

Advances in Medical & Surgical Anterior Segment Therapy

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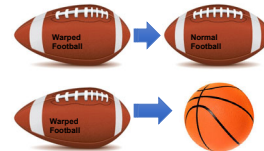
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The Future of Keratoconus

- Topography Guided PRK

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Topography-Guided PRK + CXL



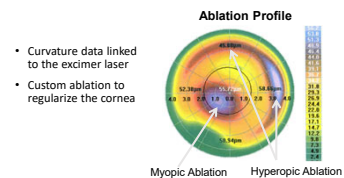
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Topography Based Ablations

Less light sensitivity, ND, reading difficulty, and glare
30% saw better without glasses after surgery than ever
before
98.4% would do it again
92.6% saw 20/20 UCVA
64.8% saw 20/16 UCVA
34.4% saw 20/12.5 UCVA

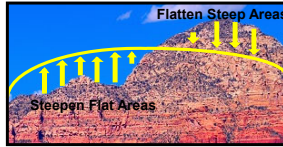
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Topography-Guided PRK

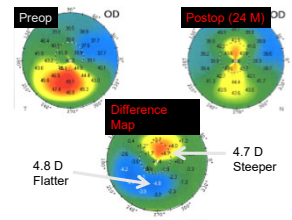


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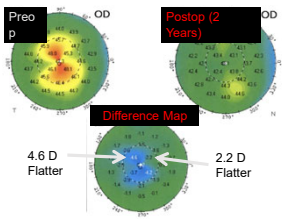
Regularize Cornea



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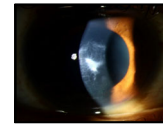
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Lessons Learned in TG-PRK + CXL



Best Candidates

- Clear corneas
- Reduced BCSVA
- Minimum corneal thickness > 450 μm
- Topographic changes in pupillary zone



Corneal Scarring is
Relative
Contraindication

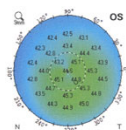
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Lessons Learned in TG-PRK + CXL



Bilateral CXL in Patients Under 25 with Unilateral Disease

- Theoretically the "normal" eye followed for progression
- In some cases the disease can progress with a rapid loss of BCSVA
- Keratoconus occurs bilaterally in 90% of patients



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Lessons Learned in TG-PRK + CXL



Patients With Stable Keratoconus May Benefit

- Patients at any age can benefit to reduce irregular astigmatism
- May allow patients to switch from RGP lenses to glasses or SCLs

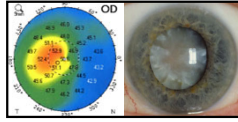


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5 Lessons Learned in TG-PRK + CXL

Keratoconus Patients with Cataracts may Benefit

- Reduce irregular astigmatism prior to cataract surgery
- Potential to discontinue RGP lenses post-cataract surgery



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8 Lessons Learned in TG-PRK + CXL

Complications of TG-PRK & CXL are Uncommon

- Corneal ulcer
- Delayed epith healing (>5 days)
- Corneal haze (> mild)
- Loss of BCSVA (6 M) > 2 lines
- Loss of BCVA (12 M) > 2 lines



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Point of Care Diagnostic Systems: The Next Step in Anterior Segment Care

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Laboratory Testing Primary Care: A Paradigm Shift

- Every specialty other than Eye Care Practitioners (ECP) couldn't practice without Lab Tests
 - Cholesterol
 - Strep throat
- FACT: Impacts 70% of all medical decisions / represents less than 3% of healthcare costs
- Only ECP do not have luxury of using reference laboratories
 - Must become a CLIA tear testing laboratory
- Primary Outcome - Clinical
 - Better patient care / satisfaction
 - Can "manage" the Disease (i.e. Disease Management)
 - Accredited Dry Eye Center (ADEEC)

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Moderate to Severe

- Autologous Serum:
 - Blood draw 30 cc (~\$15)
 - Spin @ 4000 RPM for 20 min.
 - Serum placed in container
 - Makes 6-7 containers 5 ml (mix with sterile water) 3mo supply
 - Some put antibiotic in e.g.
 - Freeze all containers except one being use
 - Dose q2h beginning then adjust
 - Cost of compounding pharmacist ~\$120

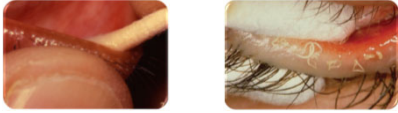
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Managing MGD in the Primary Care Setting

- OM3's
- Cycline's
- Hot compresses
- Lid Hygiene
- Meibomian Gland Expression
- Lipiflow

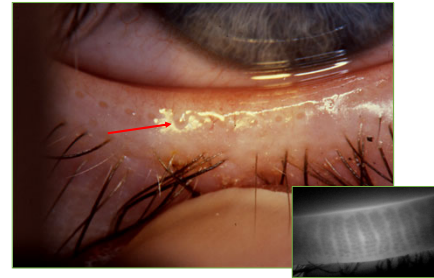
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Because Not All MGD Is Obvious,
Active Disease Identification Is Crucial



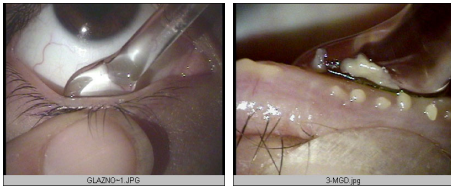
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Meibomian Glands



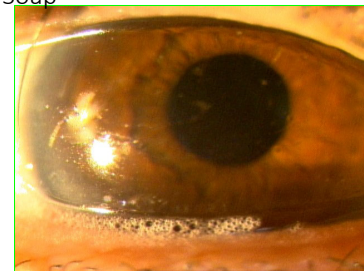
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Meibomian Gland Expression



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Bacterial Lipases Breakdown
Lipids to Soap



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Meibomian Gland Expression

- Arita Meibomian Gland Expression System
- With or without anesthesia
- Grade I-IV
- Non- billable
- More difficult at the punctal region.

