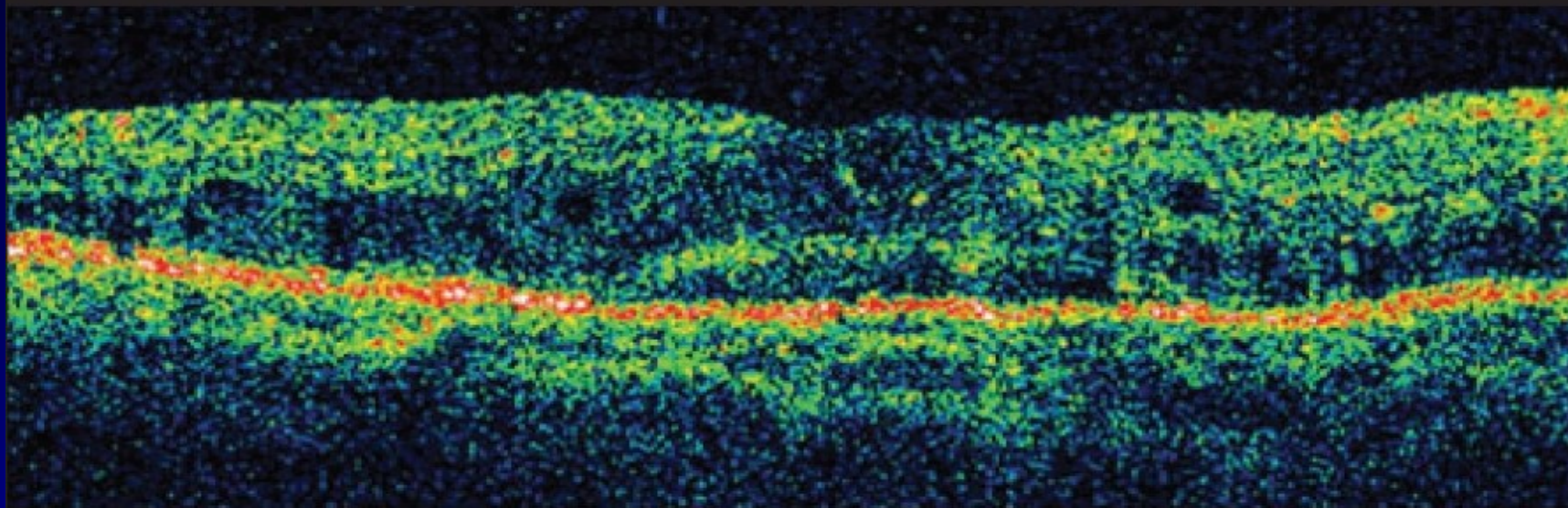


# Patterns of DME on OCT

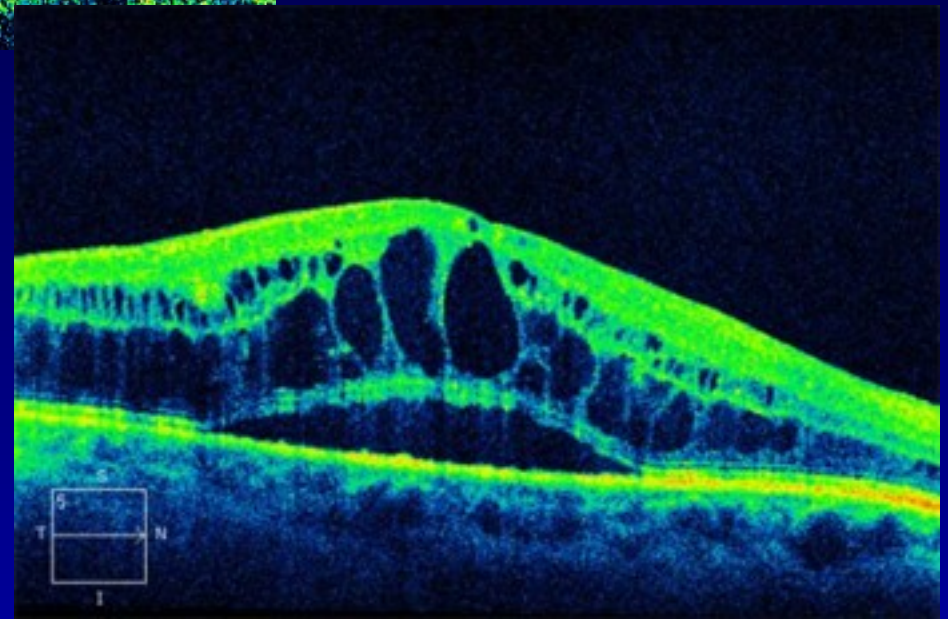
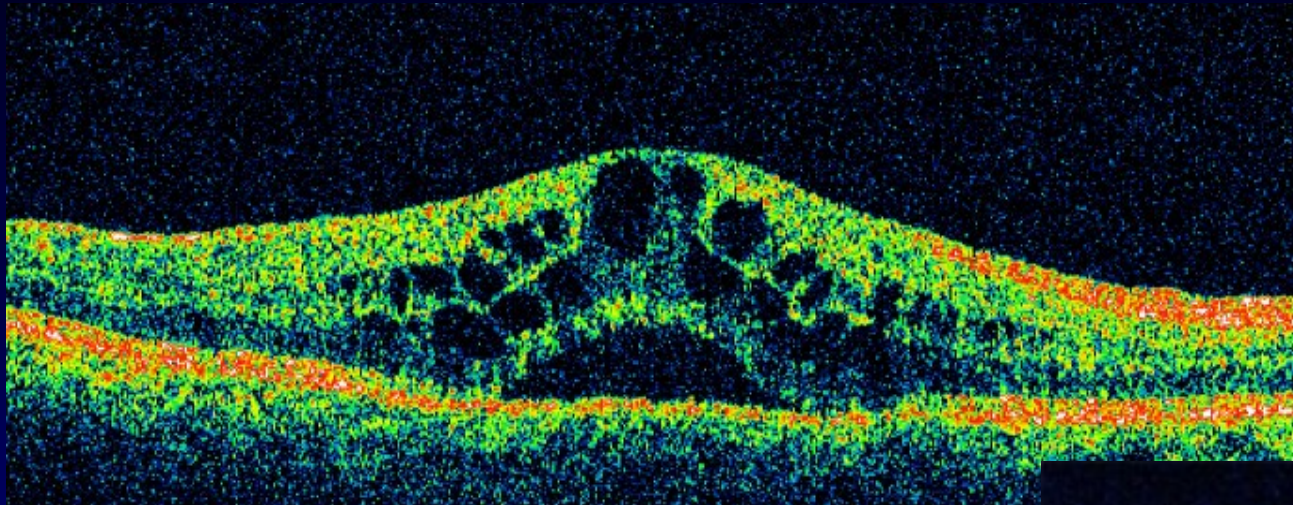
- At least 5 PATTERNS identified
- 1. Spongy-like Thickening of the retina
- 2. Cystoid Macular Edema
- 3. Subfoveal detachment without hyaloidal traction
  - Subretinal fluid, often not clinically evident
- 4. Tractional detachment of the fovea
- 5. Taught posterior hyaloidal membrane



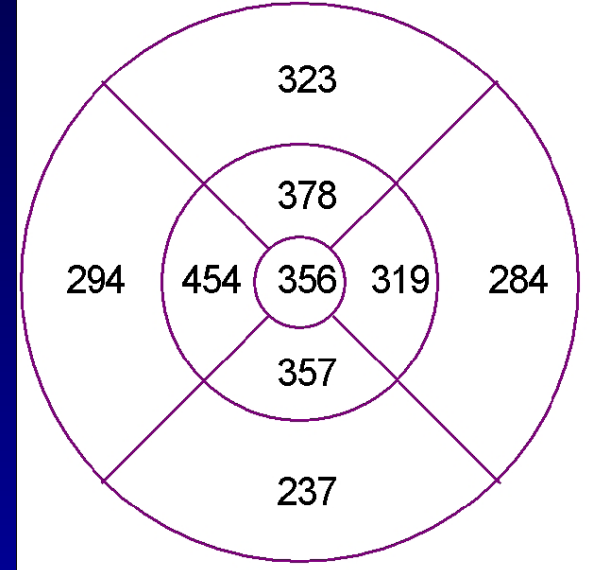
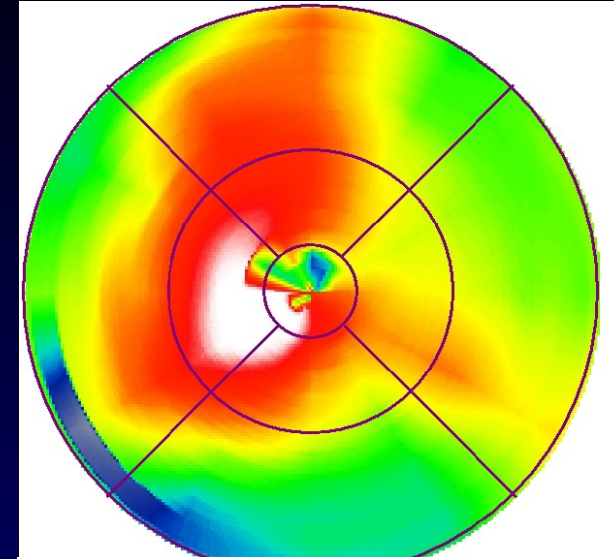
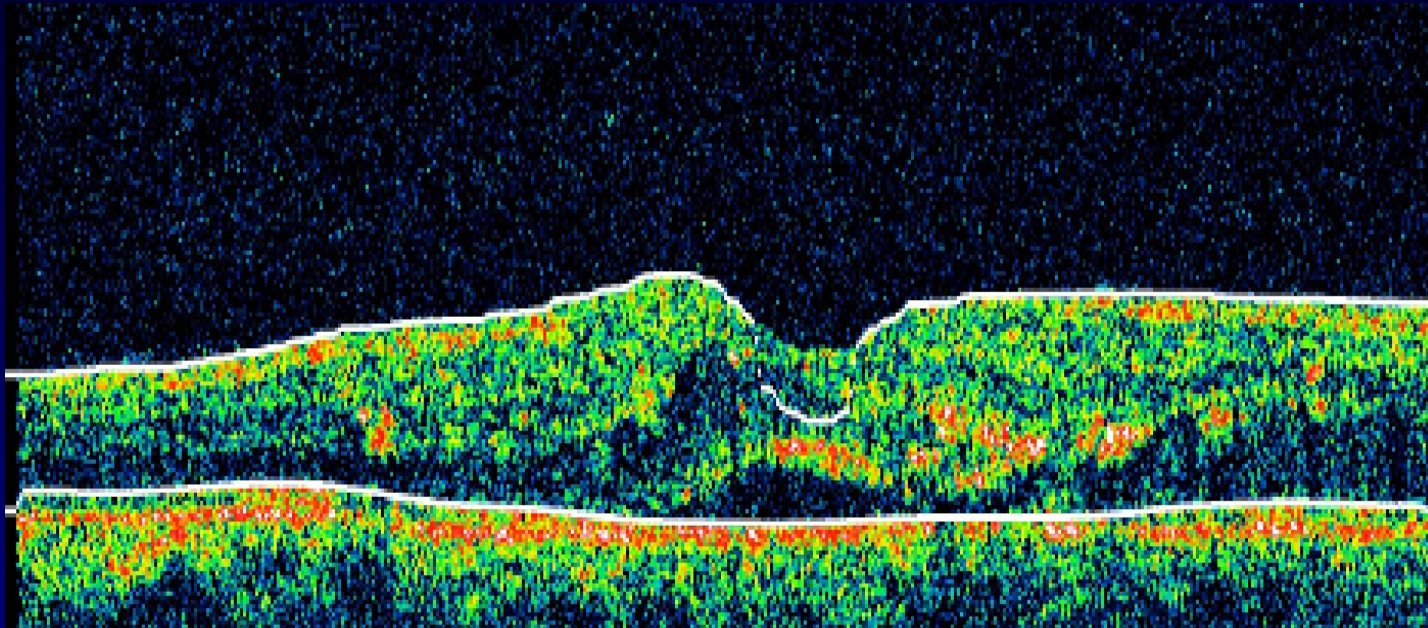
# DME: 1. Spongy Thickening



