

What Did I Miss?

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Course Overview

- Review of recent literature with emphasis on anterior segment laser surgery
- Relevant studies, results, and conclusions will be presented

SLT



Factors Associated With Favorable Laser Trabeculoplasty Response: IRIS Registry Analysis

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IRIS Registry Analysis (2021)

- "Responders": At least 20% IOP reduction after 8 weeks
- "Nonresponders": Less than 20% IOP reduction after 8 weeks

IRIS Registry Analysis (2021)

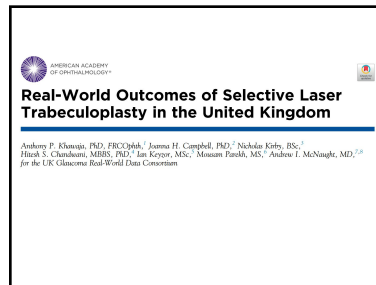
- High baseline IOP predicts response
- Angle recession, uveitis, aphakia decrease response

IRIS Registry Analysis (2021)

- Overall response rate 37%
- Among baseline IOP over 24mmHg: 69% response rate
 - Mean baseline IOP 19.1mmHg
 - These providers are offering SLT with low IOP, despite evidence that SLT is most effective with high IOP

IRIS Registry Analysis (2021)

- Nonresponders with at least 1 medication at baseline: 76% had fewer medications after SLT
- Basically replaces medications in this case



- The major baseline factor associated with SLT success was pre-SLT IOP
- At low IOP, resistance to outflow may be affected by non-TM pathway including Schlemm's canal and episcleral venous pressure

- No association between concurrent glaucoma medication use and treatment success
- Includes PGA use
- "Our study is strongly powered for examining this association and suggests that SLT is a reasonable treatment option even in patients already using drops"



- Retrospective case series
- 835 eyes

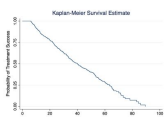


Figure 1. Kaplan-Meier survival estimates of eyes submitted to primary selective laser trabeculoplasty.

- 88% at 12 months, 70% at 24 months, 54% at 36 months

- 55% of patients in this series had good IOP control with medication; SLT was performed to reduce or eliminate eyedrops

- Multivariable model demonstrated higher probability of treatment success with heavier TM pigmentation
- Controversial topic with mixed reports in the literature
- Those treated with steroids postoperatively had better outcomes
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ORIGINAL STUDY

Predictors of Success in Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty: Data From the Lausanne Laser Trabeculoplasty Registry

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	Univariate Analysis			Multivariate Analysis		
	OR	CI	P	OR	CI	P
Qualified success						
Age*				0.99	0.98-1.00	0.76
Sex (male)*				2.29	1.15-4.55	0.02
Prevalent glaucoma*				0.49	0.23-1.07	0.10
Capillary ratio*				0.29	0.03-2.47	0.26
Baseline IOP*				0.89	0.88-0.90	<0.001
Baseline IOP post-SLT†				2.25	1.10-4.65	0.03
Baseline MD†	0.97	0.91-1.05	0.74			
Baseline RNFL‡	1.02	0.99-1.05	0.24			
OHT diagnosis§	1.29	0.59-2.85	0.55			
POAG diagnosis¶	0.75	0.26-1.98	0.65			
PCOG diagnosis‡	1.39	0.34-4.17	0.77			
Impact (mmHg)*				1.00	0.99-1.04	0.29
Total energy†	1.00	0.99-1.03	0.63			
Capillary success						
Age*				1.00	0.98-1.04	0.89
Sex (male)*				1.37	0.69-2.56	0.37
Prevalent glaucoma*				0.43	0.20-1.04	0.26
Capillary ratio*				1.13	0.14-9.97	0.90
Baseline IOP*				0.89	0.88-0.90	0.21
Baseline IOP post-SLT†				0.89	0.89-1.03	0.21
Baseline MD†	1.00	0.99-1.02	0.89			
Baseline RNFL‡	1.37	0.69-2.76	0.39			
OHT diagnosis§	0.93	0.47-1.84	0.84			
POAG diagnosis¶	0.84	0.27-2.38	0.76			
PCOG diagnosis‡				1.00	0.99-1.04	0.22
Impact (mmHg)*						
Total energy†	1.02	1.00-1.04	0.04			

Predictive Factors for Outcomes of Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty

Matthew Hirabayashi^{1,2}, Vikram Ponnusamy³ & Jella An^{1,2,4}

	Values		P-value	
	2 month	6 month	2 month	6 month
Age (years), mean ± SD	70.8 ± 11.9	70.8 ± 11.3	0.540	0.889
Sex				
Female	48.3 (5.1)	49.2 (5.1)	0.248	0.074
Type (successful cases)				
POAG, n (%)	44.79 (61.4)	70.97 (61.4)		
NTG, n (%)	9.79 (13.4)	13.97 (13.4)		
SOAG, n (%)	4.79 (5.3)	5.97 (5.2)		
Severity (successful cases)			0.588	0.311
MGL, n (%)	32.79 (42.1)	43.97 (42.1)		
Moderate, n (%)	14.79 (19.4)	18.97 (18.5)		
Severe, n (%)	30.79 (39.3)	30.97 (29.2)		
TM Pigmentation (successful cases)*			0.494	0.134
Light, n (%)	43.74 (62.4)	70.97 (62.4)		
Heavy, n (%)	13.74 (17.6)	16.97 (17.4)		
Total Energy Delivery (mJ), mean ± SD			0.325	0.989
Success	41.4 ± 28.7	44.2 ± 24.3		
Failure	82.1 ± 22.8	98.7 ± 24.2		
Baseline IOP (successful cases)			<0.001*	<0.001*
>18 mmHg, n (%)	36.79 (53.7)	73.97 (77.3)		
<18 mmHg, n (%)	30.79 (38.3)	12.97 (12.7)		

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Energy Dose-Response in Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty: A Review

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- Literature review to look for relationship between SLT energy and efficacy
- SLT procedures vary widely between clinicians
- How do we determine the optimal energy setting?

