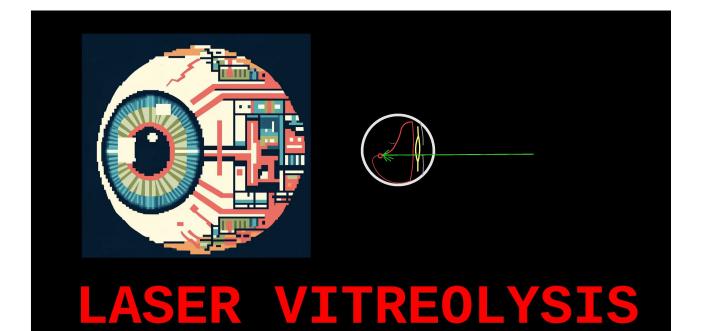
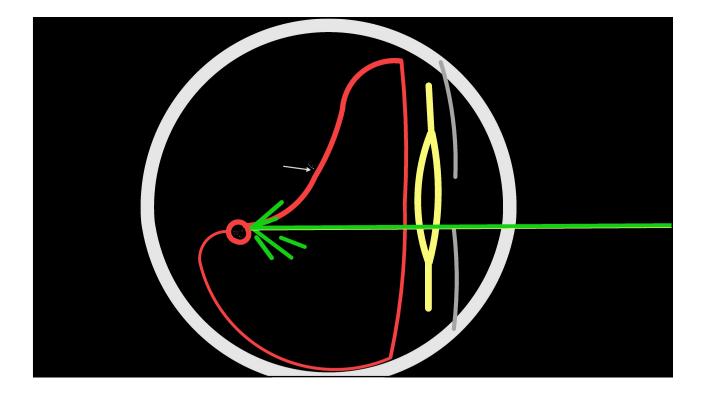
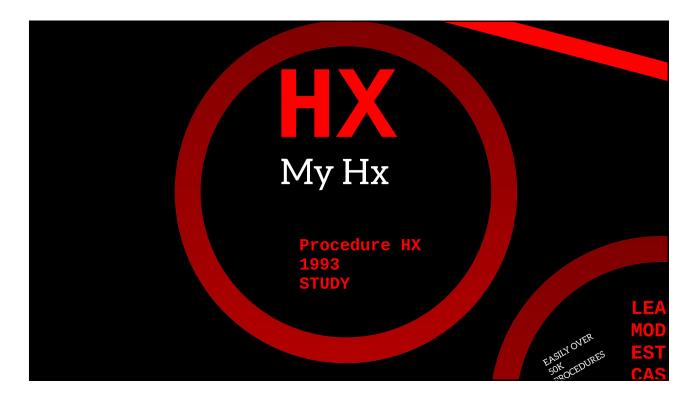
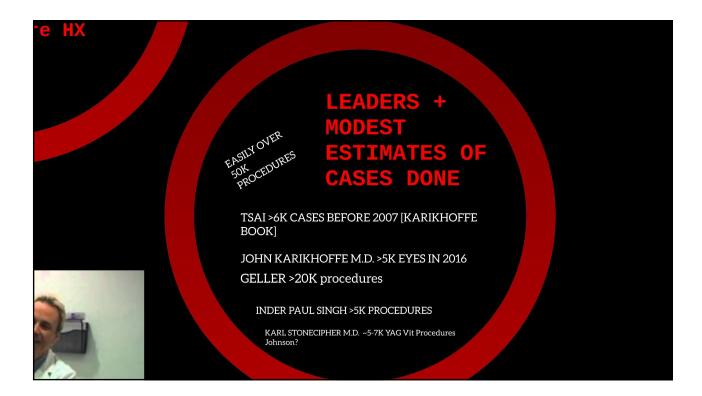


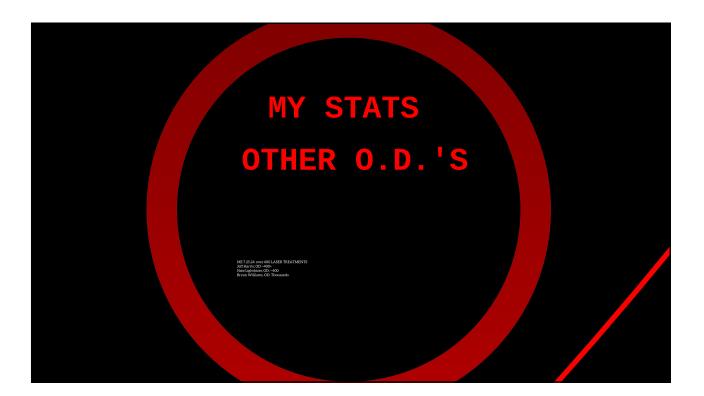
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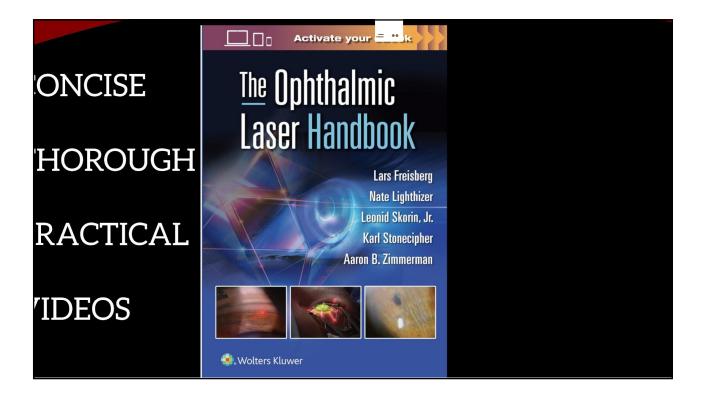




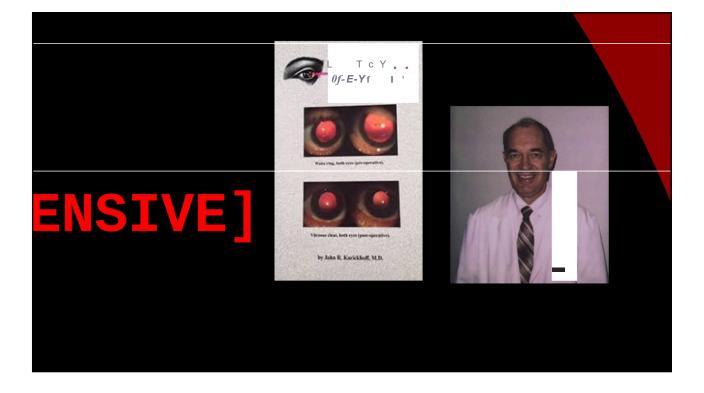












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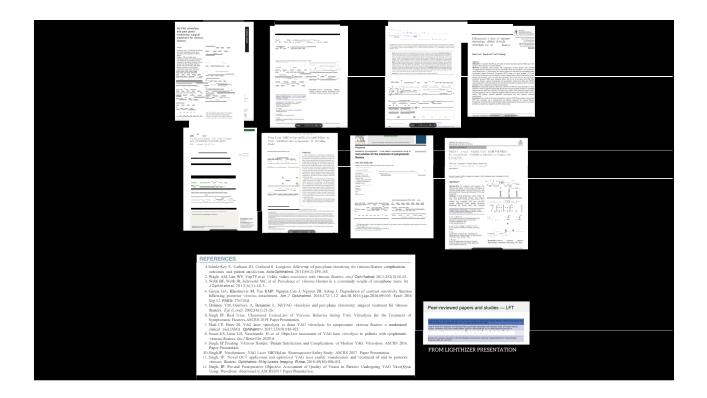
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A Randomized Clinical Trial

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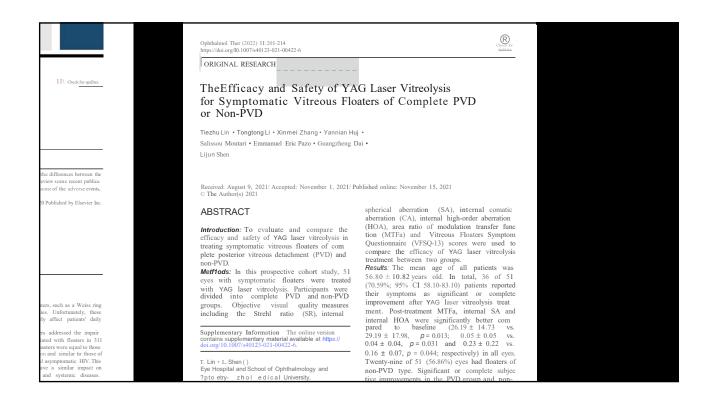
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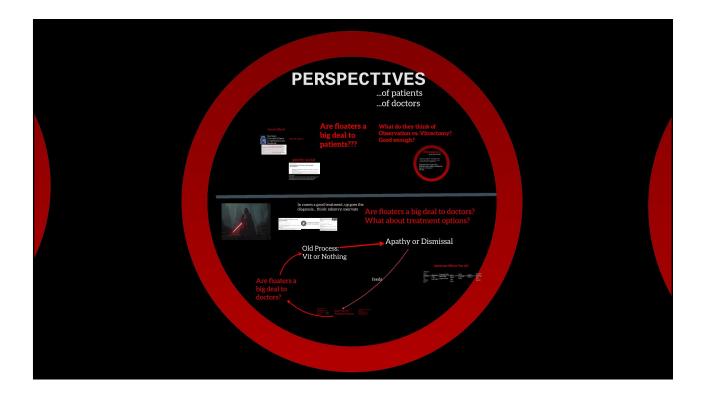