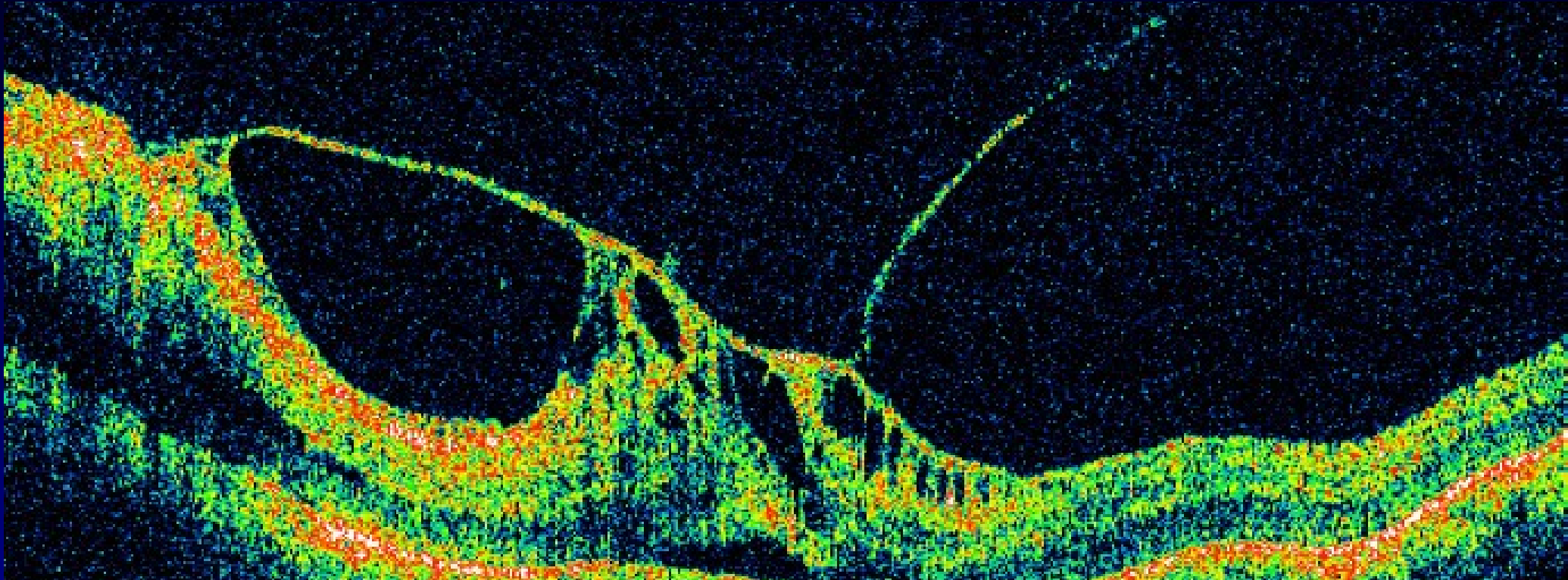
# DME: 2. Cystoid Macular Edema



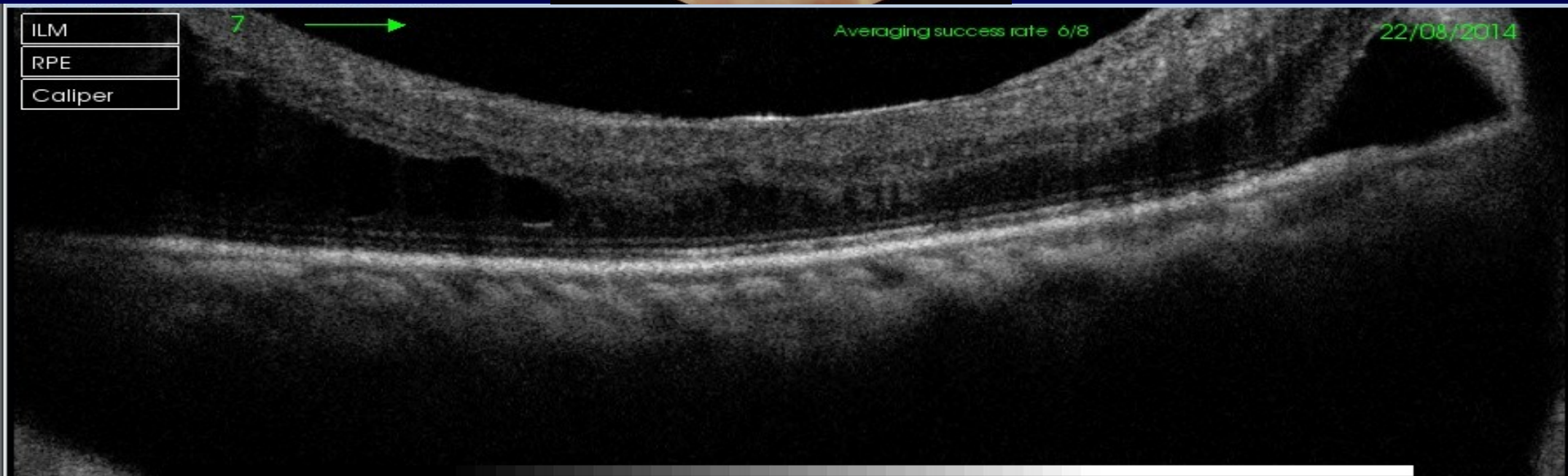
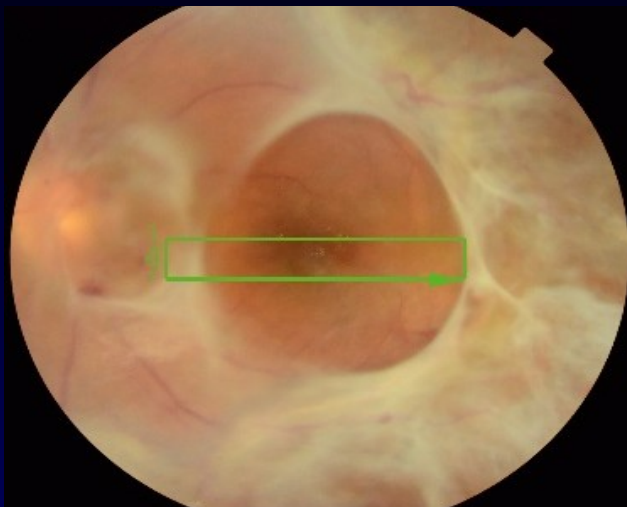
# DME: 3. Sub-foveal Detachment without Traction



# DME: 4. Subfoveal detachment with VMT



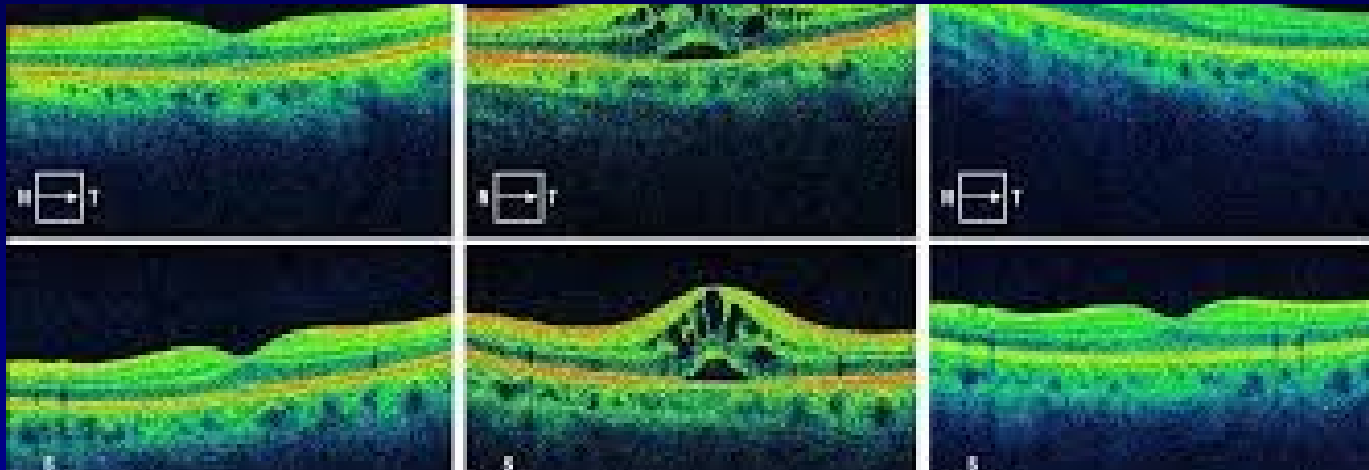
# 5. ADVANCED PDR+ POSTERIOR FVP+ TRD THREATENING MACULA



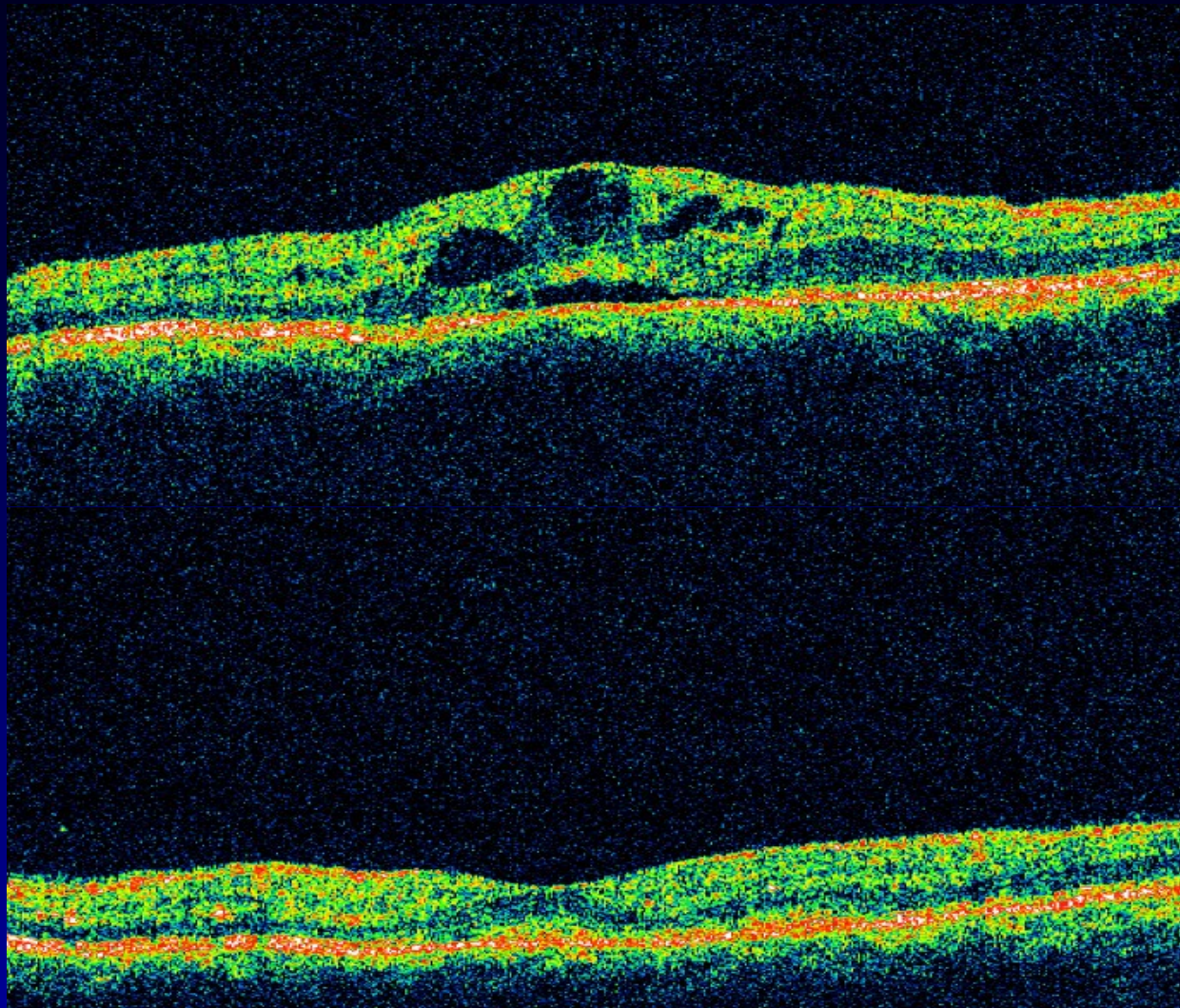
# TREATMENT AND MONITORING

# OCT SECTIONS (PRE AND POST TREATMENT) .

1. Better decision on treatment options
2. When to treat and when not to
3. Better follow up and decision to re-treat



# RESOLUTION OF CYSTOID EDEMA AND SEROUS DETACHMENT FOLLOWING STEROID TREATMENT



**Pre-Treatment**

**Post-Steroid Tr.**



# AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION

# DRY, WET & GA

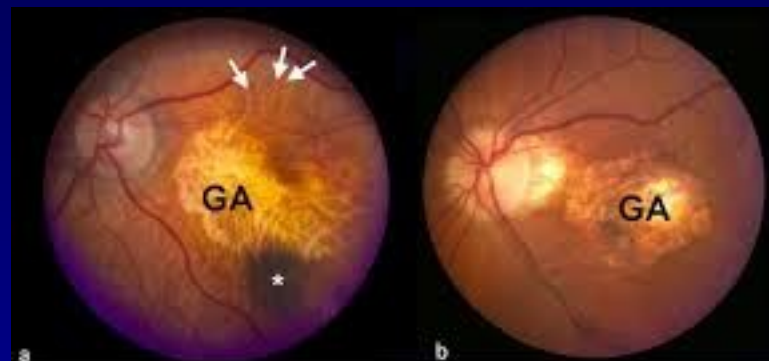
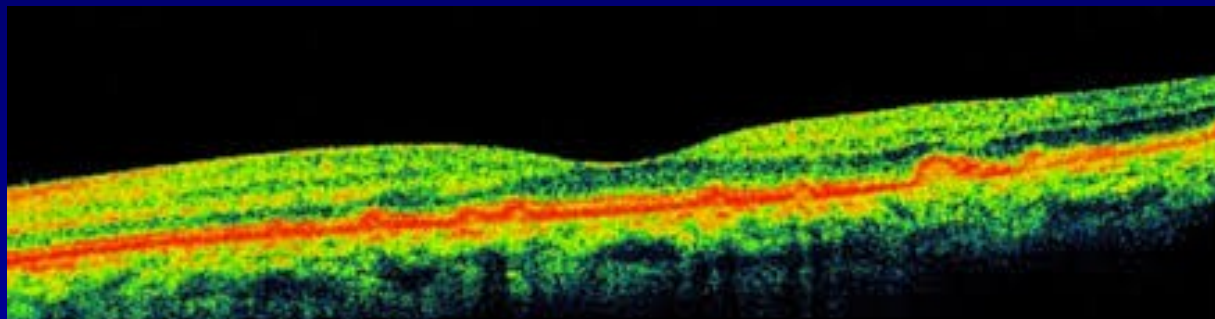
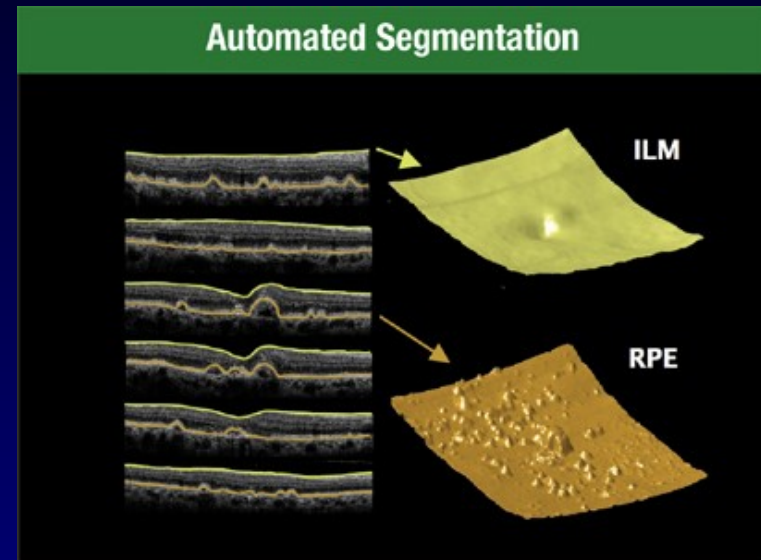
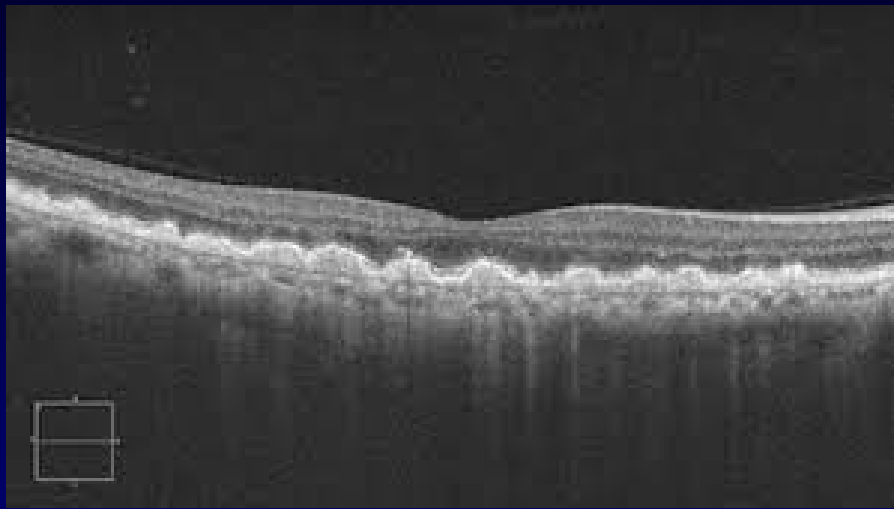
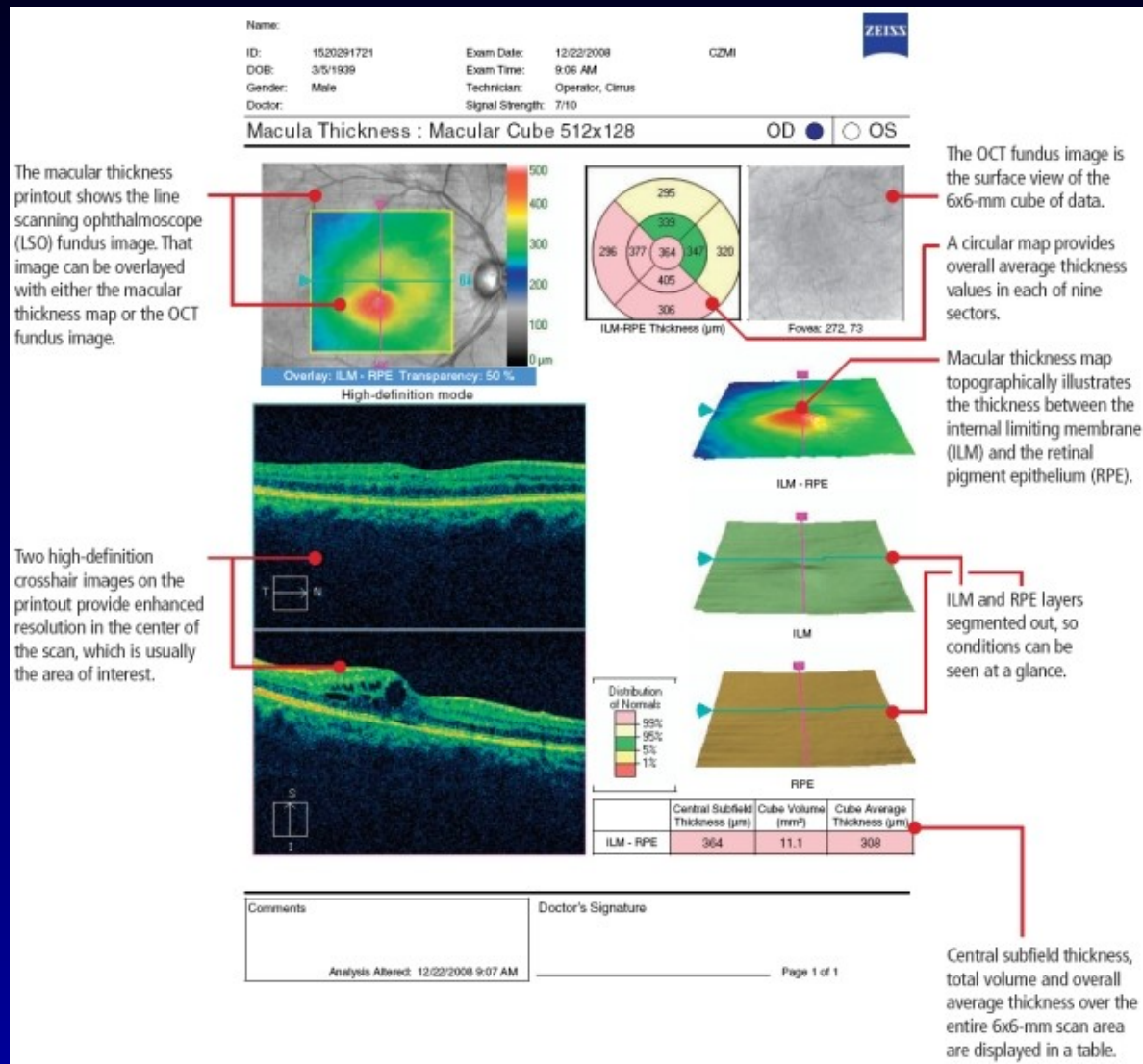