- Findings
 - No indication that higher or lower energy leads to greater or less IOP reduction
 - "All reported single pulse energies as well as total energy applied to TM lead to similar IOP reduction
 - There were indications that treating the full 360° could yield better outcomes than partial treatments
 - They speculate that there may be a threshold energy level of response (yet to be determined), above which IOP is reduced

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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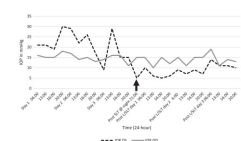
Using Icare HOME tonometry for follow-up of patients with open-angle glaucoma before and after selective laser trabeculoplasty

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TABLE 2 Preoperative and postoperative IOP data

	Pre-SLT	Post-SLT	P-value
Mean IOP	17.6 (3.79)	12.5 (4.20)	<.001
Maximum IOP	26.3 (6.58)	20.1 (8.54)	<.001
IOP fluctuation	4.35 (1.26)	3.29 (1.61)	<.05

Note: Values represent the mean (SD).



iCare study: Conclusions

- Significant IOP reduction at 1 week
- Reduction in IOP fluctuation

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Consensual Ophthalmotonic Reaction Following Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty

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- Does monocular SLT affect pressure in the fellow eye? How much and how long does it last?
- Retrospective chart review
- N=85
- Excluded patients with previous surgery or laser in either eye

- Results: fellow eyes had a statistically significant decrease from baseline IOP for 4-9 months

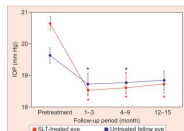


Fig. 3. Average of retinal pressures (IOP) before and after SLT in the treated eye and the fellow eye in different follow-up periods. * $p < 0.05$ when compared to pre-treatment (Student paired t-test)

- How do they explain the consensual response?
- Systemic production of prostaglandins



- Analyzed Medicare claims data
- From 2015 to 2018, overall utilization of SLT decreased
- During that time, optometry performed a higher percentage of SLT in Kentucky, Louisiana, and Oklahoma

	2015		2018		
State	Ophthalmology	Optometry	Ophthalmology	Optometry	p-value ^a
KY	\$212,373.4	\$56,989.2	\$144,185.8	\$74,696.6	<0.001
LA	\$738,728.1	\$35,140.1	\$351,345.1	\$18,617.7	<0.001
OK	\$388,526.3	\$81,837.1	\$412,630.1	\$105,639.0	<0.001
Total	\$1,339,627.7	\$171,966.5	\$908,161.1	\$198,953.3	<0.001

Table 1. Fee For Service Medicare Allowed Laser Trabeculoplasty Payments, \$ [N]

^a Chi-square Analysis Assessing Optometric to Ophthalmologic Ratio Differences in Summed Medicare Allowed LTP Payments between 2015 and 2018



Efficacy of Repeat Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty in Medication-Naïve Open-Angle Glaucoma and Ocular Hypertension during the LiGHT Trial

LiGHT retreatment data

- Looked at patients requiring retreatment within 18 months
- Retreatment triggered by failure to hit individualized target IOP and/or disease progression
- 115 eyes met these criteria



LiGHT repeat SLT data

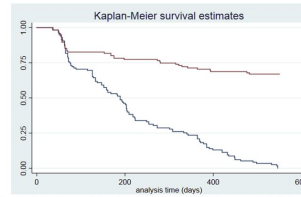


Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier plot for 115 eyes initial selective laser trabeculoplasty (SLT) (blue line) versus repeat SLT (red line).

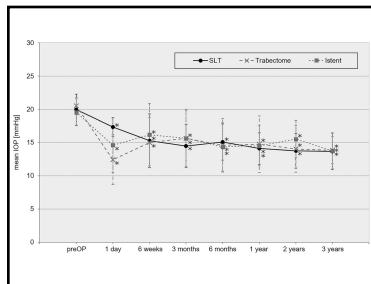
LiGHT repeat SLT: Conclusions

- "After repeat SLT, the cumulative effect of initial and repeat SLT may provide an equivalent and possibly longer duration of clinical benefit than after initial SLT alone."
- "Repeat SLT is safe, with minimal laser-related side effects seen during the LiGHT trial."

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty Versus MIGS: Forgotten Art or First-Step Procedure in Selected Patients with Open-Angle Glaucoma

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- "As 'magic dwells in each beginning', new procedures might detract from the effectiveness and safety of methods like SLT, which then become neglected."
- They advocate SLT first, followed by MIGS as needed

SLT Learning Curve

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Evaluation of selective laser trabeculoplasty as an intraocular pressure lowering option

SLT Learning Curve

- Residents vs "less experienced specialists" vs "senior specialists"
- Residents = attendings
- Residents & specialists < senior specialists
- Senior specialists: More spots, more energy, more success
 - No mention of complications
- Conclusion: "The data would suggest that experience is not the deciding factor in terms of outcome and IOP reduction."



Real-World Outcomes of Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty in the United Kingdom

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- Better outcomes with trainees compared to their consultants
- They assume the more difficult cases were done by consultants
- "Certainly, our data do not suggest an increased chance of success with more experienced laser operators"

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- No difference in outcomes:
 - Glaucoma specialists, nonglaucoma anterior segment surgeons, and "others"
 - Varying number of LTP performed in the 12 months preceding the study
- "Technical demands of LTP are modest."

ORIGINAL ARTICLE Laser Trabeculoplasty Perceptions and Practice Patterns of Canadian Ophthalmologists

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Where does the initial LTP fall the most in your glaucoma treatment algorithm?	124
First-line treatment of glaucoma	22 (17.7)
Concurrently with medical treatment	59 (47.6)
After medical treatment but before surgery	42 (33.9)
After medical treatment and surgery	1 (0.8)

What influences your LTP practice patterns the most?	122
Evidence in literature	50 (40.3)
Teaching during training	19 (15.3)
Past clinical experience	53 (42.7)
Other	2 (1.6)

Would you benefit from a practice guideline for a laser trabeculoplasty?	124
Yes	105 (84.7)
No	19 (15.3)

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Effectiveness of selective laser trabeculoplasty in advanced open-angle glaucoma

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"Selective laser trabeculoplasty is an effective and easy-to-perform physical treatment of advanced open-angle glaucoma with a satisfactory safety profile. It overcomes poor adhesion problems. Our results need to be extended to assess long-term success."

Morphologic and Cellular Changes Induced by Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty

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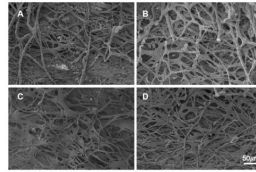


Figure 4 Scanning electron micrographs of the human cornea and endothelial trabecular meshwork (magnification 330x) at 1 day (B), 7 days (C), and 30 days (D) after SLT treatment. (A) Control. (E) 30 days post-SLT. The images show the morphology of the cornea and endothelial trabecular meshwork at different time points after SLT treatment.

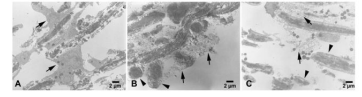


Figure 5 Transmission electron micrographs of human trabecular meshwork (TM) after SLT treatment compared to sham control. (A) Sham control, (B) 1 day post-SLT, (C) 7 days post-SLT, and (D) 30 days post-SLT. The images show the morphology of the TM at different time points after SLT treatment.