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**A Novel, Targeted, Open Eye, Thermal Therapy and Meibomian Gland Clearance in the Treatment of Dry Eye:
A Randomized Controlled Investigator Masked Trial (OLYMPIA)**

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Study Overview:

- ✓ **Masked**
 - Investigator performing the endpoint assessment was masked to the subject's treatment to avoid potential bias
 - ✓ Randomized, Controlled
 - ✓ Multi-center (10 sites)
 - ✓ The protocol was amended to introduce an improved version of SmartLids[®] after first 100 subjects were treated and additional 135 subjects were enrolled for effectiveness assessment
- Objective:**
- ✓ Non-inferiority study to demonstrate effectiveness and safety of a single TearCare[®] System treatment compared to a single LipiFlow[®] treatment to treat the **signs and symptoms of dry eye disease**

Study visits: Baseline, Treatment, Day 1, Week 2, Month 1

Sample size: 235 total subjects

- ✓ 100 in pre-amendment cohort 1
- ✓ 135 in post-amendment cohort 2

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Key Inclusion & Exclusion Criteria

•Key Inclusion Criteria:

- Dry eye symptoms within the past 3 months
- Artificial tears used regularly over the past month
- OSDI Score of 23-79 (Moderate-Severe)
- TBUT of ≤ 7 seconds in both eyes
- Meibomian Gland Secretion Score ≤ 12 OU
 - At least 15 expressible glands in lower lid

Key Exclusion Criteria:

- Use of Restasis[®] or Xiidra[®] within 60 days
- Antihistamines within 10 days
- Systemic meds known to cause DE within 30 days
- IPL or LipiFlow[®] within 12 months
- MG expression within 6 months
- BlephEx[®]/debridement within 3 months
- Punctal occlusion within 30 days
- Contact lens wear within 2 wks
- Active or recurring eye infection, eyelid & ocular surface ailments, systemic diseases causing dry eye, Ocular trauma within 3 months, history of oculoplastic, and RK

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Effectiveness Analysis

•Data from cohort 2 subjects (N=135) only, was used for effectiveness assessment

•Effectiveness was assessed at 1 month as mean change from baseline and non-inferiority compared to LipiFlow[®] was evaluated for primary effectiveness endpoints

• Primary Effectiveness Endpoints

- Tear Break-Up Time (TBUT)
- Total Meibomian Gland Secretion Score (MGSS)

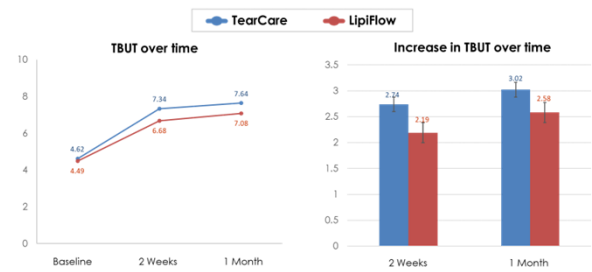
• Secondary Effectiveness Endpoints

- Ocular Surface Disease Index (OSDI) score
- Corneal staining scores
- Conjunctival staining scores
- Symptom Assessment in Dry Eye (SANDE) scores
- Eye Dryness Score
- Number of Meibomian Glands Yielding any liquid
- Number of Meibomian Glands Yielding clear liquid

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Primary Endpoint: Tear Film Break-Up Time (TBUT)



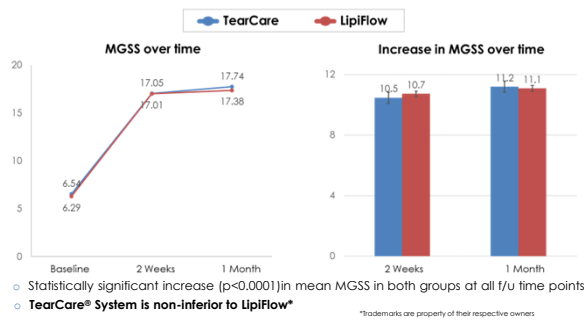
○ Statistically significant increase ($p < 0.0001$) in mean TBUT in both groups at all f/u time points

○ **TearCare[®] System is non-inferior to LipiFlow[®]**

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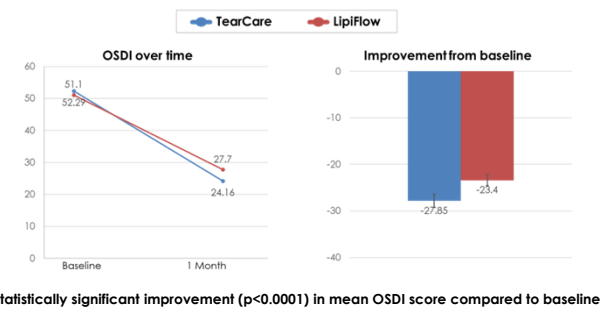
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Primary Endpoint: Meibomian Gland Secretion Score (MGSS)



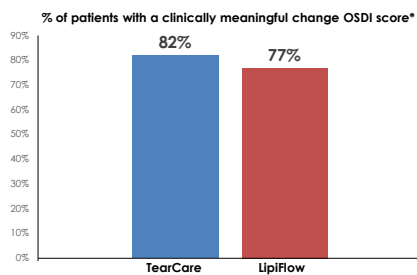
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Secondary Endpoint: Ocular Surface Disease Index (OSDI)



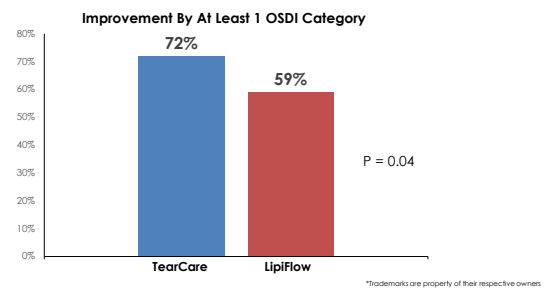
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82% of TearCare® System Subjects Showed Clinically Meaningful Improvements in OSDI*



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Greater Proportion of TearCare® System Subjects Showed Clinically Significant Symptom Relief compared with LipiFlow*