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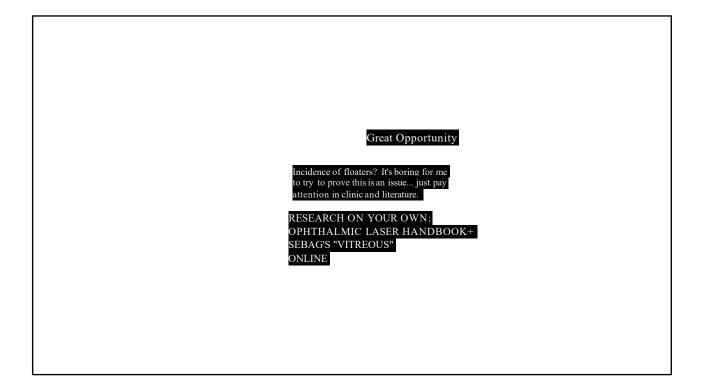
Psychological Distress in Patients with Symptomatic Vitreous Floaters

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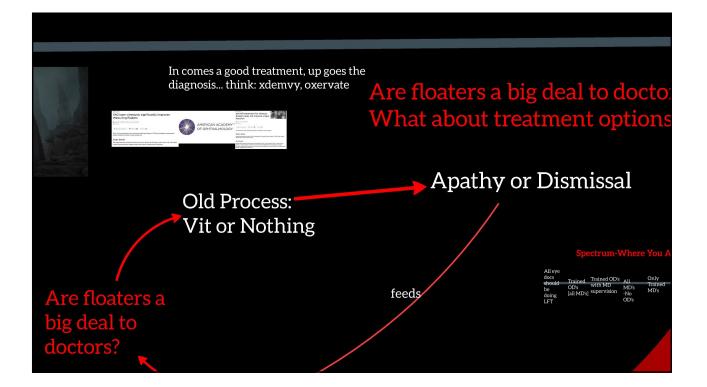
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### Prevalence Great Opportunity

Incidence of floaters? It's boring for me to try to prove this is an issue... just pay attention in clinic and literature.

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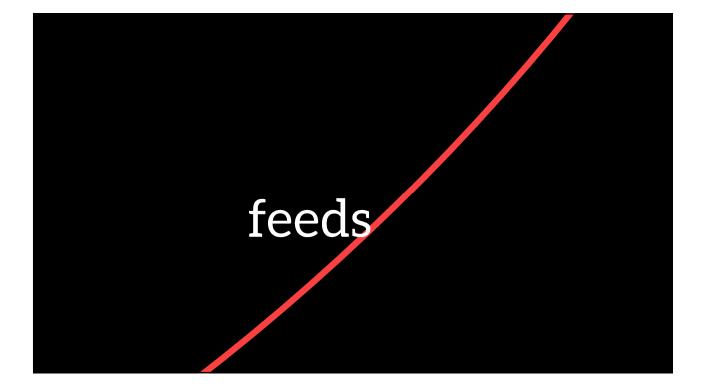




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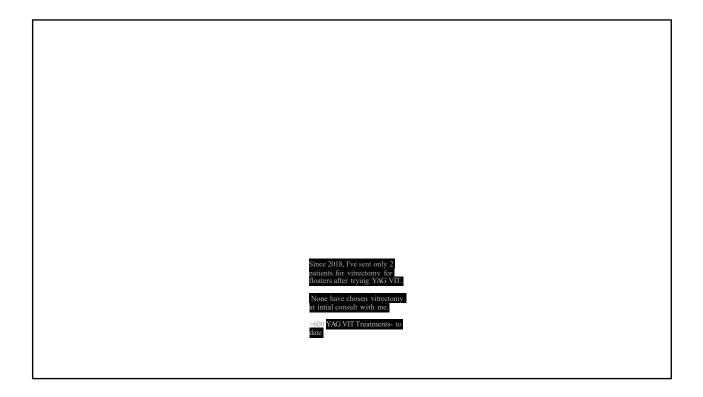






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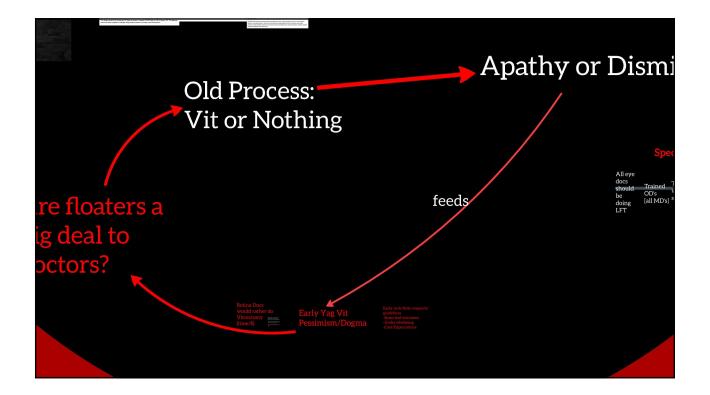
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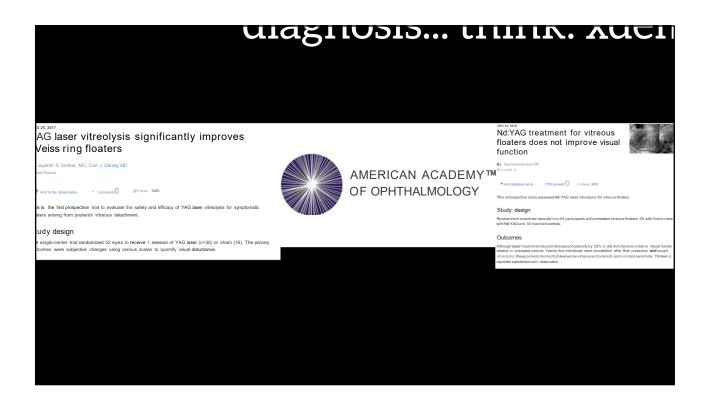
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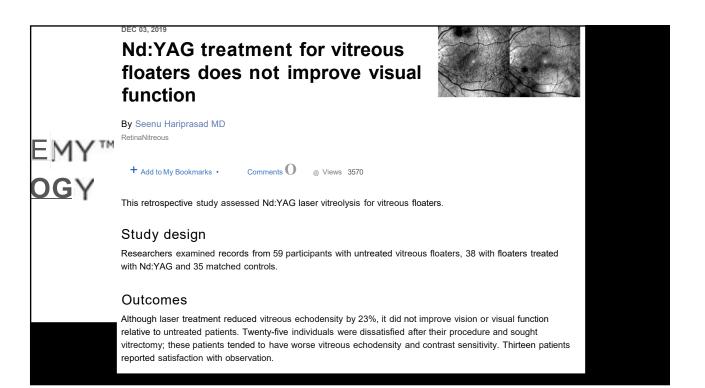
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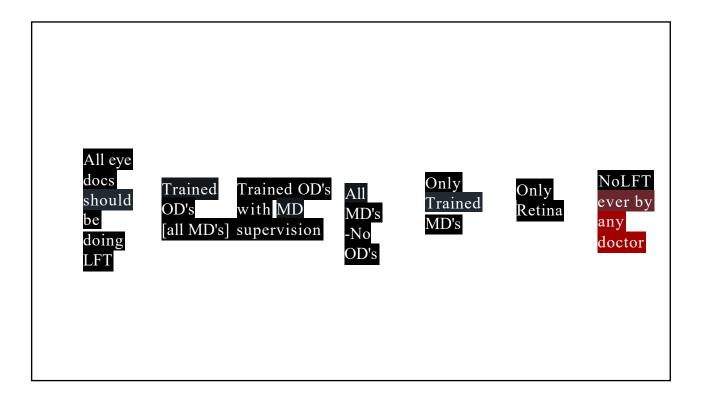
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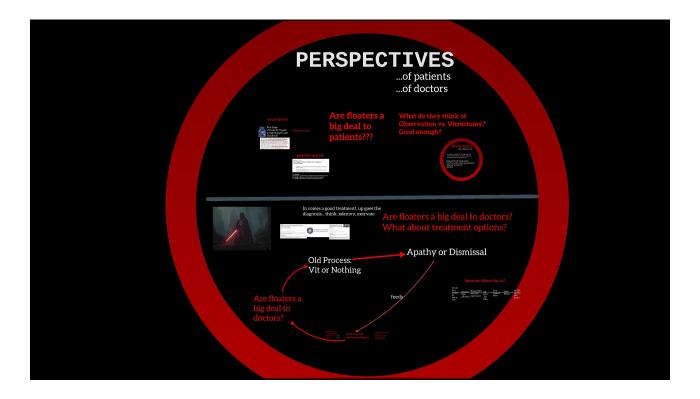
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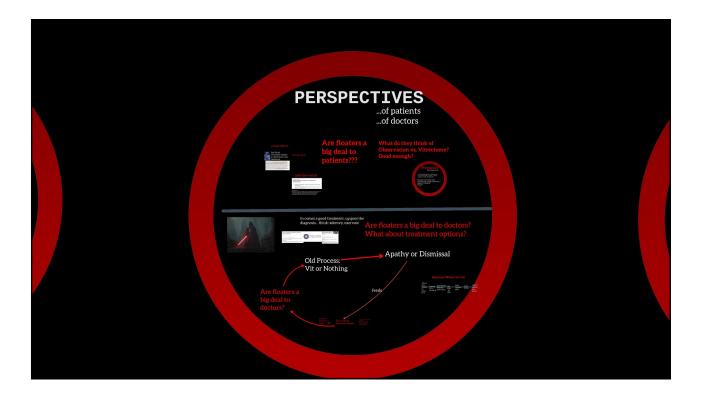
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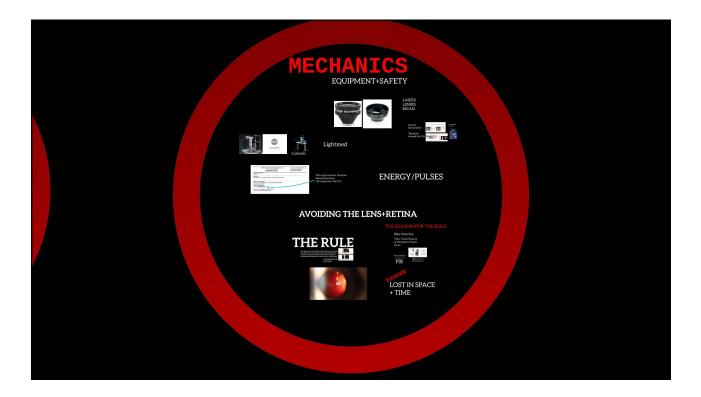