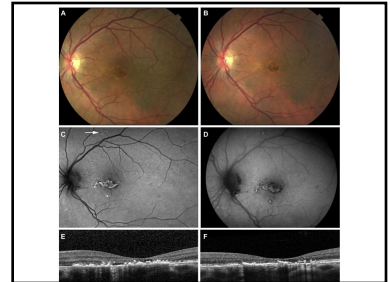
Reports



Dual-mode Capsulotomy and Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty Lasers Continue to Cause Severe, Permanent Macular Injuries



- Case report of a 65-year-old woman complaining of severe vision loss after a failed capsulotomy one week prior
- She was informed that the laser procedure could not be performed in her left eye because of "laser focusing problems"



What happened?

- "Severe macular injuries after inadvertent attempts to use and SLT laser beam to perform capsulotomy"

Who is to blame?

- "Administrative controls were absent or ignored. Laser safety officials at any facility with a capsulotomy-SLT laser system should be aware of its potential misuse"
- "Engineering controls to prevent improper laser mode selection were also inadequate"

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Hypopyon following selective laser trabeculoplasty

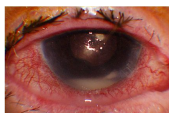
Lisa R. Koenig^a, Kyle D. Kovacs, Mitinili P. Gupta, Sarah H. Van Tassel

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- 85 yr old woman with POAG
- Routine SLT (95 total mJ 360)

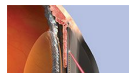
Day 6 Post SLT

- HM vision
- IOP 32mmHg
- Epithelial defect
- Unremarkable uveitis w/u
- A/c paracentesis negative for herpes



Novel SLT approaches

- Annual low-power SLT for OHTN
 - 2014 ARVO paper
 - 0.4mJ; 40-50 spots over 360 degrees
 - Repeated yearly, regardless of IOP level
 - Followed 3-10 years
 - Mean treated IOP similar to traditional SLT
 - Fewer patients needed medications to control IOP vs traditional SLT



Novel SLT approaches

REVIEW

A Review of Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty: Recent Findings and Current Perspectives

Yajia Zhou · Ahmad A. Araf

- 2018 Review:
 - Shorter time interval between the initial and repeat SLT can result in higher success rates because of ongoing action of initial SLT application

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Low-energy Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty Repeated Annually: Rationale for the COAST Trial

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COAST Trial to Assess Annual Low-energy SLT

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• A competing Italian ARVO study (the Glaucoma Study) demonstrated that a regimen of low-energy selective laser trabeculoplasty (SLT) repeated annually (regardless of IOP) produced significantly longer medication-free survival than standard SLT repeated as needed. In patients with primary open-angle glaucoma (POAG) at high risk for ocular hypertension (OHT), significantly more eyes (90%) were treated annually with SLT 300° performed once, compared to SLT 360° repeated as needed at standard energy, and low-energy SLT 360° SLT is a multipoint in 30-60 spots repeated annually at low energy regardless of IOP.

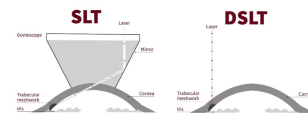
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Novel SLT approaches

- Trans-scleral approach (Direct SLT)
 - 2014 ARVO paper
 - SLT applied to sclera overlying TM
 - IOP reduction equivalent to traditional SLT



Automated Direct Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty: First Prospective Clinical Trial

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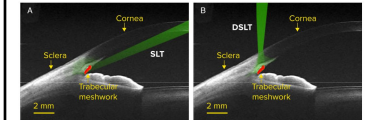
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Direct SLT Goldenfeld et. al (2021)

- 15 eyes IOP >21mmHg
- OAG, OHTN, PXG
- 1mJ for 100 shots versus 1.4mJ for 120 shots

Direct SLT Goldenfeld et. al (2021)

Total Cohort and Subgroups	1 Month Postop				3 Months Postop				6 Months Postop			
	Baseline IOP	% Reduction	P	IOP	% Reduction	P	IOP	% Reduction	P	IOP	% Reduction	P
Total Cohort (n=15)	26.0 ± 3.3	23.3 ± 4.2	0.01	20.8 ± 3.3	21.6	<0.001	21.1 ± 4.6	18.8	0.001	20.7 ± 5.4	21	0.001
1-mJ/100shots (n=10)	26.4 ± 3.5	21.0 ± 4.4	0.04	20.9	20.9	0.001	20.7 ± 5.4	21	0.001	20.7 ± 5.4	21	0.001
1.4-mJ/120shots (n=5)	25.2 ± 2.2	23.2 ± 2.2	0.04	19.7	21.5 ± 3.7	0.02	19.7	21.5 ± 3.7	0.02	19.7	21.5 ± 3.7	0.02
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Direct SLT

- EAGLE Device (External Automatic Glaucoma LasEr)
 - Automated device being investigated
 - 100 spots simultaneously
 - 1 second treatment time
 - No gonio lens



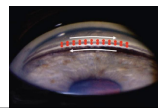
- Purpose: first-line treatment of glaucoma is currently limited by nonadherence to topical medication and by *lack of access to SLT*
- Evaluator masked, randomized, controlled, non-inferiority study
- 13 sites in the UK, Italy, Israel, and the Republic of Georgia
- Patients randomized to direct SLT (DSLTL) or SLT
- Results are expected by end of 2022

Direct SLT- What's the point?

- "Given the efficacy of SLT, we considered ways to simplify the procedure. We achieved this goal by irradiating the TM through the limbus."
- "It is possible that a simpler SLT would make general ophthalmologists and other trained allied health professionals more inclined to use it"
- "Optometrists and glaucoma nurses are likely to provide eyecare in the years ahead"

Pattern SLT (PSLT)

- Computer-guided treatment algorithm
- Spots are placed without overlap or gaps
- 100um spot size; 3 rows
- 400mJ/mm (PSLT) vs 9mJ/mm (SLT)



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Outcomes of pattern scanning laser trabeculoplasty and selective laser trabeculoplasty: Results from the lausanne laser trabeculoplasty registry

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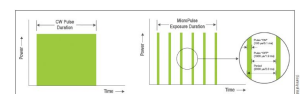
Efficacy and safety of selective laser trabeculoplasty and pattern scanning laser trabeculoplasty: a randomised clinical trial

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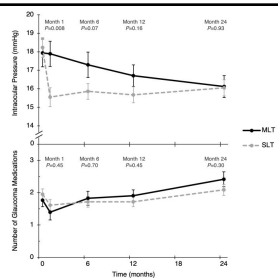
- Success = 20% reduction in IOP
- SLT 25% success
- PSLT 15% success
- "PSLT is similar in safety and not superior in efficacy compared to SLT"

Micropulse laser trabeculoplasty (MLT)

- Delivers small, repetitive micropulses rather than one continuous pulse
 - Cooling periods between micropulses reduces tissue damage
 - Does not destroy pigmented cells
 - Less pain during and after procedure



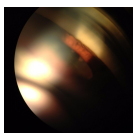
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Clinical Outcomes of Micropulse Laser Trabeculoplasty Compared to Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty at One Year in Open-Angle Glaucoma



Iridotomy

Laser peripheral iridotomy (LPI)

- How likely is this patient to develop glaucoma?
- How do we predict whether she will progress?
- How effective is LPI?
- What do we do if LPI fails?