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Badawi I&II Pilot Study



TearCare® Pilot Study^{1,2}

Initial 6-month data published in *Clinical Ophthalmology*, April 2018
 Re-Treat data published in *Clinical Ophthalmology*, January 2019

•Purpose:

- Preliminary assessment of the long-term safety & effectiveness of the TearCare® system in the treatment of the signs & symptoms of dry eye disease
- Assess re-treatment at 6 months
- Gather data to help design pivotal study

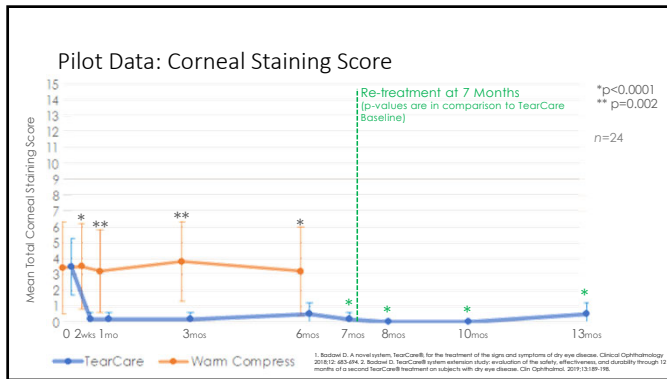
•Study details:

- Single center: David Badawi, MD
- Prospective, randomized, controlled trial
- 24 subjects followed for 6 months
 - 12 TearCare subjects
 - 12 warm compress subjects (5 minutes daily for 1 month)
- All 12 original TearCare subjects were re-treated at 7 months and followed for another 6 months (13 months total)

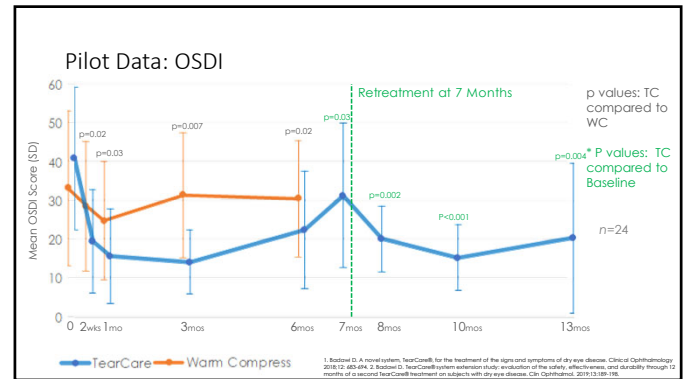
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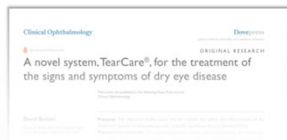


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Pilot Study Conclusions^{1,2}



The findings of this pilot study suggest that the TearCare® System is a safe and effective treatment option for patients with DED, with the treatment effects persisting for at least 6 months.



The findings of the extension study through 12 months suggest that a second TearCare® treatment after 6 months provides additional improvement in the signs and symptoms of DED.

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Advances in Office Technology in Glaucoma

- Falck Multisystem
- Melbourne Rapid Fields

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Falck Multisystem



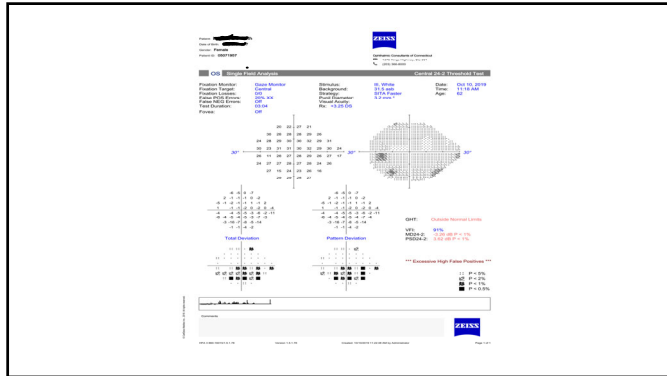
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Intraocular Pressure

- ✓ Optical Applanation Measurement
- ✓ Compensates for Corneal Biomechanics
- ✓ Multiple Serial IOP Measurements – N Value
- ✓ Systolic and Diastolic IOP
- ✓ Average IOP Displayed
- ✓ IOP Variation with Cardiac Cycle - OPA
- ✓ Precision Displayed
- ✓ CPT: 92100

IOP RESULTS			
Save			
	OD	OS	
IOP(mmHg)	17.3	16.0	
+/-4(N)	6.70	4.50	
OPA(mmHg)	12.0	13.20	
N	70	64	
OD			OS

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The Case of the Asymmetric ONH

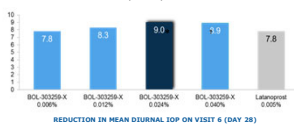
- Tx: Vyzulta 1 gtt qhs OU
- Follow up: 3 weeks
- IOP post Tx:
 - OD 17
 - OS 15
 - Tonography: OD 0.25 / OS 0.29
- Next step?

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Efficacy Results: Primary Endpoint Voyager Study

At highest doses, lowered IOP 1-1.5 mmHg more than latanoprost
Most common AE: pain upon instillation

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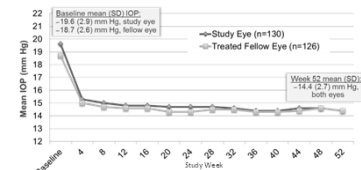


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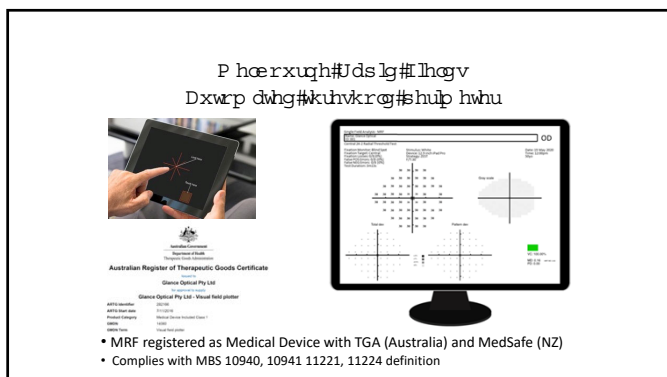
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JUPITER: Sustained IOP-lowering Efficacy through One Year

