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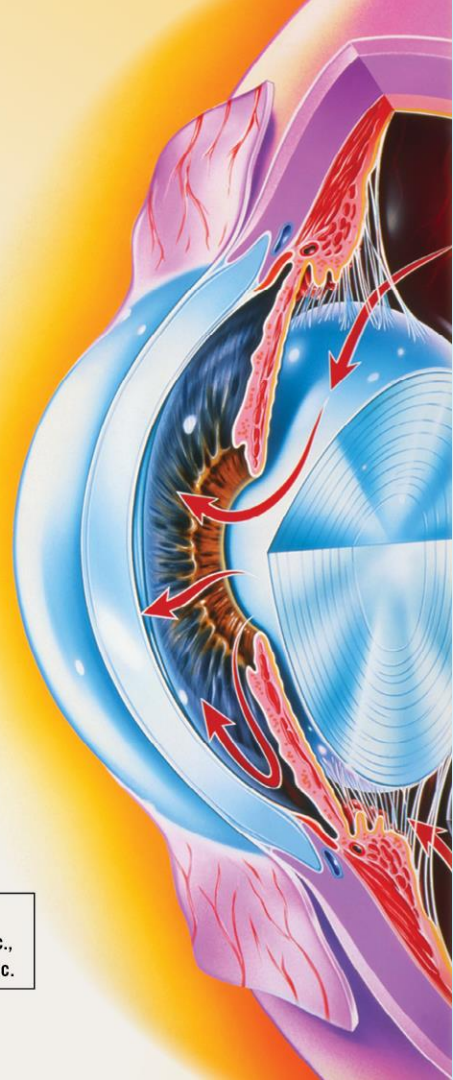
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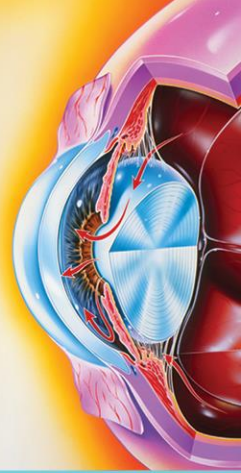
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## **Demographics and POAG: Time to Consider Alternative Care Models**

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# The Times They Are a Changin'

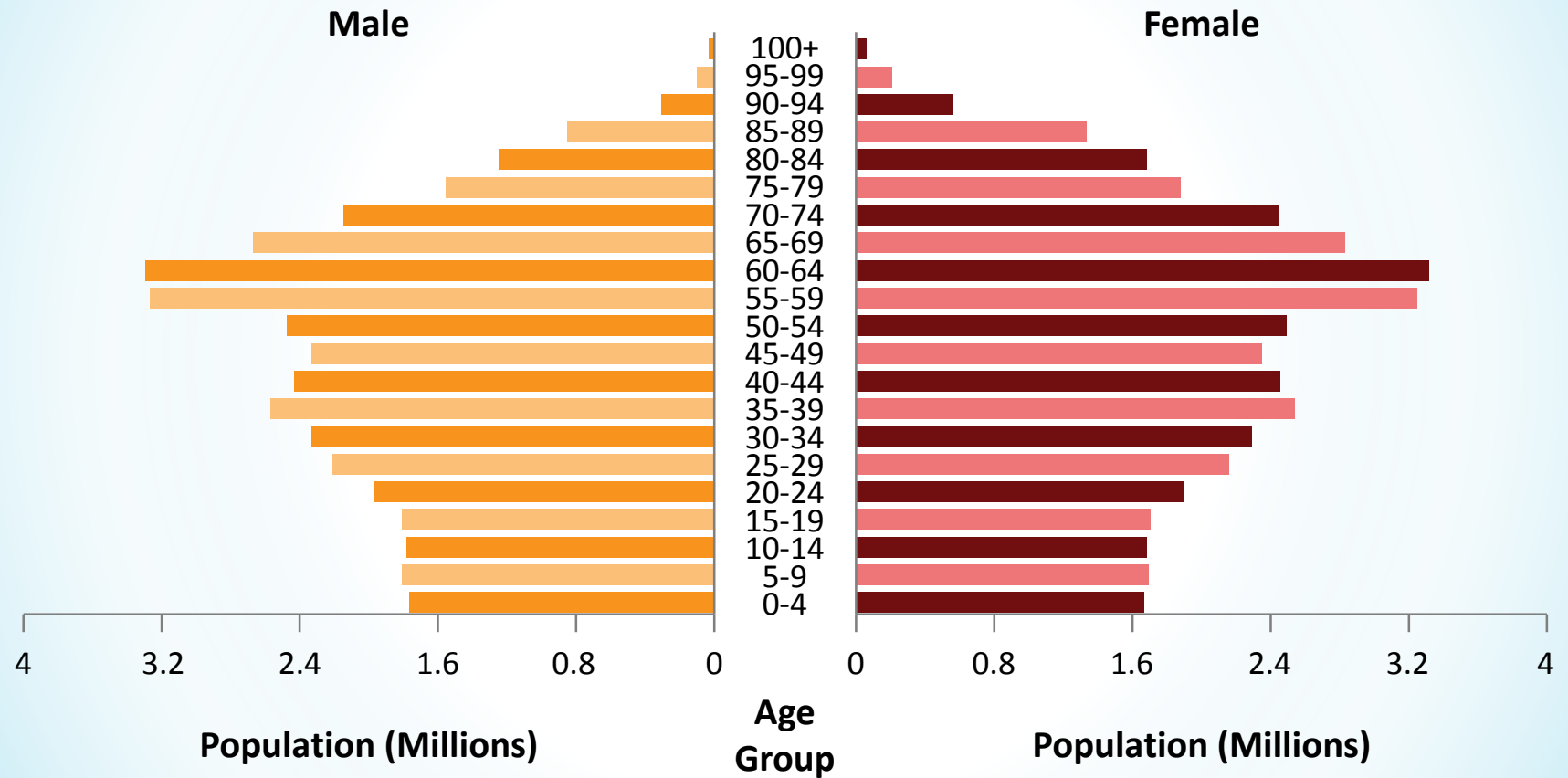
- Populations are aging
- Number of ophthalmologists is not adequate
- Cost of care is high and much of what we do during the care process is ineffective
- Technology is improving