How are we doing?

Full
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ARTICLE

Predictors of narrow angle detection rate—a longitudinal study of Massachusetts residents over 1.7 million person years

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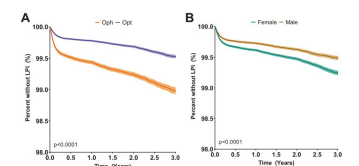


Fig. 1 Kaplan-Meier curves on narrow angle detection in patients grouped by type of provider (a) and sex (b). X-axis: years since the first eye evaluation. Y-axis: percent of study population who has not received laser peripheral iridotomy (LPI). a Purple: patients seen by optometrists; Orange: patients seen by ophthalmologists; b Yellow: male; Green: female.

Conclusions

- "Lower rate of narrow angle detection in patients who are only followed by optometrists has important clinical implications"
- "Evaluation by ophthalmologists may benefit patients who are at increased risk of PACG"
- "These differences raise concerns regarding recently increased scope of practice for optometrists in some US states"

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Original Article

The Singapore Asymptomatic Narrow Angles Laser Iridotomy Study: Five-Year Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial

Purpose

To examine the efficacy of laser peripheral iridotomy (LPI) in patients who received a diagnosis of primary angle-closure suspect (PACS).

Design

Prospective, randomized controlled trial.

- N = 480 patients
- Age 50 and up
- Participants were asymptomatic PACS = At least 2 quadrants of appositional angle closure on gonioscopy
- 93% Chinese
- 76% women

- Iridotomy in one randomly selected eye
- Fellow eye was control
- Followed yearly for five years

Main outcome measure: development of primary angle closure, primary angle closure glaucoma, or acute angle closure over five years

Singapore study results

- Treated eyes: 24 with progression
- Untreated eyes: 45 with progression
(Statistically significant difference)
- Number needed to treat: 22 eyes

Singapore study conclusion

- "In patients with bilateral asymptomatic PACS, eyes that underwent prophylactic LPI reached significantly fewer end points compared with control eyes over 5 years. However, the overall incidence of PAC or PACG was low."



Commentary

Evolution of Management on Primary Angle-Closure Suspect: Observation versus Laser Peripheral Iridectomy
Yang Han, MD, PhD - San Francisco, California

AAO Commentary

- Is LPI overused for PACS?
- 50,000/yr in US
- 28 million cases of PACS in China alone

AAO Commentary

- Points out that ZAP and ANA-LIS both support observation of PACS without LPI
- However, in both trials, high-risk PACS patients were excluded
 - Therefore the reported conversion rates may be artificially low
- Perhaps these trials oversimplify the issue?

AAO Commentary

- "The management of PACS is evolving as we gain a better understanding of the natural history of this condition."

EDITORIAL

Prevention of angle-closure glaucoma: balancing risk and benefit

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- Purpose: To implement recent evidence from EAGLE, LIGHT, and ZAP trials to modify NHS (UK) practice guidelines
 - "The huge backlog for routine care makes it vital that clinical capacity be used for maximum benefit."
- EAGLE: PACG or PAC and IOP > 30 should receive lens extraction
- LIGHT: SLT works and is cost-effective
- ZAP: Minimal progression from PACS, treated or untreated.

- "Not a final definitive policy for PACG management in the UK, but an important stage in its evolution"

- "Prophylactic LPI should only be offered to those individuals at highest risk"

Table 1. "NICE PLUS" - Criteria for referral of people with suspected occluded angles to Hospital Eye Service or secondary care provision

Angle criteria

Reference anterior segment OCT showing irido-lenticular contact (ILC)

ILC = a limited chamber depth grade <25%

PLUS: use of the following criteria

- People with only one "good eye" in which deterioration of vision may threaten independent living or livelihood.
- Vulnerable adults who may not report ocular or vision symptoms.
- Family history of significant angle closure disease.
- High hypermetropia (>+6.00 dioptres)
- Cataract or another condition necessitating regular pupil dilation.
- Those using antidiuretics or medication with an anticholinergic action.

Angle criteria being in remote locations such as farms and remote, armed forces stationed overseas or off-duty workers etc.) where rapid access to emergency ophthalmic care is not possible.

The finding of "NICE PLUS" should trigger referral to the Hospital Eye Service.

"NICE MINUS"

For individual has the angle characteristics specified above but none of the "plus" criteria, and does not meet NICE glaucoma referral guidelines, they should be advised to seek an annual RMO sight test.

Appositional angle closure and conversion of primary angle closure into glaucoma after laser peripheral iridotomy

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- 128 PAC patients received LPI in China
- Looked at conversion from PAC to PACG more than 5 years after LPI

Conclusions

- 25% of PAC eyes converted to PACG during mean follow-up of 6.6 years
- Difficulty applying this to different ethnicities

Table 2 Baseline characteristics of the PAC converting (PAC) converting into PACG and PAC non-converting groups

	PAC converting (n=10)	PAC non-converting (n=60)	P value
Age (years)	67.0±8.63	61.15±8.24	0.017*
Sex (male/female)	8/10	12/48	0.284†
Duration of follow-up (years)	6.83±1.29	6.90±1.35	0.541†

*Independent sample t-test for age and follow-up duration.

†2 test for sex.

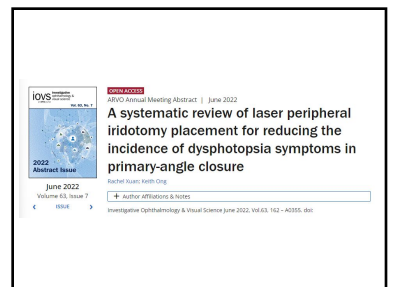
PAC, primary angle closure; PACG, primary angle closure glaucoma.

Table 3 Baseline AppAC range and angle closure of converting and non-converting eye groups

	Converting eyes (n=20)	Non-converting eyes (n=60)	P value
AppAC range (quadrant)			
> 1	40.0% (8/20)	30.0% (18/60)	0.408
> 2	35.0% (7/20)	8.3% (5/60)	0.008* (CR: 0.308, p=0.004)
Synchial angle closure range (quadrant)			
Positive	80.0% (16/20)	60.0% (36/60)	0.104
Synchial angle closure plus AppAC range (quadrant)			
> 1	70.0% (14/20)	58.3% (35/60)	0.354
> 2	50.0% (10/20)	23.3% (14/60)	0.024 (CR: 0.224, p=0.028)

- Analyzed 889 eyes from ZAP study for cataract progression following iridotomy
- Accelerated cataract development has long been included on the list of risks of iridotomy
- What is the actual risk?