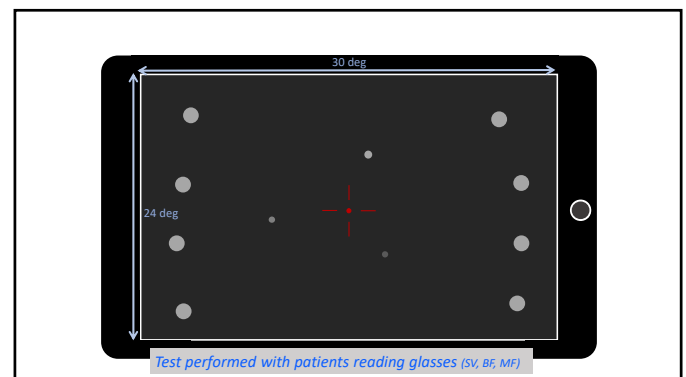
- IOP was reduced by $\geq 22\%$ with LBN at each post-treatment visit vs. baseline ($P < 0.001$ for all).



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Increasing spot size improves threshold estimate.

tvst 2016 DOI: 10.1167/tvst.5.3.3

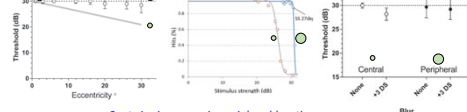
New Developments in Vision Research

Validation of a Tablet as a Tangent Perimeter

Algis J. Vingrys¹, Jessica K. Healey¹, Sheryl Liew¹, Veera Saharinen¹, Michael Tran¹, William Wu², and George Y. X. Kong²

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Spot size increases in peripheral locations:

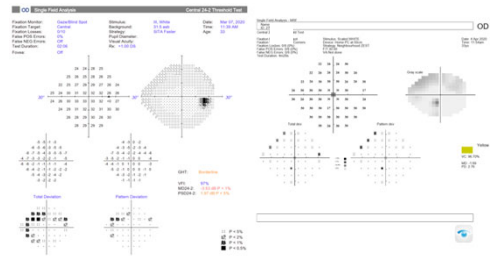
- large spots are easier to see & robust to blur
- return a **fixed threshold** with eccentricity
- **reduce variability**
- make early losses easier to find

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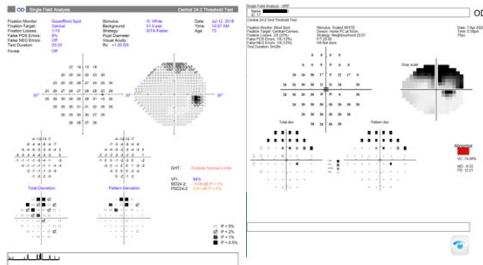
Results: outputs in familiar formats

HFAA

MRF



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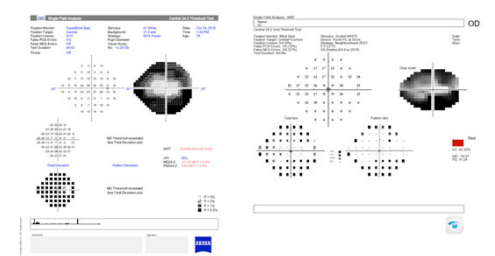


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Results: outputs in familiar formats. Advanced defect

HFA

MRF



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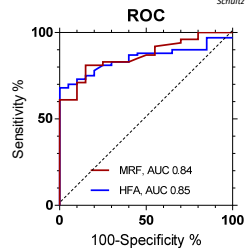
Equivalent diagnostic ability between MRF and HFA

Independent study from Macquarie University, NSW

N=50 OAG: 43 manifest HFA defects, 17 GS: 20 controls

Diagnoses based on Optic Disc

Schultz et al Clin Exper Ophthalmol 2017.



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Ongoing Trial IPL for Rosacea and Ocular Surface Disease

- Prospective clinical trial of patients with significant ocular surface disease and rosacea who were treated with intense pulses light therapy (IPL).

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Methods

- Twenty patients with moderate to severe ocular surface disease and rosacea were enrolled in the prospective clinical trial
- Inclusion criteria included: corneal staining, reduced tear break-up time, meibomian gland changes and OSDI scores in the moderate to severe range.
- Patients underwent monthly IPL treatment for six months.
- OSDI scores and slit lamp exams were performed at baseline, after each treatment and at the conclusion of the study,

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OSDI Questionnaire

OCULAR SURFACE DISEASE INDEX

Please Answer the following questions by checking the number that best represents Your Answer. How low and how often did any of the following bother you during 2022?

	4	3	2	1	0
1. Eyes that are sensitive to light?					
2. Eyes that feel gritty?					
3. Itchy or sore eyes?					
4. Blurred vision?					
5. Poor vision?					

How often do you wear contact lenses in the following way?

	4	3	2	1	0
6. Wearing?					
7. Driving at night?					
8. Working with a computer or bank machine (ATM)?					
9. Watching TV?					
10. Windy conditions?					
11. Placed or areas with low humidity (very dry)?					
12. A tearful or watery eyes?					

Score: 0-100

Legend: 0-10 Normal, 11-30 Moderate, 31-100 Severe

Total OSDI Score: (Sum of Scores for all Questions answered) X (25) (Total # of Questions Answered)

Goldman RM, et al. Reliability and validity of the Ocular Surface Disease Index. Arch Ophthalmol. 2000;118:631-635.

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Results

- All patients in the study improved in both their signs and symptoms of ocular surface disease compared to baseline
- The degree of improvement ranged from minimal to becoming symptom and sign free
- The median time to improvement of signs and symptoms was 4 months, with some changes coming as early as 2 months and others as late as 6 months
- All patients noted improvement in their facial appearance at a median of 2 months with improvements continuing through the entire treatment period.