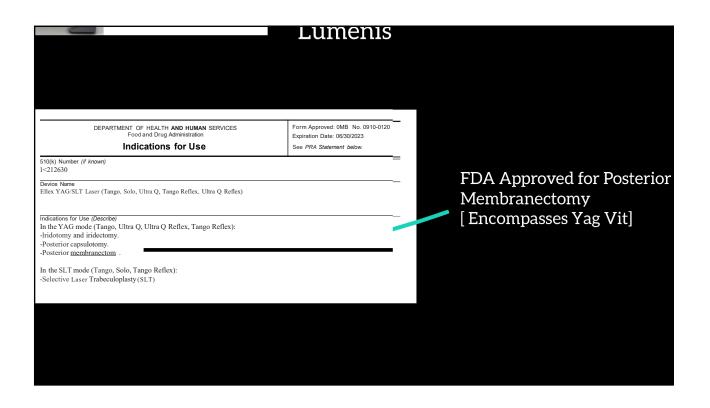


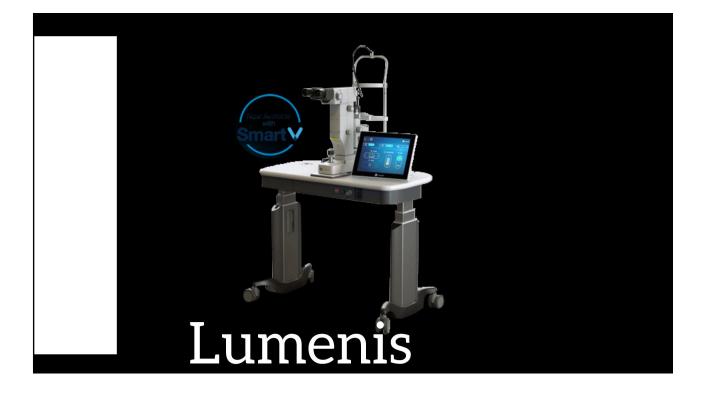








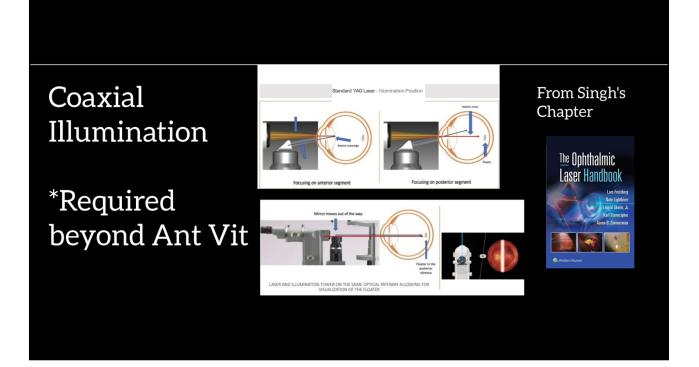


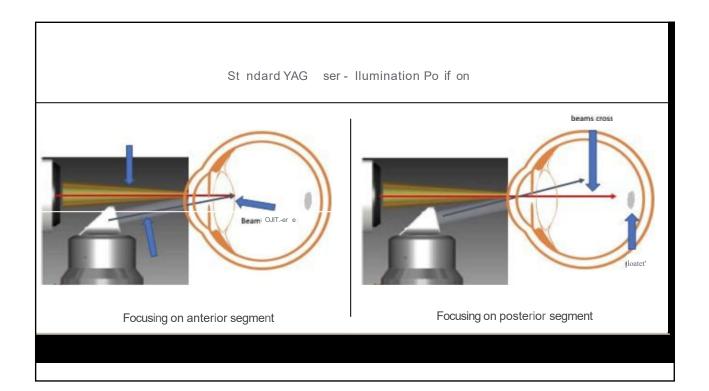


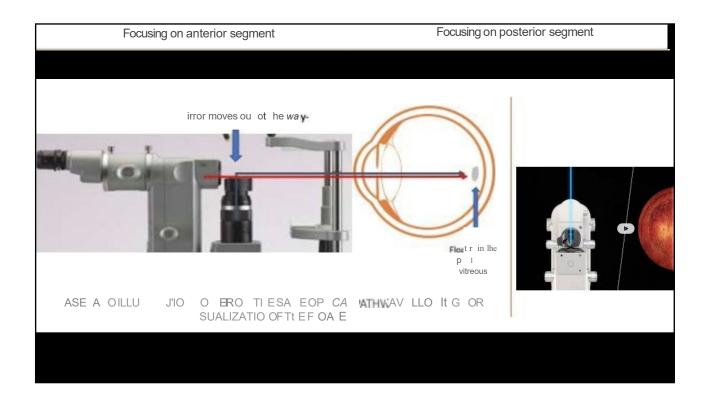


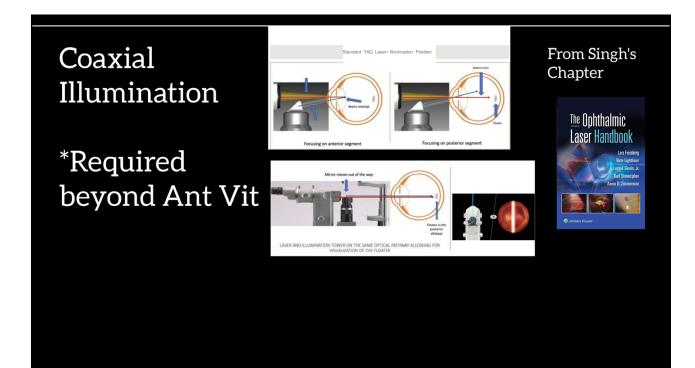


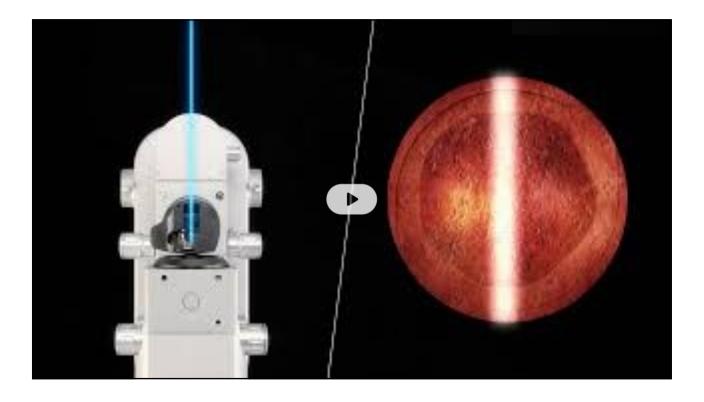
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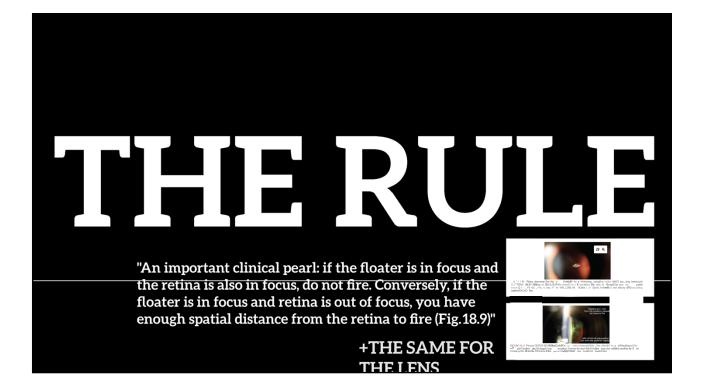
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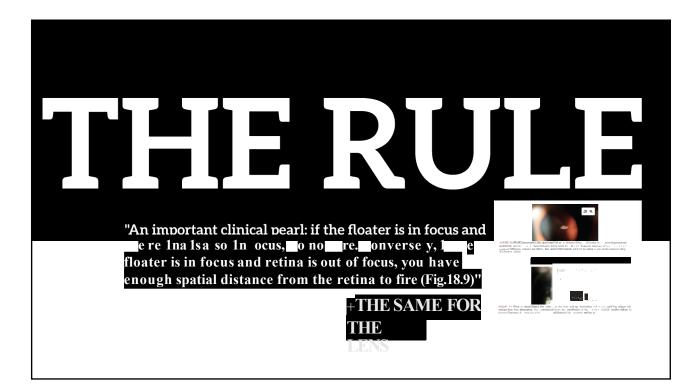
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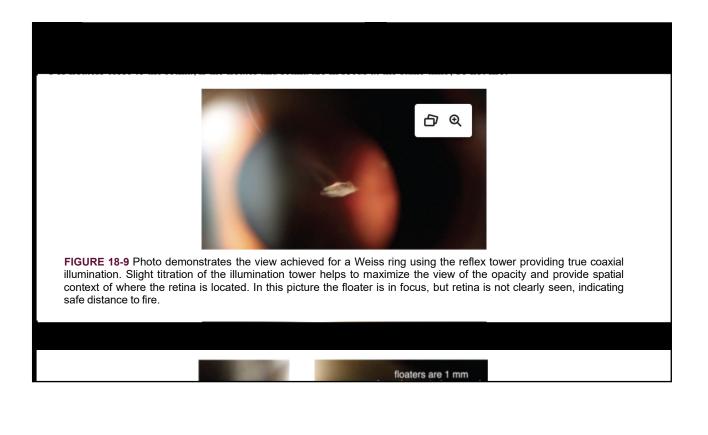
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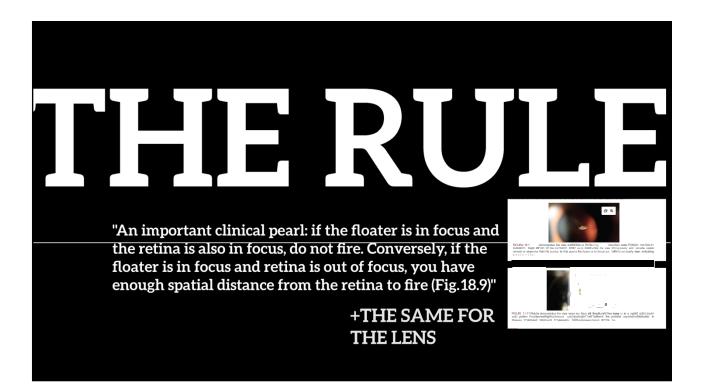