- After six years, no statistically significant difference in cataract development in treated versus untreated eyes
- Conclusion: prophylactic YAG iridotomy does not increase the risk of developing clinically meaningful cataract worsening over time



- Authors searched five electronic databases for randomized controlled trials
- Five RCTs involving 2364 eyes were reviewed
- Result: Moderate certainty evidence shows no difference between superior and horizontal placement. Low certainty evidence demonstrated conflicting results.
- Conclusion: more high-certainty trials are needed



- Performed Google searches for "peripheral iridotomy" and "trabeculectomy"
- Graded the first 50 results for each using JAMA assessment tools for information quality

- Only 22% of websites for iridotomy and 34% of websites for trabeculectomy were rated as high quality
- Conclusion: information found online for common ophthalmic procedures is of variable and poor quality. Patients may be receiving misinformation online.

YAG Capsulotomy

Eradication of Posterior Capsule Opacification

Documentation of a Marked Decrease in Nd:YAG Laser Posterior Capsulotomy Rates Noted in an Analysis of 5416 Pseudophakic Human Eyes Obtained Postmortem

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Academy IRIS® Registry Analysis of Incidence of Laser Capsulotomy Due to Posterior Capsule Opacification After Intraocular Lens Implantation

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- Utilized IRIS registry data to determine incidence of PCO diagnosis following cataract surgery
- 90,000 eyes had cataract surgery in the registry

- Result: 28% had diagnosis of PCO within one year of cataract surgery
 - 10% underwent YAG capsulotomy

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Original Article

Nd:YAG capsulotomy is not a risk factor for retinal detachment after phacoemulsification cataract surgery

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- Chart review from Finland
- Over 17,000 eyes
- 83 RDs (0.11% per year)
- Risk factors for RD: Age, male gender, Low IOL Power
- Conclusion: "Real world evidence suggests that Nd:YAG capsulotomy does not increase the risk for PRD"

REVIEW

Refraction Shift After Nd:YAG Posterior Capsulotomy in Pseudophakic Eyes: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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- Purpose: does YAG Capsulotomy cause a refractive shift?
- Meta-analysis of 18 studies including 805 eyes
- Conclusion: no significant change in spherical error, cylinder error, or anterior chamber depth

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ARTICLE

"Comparing outcomes of advanced nurse practitioners to ophthalmologists performing posterior YAG capsulotomy, a six-year study of 6308 eyes"

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- Compared visual acuity outcomes and need for repeat procedure
- Retrospective case series of over 6000 eyes
 - 2100 performed by ANP
 - ANP Training
 - Laser course
 - Observation
 - 40 supervised cases

Table 3. Differences in characteristics and outcomes of eyes with primary YAGPC and those requiring further YAGPC.

	No further YAGPC 2013 (98.5%)	Further YAGPC 66 (1.5%)	p value
Age (years, IQR)	75.0 (67.0 to 82.0)	66.0 (51.0 to 78.0)	<0.001
Ocular co-morbidity (% Yes)			
No	4565 (98.9%)	51 (1.1%)	<0.001
Yes	1648 (97.4%)	44 (2.6%)	
Gender			0.835
Male	2649 (98.5%)	39 (1.5%)	
Female	3564 (98.5%)	56 (1.5%)	
Operator Grade			<0.001
ANP	2073 (99.3%)	15 (0.7%)	
Ophthalmologist	4140 (98.1%)	80 (1.9%)	
SAS	1191 (98.9%)	24 (2.0%)	0.982
Resident	797 (98.3%)	15 (1.8%)	
Fellow	940 (98.0%)	19 (2.0%)	
Consultant	1212 (98.2%)	22 (1.8%)	
Pre-YAGPC VA (LogMAR)	0.48 (0.30 to 0.70)	0.48 (0.30 to 0.70)	0.188
Post-YAGPC VA (LogMAR)	0.18 (0.10 to 0.30)	0.30 (0.18 to 0.78)	<0.001
LogMAR Gain	0.30 (0.08 to 0.48)	0.18 (0.00 to 0.48)	0.023

ANP YAG Safety and Efficacy

- No difference in visual outcomes
- ANPs had fewer cases requiring repeat YPC
- No difference in complication rates

Case Report

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Cataract extraction after inadvertent Nd:YAG laser capsulotomy in a phakic eye

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Abstract

Inadvertent neodymium:yttrium-aluminum-garnet (Nd:YAG) capsulotomies are rare, with only one incident reported in the literature prior to the present case. We discuss the management of a phakic patient with a dense posterior subcapsular cataract who underwent yttrium-aluminum-garnet (YAG) capsulotomy for presumed posterior capsular opacification. Operative course involved cataract surgery with anterior vitrectomy for prolapsed lens fragments due to the disrupted posterior capsule. This patient experienced excellent visual outcomes postoperatively, with ultimate best-corrected visual acuity of 20/20. This case underscores the importance of thorough preoperative time out, including confirmation of patient's understanding of the intended procedure.

- "After firing several shots with the YAG laser, the ophthalmologist realized that the patient was phakic, and her dense posterior subcapsular cataract had been mistaken for PCO."

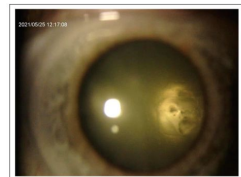


Figure 1. Patient's left eye on slit-lamp evaluation after inadvertent YAG capsulotomy showing disruption of the posterior subcapsular cataract and posterior capsule.

- Patient underwent cataract surgery and vitrectomy for prolapsed lens fragments
- Conclusion: "Preventable errors such as performing YAG capsulotomy in a phakic eye are unacceptable. Preoperative timeouts should be considered an essential component of any procedure and performed with diligence."