Developed countries are aging and there will be fewer working age individuals.

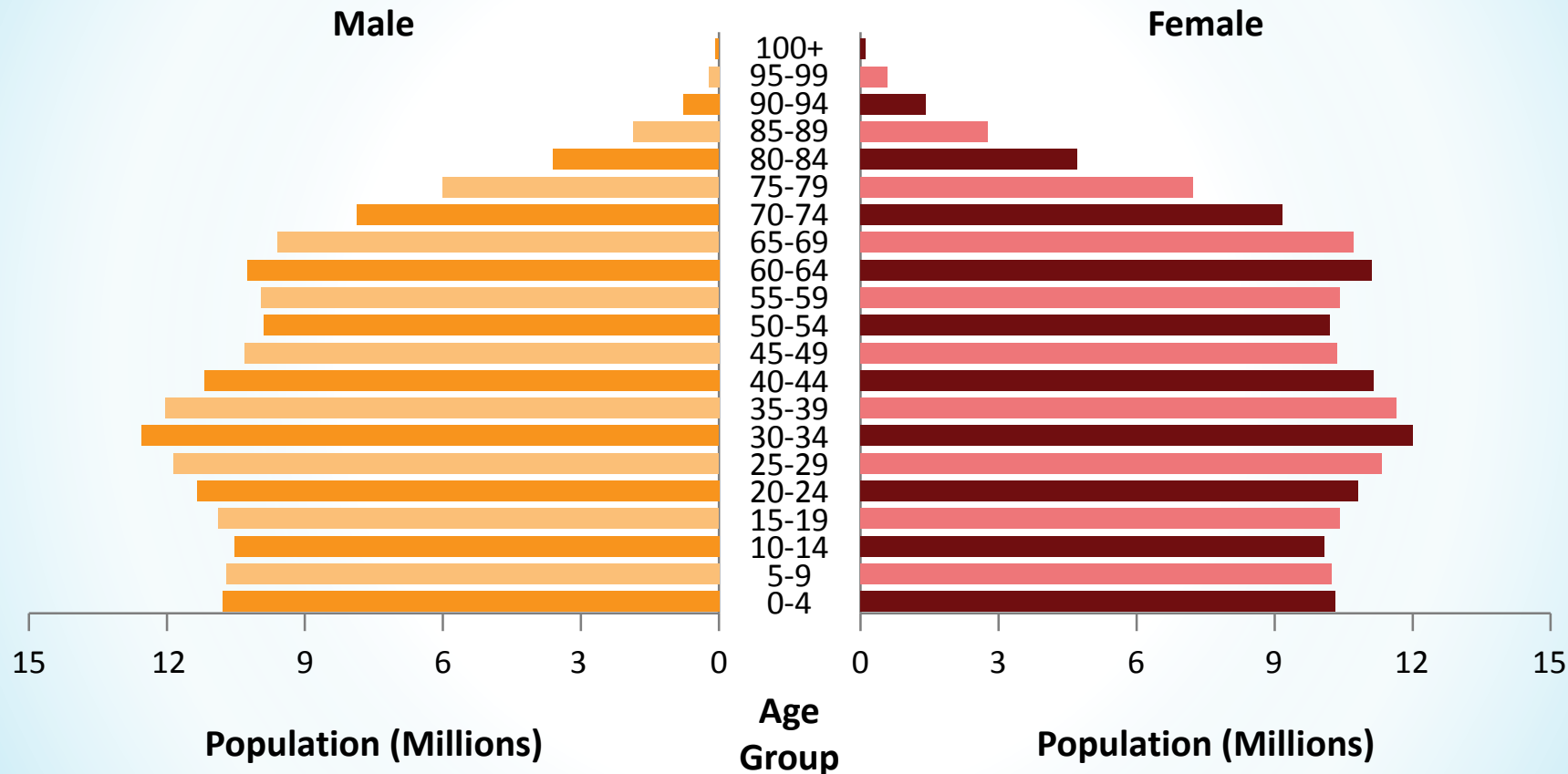
Who will see all of the glaucoma patients?