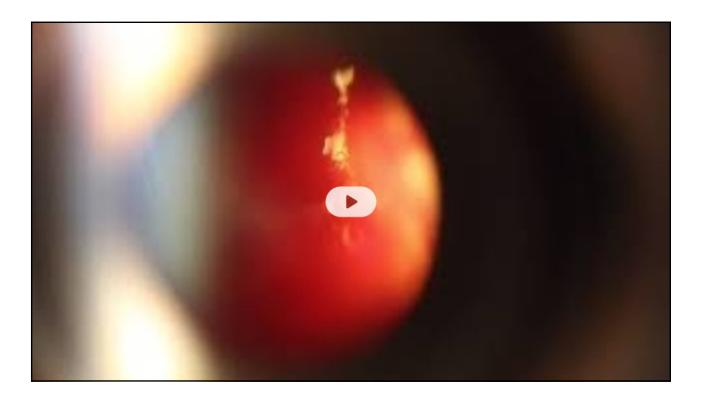


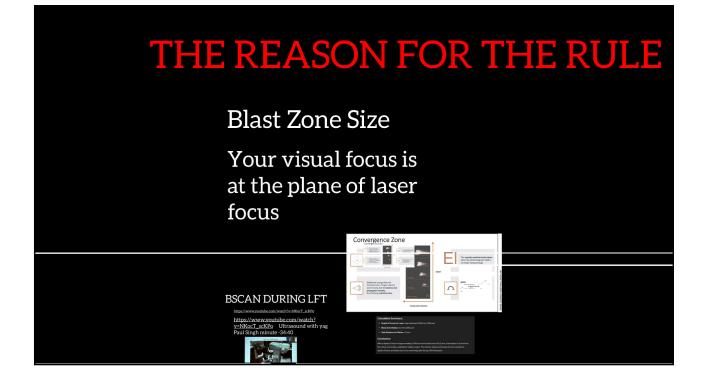
**FIGURE 18-9** Photo demonstrates the view achieved for a Weiss ring using the reflex tower providing true coaxial illumination. Slight titration of the illumination tower helps to maximize the view of the opacity and provide spatial context of where the retina is located. In this picture the floater is in focus, but retina is not clearly seen, indicating safe distance to fire.

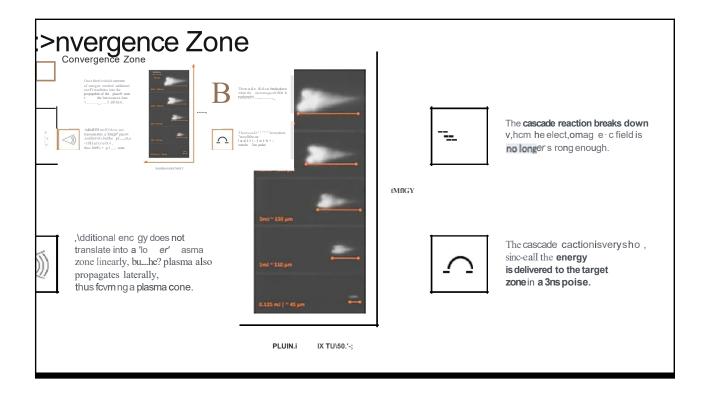


**FIGURE 18-11** Picture demonstrates the view when the laser slit lamp illumination tower is in a slightly oblique (off axis) position thus decreasing the glare and also allowing for visualization of the posterior capsule and the floater. In this case, the floater is too close to the posterior capsule and one would not want to fire.









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Depth of Focus for Laser: Approximately 0.148 mm (148 µm)

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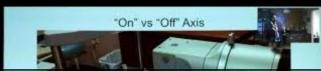
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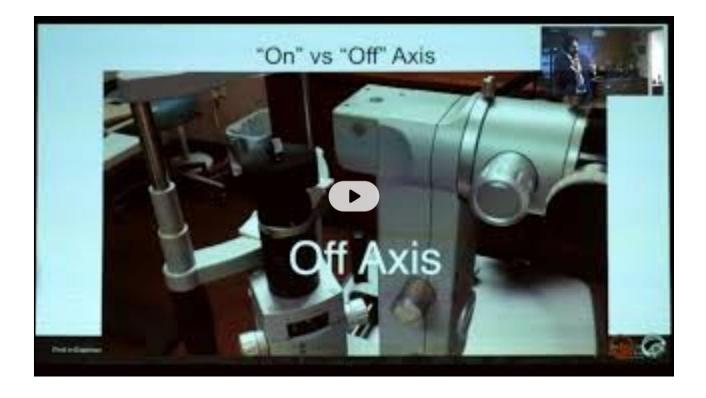
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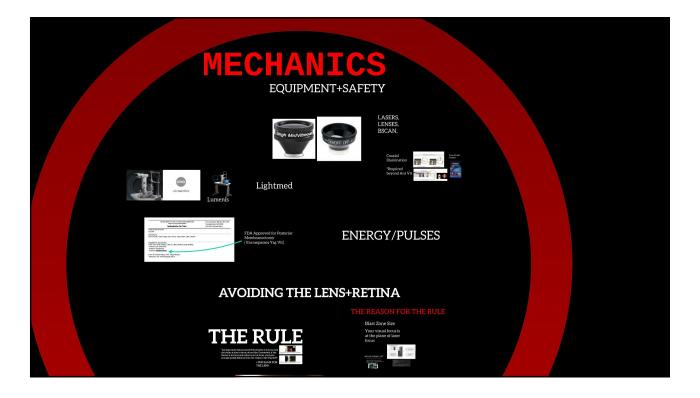
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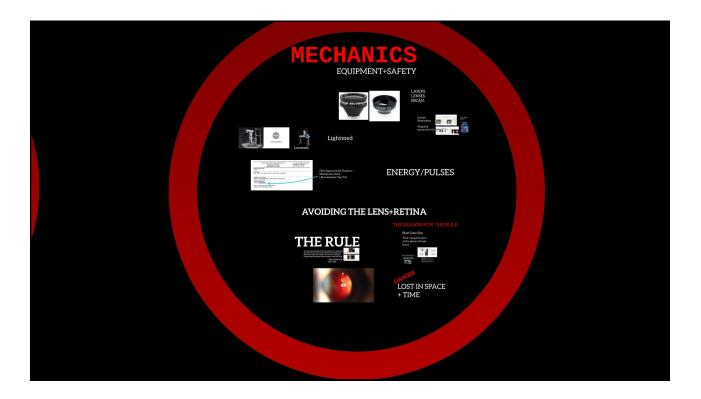






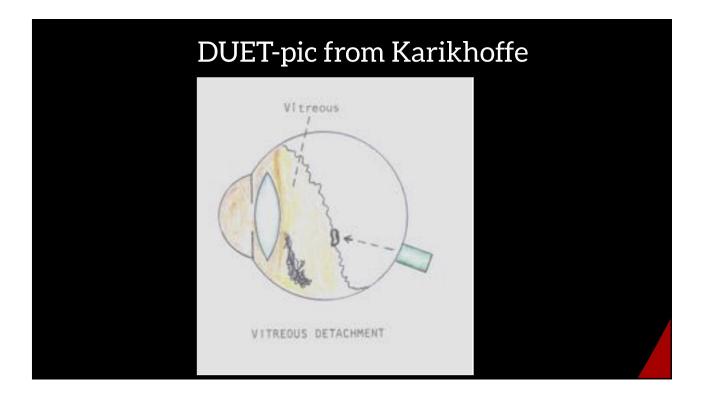


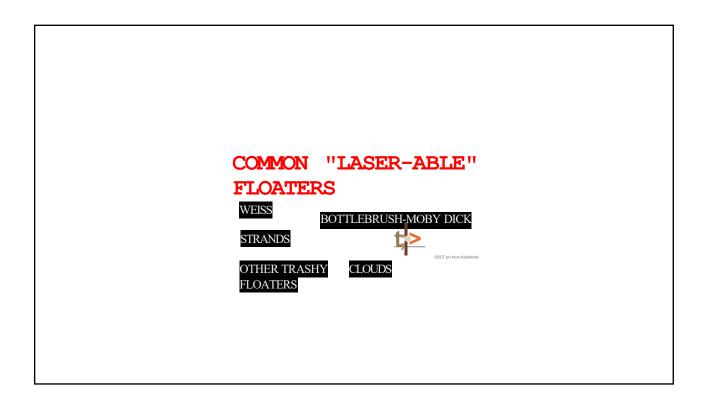


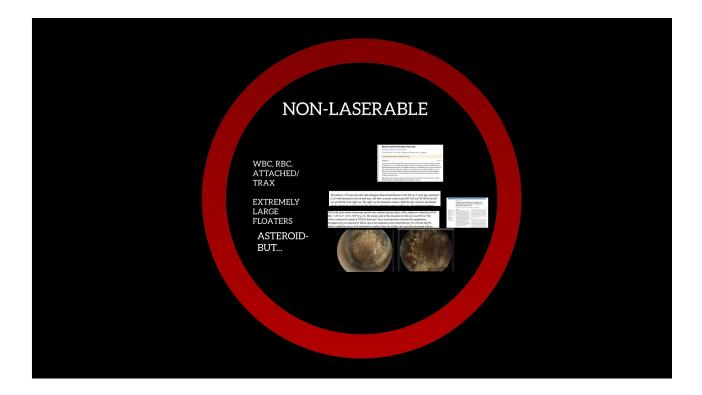












#### Manuel's asteroid disruption technique

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#### Abstract

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A seventy-year-old male presented with dense asteroid hyalosis in both eyes. He had undergone cataract extraction in one eye 3 years ago, and the other eye had immature cataract. Both the autorefractor and dilated streak retinoscopy did not give readings and subjective visual improvement could not be achieved. Immediately following YAG posterior capsulotomy and anterior vitreous asteroid disruption, the vision improved to 20/20 with recordable auto refractor and streak retinoscopy values. Our initial experience indicates that the treatment is simple, safe and effective but needs controlled and prospective studies to confirm its long-term safety.