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M22 Pre-treatment



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M22 Treatment



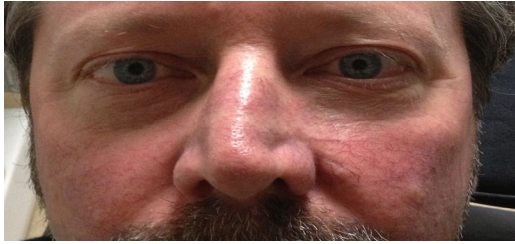
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Baseline



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4 Months



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Pt DD



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Pigmented Lesion



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How does IPL with M22 work?

- Visible wavelengths of light used
- Chromophores (such as melanin, hemoglobin) absorb light and convert energy into heat
- Variable filters can be used to adjust for skin type and target tissue as well as penetration depth into skin

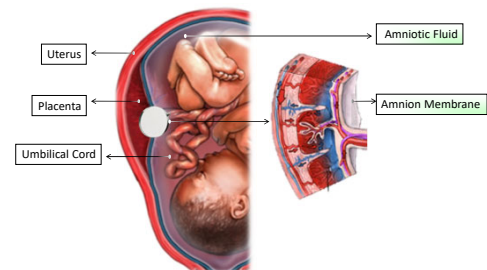
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Amniotic Membrane

- ProKera (Biotissue)
- Bio D

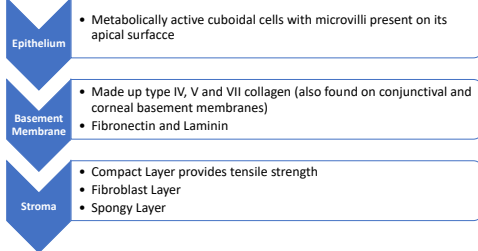
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Maternal Birth Tissues Anatomy



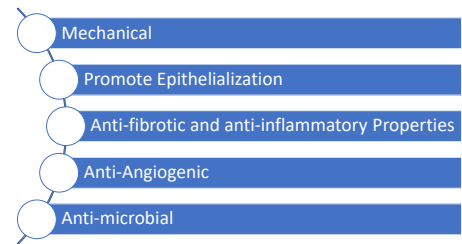
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The Structure of the Fetal Amniotic Membrane



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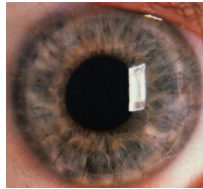
Mechanisms of Action



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Potential Clinical Applications

- Persistent Corneal Epithelial Defects
- Corneal Ulcers
- Pterygium Surgeries
- Conjunctival Surface Reconstruction
- Bullous Keratopathy
- Chemical/Thermal Burns
- Ocular Surface Reconstruction
- SJS
<http://www.aao.org/publications/eyenet/200807/cornea.cfm>
- Leaking Filtering Blebs after Glaucoma Surgery
- Cicatricial Entropion



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Product Sizes

- 9mm disc
- 12mm disc
- 15mm disc



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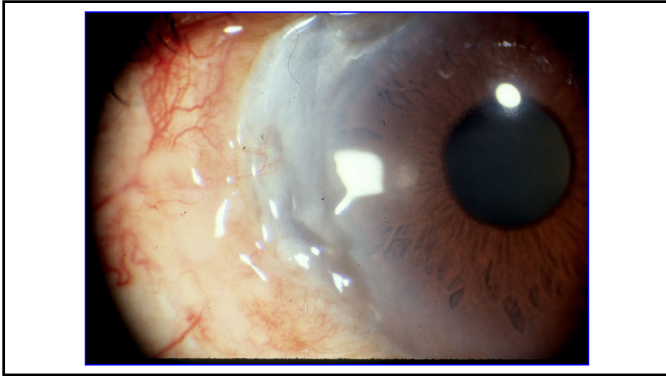


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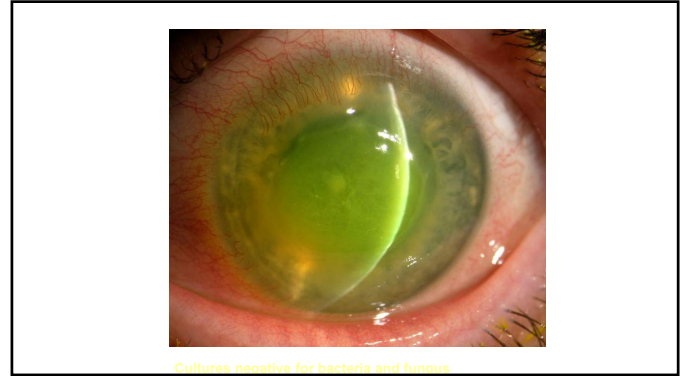
Product Specifications

Outer Diameter:	21.6	21.6	21.6
Inner Diameter:	17.9	15.5	15.5
Device Height	0.7	1.1	1.1
Tissue Thickness	100 microns	100 Microns	200 microns
Ring Description	Ring & elastomeric band system (polycarbonate)	Dual ring system (polycarbonate)	Dual ring system (polycarbonate)

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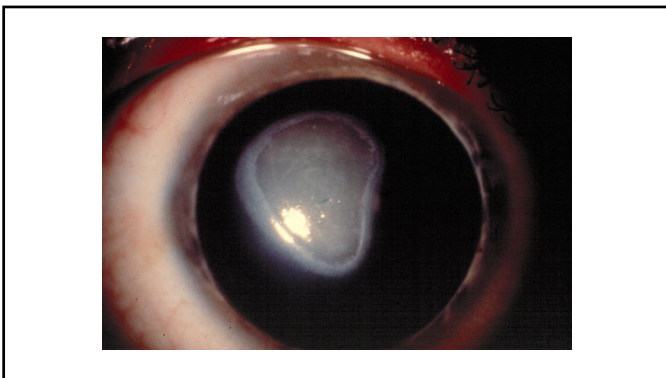