# German Population by Age – 2025



# United States Population by Age – 2025



# No New Ophthalmologists!!!

The **number of ophthalmologists** in the United States will increase by about 2% and full time equivalents (FTE) will decrease over the next decade



**About 10% of Whites and over 15%  
of African-derived populations  
over 75 years of age**

**Nearly 100 million globally with  
glaucoma in 2020**



# Many More Need Monitoring

## Patients

Large numbers with angle closure  
without glaucoma

**Half of glaucoma care costs  
are for glaucoma visits**

Quigley HA, et al. *Ophthalmol.* 2013;120(11):2249-2257.

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**Current management is**  
**inefficient**  
**and often**  
**ineffective**

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# Lots of **Wasted Time** and Effort

- Patient seen every 4 to 6 months
- IOP stable, field stable, nerve imaging stable
- 5 years later confirmed field loss

**How much of the time spent with the patient was time well spent???**

# Visual Acuity

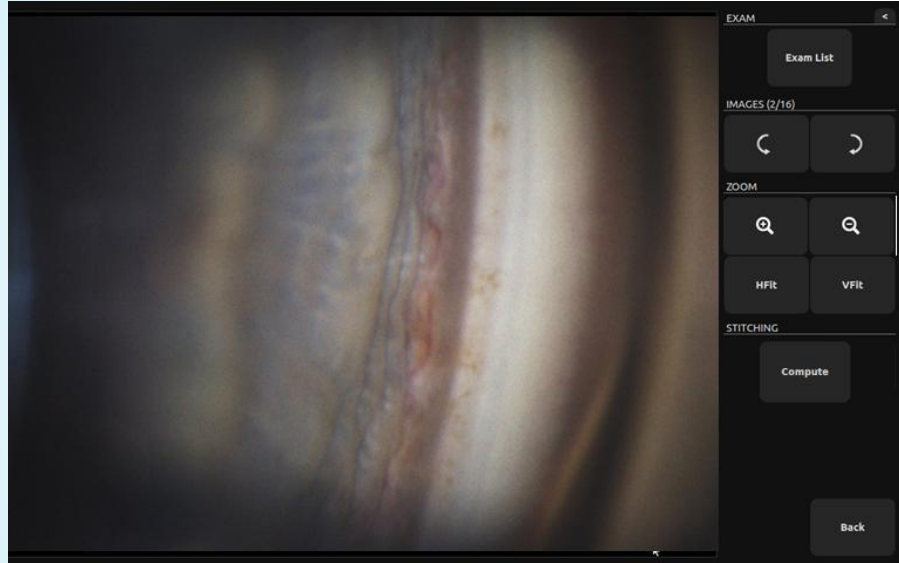


# Intraocular Pressure





# Anterior Chamber Angle



# Anterior Chamber Angle



# Fundus Photography



# Fundus Photography



# NFL Imaging

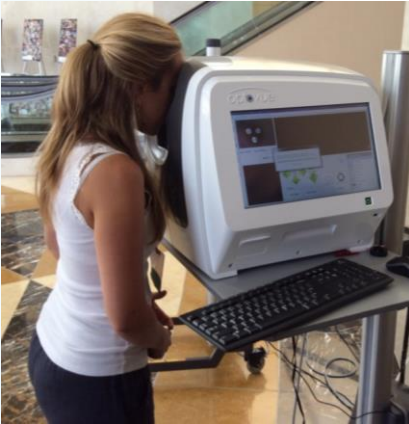




# Visual Field Testing



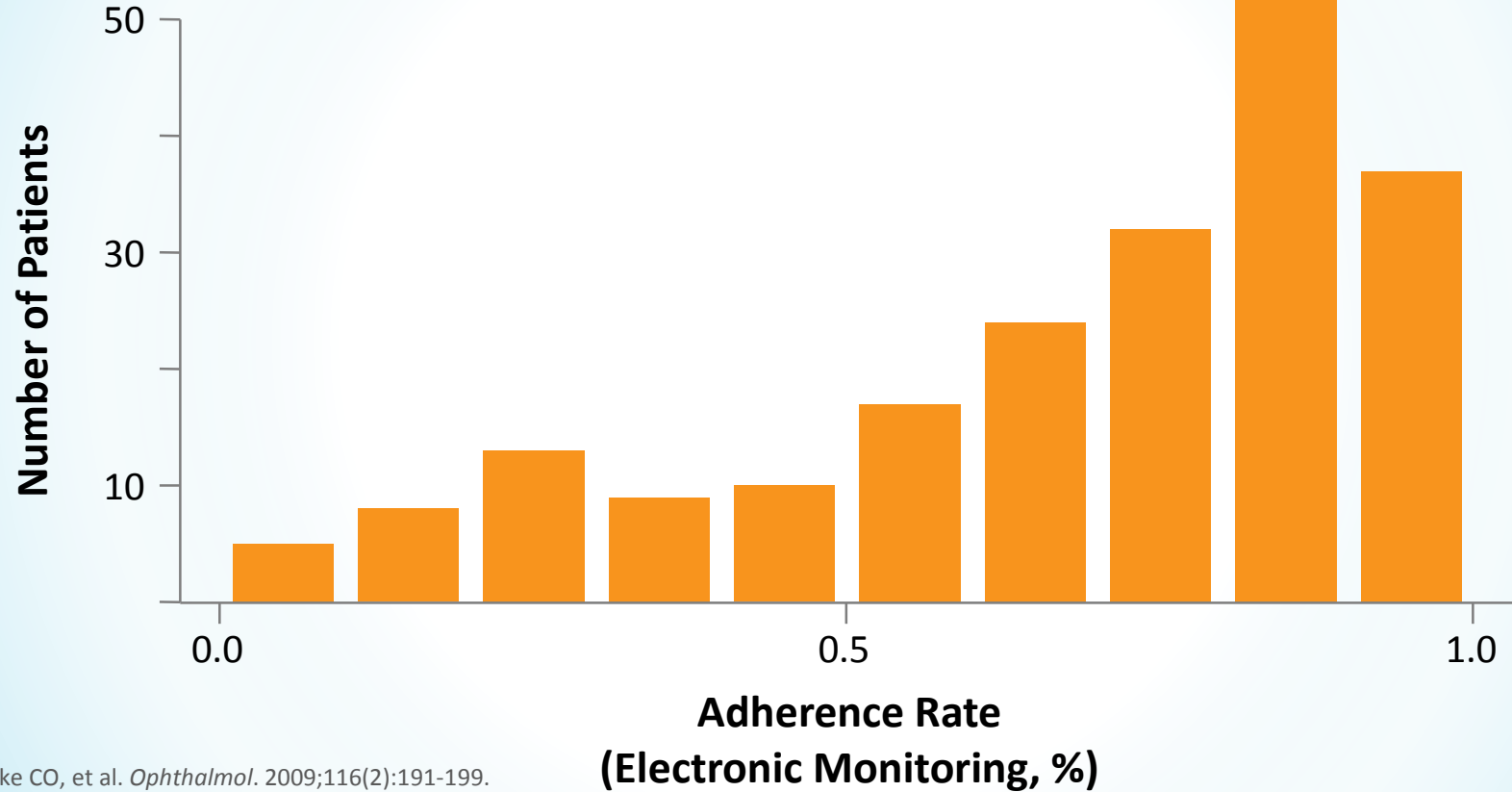
# Visual Field Testing





**What about  
counseling?**

# Adherence in Clinic Patients



Okeke CO, et al. *Ophthalmol.* 2009;116(2):191-199.