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The patient, a 70-year-old male, had undergone phacoemulsification in the left eye 3 years ago, presented to us with decreased vision in both eyes. His best corrected visual acuity (BCVA) was 20/100 in the left eye and 20/50 in the right eye. The right eye had immature cataract. Both the auto refractor and dilated streak retinoscopy could not provide objective refraction values in either eye. The minimal posterior

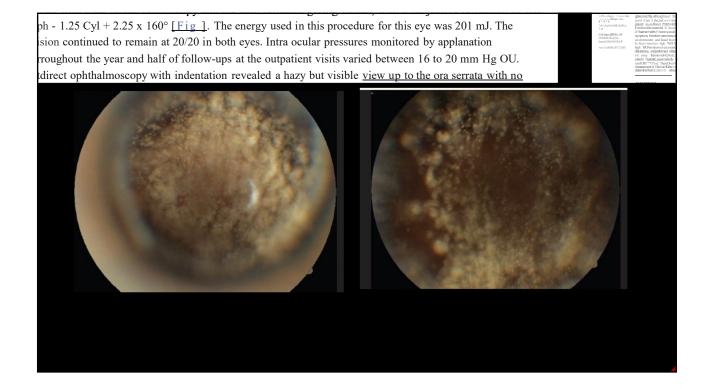
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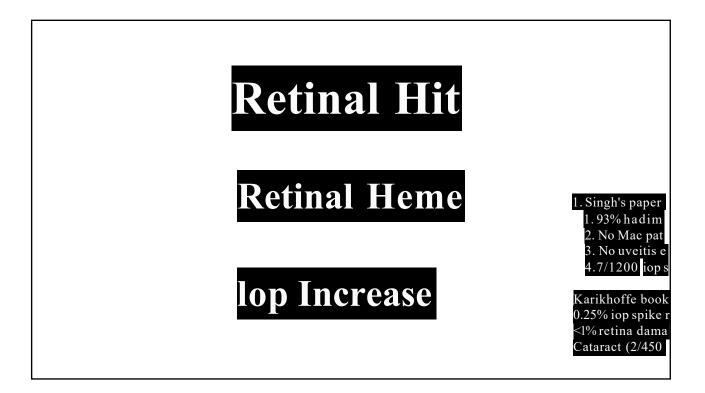
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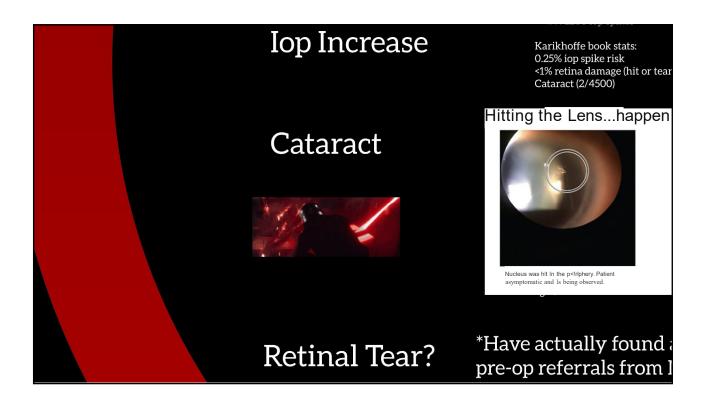
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20/20 with clear streak retinoscopy and the auto refractor giving values, with a subjective refraction of OD Sph - 1.25 Cyl + 2.25 x 160° [Fig:2]. The energy used in this procedure for this eye was 201 mJ. The vision continued to remain at 20/20 in both eyes. Intra ocular pressures monitored by applanation throughout the year and half of follow-ups at the outpatient visits varied between 16 to 20 mm Hg OU. Indirect ophthalmoscopy with indentation revealed a hazy but visible view up to the ora serrata with no

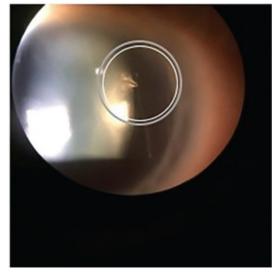




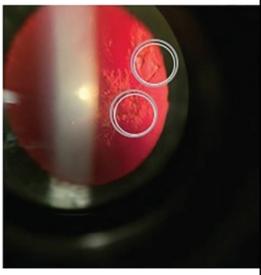




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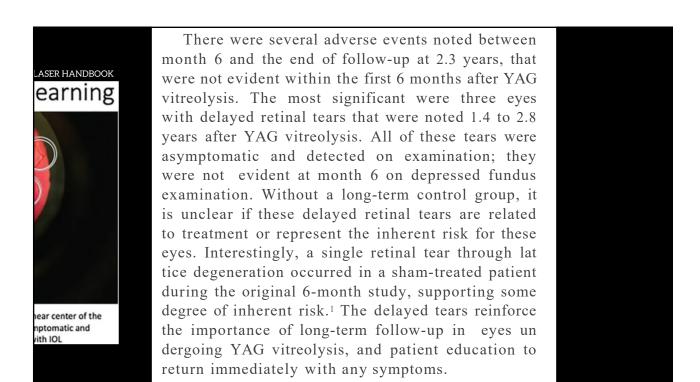


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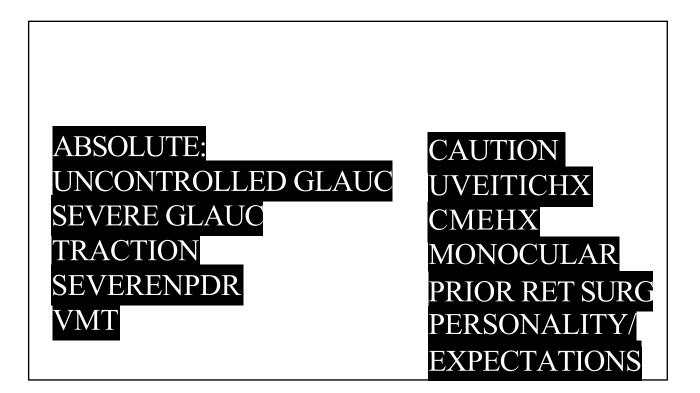


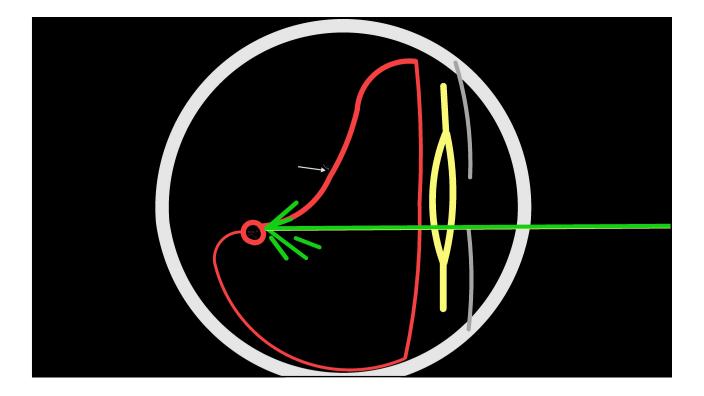
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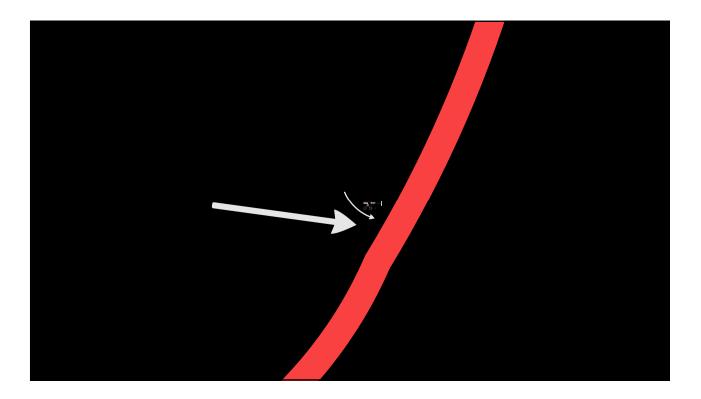