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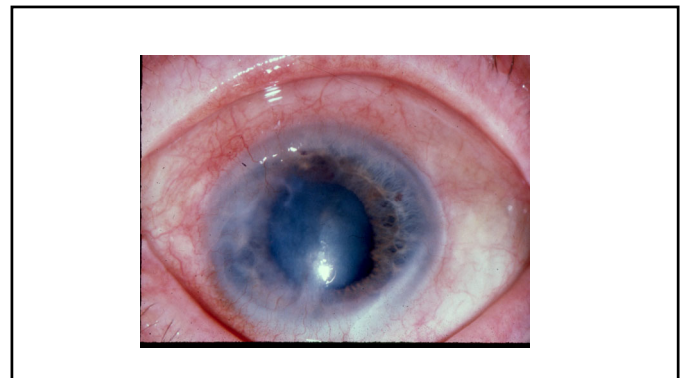


Cultures negative for bacteria and fungus

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ProKera

- Reimbursement
 - \$1,628.38
- Code: 65778

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Persistent Epithelial Defects

- Treatment
 - cyanoacrylate tarsorrhaphy
 - Indications
 - lagophthalmos
 - exposure keratitis
 - neurotrophic keratitis
 - dry eyes
 - persistent epithelial defects

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Temporary Cyanoacrylate Tarsorrhaphies

- Age (27-85) 62
- Dx:
 - Persistent epithelial defects
 - Neurotrophic keratitis
 - Exposure keratitis
 - Lagophthalmos

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Oculoplastic Procedures for the Primary Care Clinician

J. James Thimons, O.D., FAAO

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Comprehensive Lacrimology Therapy

- Includes Therapeutics
 - Topical
 - Oral
- Includes Punctal Occlusion
- Dilatation & Irrigation
- Nasolacrimal Probed
- Multiple Medical Visits

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Predisposing factors

- Age
- Gender
- Environment
- Anterior Segment Disease
- Medications
- CL Wear
- Refractive surgery
- Systemic Disease

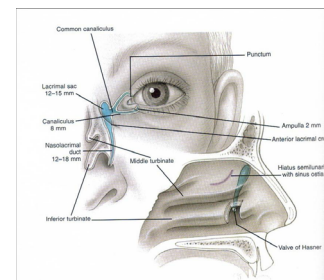
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Pathophysiology of Epiphora

- Increased Reflex Tear Production
 - Rapid tear break up time
 - OSDI
 - Ocular surface irritation
- Corneal changes:
 - Punctate epithelial erosions
 - Infiltrates related to staph hypersensitivity
- Decreased Outflow
 - Punctal Stenosis
 - Naso-Lacrimal obstruction
 - Anatomic Abnormality
 - Floppy Lid
 - Ectropion/Entropion
 - Trichiasis
 - Dacryocystitis

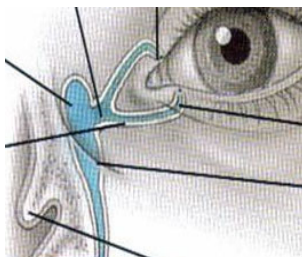
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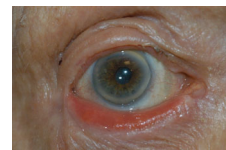
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Cicatricial Ectropion



- Chronic irritation from blepharitis and tearing can lead to cicatricial changes of eyelid skin
- Chronic wiping can exacerbate age-related laxity of lid
- Exposure and hypertrophy of conjunctiva increases tendency of lid to evert

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Floppy Lid Syndrome

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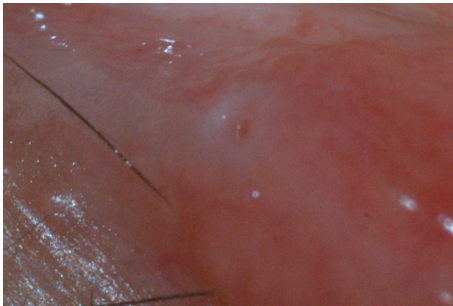


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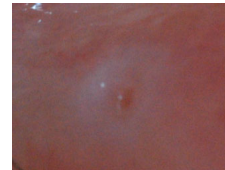
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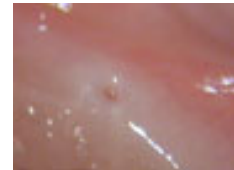
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PUNCTAL STENOSIS



NORMAL PUNCTUM

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Dilation & Irrigation

- Equipment
 - Sterile saline
 - Pediatric/Adult dilator
 - 1 or 3 ml syringe
 - 135 degree cannula
- Clinical pearl: Use antibiotic or steroid in syringe to enhance taste by patient

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Naso-lacrimal Probe

- Equipment
 - Pediatric / Adult dilator
 - Bowman's probe(multiple diameters)
 - Sterile saline
 - Anesthetic
 - Syringe
 - Cannula