Fig. 7 Color fundus photograph from two patients (a and b) with macular geographic atrophy (GA). The margins of the regions of RPE atrophy are clearly delineated. Choroidal blood vessels (arrows) are more easily visualized in these regions of atrophy because of the loss and/or absence of the RPE pigment. A choroidal nevus (asterisk) is indicated in eye a. These eyes would be expected to have poor central vision due to the extensive atrophy.

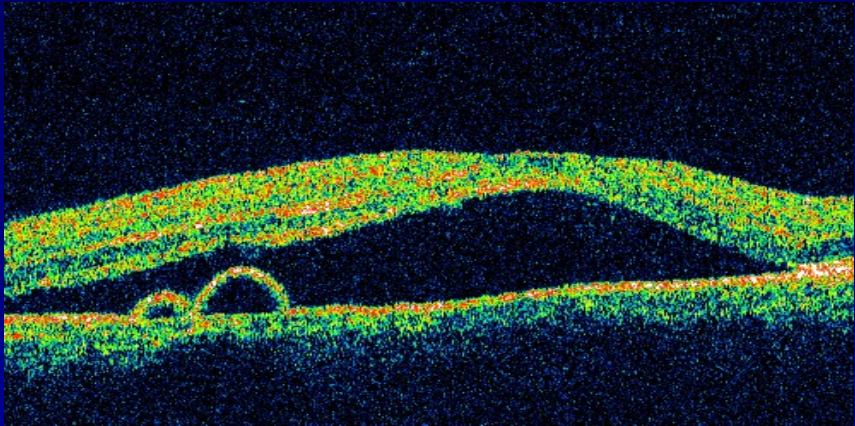
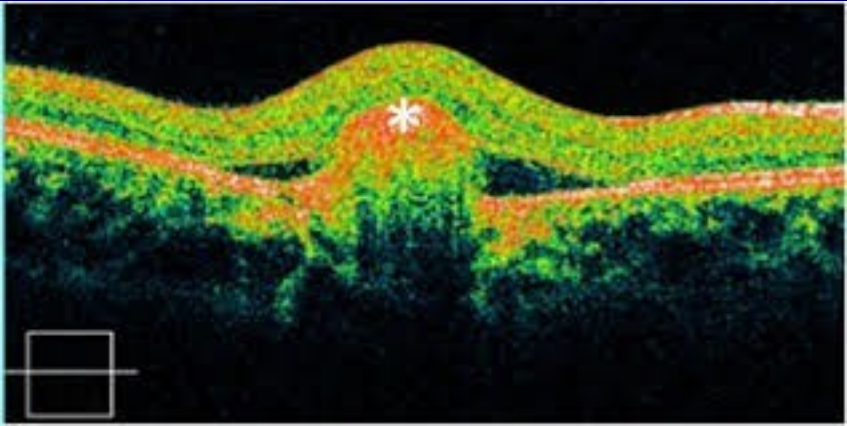
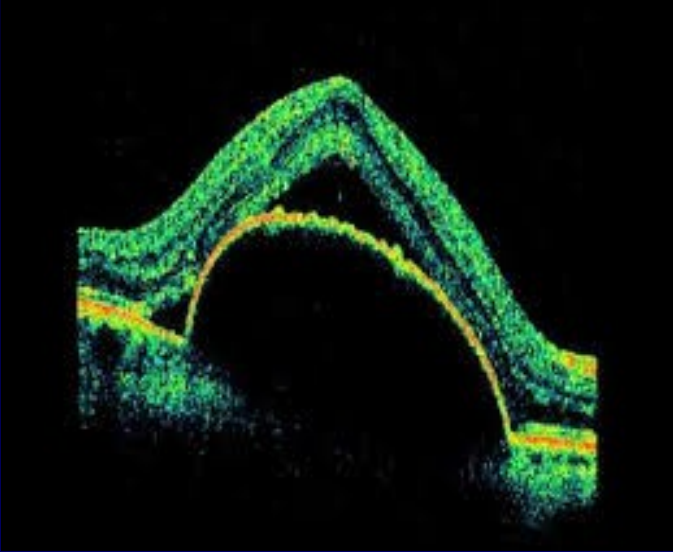
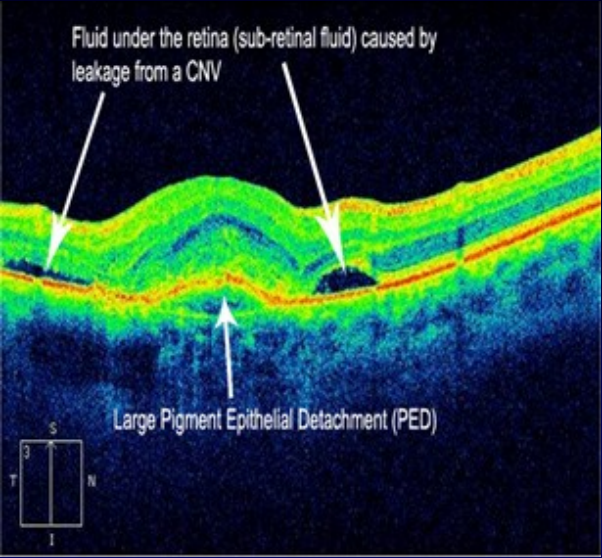
# Dry AMD (ARM)



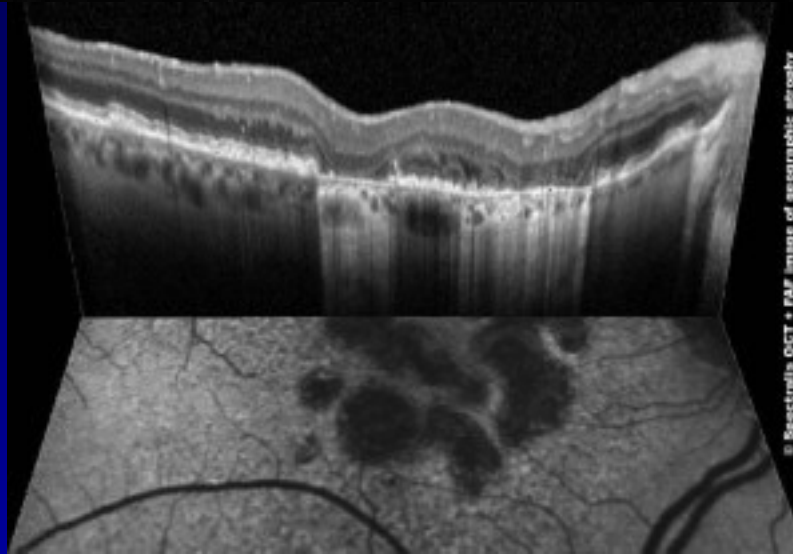
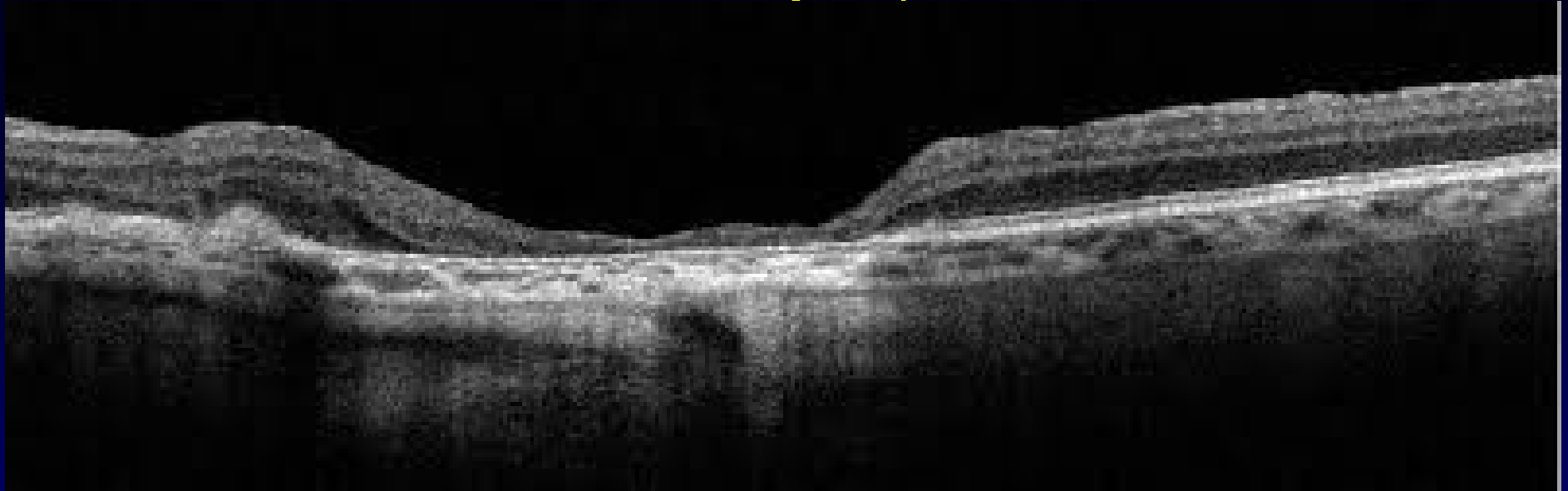
# OCT Segmentation Map



# wAMD



# OCT Features of Geographic Atrophy



© Spectralis OCT + FAF image of geographic atrophy

# THE NEW VMI CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

# VMI Diseases

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## International Classification of Diseases of the Vitreomacular Interface (VMI)

- International panel convened in 2012 to devise a new classification system for VMI disease
- Strictly Anatomic – OCT based
  - Objective
  - Not based on clinical findings
  - Not based on symptoms
- Simple, easy to use, predictive of surgical (PPV and pharmacological) outcomes