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The Effect of Capsulotomy Shape on Intraocular Light-Scattering after Nd:YAG Laser Capsulotomy

Table 1: The OSI, SE, and CDVA before and after capsulotomy

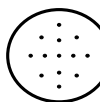
	Control group	Excimer group	U test	p
PCO score	7.30 ± 1.27	7.57 ± 1.14	-0.73	0.47
CDVA before capsulotomy	0.80 ± 0.40 logMAR	0.79 ± 0.45 logMAR	1.09	0.28
CDVA 1 month after capsulotomy	0.86 ± 0.07 logMAR	0.86 ± 0.07 logMAR	207.50	0.72
CDVA 1 month after capsulotomy	0.86 ± 0.06 logMAR	0.84 ± 0.05 logMAR	100.00	0.25
OSI before capsulotomy	0.50 ± 0.76	0.47 ± 0.67	0.52	0.60
OSI 1 week after capsulotomy	2.57 ± 1.25	2.69 ± 1.53	-2.45	0.02
SE 1 month after capsulotomy	1.62 ± 0.73	1.08 ± 1.10	3.62	<0.001
SE before capsulotomy	-0.87 ± 0.40 D	0.07 ± 0.30 D	-0.70	0.49
SE 1 week after capsulotomy	-0.25 ± 0.68 D	-0.11 ± 0.65 D	-0.61	0.55
SE 1 month after capsulotomy	-0.39 ± 0.63 D	-0.12 ± 0.74 D	-0.84	0.41

of excitation, OSI = objective scatter index, SE = spherical equivalent, CDVA = corrected distance visual acuity. The results are presented as mean ± SD.

Octagonal approach

- Goal is to combine benefits of both cruciate and circular techniques

cruciate and



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ORIGINAL PAPER

Comparison of wavefront aberrations in eyes with multifocal and monofocal IOLs before and after Nd:YAG laser capsulotomy for posterior capsule opacification

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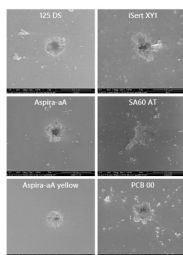
Table 3 Aberration compared to baseline and baseline or after and after Nd:YAG laser capsulotomy in both groups (0.0 mm pupil)

Parameter	Baseline (MMSE)	Baseline (MMSE)	P value	After capsulotomy (MMSE)	After capsulotomy (MMSE)	P value
Corne Z (3 < 5)	0.294 ± 0.18	0.268 ± 0.15	0.842	0.190 ± 0.18	0.188 ± 0.15	0.832
Total Z (3 < 5)	0.307 ± 0.21	0.259 ± 0.17	0.777	0.285 ± 0.16	0.266 ± 0.15	0.683
Anterior Z (2 < 2)	0.021 ± 0.16	0.077 ± 0.04	0.124	0.158 ± 0.28	0.039 ± 0.14	0.754
Spherical aberration Z (4 < 6)	0.213 ± 0.11	0.219 ± 0.17	0.954	0.180 ± 0.11	0.192 ± 0.17	0.645
Anterior Z (4 < 4)	0.006 ± 0.008	0.079 ± 0.008	0.235	0.099 ± 0.041	0.089 ± 0.045	0.785
Quadratic Z (4 < 4)	0.064 ± 0.054	0.077 ± 0.064	0.217	0.040 ± 0.045	0.052 ± 0.045	0.673
Corne Z (5 < 5)	0.077 ± 0.026	0.067 ± 0.044	0.114	0.028 ± 0.025	0.031 ± 0.040	0.836
Total Z (5 < 5)	0.083 ± 0.028	0.061 ± 0.026	0.683	0.037 ± 0.024	0.039 ± 0.024	0.701
Posterior Z (5 < 5)	0.022 ± 0.019	0.025 ± 0.021	0.934	0.024 ± 0.028	0.027 ± 0.023	0.736
Spherical aberration Z (6 < 6)	0.003 ± 0.007	-0.005 ± 0.003	0.937	0.003 ± 0.042	-0.002 ± 0.044	0.951
Anterior Z (6 < 6)	0.016 ± 0.003	0.005 ± 0.029	0.654	0.014 ± 0.011	0.016 ± 0.003	0.203
Quadratic Z (6 < 6)	0.003 ± 0.001	0.029 ± 0.002	0.174	0.011 ± 0.005	0.010 ± 0.007	0.971
Total Z (6 < 6)	0.001 ± 0.004	0.006 ± 0.000	0.279	0.004 ± 0.007	0.001 ± 0.003	0.956
HOA	0.063 ± 0.27	0.062 ± 0.31	0.914	0.104 ± 0.24	0.066 ± 0.26	0.357
HOA	0.540 ± 0.23	0.500 ± 0.21	0.828	0.364 ± 0.19	0.340 ± 0.18	0.111

HOA: Higher Order Aberrations

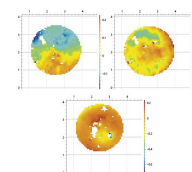
Analysis of YAG Laser-Induced Damage in Intraocular Lenses: Characterization of Optical and Surface Properties of YAG Shots

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FIGURE

Examples of IOL wavefront analysis, showing white spots (IOL, intraocular lens).



Conclusion: "YAG capsulotomy should be... carried out with precision and without time pressure. The results of this study should draw attention to the topic and be the start for larger follow-up studies."

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Utility of post-operative review following Nd:YAG laser capsulotomy

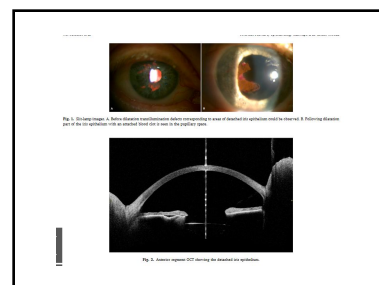
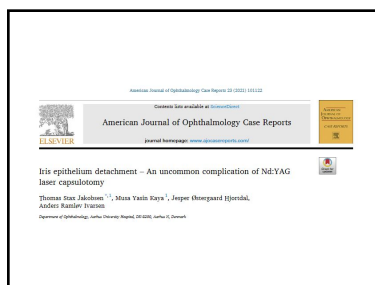
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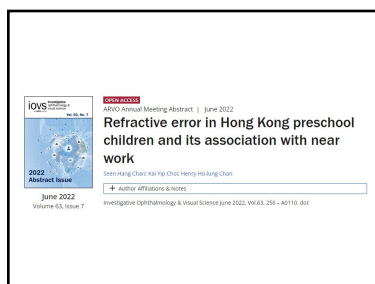
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- Chart review of over 1400 eyes at University Florida
- No significant change in mean IOP at 30 minutes or one week
 - Most patients received prophylactic brimonidine
- Glaucoma was not considered a risk factor for rise in IOP
- YAG does not seem to increase the risk of retinal tear or retinal detachment

- "In this Covid-19 era, when all practitioners aim to decrease in person visits, small changes on a large scale can make an impact. If validated, our results bring into question the necessity of postop visits after YAG."