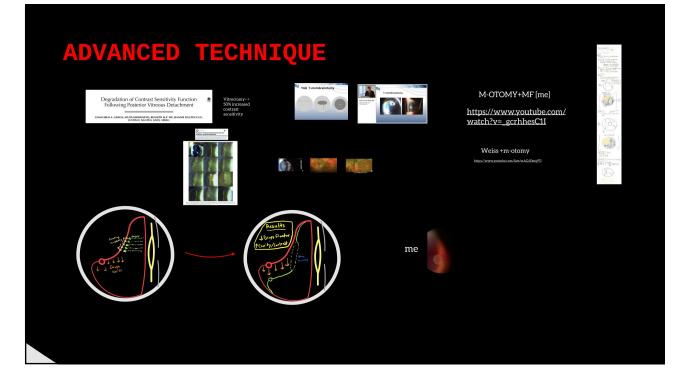


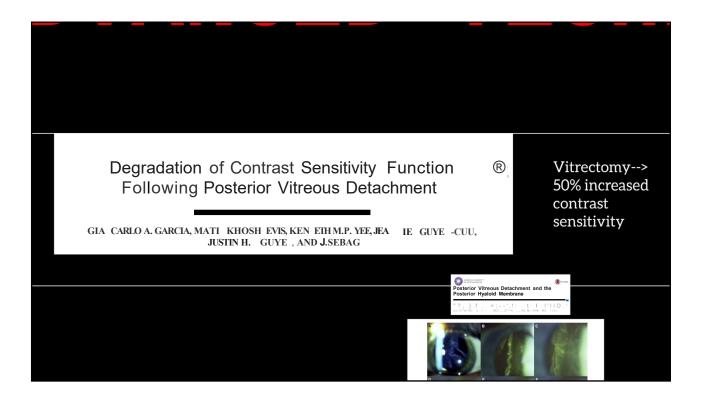


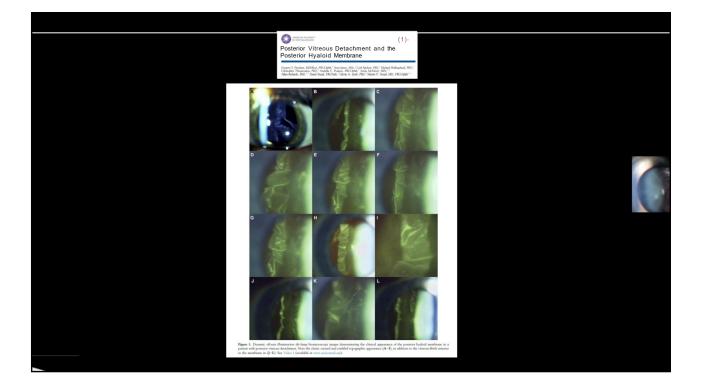


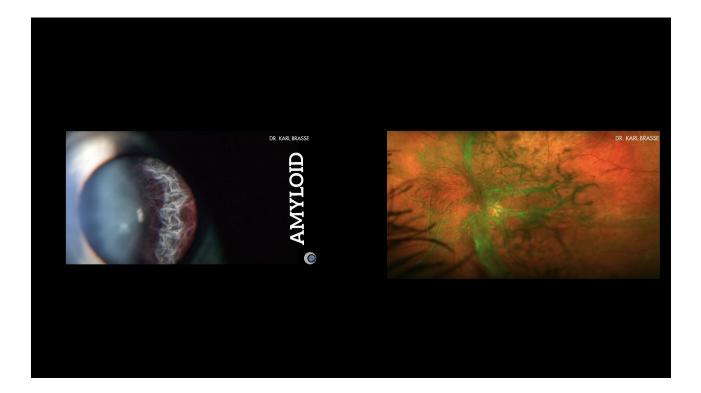


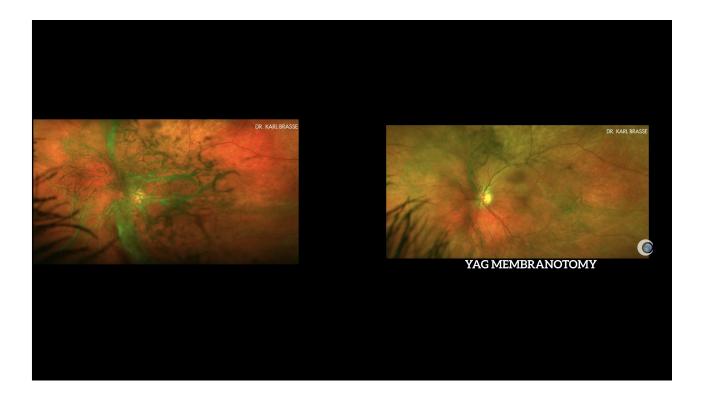


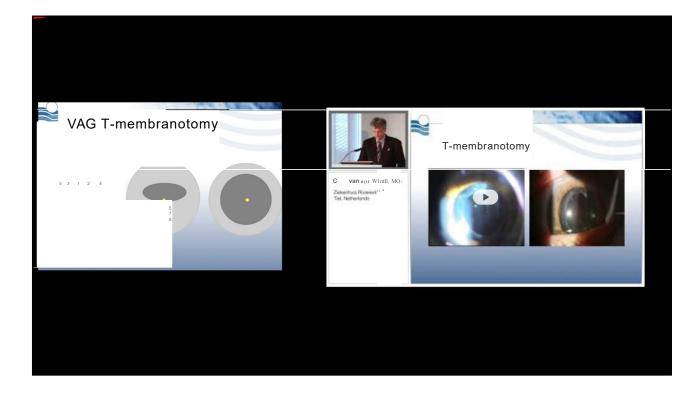


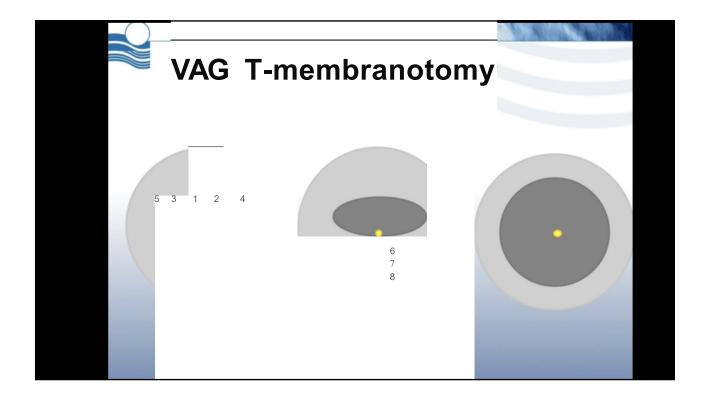


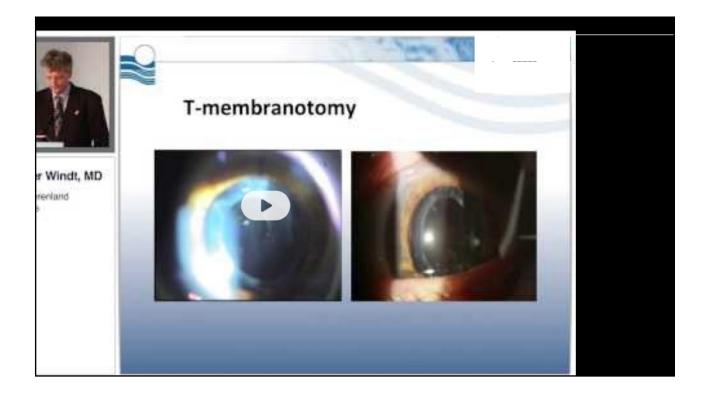


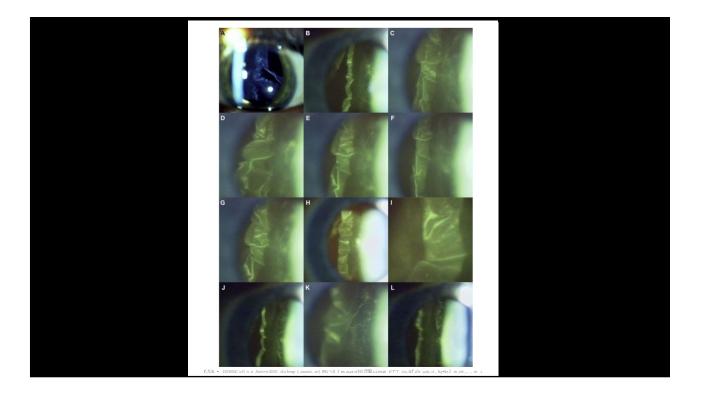


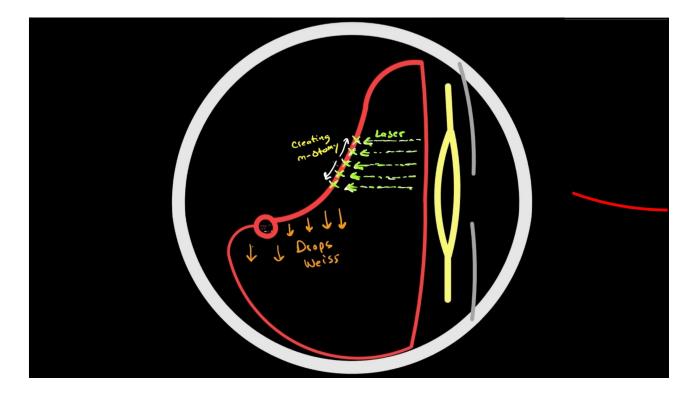












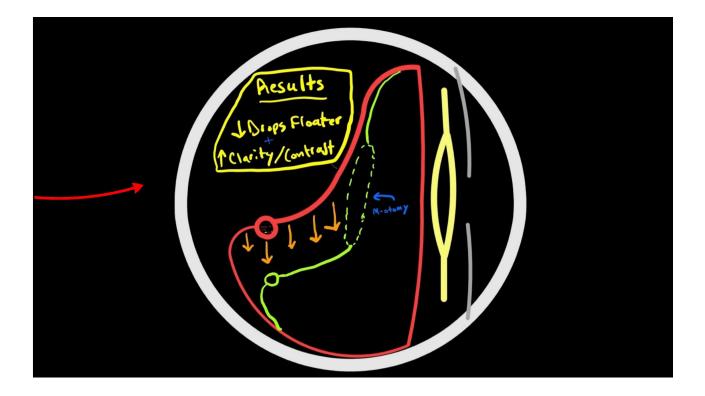
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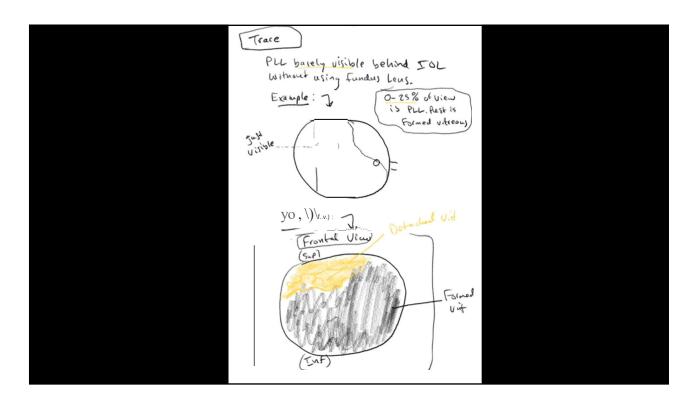
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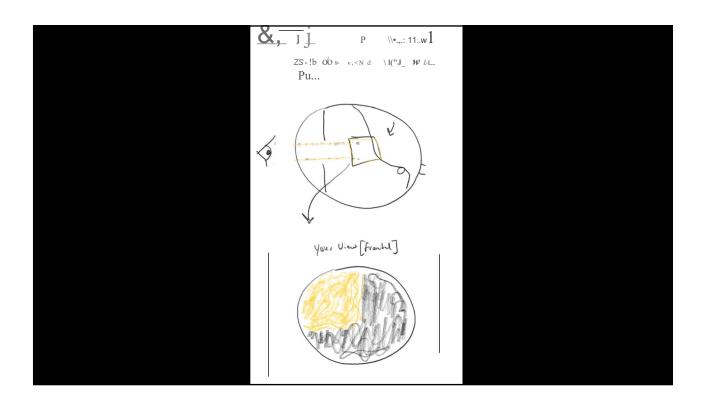
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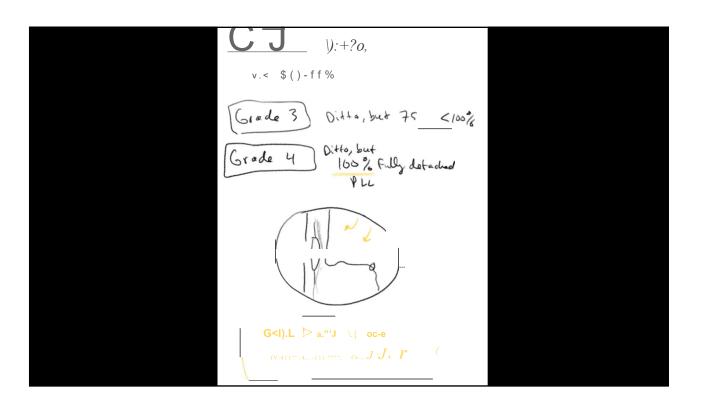
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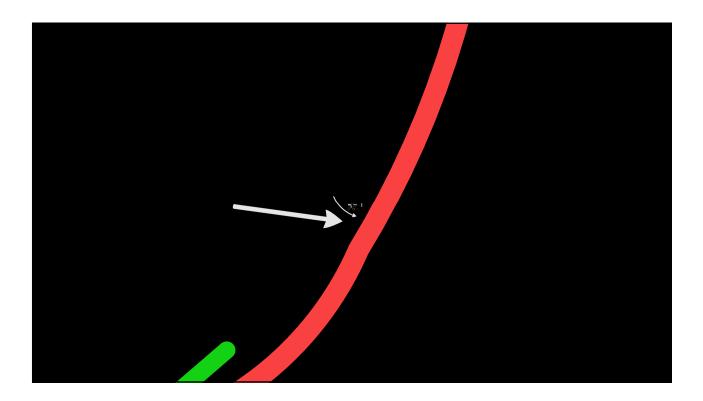
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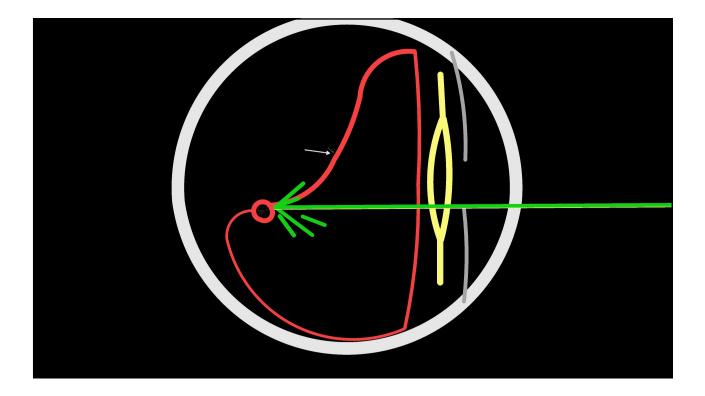


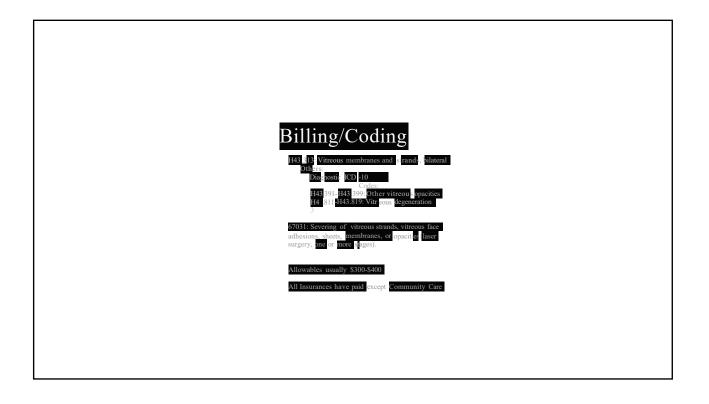


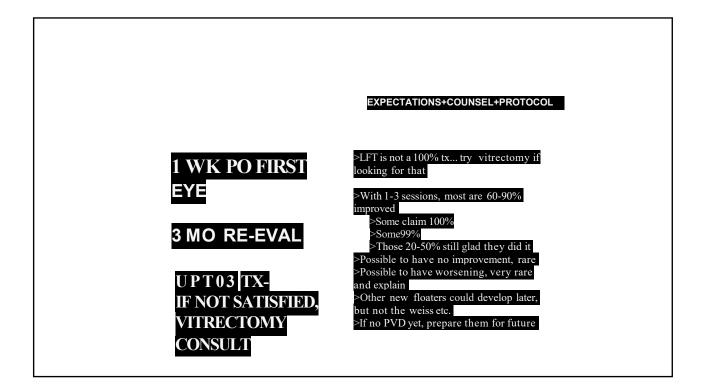


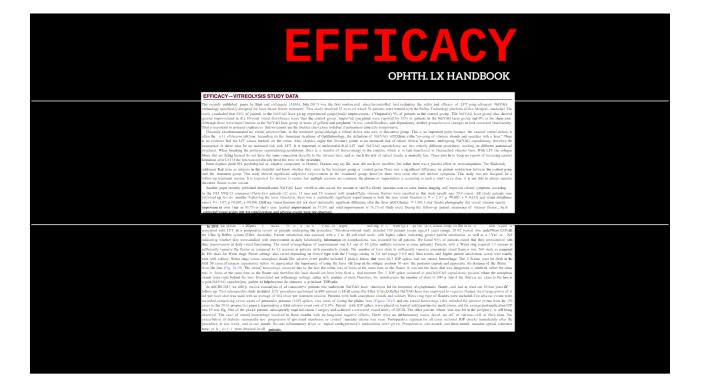












#### **OPHTH. LX HANDBOOK**

#### EFFICACY-VITREOLYSIS STUDY DATA

The recently published paper by Shah and colleagues (JAMA, July 2017) was the first randomized placebo-controlled trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of LFf using advanced Nd:YAG technology specifically designed for laser-based floater treatment.<sup>7</sup> This study involved 52 eyes, of which 36 patients were treated with the Reflex Technology platform (Ellex Medical, Australia). The study concluded that 54% of patients in the Nd:YAG laser group experienced symptomatic improvements compared to 9% of patients in the control group. The Nd:YAG laser group also showed greater improvement in the 