# VMI Classification System: One Finding. Five Diseases

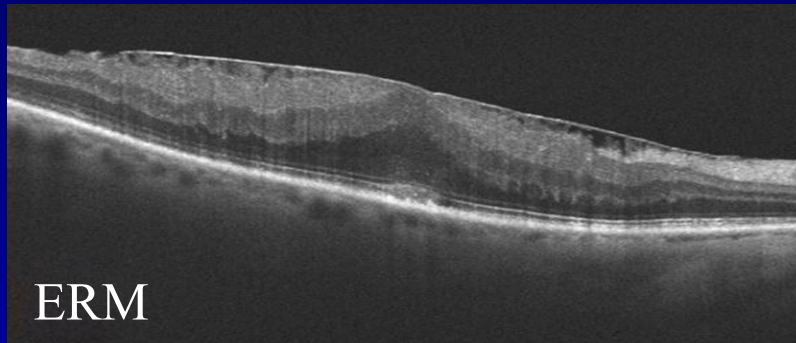
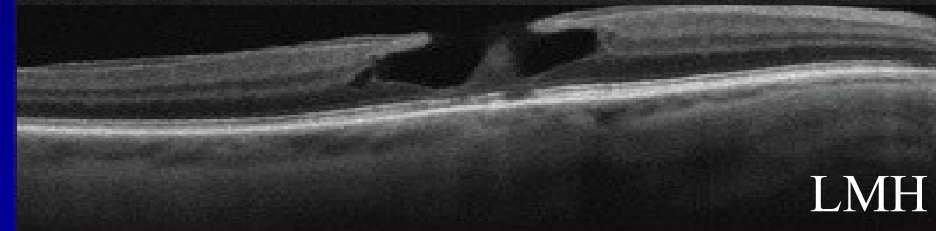
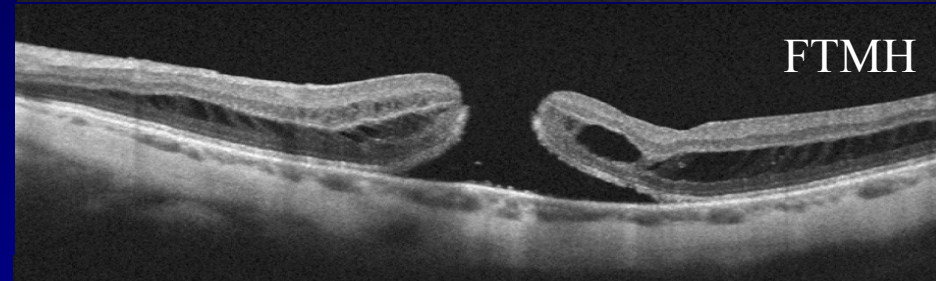
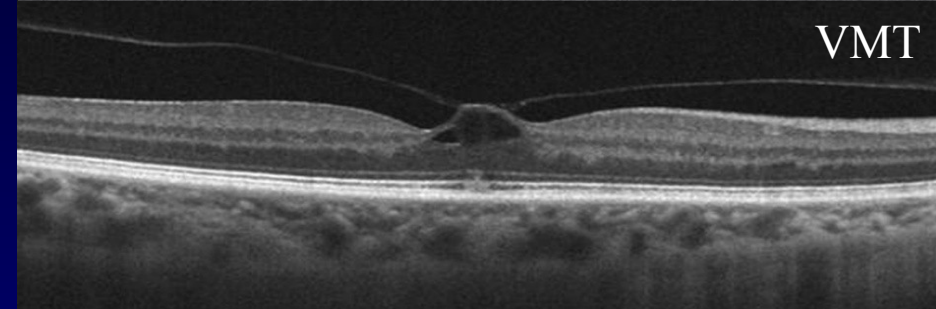
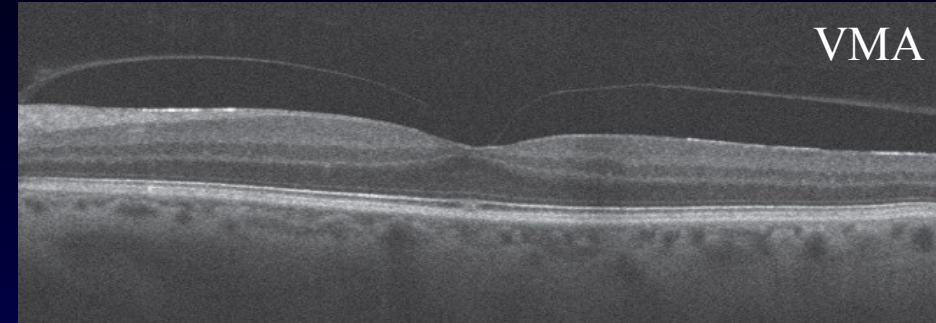
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- “Finding”:

- Vitreomacular Adhesion (VMA)

- Diseases:

- Vitreomacular Traction (VMT)
- Full Thickness Macular Hole (FTMH)
- Lamellar Macular Hole (LMH)
- Epiretinal Membrane (ERM)



# VMI Classification

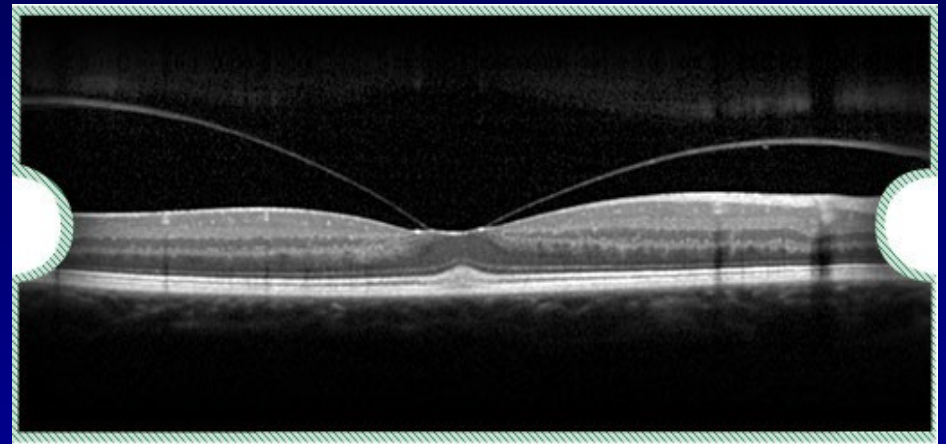
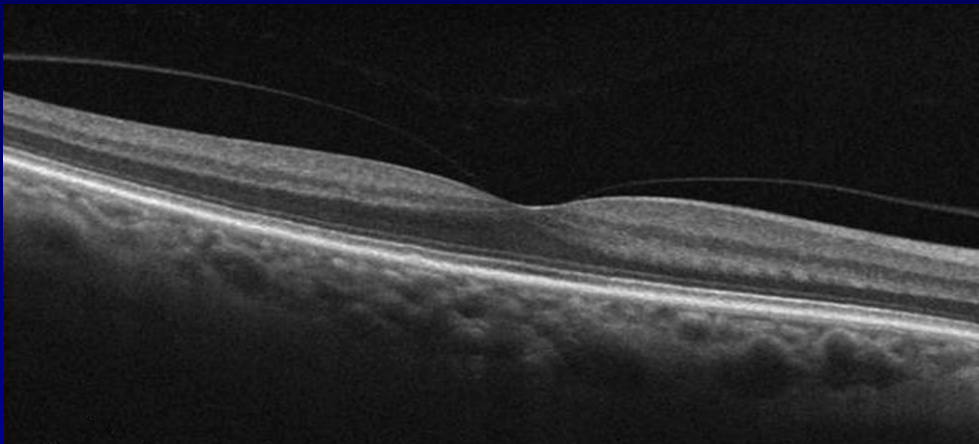
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Vitreomacular Adhesion (VMA)

# 1. Vitreomacular Adhesion (VMA)

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- Vitreous adhesion to central macula (3mm of fovea) with no demonstrable anatomic change
- Previous classification: Stage-0 Macular Hole if fellow eye has FTMH



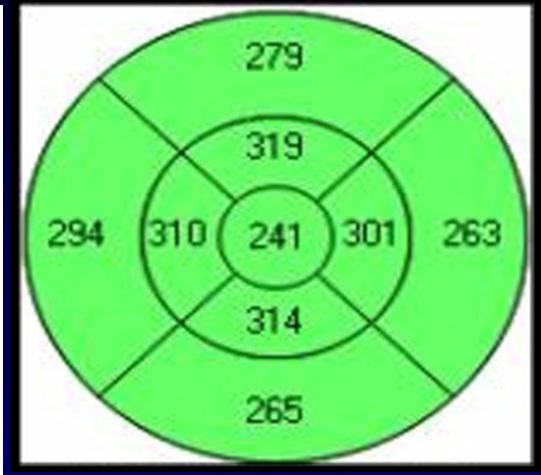
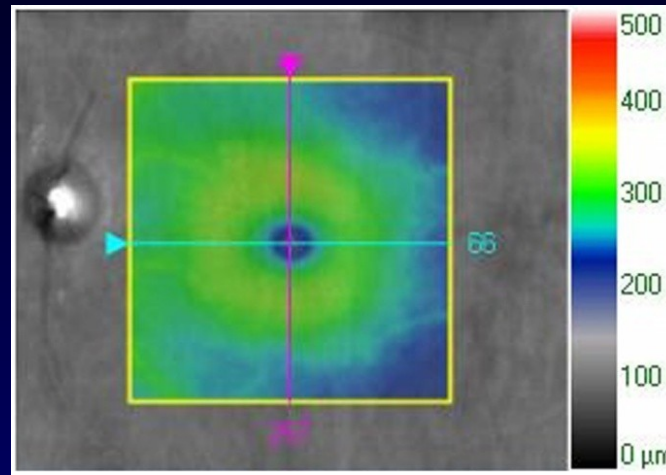
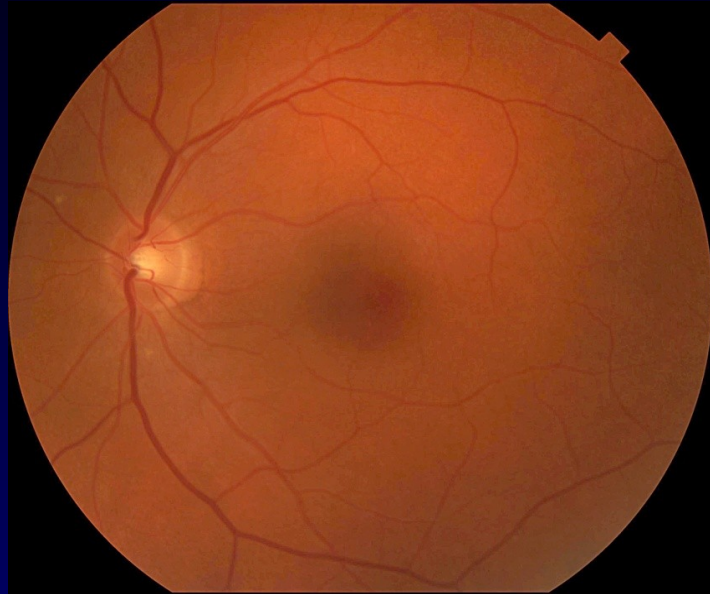
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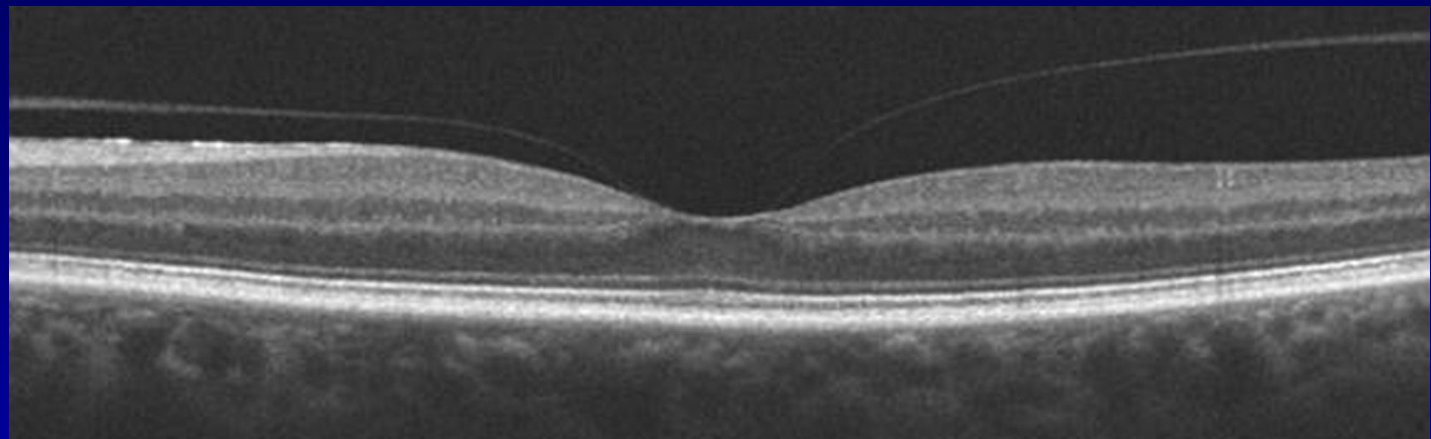
## Two VMA Subclassifications

- FOCAL vrs BROAD
  - Focal attachment  $\leq 1500$  microns
  - Broad attachment  $> 1500$  microns
- ISOLATED vrs CONCURRENT
- Isolated: Finding on OCT without any posterior segment disease
- Concurrent: With other macular disease.
  
- Note: VMA may resolve, persist, or go on to VMT

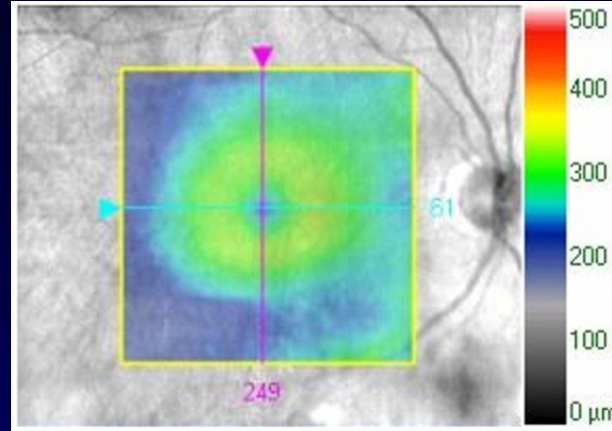
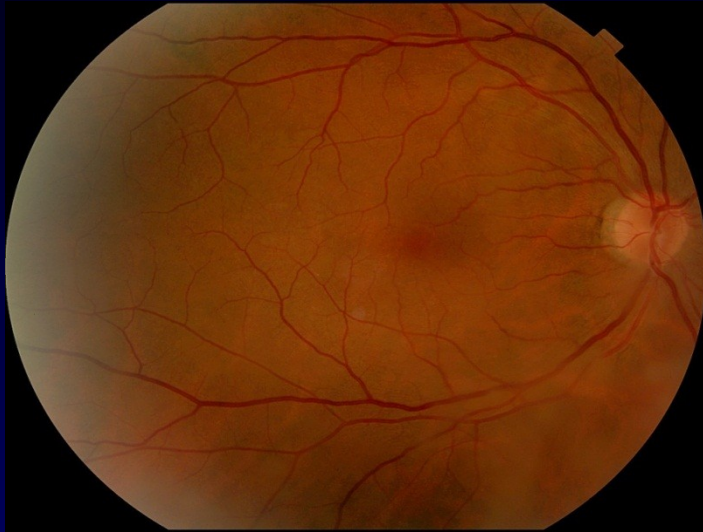
# FOCAL VMA