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**13 of 50** patients admitted to  
non-adherence in research interview

Physicians detected only **3 of them**

# Determining Worsening???

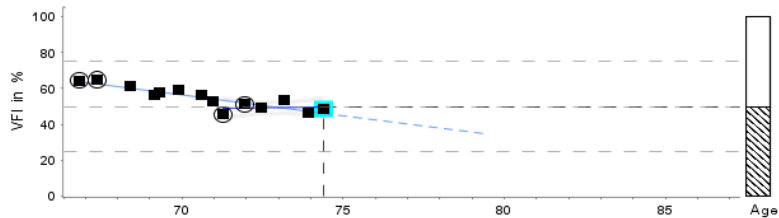
| Clinician A            | Clinician B       |                 |                      |                        |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|                        | Definitely Stable | Probably Stable | Probably Progressing | Definitely Progressing |
| Definitely Stable      | 5                 | 4               | 1                    | 0                      |
| Probably Stable        | 4                 | 1               | 2                    | 1                      |
| Probably Progressing   | 0                 | 3               | 1                    | 3                      |
| Definitely Progressing | 0                 | 1               | 0                    | 1                      |

**Median weighted kappa for 5 clinicians = 0.32**

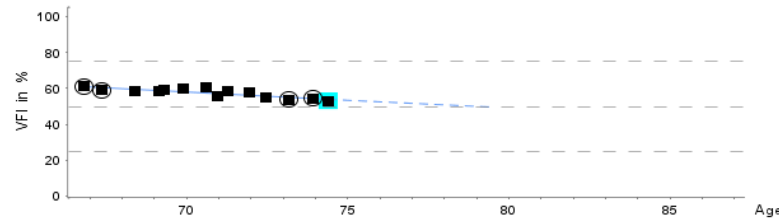
**Technology can  
improve performance**



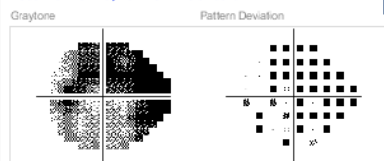
## Visual Field Index



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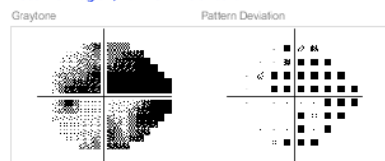
## Baseline: Nov 23, 2011 SITA-Standard



GHT: Outside Normal Limits

FL: 0/17 VFI: 45%  
 FP: 2% MD: -18.84 dB P < 0.5%  
 FN: 26% PSD: 9.83 dB P < 0.5%  
 Pupil Diameter: Fovea: 36 dB

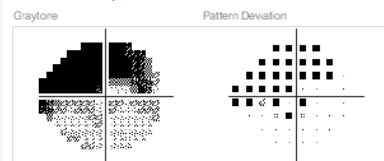
## Baseline: Aug 01, 2012 SITA-Standard



GHT: Outside Normal Limits

FL: 0/17 VFI: 51%  
 FP: 0% MD: -17.13 dB P < 0.5%  
 FN: 0% PSD: 12.21 dB P < 0.5%  
 Pupil Diameter: Fovea: 37 dB

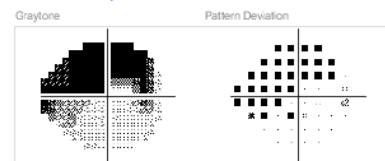
## Baseline: Oct 21, 2013 SITA-Standard



GHT: Outside Normal Limits

FL: 1/17 VFI: 54%  
 FP: 3% MD: -16.98 dB P < 0.5%  
 FN: 0% PSD: 11.71 dB P < 0.5%  
 Pupil Diameter: Fovea: 31 dB

## Baseline: Jul 23, 2014 SITA-Standard

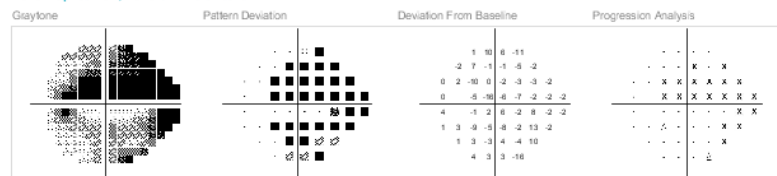


GHT: Outside Normal Limits

\*\*\* Low Test Reliability \*\*\*

FL: 4/16 XX VFI: 54%  
 FP: 4% MD: -15.52 dB P < 0.5%  
 FN: 0% PSD: 13.43 dB P < 0.5%  
 Pupil Diameter: Fovea: 36 dB