Myopia



- 336 preschool children age 3 to 7 were examined. Parental questionnaires were collected.
- Longer time spent on near work, including doing homework, reading books and drawing, and on digital devices were associated with more myopia

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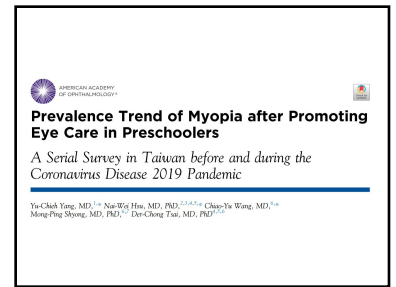
Protective behaviours of near work and time outdoors in myopia prevalence and progression in myopic children: a 2-year prospective population study

- Based on data from Myopia Investigation Study
- Over 10k Taiwanese myopic children aged 9 to 11 years, examined every 6 months for 2 years
- Protective factors against myopia presence and progression

- Protective factors against myopia presence and progression
- **Near working distance > 30cm**
- Discontinuing or pausing near work every 30 minutes
- More outdoor activity during recess



- 33 articles in systematic review and 11 in meta-analysis
- Smart device screen time alone or in combination with computer use was significantly associated with myopia
- Limitations: studies did not include reliable measures of screen time, many did not adjust for confounders in the analysis
- Conclusion: smart device exposure might be associated with an increased risk of myopia



- A Taiwanese preschool district increased outdoor activities
- 24,000 kindergartners age 5 and 6, followed between 2014 and 2020
- Two hours outdoors per day, ensuring good classroom lighting, avoiding prolonged near work activities

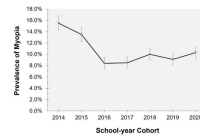
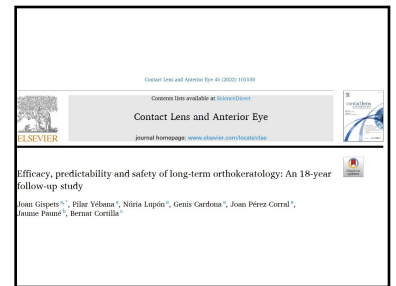


Figure 1. Line graph showing the L-shaped secular decline in the prevalence of myopia from 2014 through 2020 among preschoolers 5 to 6 years of age in Yilan, Taiwan ($P < 0.001$ for trend).

- Prevalence of myopia decreased after implementing the program



- Retrospective observational study looking at 300 randomly selected patients from three practices in Barcelona
 - 66% adults

	Cases Total	Infants	Children	Adults	Fatalities
Complications	44	9.25	205.06	15	28.10
Death	10	2.16	123.76	4	7.24
Complications	10	2.09	42.47	8	14.41
Death	8	1.68	40.97	4	7.24
Piggyback cannulae	6	1.27	36.37	4	7.24
Complications	4	0.84	16.53	3	5.39
Death	3	0.63	12.23	2	3.58
Complications	4	0.84	16.53	3	5.39
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- Discontinuation rate within first year
 - 33% of adults
 - 17% of children

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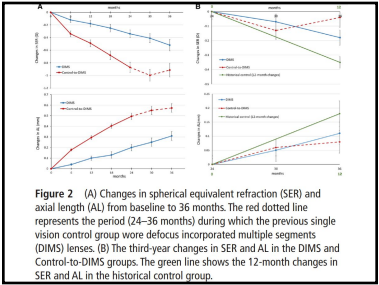
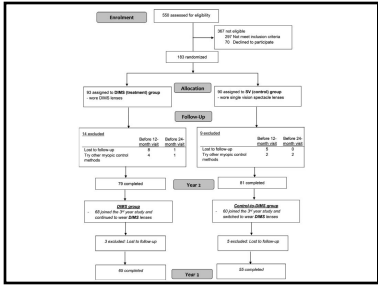
Myopia control effect of defocus incorporated multiple segments (DIMS) spectacle lens in Chinese children: results of a 3-year follow-up study

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An innovative spectacle lens.

The spectacle lens based on revolutionary defocus incorporated multiple segments (DIMS) technology was developed in cooperation with The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (DIMS MINGGAART is easy to fit, just like regular single vision lens). There are no conditions for the frame choice.

- Original study period was two years
- 128 children
- Original study was randomized to DIMS or SV specs for 2 years
- For the third year, SV group was switched to DIMS



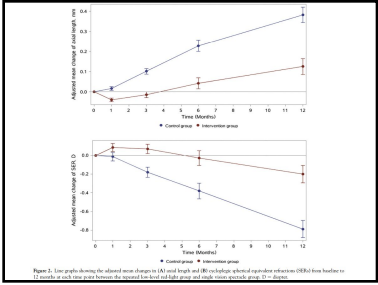
- Conclusion: "Further monitoring is required to ascertain the treatment effect over a longer period. We also plan to follow up on those children who discontinued wearing the DIMS lenses to determine if rebound occurs."

Effect of Repeated Low-Level Red-Light Therapy for Myopia Control in Children

A Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial

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- 264 Chinese children age 8 to 13
- Refractive error -1.00 to -5.00
- 12 months of follow up
- Desktop light therapy 650 nm wavelength, 1600 lux
- Three minute sessions twice daily, five days per week
- OCT scans to monitor for structural side effects (none noted)



- Slowed axial elongation by 69%
- Slowed myopic progression by 77%
- Axial length decreased in 22% of participants!

- Hypothesized mechanism:
 - Recent evidence suggests scleral hypoxia may promote scleral remodeling and myopia development
 - Red light treatment might increase blood flow and metabolism of the fundus, thus decreasing scleral hypoxia

- Authors call for further research with double masking and placebo control
- Need to understand long-term efficacy and safety, rebound effects, optimal treatment strategies, and potential underlying mechanisms

Original Investigation
August 11, 2020

Effect of High Add Power, Medium Add Power, or Single-Vision Contact Lenses on Myopia Progression in Children The BLINK Randomized Clinical Trial

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- 294 children age 7 to 11
- Ohio State and University of Houston
- Followed for three years
- Medium or high add center distance multifocal soft contacts

- Multifocal contact lenses slow myopia progression in a dose-dependent fashion
- High add is best

FINDINGS

Change in refractive error, mean

High add power contact lenses	-0.60 D (95% CI, -0.72 D to -0.47 D)
Medium add power contact lenses	-0.89 D (95% CI, -1.01 D to -0.77 D)
Single-vision contact lenses	-1.05 D (95% CI, -1.17 D to -0.93 D)

The difference for high add lenses was significant

High add vs single-vision	0.46 (0.28-0.63), P=.001
Medium add vs single-vision	0.16 (-0.01 to 0.33), P=.18
High vs medium add	0.30 (0.13-0.47), P=.004

Contact Lenses

BCLA CLEAR GLOBAL Contact Lens Evidence-based Academic Report

Introduction

The BCLA Contact Lens Evidence-based Academic Report (CLEAR) totals more than 200 pages across 11 papers. Coordinated by 10 committee chairs, written by 102 authors based in 14 countries, it was published in March 2021 and is available [here](#).