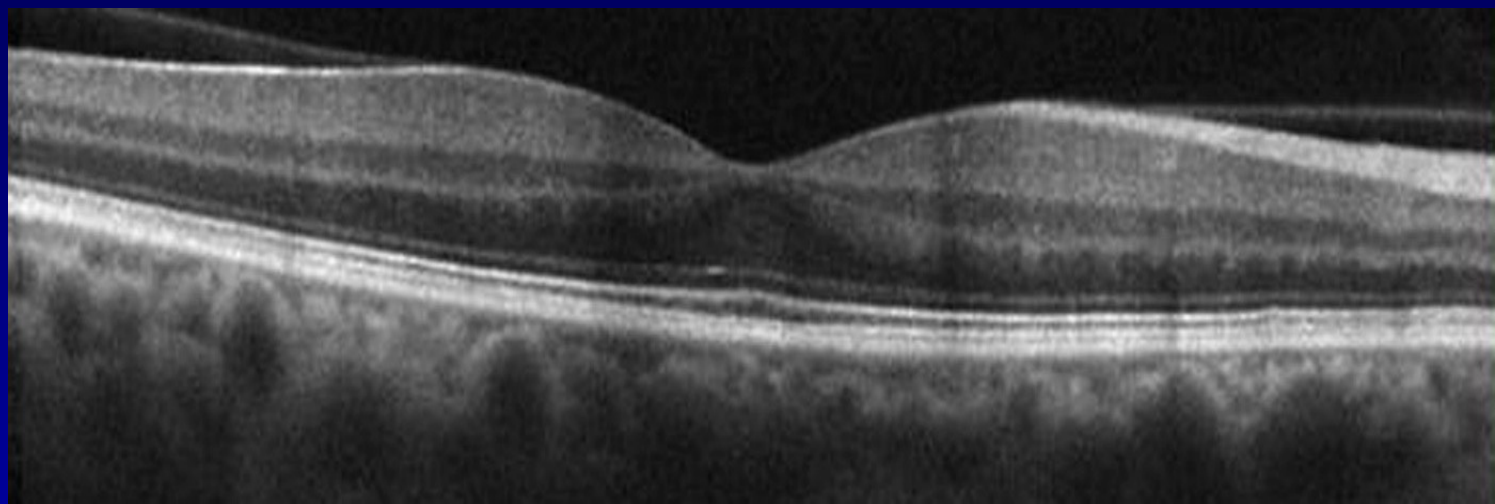
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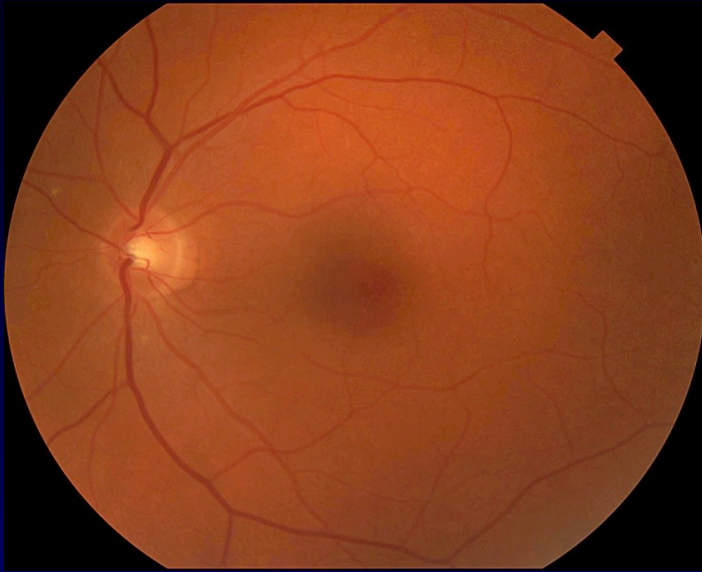
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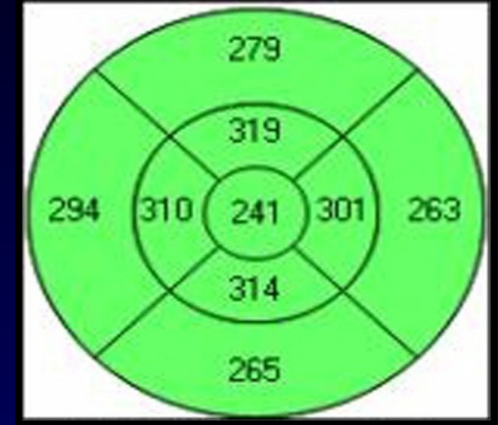
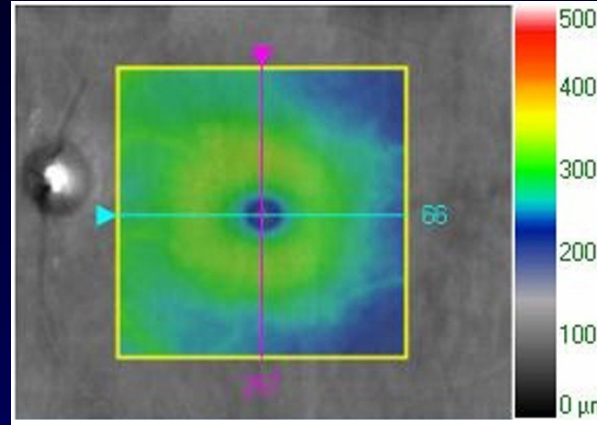
Broad VMA



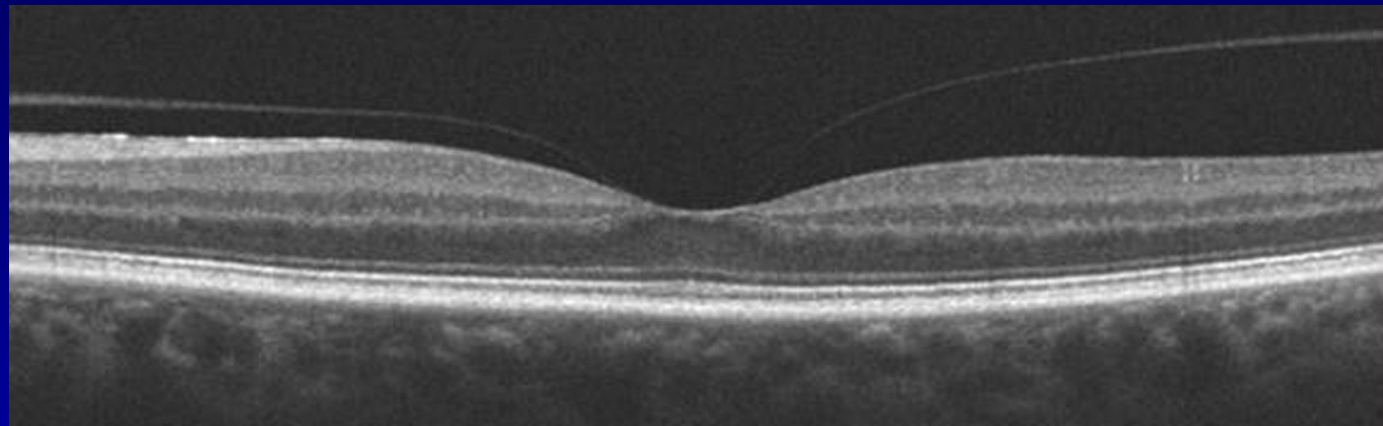
# ISOLATED VMA



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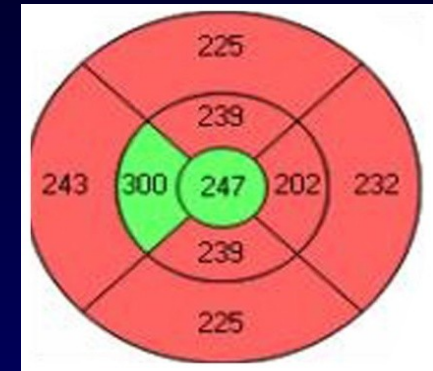
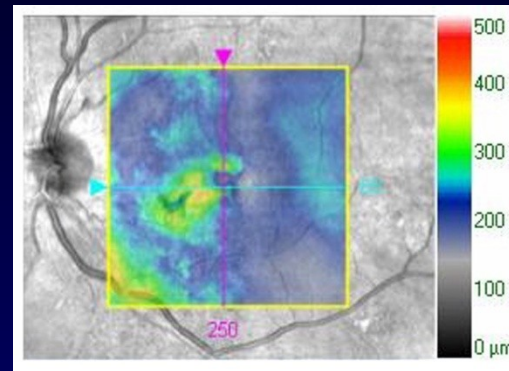
Otherwise normal macula  
= Isolated focal VMA



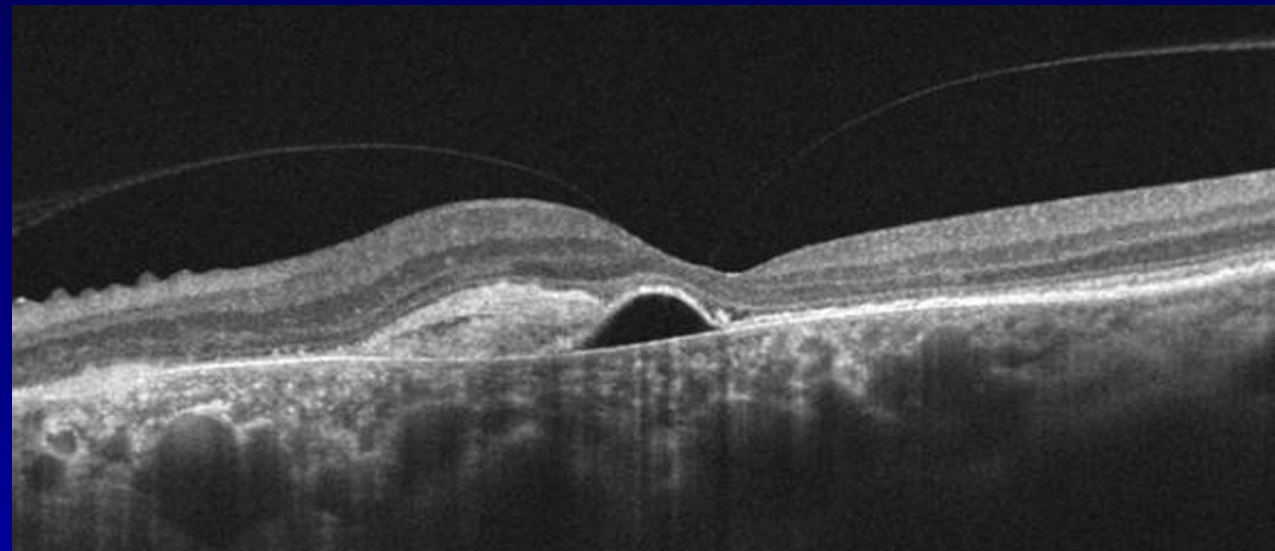
# CONCURRENT VMA



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Concurrent focal  
VMA (associated  
with CSCR)





# VMI Classification

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VMA Usually Spontaneously  
Resolves... But When It Doesn't....

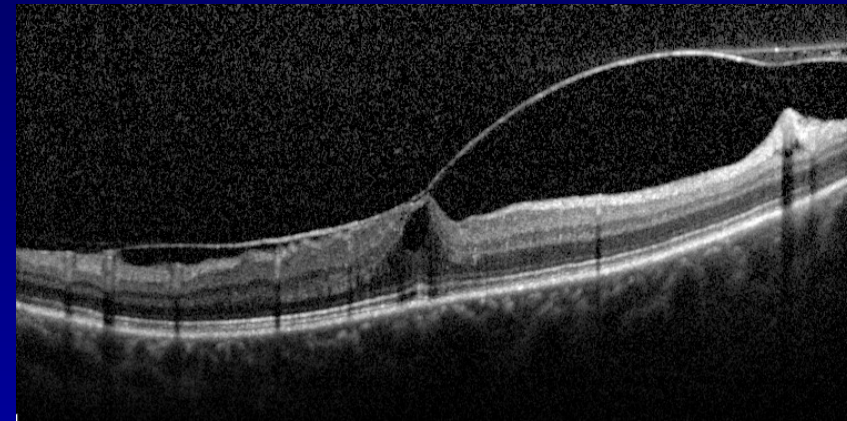
Vitreomacular Traction (VMT)

# VITREOMACULAR TRACTION

## -VMT-

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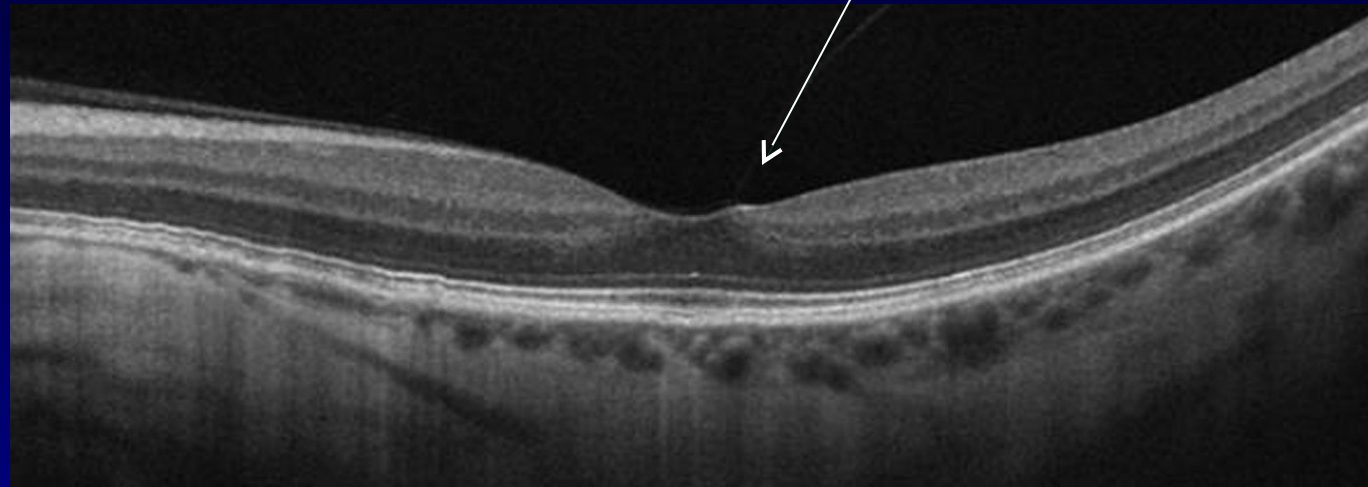
- Definition = VMT is VMA with ANY abnormal macular retinal architecture
- Anatomic retinal changes on OCT
- ALWAYS pathological
- May or may not be symptomatic



# VMI Classification

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Vitreomacular Traction (VMT) –  
very mild, no symptoms



# TWO SUB-CLASSIFICATIONS

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- FOCAL vrs BROAD
  - Focal attachment < 1500 microns or less
  - Broad attachment > 1500 microns
- ISOLATED vrs CONCURRENT(with other macular disease)