## Follow-up: Jan 07, 2015 SITA-Standard

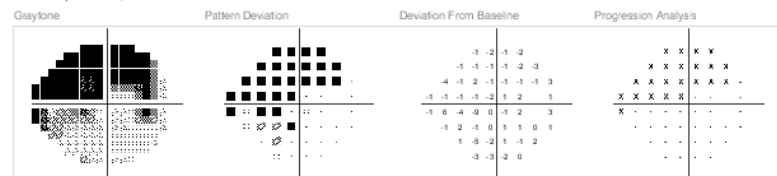


GHT: Outside Normal Limits

FL: 3/16 VFI: 49%  
 FP: 4% MD: -17.23 dB P < 0.5%  
 FN: 6% PSD: 12.40 dB P < 0.5%

Pupil Diameter:  
 Visual Acuity: Fovea: 37 dB

## Follow-up: Jan 07, 2015 SITA-Standard



GHT: Outside Normal Limits

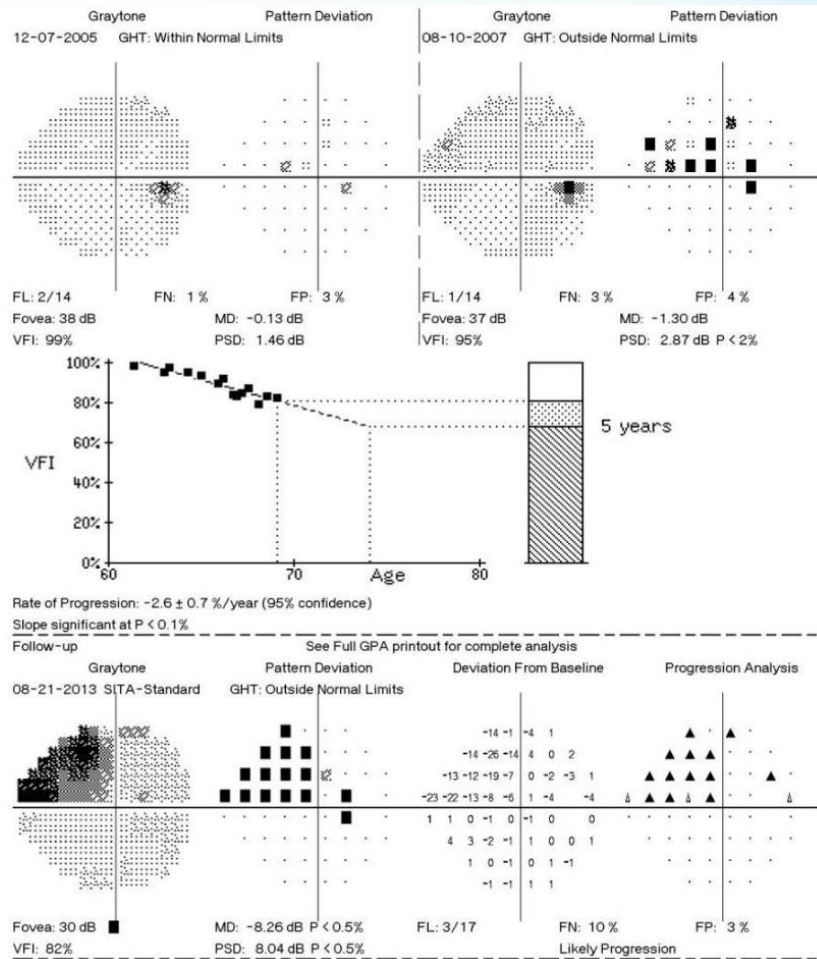
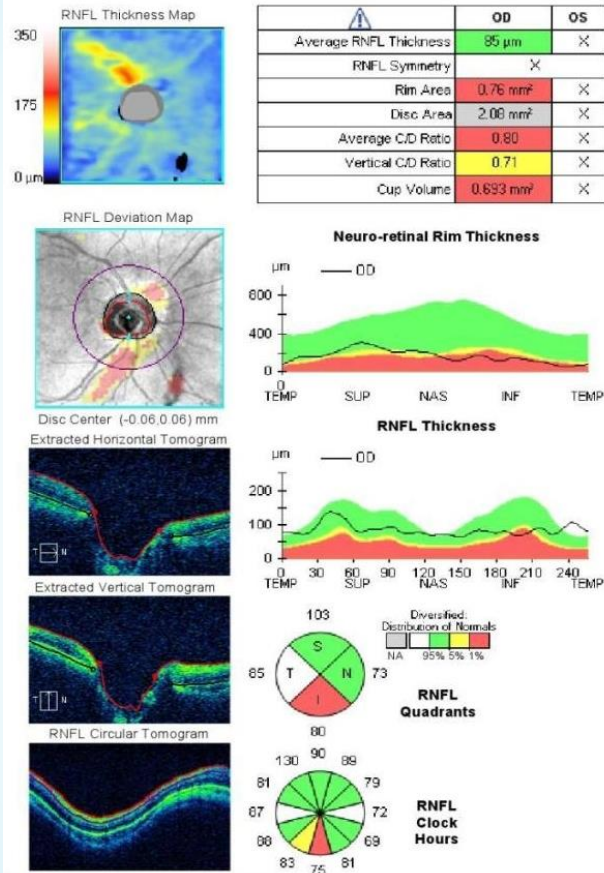
FL: 2/15 VFI: 53%  
 MD: -15.98 dB P < 0.5%  
 FN: 0% PSD: 13.02 dB P < 0.5%