BCLA CLEAR sets the standard to which eye care professionals (ECPs) can refer for the latest information in the contact lens field whilst also highlighting opportunities for future research. This summary draws on key points from the reports to help inform evidence-based practice.

- Presence of the following risk factors for corneal infiltrative events (CIEs) can inform recommendation of daily disposable, rather than reusable soft contact lenses:¹⁰
 - Patient age (<25 years; >50 years), prior history of CIEs, increased lid margin bioburden from blepharitis or meibomian gland dysfunction (MGD), certain health conditions (thyroid disease, self-reported poor health), history of smoking, poor hygiene.
- Daily disposable use reduces CIE risk,^{14,17} severity of microbial keratitis (MK),^{14,17} and ocular allergy symptoms¹⁸ compared to reusable soft contact lenses

What is not proven

Other than consideration of oxygen transmissibility for high refractive error or overnight wear, **little evidence is available to inform soft lens material choice** (hydrogel vs silicone hydrogel, SiHy)

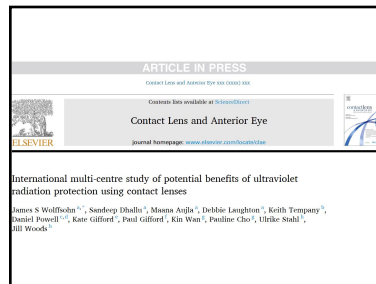
- **Comfort** can be affected by the **coefficient of friction**, and more so by the **tubricity** of the material,^{14,15} but is **not** linked to increased oxygen transmissibility¹⁴
- Compared to soft lenses, RCLs may be better tolerated by patients with **dry eye or papillary conjunctivitis**,²¹ and fewer **contact lens-related complications** occur with RCLs
- Some evidence shows that **larger diameter RCLs** are more comfortable for adapted wearers,^{22,23} but do not aid the adaptation process

[Multicenter Study](#) > Eye Contact Lens. 2021 May 1;47(5):277-282.
doi: 10.1097/CCL.0000000000000761.

Frequency of Contact Lens Complications Between Contact Lens Wearers Using Multipurpose Solutions Versus Hydrogen Peroxide in the United States and Canada

Anna A. Tichenor¹, Stacy S. Coffield, Drew Gann, Marian Elder, Allison Ng, Karen Walsh, Lyndon W. Jones, Jason J. Nichols

- No significant difference in the frequency of complications between multipurpose solution and hydrogen peroxide
- Hydrogen peroxide users were less likely to report discomfort



- 210 pre-presbyopic patients
- Prior use of UV-blocking CLs vs minimal UV-blocking CLs for past five years or more

- Accommodative response was higher, and accommodative latency was shorter, in the group who had worn UV-blocking lenses
- Accommodative response was not statistically significant; accommodative latency was statistically significant
- Conclusion: UV protection may delay the onset of presbyopia

CLINICAL STUDIES
Treatment of Severe Infectious Keratitis With Scleral Contact Lenses as a Reservoir of Moxifloxacin 0.5%
Pinar S. Baran, Esatullah I. MD, Sargis Chik, Omar O. Lachkar, Alejandro MD, Oscar Hernandez, Enrique O. MD, MD, Navas, Alejandro MD, PhD
Cornea July 2021 • Volume 47 • Issue 7 • p 875-878

- Prospective consecutive case series
- 12 eyes with infectious keratitis

- Scleral lens filled with 0.5% moxifloxacin
- Replaced q24 hours until epithelialization was complete (or if culture report demonstrated a microorganism resistant to moxifloxacin)

- All infections resolved favorably at the final follow-up
- No complications or side effects were observed
- Patients reported good comfort

Dry Eye



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Risk Factors for Meibomian Gland Morphology Changes in Children Aged 4 to <18 years

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- 160 children
- Looked at screen time, diet, outdoor activities, age, gender, race, refractive error, BMI
- Severe meibomian gland atrophy noted in 19.7% of lower eyelids!

- Significant risk factors: High BMI, unhealthy diet, decreased outdoor activity
- No association with screen time!



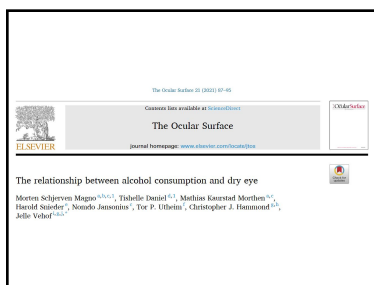
- 30 newly diagnosed obsessive compulsive disorder patients were compared to 30 healthy controls
- Comprehensive dry eye workup showed significantly more dry eye signs in OCD group (corneal staining, conjunctival staining, Schirmer score, TBUT)
- OCD group was not using psychiatric drugs or dry eye therapy
- OCD appears to be an independent risk factor for dry eye disease

Optom Vis Sci. 2022 Apr 1;99(4):358–362. doi: 10.1097/OPX.0000000000001891.

Assessment of Tear Film Parameters in Smokers and Subjects with a High Body Mass Index

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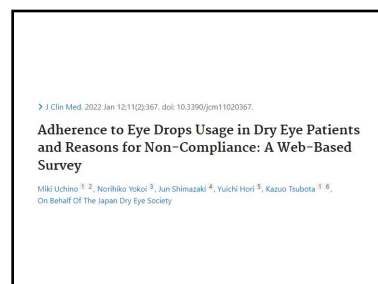
- Smokers and individuals with a high BMI showed significantly lower lipid layer grades and tear meniscus height scores compared to a control group



- Population-based study of 77,000 subjects in a Dutch database
- Alcohol significantly increased the risk of symptomatic dry eye in females but not males
- Authors theorized that differences in sex hormones may be responsible for the difference



- Aerobic exercise increased Schirmer test scores, decreased the level of inflammatory markers in tears, improved tear breakup time, improved the number of complete blinks, and decreased incomplete blinks. - (30 minutes after AE)



- Web-based patient survey of 2600 patients
- Many did not understand that drops should be used on a scheduled basis
- 60% only used drops when subjective symptoms became apparent

Nutrition



- Protective effects against progression of early to late AMD:
 - B-carotene, lutein, zeaxanthin, copper, folate, magnesium, vitamin A, niacin, vitamin B6, vitamin C, DHA, EPA
 - Mediterranean diet, vegetables, whole grains, nuts

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- Vegetarians had higher intakes of soy, vegetables, nuts, whole grains, fiber, vitamin C, folate, and vitamin A
- Vegetarian diet was associated with a 20% reduced risk of cataracts
 - After adjusting for sex, education, smoking, alcohol, physical activities, hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, steroid use, and BMI
- Association was more pronounced among individuals with BMI > 24

Retina