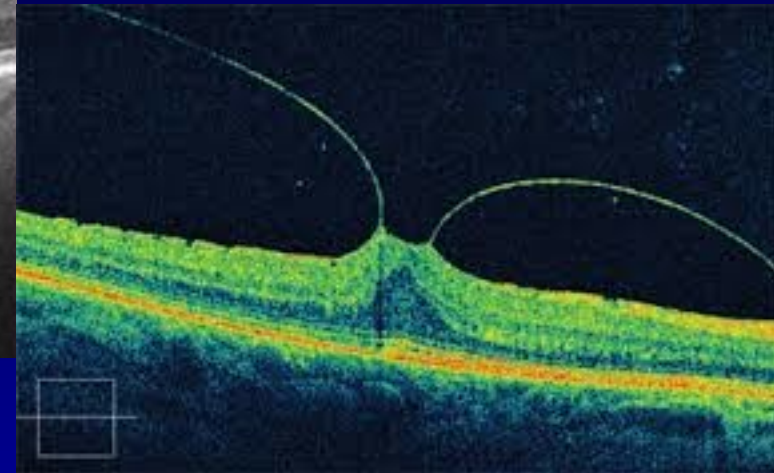
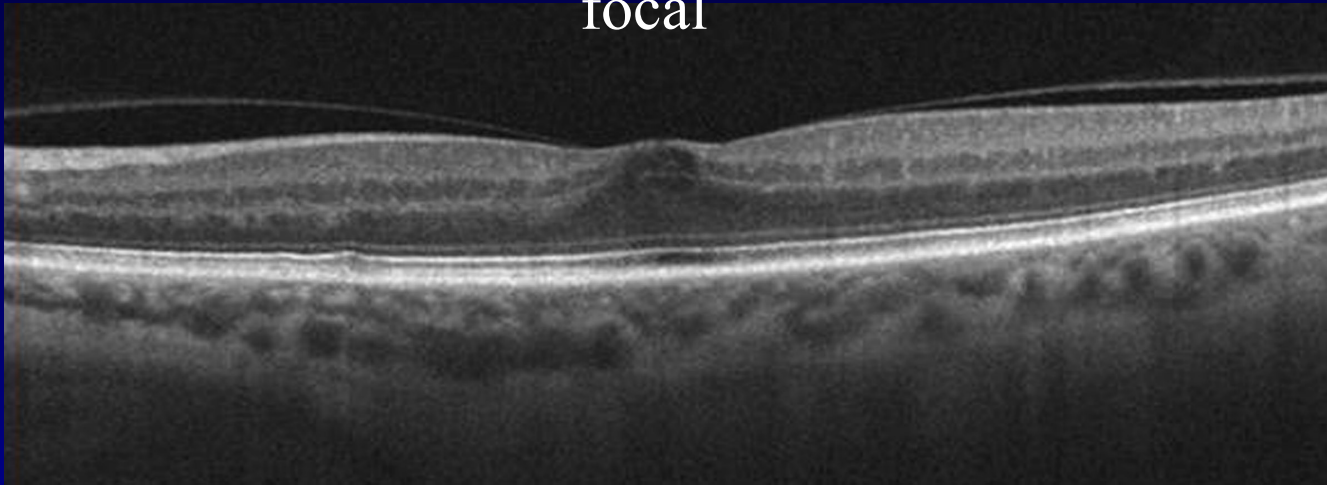
# VMI Classification

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## Vitreomacular Traction (VMT)

- VMT = VMA with retinal architectural changes

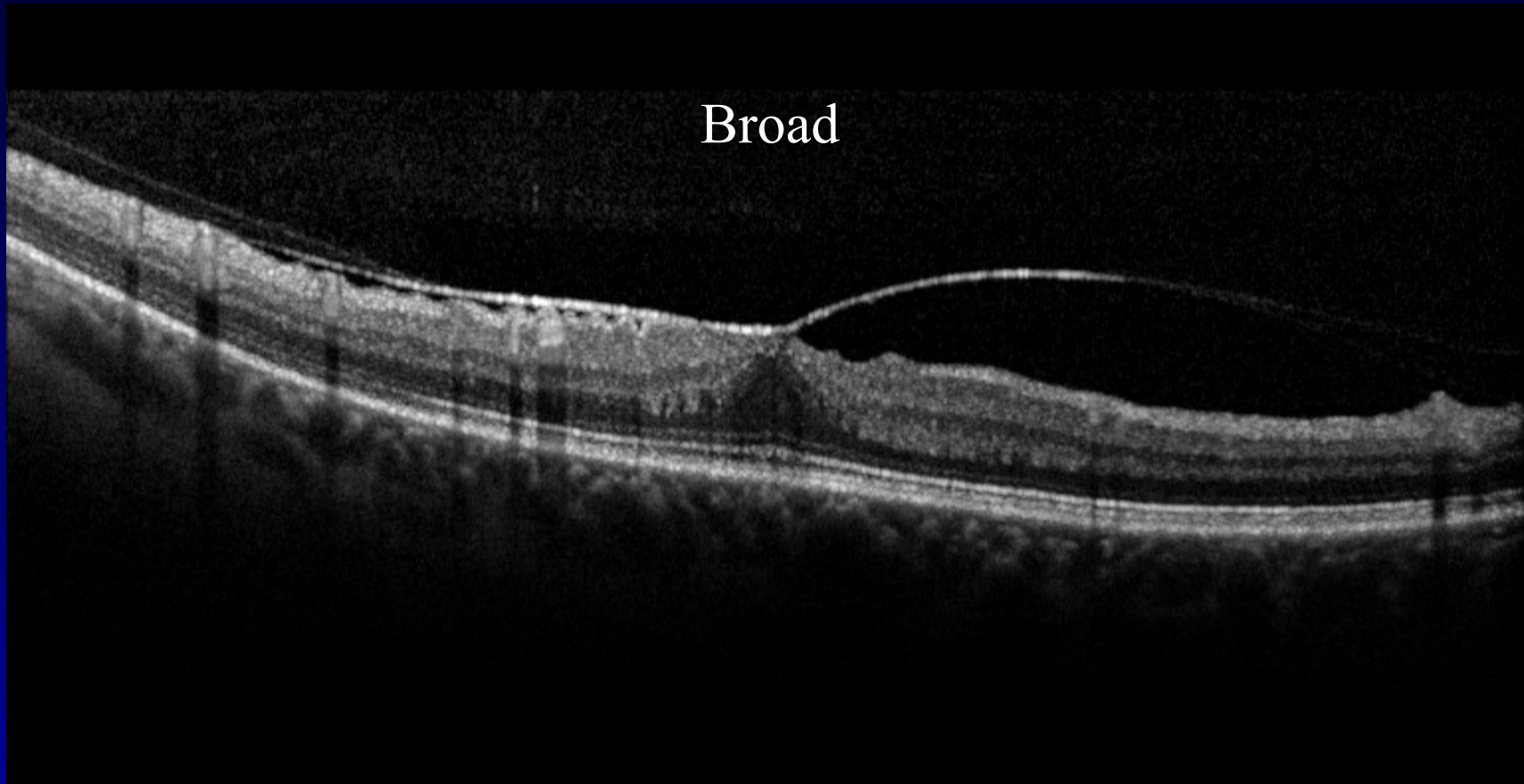
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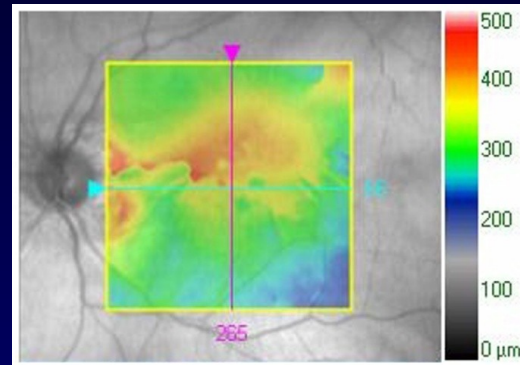
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## Isolated Broad VMT

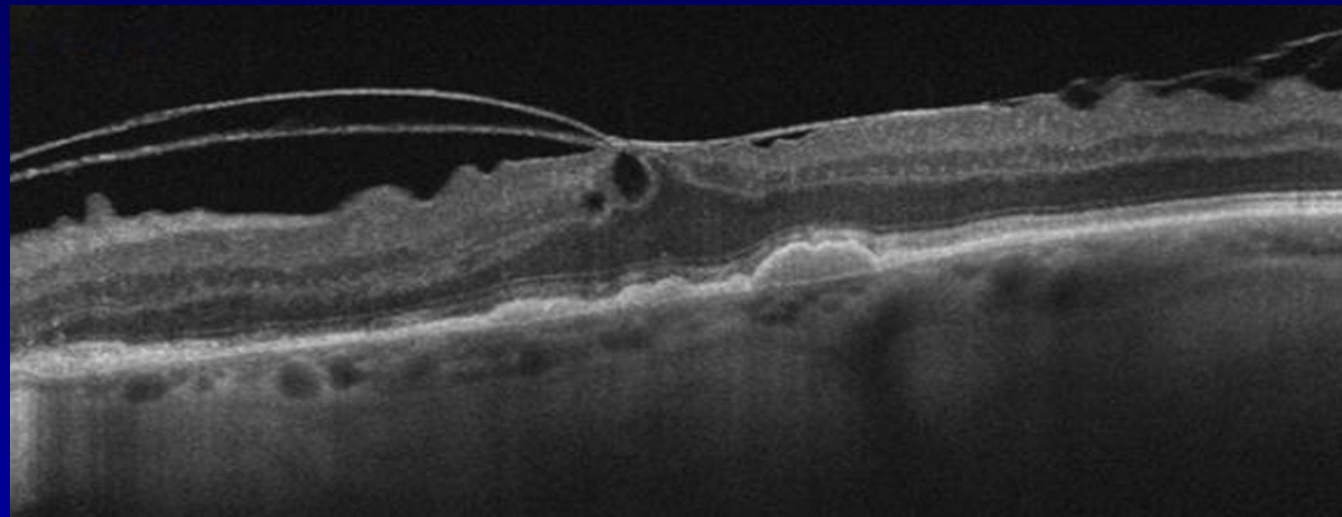


# VMI Classification

## AMD With Concurrent VMT



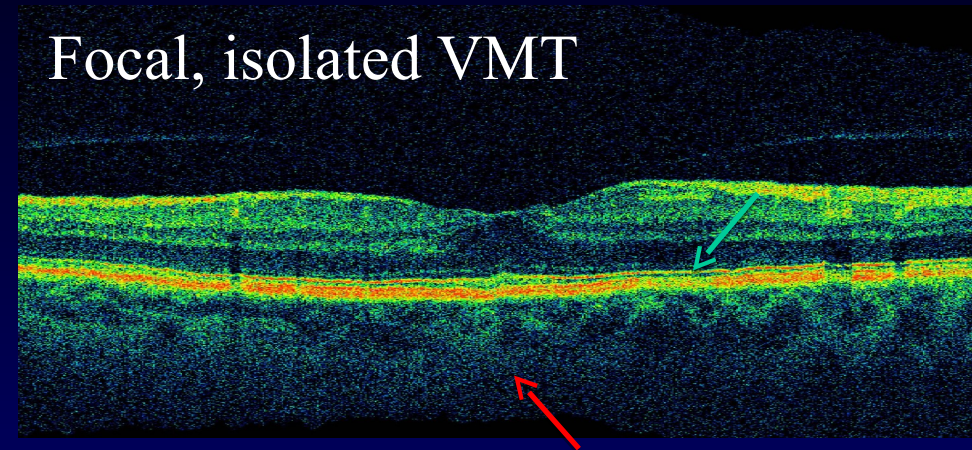
Secondary Broad  
VMT in AMD



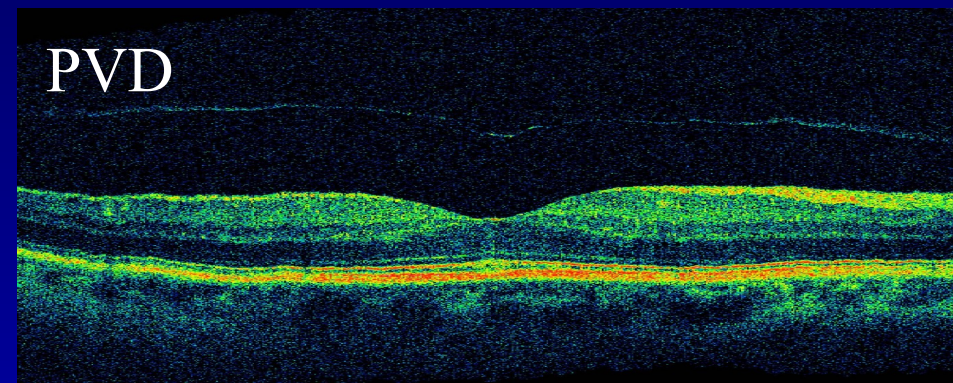
# VMT COURSE

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- Spontaneous PVD
  - Usually with regression of symptoms
- Stability
- Progression
  - Severe retinal anatomic distortion
  - LMH
  - FTMH



3 weeks later





Full Thickness Macular Hole  
(FTMH)

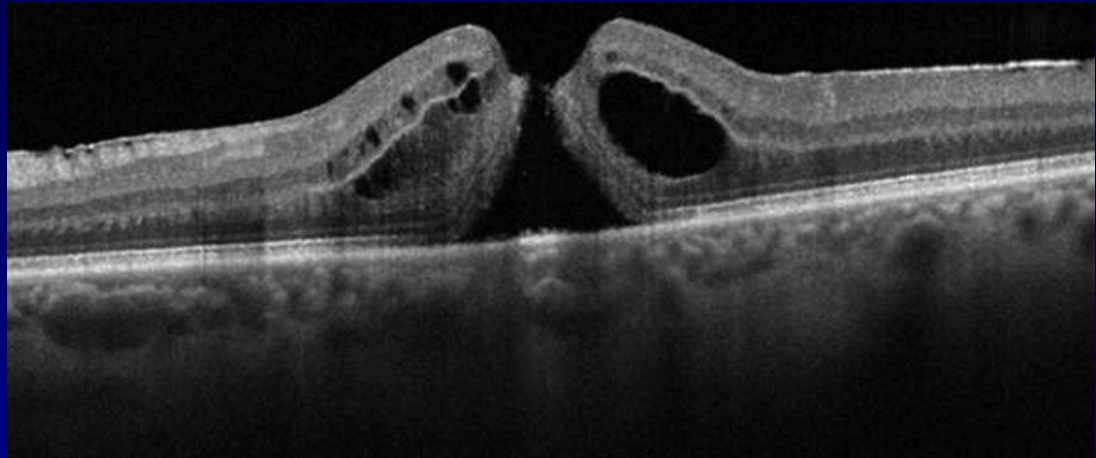
New OCT Based Classification  
System

# Full Thickness Macular Hole (FTMH)

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## Definition

- Full thickness retinal defect involving the fovea
- OCT best way to diagnose



# FTMH

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## Anatomy and Outcome-Based Classification System: 3 Factors