10-point visual disturbance score than the control group. Improved symptoms were reported by 53% of patients in the Nd:YAG laser group and 0% in the sham arm. Although there were improvements in the Nd:YAG laser group in terms of general and peripheral vision, role difficulties, and dependency, neither group showed changes in best corrected visual acuity. That is important to note and emphasizes that we cannot use the Snellen chart alone to define if patients are clinically symptomatic.

This study also demonstrated no retinal adverse events in the treatment group, although a retinal defect was seen in the control group. This is an important point because the cause of retinal defects is often the result of vitreous traction. According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the definition of Nd:YAG vitreolysis is the "severing of vitreous strands and opacities with a laser." There is no evidence that the LFF causes traction on the retina. Also, skeptics argue that literature points to an increased risk of retinal defects in patients undergoing Nd:YAG capsulotomy, therefore the assumption is there must be an increased risk with LFf. It is important to understand that LFf and Nd:YAG capsulotomy are two entirely different procedures working on different anatomical structures. When breaking the posterior capsule during capsulotomy, there is a transfer of forces/energy to the zonules, which is in tum transferred to the attached vitreous base. With LFf, the collagen fibers that are being lasered do not have the same connection directly to the vitreous base, and as such the risk of retinal breaks is markedly less. There also have been no reports of increasing cataract formation after LFf if the lens was not directly hit at the time of the procedure.