Pupil Diameter:  
 Visual Acuity: Fovea: 34 dB

Doctor:

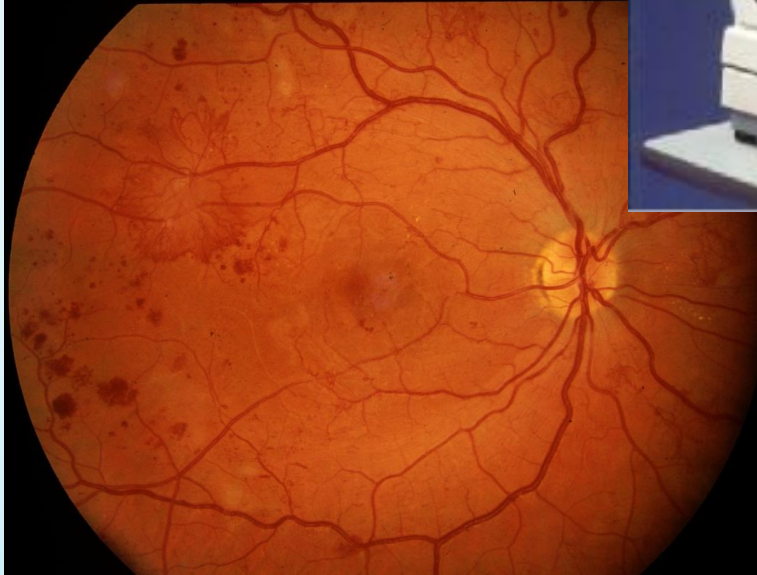
Signal Strength: 5/10

# ONH and RNFL OU Analysis: Optic Disc Cube 200x200





# Photoscreening for DR



# Local Testing at Remote Locations

- Better integration of data
- More resources allocated to interpretation
- Physician with better data and more time to interact with those who need time
- Rapid upgrade to better technology over time

# A New Model of Care

- Testing using ancillary personnel for most visits
- Longer physician appointments when major clinical change is recommended

**Health delivery systems can be improved  
in order to provide high quality care  
more efficiently and effectively**

# The Office of Tomorrow

- Data collected remotely
- Physician with multiple screens reviews
- Ancillary staff interact with the patient
- Longer visits with the doctor for change of care or change of status

# The Future Is Here

- Populations are aging and growing
- Resources are finite
- Physician supply is not growing, technology is improving
- All that remains is to figure out the logistics