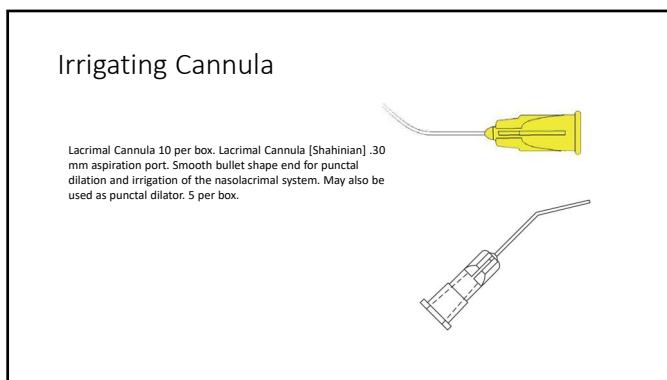
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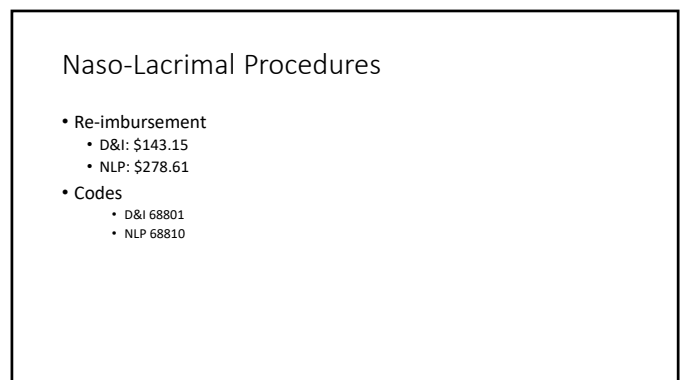
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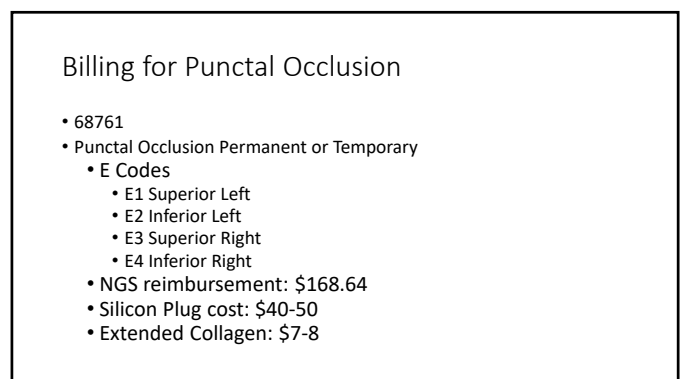
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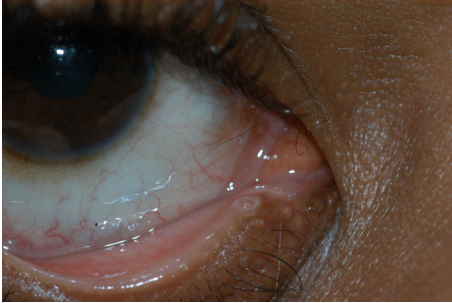
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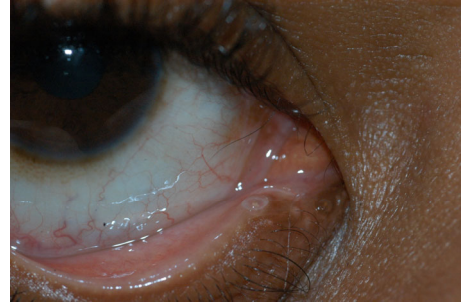
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Punctal/Canalicular Intubation for Punctal Stenosis

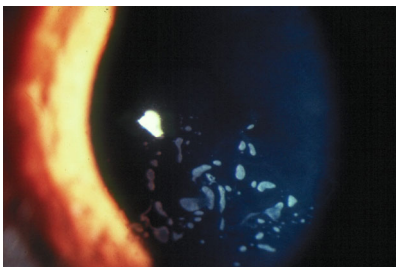
- Advantages
 - Quick, in office procedure under topical anesthesia
 - In experienced hands, essentially no risk
 - Easy to remove
- Disadvantages
 - Epiphora may increase over short term due to footplate occlusion of punctum
 - Problem may recur if underlying inflammation inadequately treated
 - No good billing code for procedure

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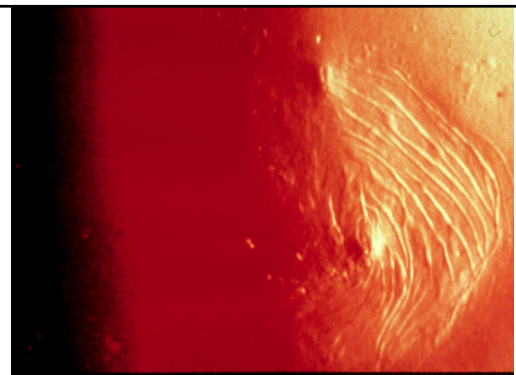
Anterior Segment Surgical Procedures

- Debridement
- Anterior Basement Membrane Micropuncture
- Complex Foreign Body Management

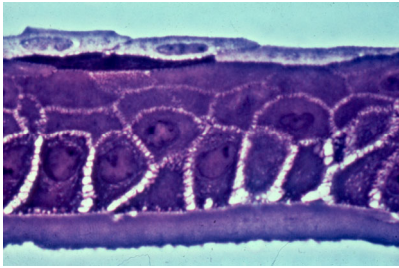
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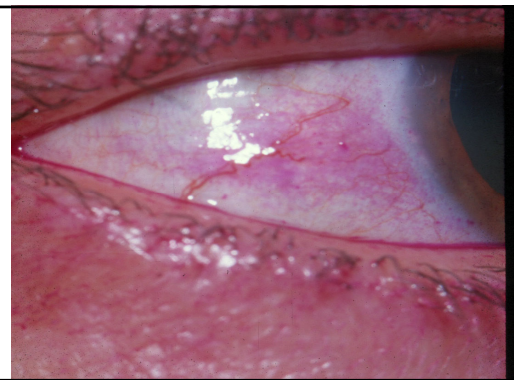
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Recurrent Erosions

•Contributing Factors

- Dry eyes
- Blepharitis
- External disease / tear film abnormalities

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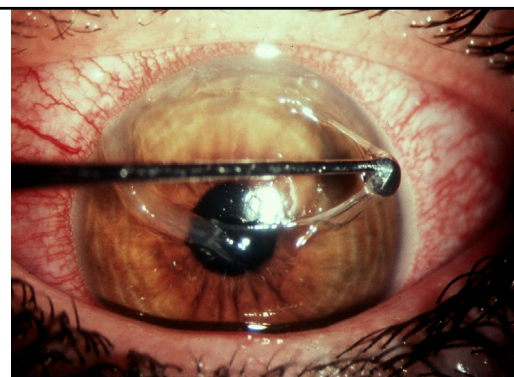
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Recurrent Erosions