Some skeptics point to a psychological or adaptive component to floaters. Doctors may say the laser did not have an effect, but rather there was a placebo effect or neuroadaptation. The Shah study addresses that issue as subjects in the study did not know whether they were in the treatment group or control group. There was a significant difference in patient satisfaction between the control group and the treatment group. This study showed significant subjective improvement in the treatment group; however, there were some who still noticed symptoms. This study was not designed for a follow-up treatment session. It is important for doctors to realize that multiple sessions are common; the plasma or vaporization is occurring in such a small area; thus, it is not able to always vaporize the entire floater in one session.

Another paper recently published demonstrated Nd:YAG laser vitreolysis decreased the amount of vitreous floater opacities seen on color fundus imaging and improved related symptoms according to the NEI VFQ-25 responses.<sup>8</sup> Thirty-two patients (32 eyes; 13 men and 19 women) with symptomatic vitreous floaters were enrolled in this study (mean age: 59.4 years). All study patients were followed up for six months. Following the laser vitreolysis, there was a statistically significant improvement in both the near visual function (z = -2.97; p = 0.003; r = 0.633) and visual disturbance rate (z = -3.97; p < 0.001; r = 0.84). Distance visual function did not show statistically significant difference after the laser procedure (p = 1.00). Color fundus photography did reveal vitreous opacity improvement in 93.7% of study eyes (partial improvement in 56.2% of study eyes). During the follow-up period, recurrence of vitreous floaters, best

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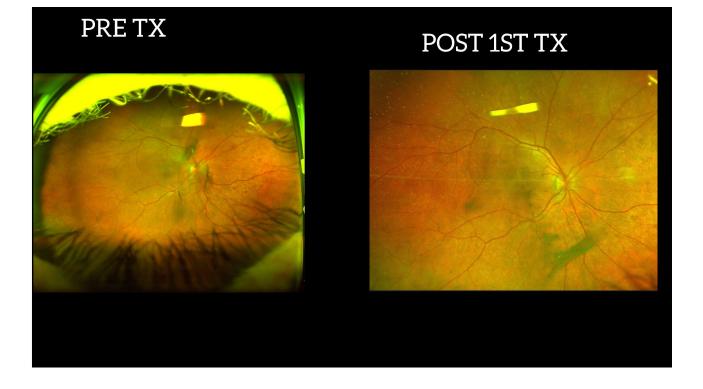
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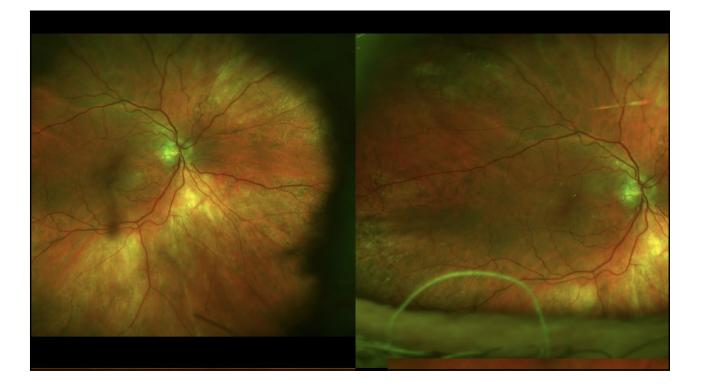
associated with LFT in a prospective review of patients undergoing the procedure.<sup>9</sup> This observational study included 130 patients (mean age, 61 years [range, 28-92 years]) who underwent LFT with the Ultra Q Reflex system (Ellex, Australia). Patient satisfaction was assessed with a 1 to 10 self-rated scale, with higher values indicating greater patient satisfaction, as well as a "Yes" or "No" indicating whether they were satisfied with improvement in daily functioning. Information on complications was recorded for all patients. We found 91% of patients stated that they were satisfied with their improvement in daily visual functioning. The noted average degree of improvement was 8.5 out of 10 (after multiple sessions in some patients). Patients with a Weiss ring required 1.3 sessions to sufficiently vaporize the floater as compared to 3.2 sessions in patients with amorphous clouds. The number of laser shots to sufficiently vaporize amorphous cloud floaters was 568 shots as compared to 186 shots for Weiss rings. Power settings also varied depending on floater type with the average setting at 5.8 mJ (range 2.9-9 mJ). Best results and higher patient satisfaction scores were notably seen with solitary Weiss rings versus amorphous clouds. The adverse event profile included 2 phakic lenses that were hit, 3 IOP spikes, and one retinal hemorrhage. The 2 lenses were int (both in the first 50 cases of surgeon experience) before we appreciated the importance of using the laser slit lamp in the oblique position to view the posterior capsule and appreciate the distance of the floater from the lens (Fig. 18.15). The retinal hemorrhage occurred due to the fact the retina was in focus at the same time as the floater. It was not the laser that was dangerous or misfired, rather the retina was in focus at the same time as the floater and therefore the laser should not have been fired at that moment. The 3 IOP spikes occurred in post-Nd:YAG capsulotomy patients where the amorphous clouds were right behind the lens. It correlated n

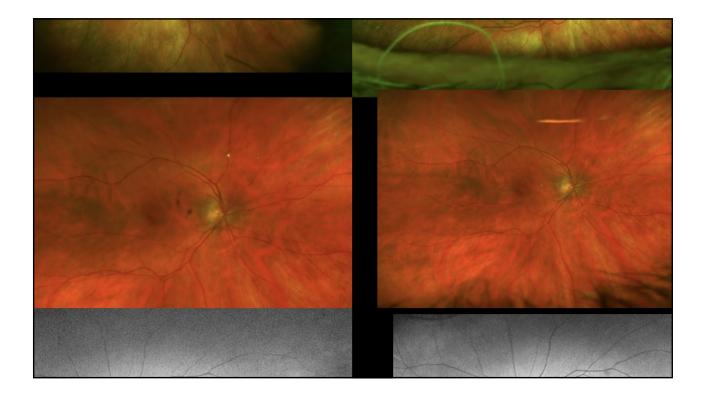
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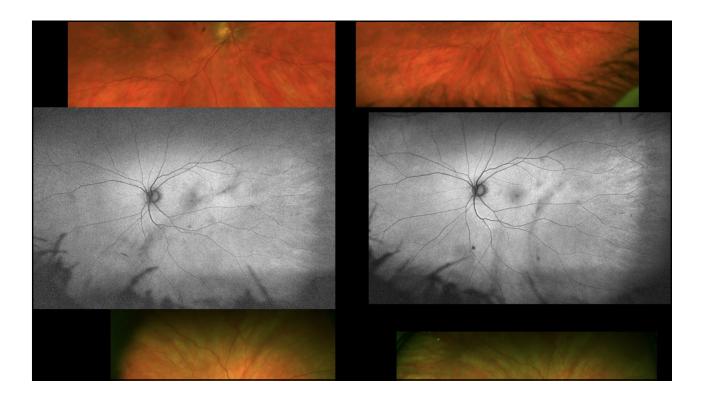


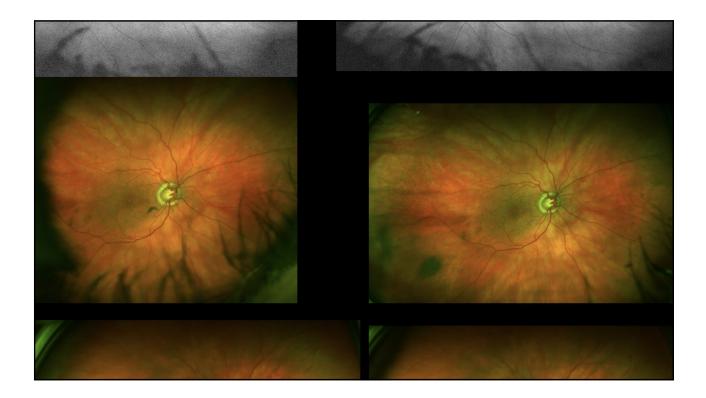


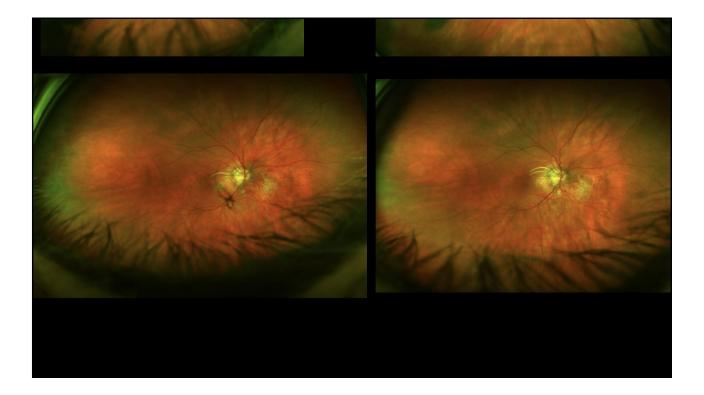












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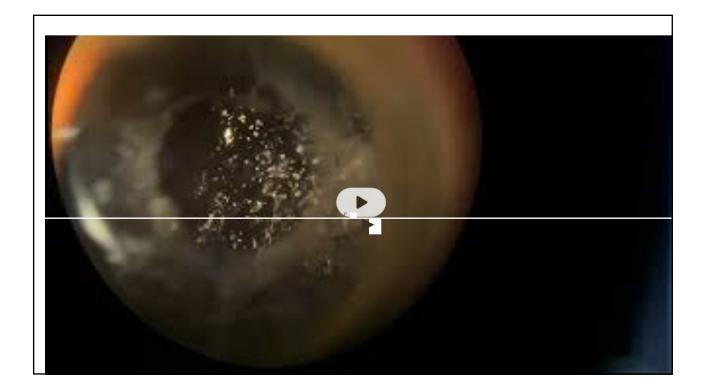
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