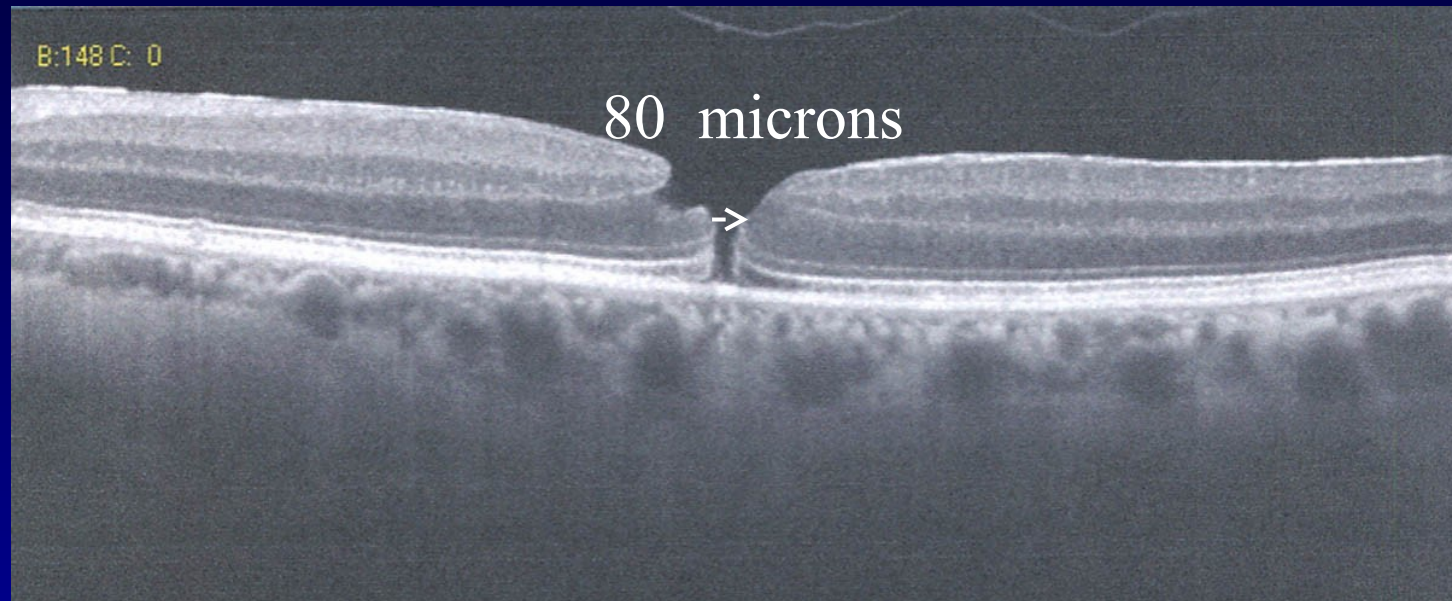
- 1. Size of defect
- 2. VMT = present or absent
- 3. Primary or secondary
- Note:
  - Not a “staging” system
  - No longer an “idiopathic” condition = Primary. Due to VMA  $\Rightarrow$  VMT

# 1. FTMH Subclassification

## Size of Aperture

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Small ( $\leq 250$  microns)

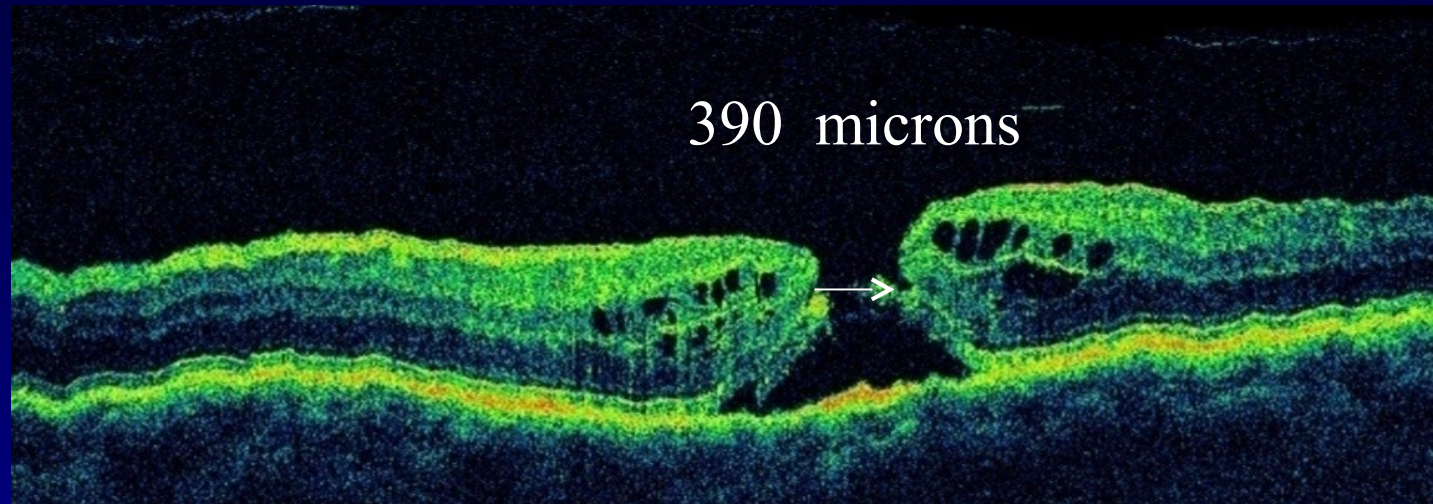
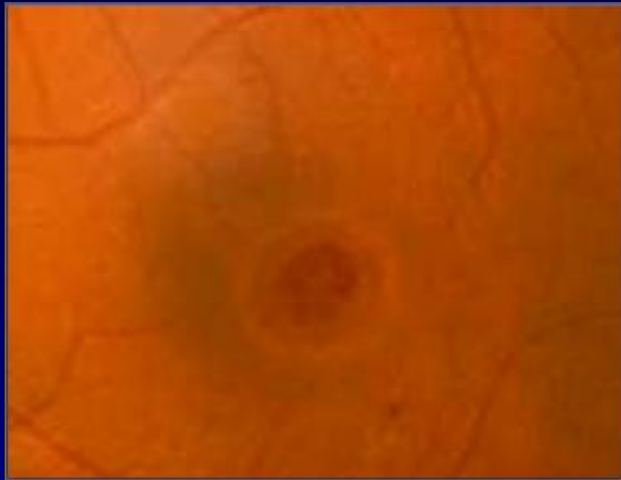


# 1. FTMH Subclassification

## Size of Aperture

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Medium (251 – 400 microns)

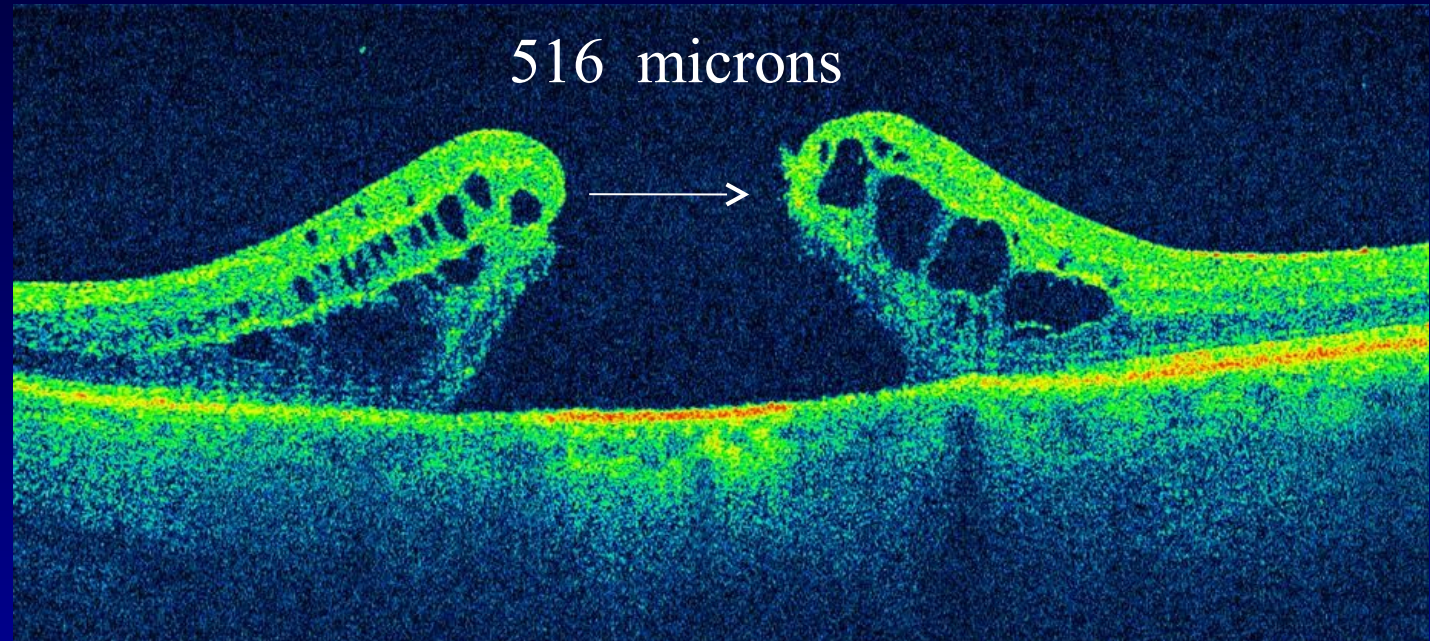


# 1. FTMH Subclassification

## Size of Aperture

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Large ( $> 400$  microns)

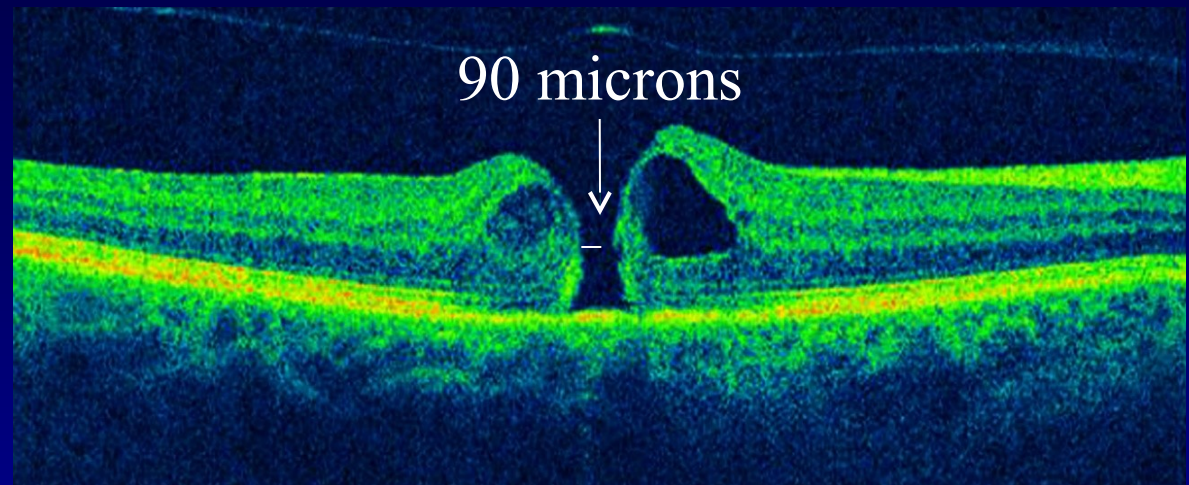
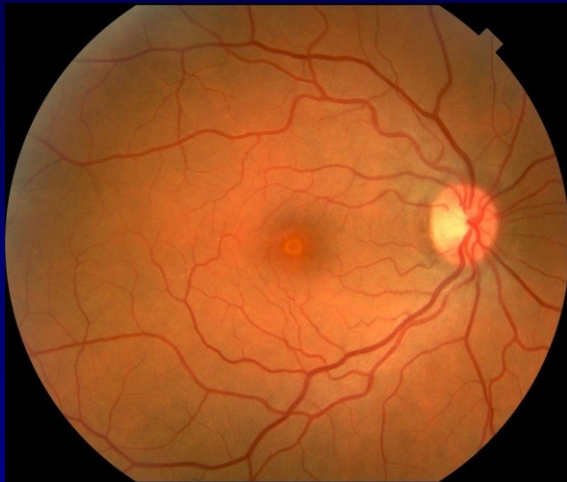


# 2. FTMH Subclassification

## Presence or Absence of VMT

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- FTMH with VMT present
- FTMH with VMT released
  - Under Gass classification – this would have been a stage 4 macular hole regardless of size

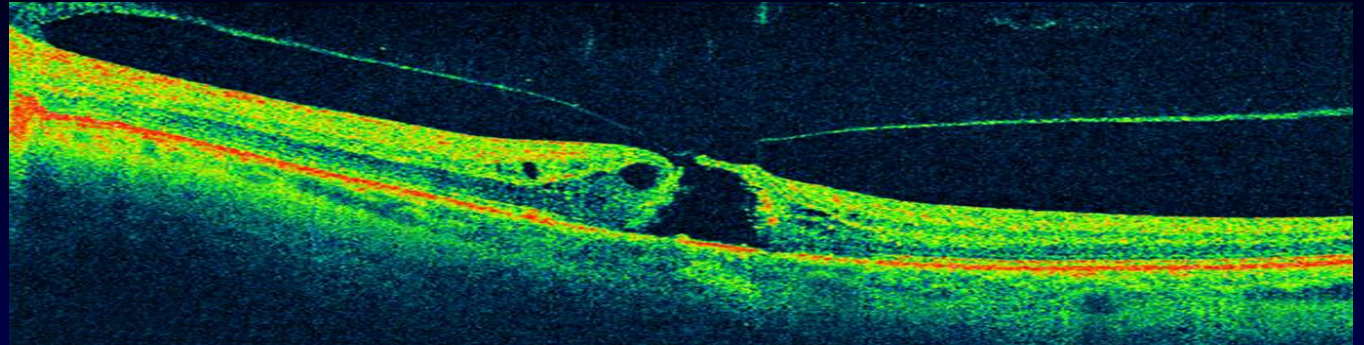


Small FTMH – VMT released

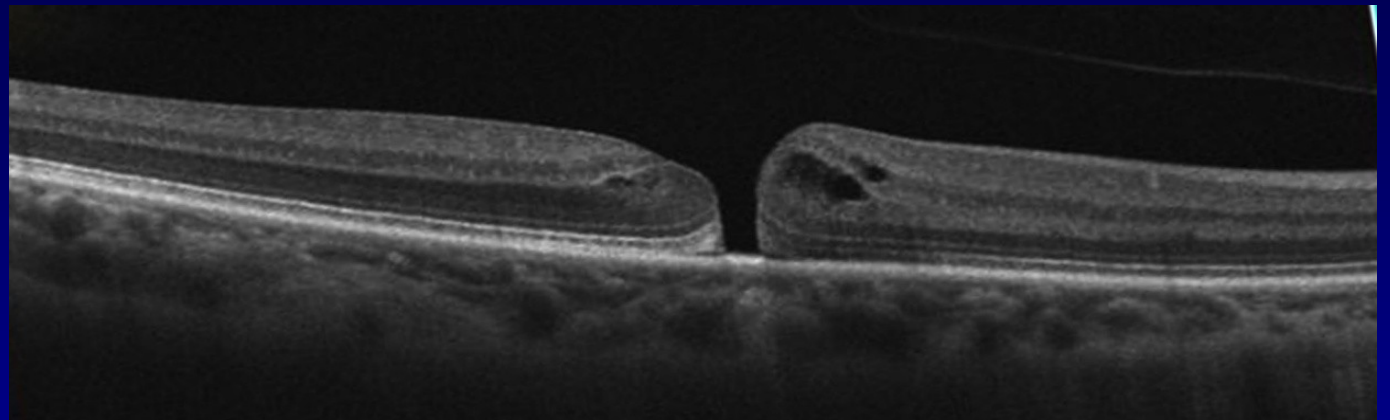
## 2. FTMH – VMT Present or Absent

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Small FTMH –  
VMT present



Small FTMH –  
VMT released





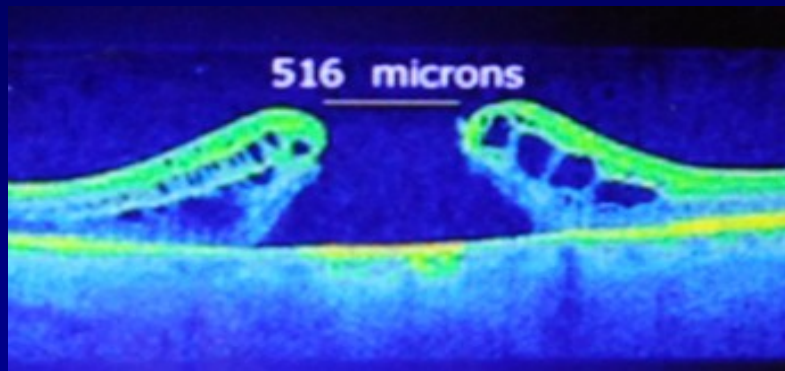
# 3. FTMH Subclassifications – Primary vs Secondary

