## **Retinal Diseases**

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The eye can only perceive a small portion of the spectrum of electromagnetic waves



#### **Sectional Anatomy of the Eye**



#### The Organization of the Retina



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### >76 yo man notices his right eye is blurry and will not improve.

He can barely distinguish the fingers on his own hand, even with glasses.

He does not have pain.

### **Central Retinal Artery Occlusion**







### 68 yo woman notices her left eye does not see clearly today.

She cannot read or even recognize faces with the left eye, even with glasses.

She does not have pain.

# Central Retinal Vein Occlusion





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# Vitamins for Dry AMD

### >AREDS 2

- Vitamin C 500 mg
- Vitamin E 400 IU
- Zinc 80 mg
- Copper 2 mg
- Lutein 10 mg
- Zeaxanthin 2 mg



### Case 3

> A 72 yo patient with "dry AMD" has been noticing bending and distortion in the right eye of things she knows to be straight. Letters seem smaller out of this eye than the other eye.



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## **Diabetic Retinopathy**

• Diabetic retinopathy is the most common cause of new cases of blindness among adults 20-74 years of age.

• Each year, about 24,000 people lose their sight because of diabetes.

• During the first two decades of disease, nearly all patients have retinopathy

# **Retinopathy Screening**

- Type 1 diabetes screen within 5 years of diagnosis
- Type 2 diabetes screen at time of diagnosis
- Pregnancy women with preexisting diabetes should be screened prior to conception and during first trimester
- Examination Methods Dilated ophthalmoscopy



<sup>1</sup>American Diabetes Association: Retinopathy in Diabetes (Position Statement). *Diabetes Care* 27 (Suppl.1): S84-S87, 2004

### **Natural History of Diabetic Retinopathy**

>Mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy (NPDR) Moderate NPDR Severe NPDR Very Severe NPDR Proliferative diabetic retinopathy (PDR)

# Mild/Moderate NPDR



### **Severe NPDR**



#### lipid exudate intraretinal hemorrhages

(From Kaiser PK, Friedman NJ, Pineda R II: Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary Illustrated Manual of Ophthalmology, 2nd ed, Philadelphia, Saunders, 2004.)

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### PDR

### Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy

- Neovascularization

   o at the optic disk (NVD)
   o algorythere in the ratios (NIV)
  - o elsewhere in the retina (NVE)
- Vitreous hemorrhage
- Retinal traction, tears, and detachment

# **Proliferative retinopathy**





#### neovascularization

#### capillary nonperfusion

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# TREATMENT

LASER: Light Amplification by the Stimulated Emission of Radiation

- Focal
- Grid
- Panretinal photocoagulation





# **PDR Retinal Detachment**



# **PDR Retinal Detachment**



# **Diabetic Macular Edema**



Hard exudate

# Normal OCT



# Diabetic Macular Edema OCT



## **DME laser treatment**



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# **Ocular Baseline Characteristics**

	Aflibercept (N = 224)	Bevacizumab (N = 218)	Ranibizumab (N = 218)
Mean visual acuity letter score (~Snellen Equivalent)	69 (20/40)	69 (20/40)	68 (20/50)
Mean OCT CST (µm)	387	376	390
Any Prior Focal/Grid Laser	36%	39%	37%
Any Prior Treatment with anti-VEGF	11%	14%	13%
Phakic	74%	73%	79%

# DME Treatment Through 1 Year: anti-VEGF and Laser

	Aflibercept N = 208	Bevacizumab N = 206	Ranibizumat N = 206	o <i>P</i> - Value			
# of Injections (Max = 13)							
Mean	9.2	9.7	9.4				
Median (25 <sup>th</sup> , 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	9 (8, 11)	10 (8, 12)	10 (8, 11)	0.045†			
At least one focal/grid laser	37%	56%	46%	<0.001‡			

<sup>†</sup>Global (overall 3 group comparison) *P*-value. Pairwise comparisons (adjusted for multiple comparisons): aflibercept-bevacizumab: P = 0.045, aflibercept-ranibizumab: P = 0.19, bevacizumab-ranibizumab: P = 0.22.

<sup>‡</sup>Global (overall 3 group comparison) *P*-value. Pairwise comparisons (adjusted for multiple comparisons): aflibercept-bevacizumab: *P*<0.001, aflibercept-ranibizumab: *P* = 0.058, bevacizumab-ranibizumab: *P* = 0.061.

### Mean Change in Visual Acuity Letter Score, Full Cohort



---Aflibercept ---Bevacizumab ---Ranibizumab 44

\* *P*-values adjusted for baseline visual acuity and multiple comparisons

### Subgroup Analysis Baseline Best-corrected Visual Acuity

#### 20/32-20/40

#### 20/50 or worse



### Conclusion

- All three anti-VEGF agents are effective treatments for DME
   When initial visual acuity loss is mild, on average there is little difference in visual acuity at 1-year.
   At worse levels of initial visual acuity aflibercept is more effective at improving
  - vision.

### End-stage diabetic eye disease



PHTHISIS
 Shrunken, soft eye with
 opaque vascularised cornea and no visual potential

### Prevention of Diabetic Retinopathy Associated Vision Loss

 Intensive glycemic control
 blood pressure control (<130/80 mmHg)</li>
 Annual dilated eye examinations

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