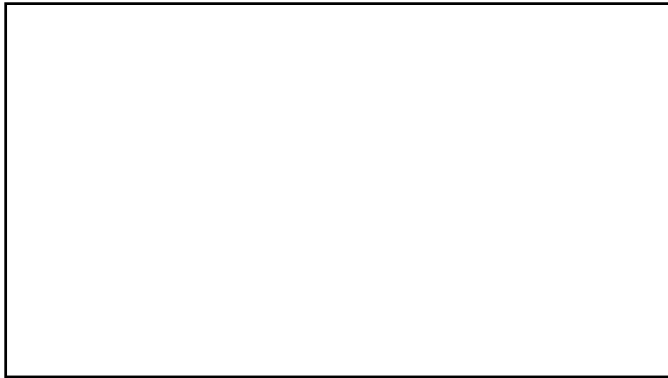
•Surgical Management

- Epithelial debridement
 - chalazion curette
 - 57 Beaver Blade

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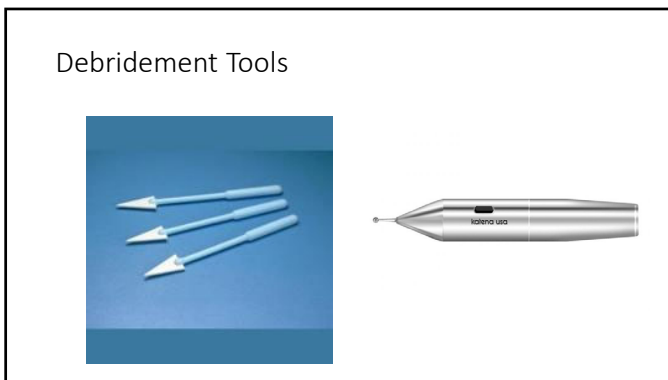
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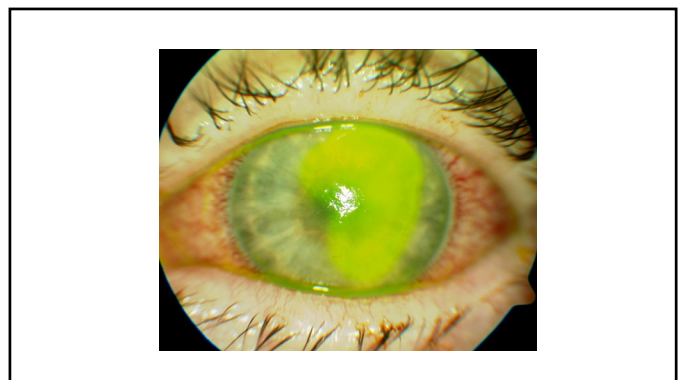
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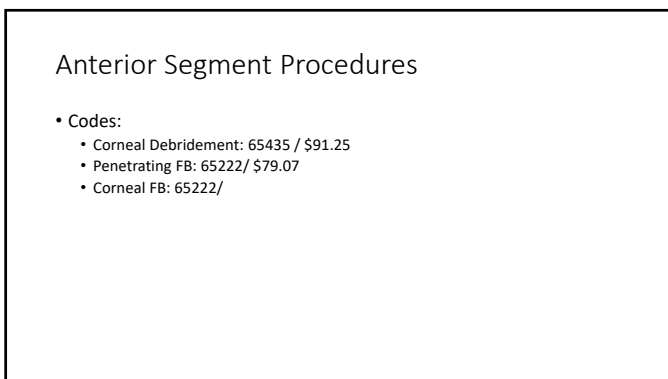
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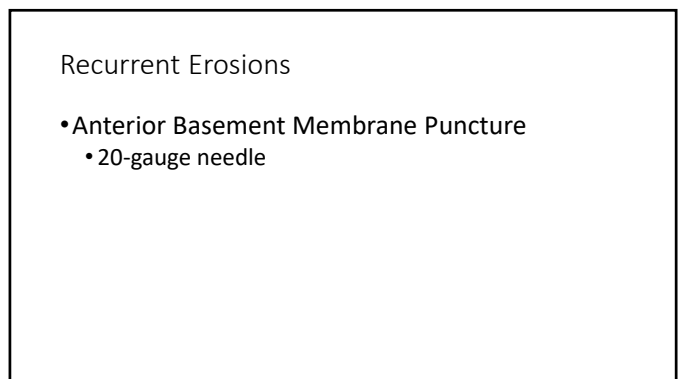
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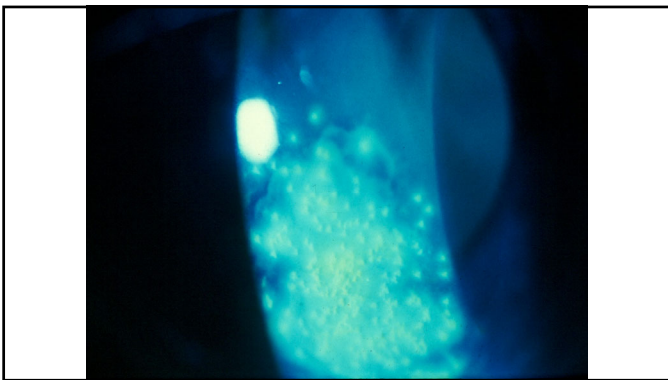
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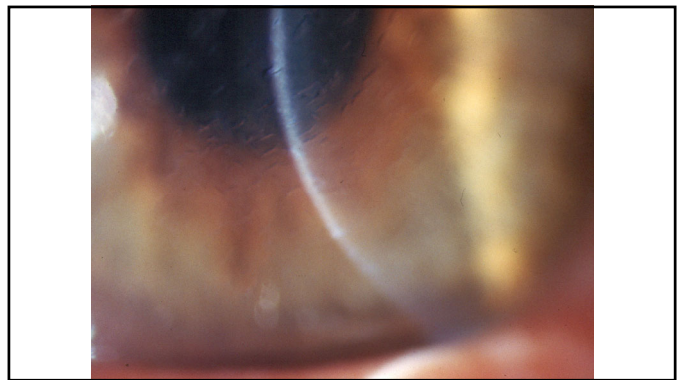
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