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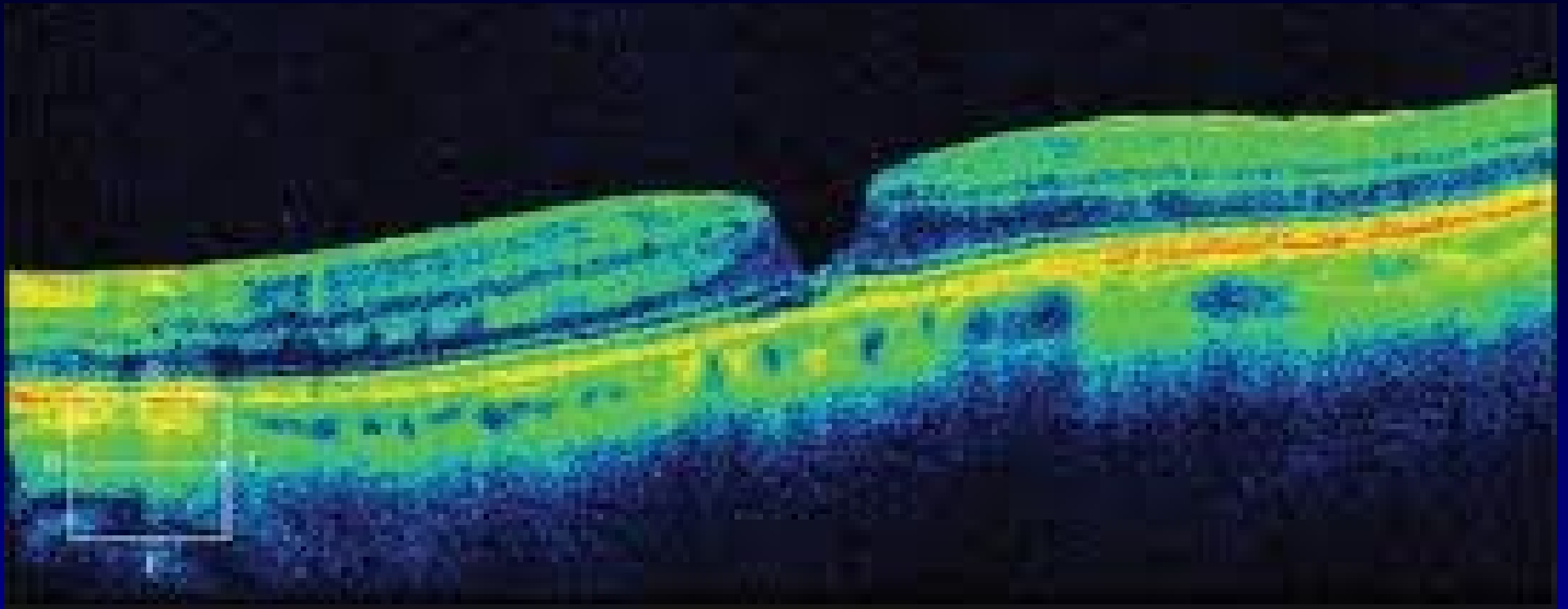
- Primary = due to VMT (formerly “idiopathic” macular hole)
- Secondary
  - Not initiated by VMA or VMT
  - Secondary to preexisting or concurrent condition or disease
    - Trauma
    - High Myopia
    - Macular Schisis
    - ERM
    - CNV

# OCT IN MACULAR HOLE

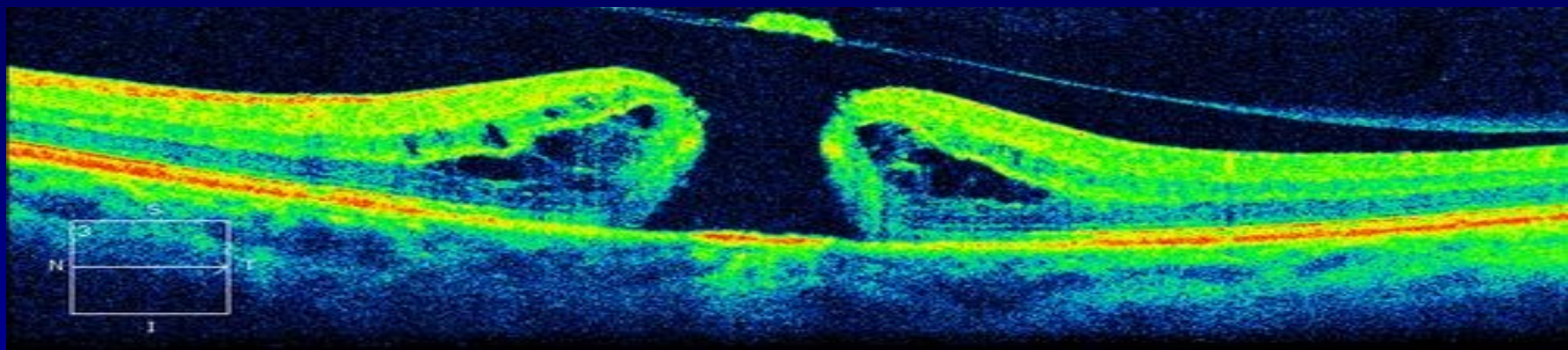
- **Helps in differentiating lamellar from FTMH.**
- **R/O VMT in fellow eye**
- **Monitor Progression**
- **Quantitative information in planning MH surgery**



# LAMELAR HOLE

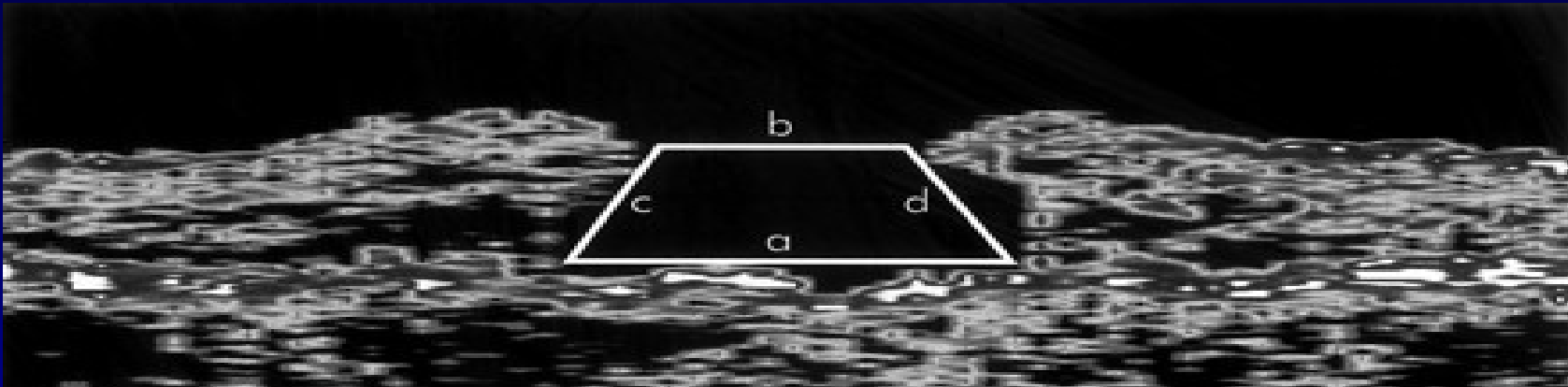


# FULL THICKNESS RETINAL DEHISCENCE



# OCT IN MAC. HOLE SURGERY

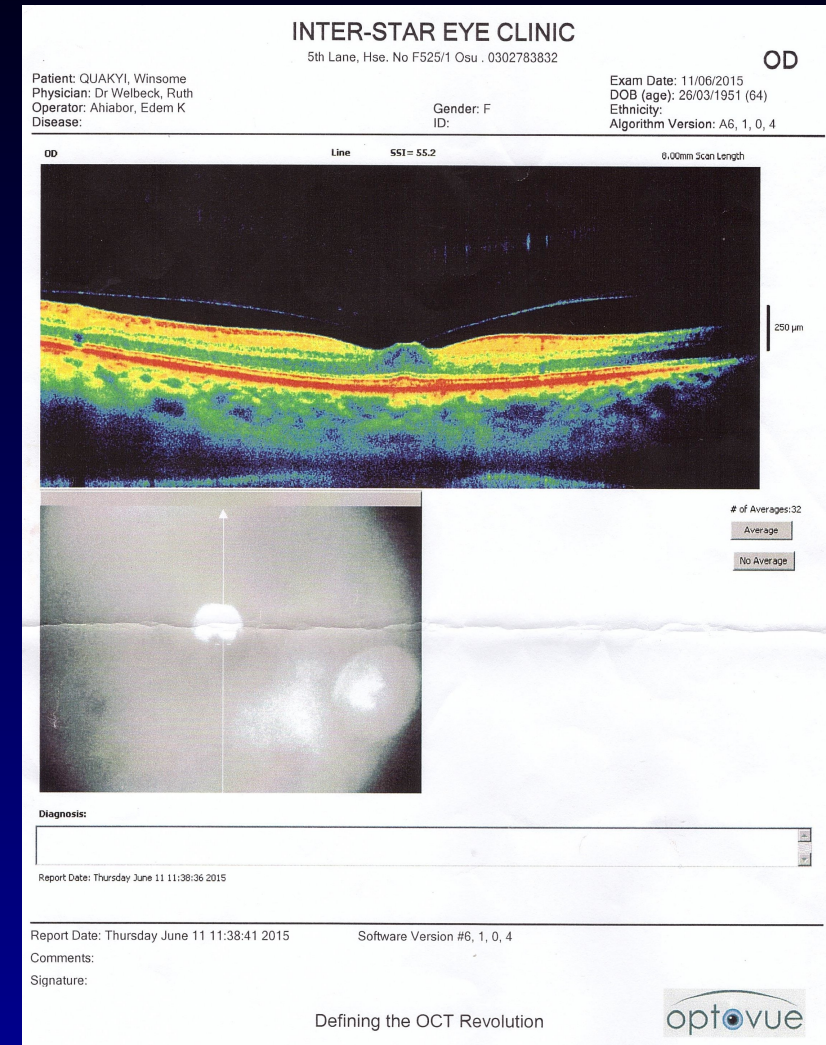
- Add important anatomic information for surgical planning and follow-up.
- **Prognosis:**
  - **MINIMUM DIAMETER**
  - **HOLE FORM FACTOR(HFF):  $c+d/a$ :**
    - Values  $<0.5$  POOR SURGICAL CLOSER.- MIN DIA HOLE



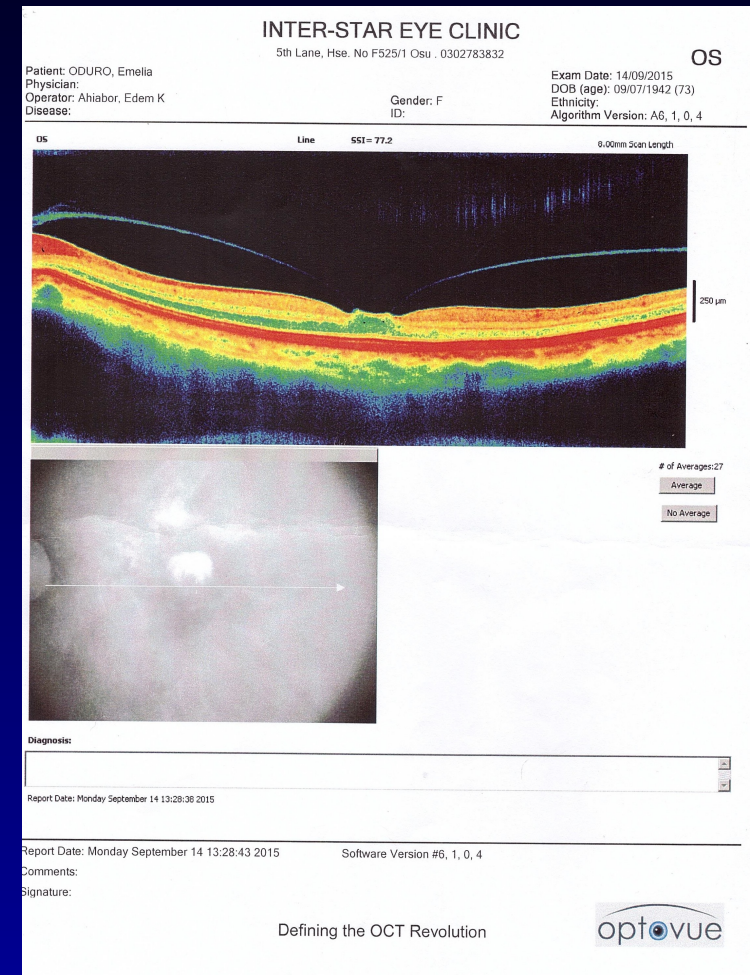
In one recent review 100% all cases with  $HFF \geq 0.9$  had closure with 1 surgery while  $HFF < 0.5$  had only 67% .

# Case 1:Focal VMT

- 73 yo single eye patient
- Referred by after oncers of visual disturbances
- BCVA 6/9 with minimal lens changes



# Case 2: VMT Released



THANK YOU