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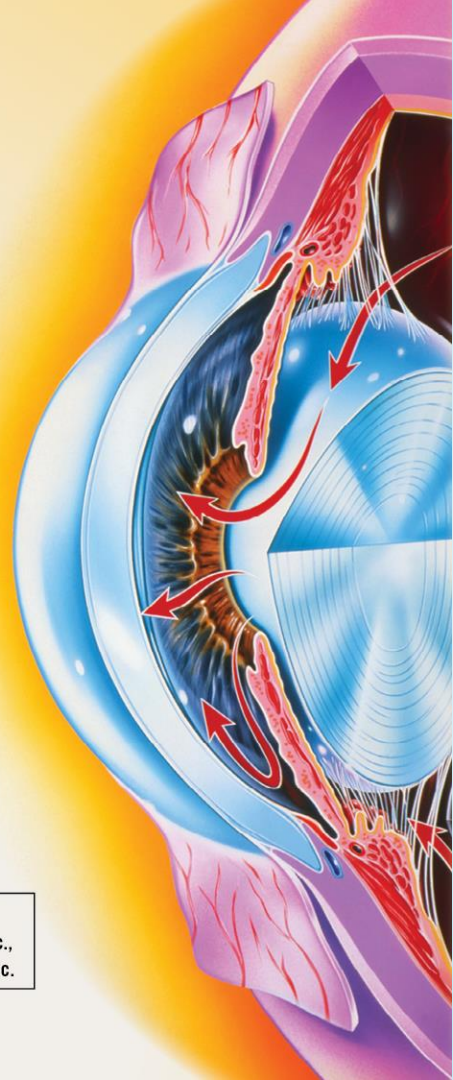
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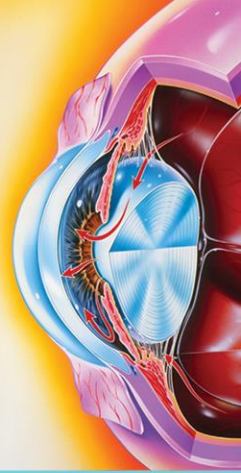
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## **Recent Discoveries in the Pathophysiology of Glaucoma: Novel Treatments**

**W. Daniel Stamer, PhD**

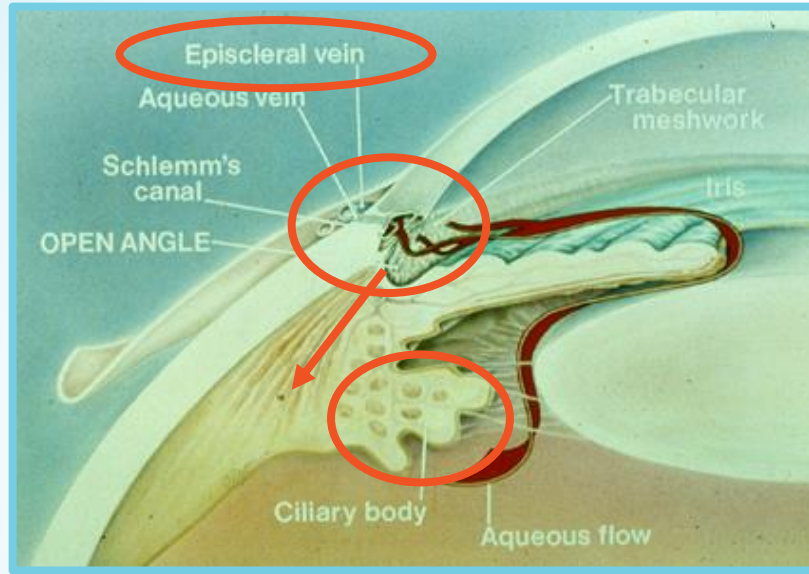
Joseph A. C. Wadsworth Professor of Ophthalmology  
Professor of Biomedical Engineering  
Duke University  
Durham, NC



# Which Currently Available Glaucoma Medications Secondarily Target the Conventional Outflow Pathway?

- **Prostaglandins** (direct, but secondary to changes in uveoscleral outflow pathway)
- **Pilocarpine** (indirect, via ciliary muscle contraction)

# Aqueous Humor Dynamics: IOP Regulation



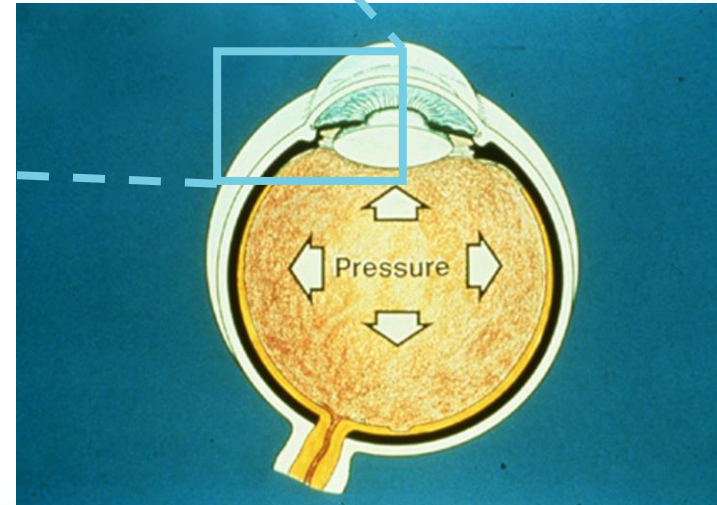
$$IOP = (F - U) / C + EVP$$

Simplified Goldman Equation

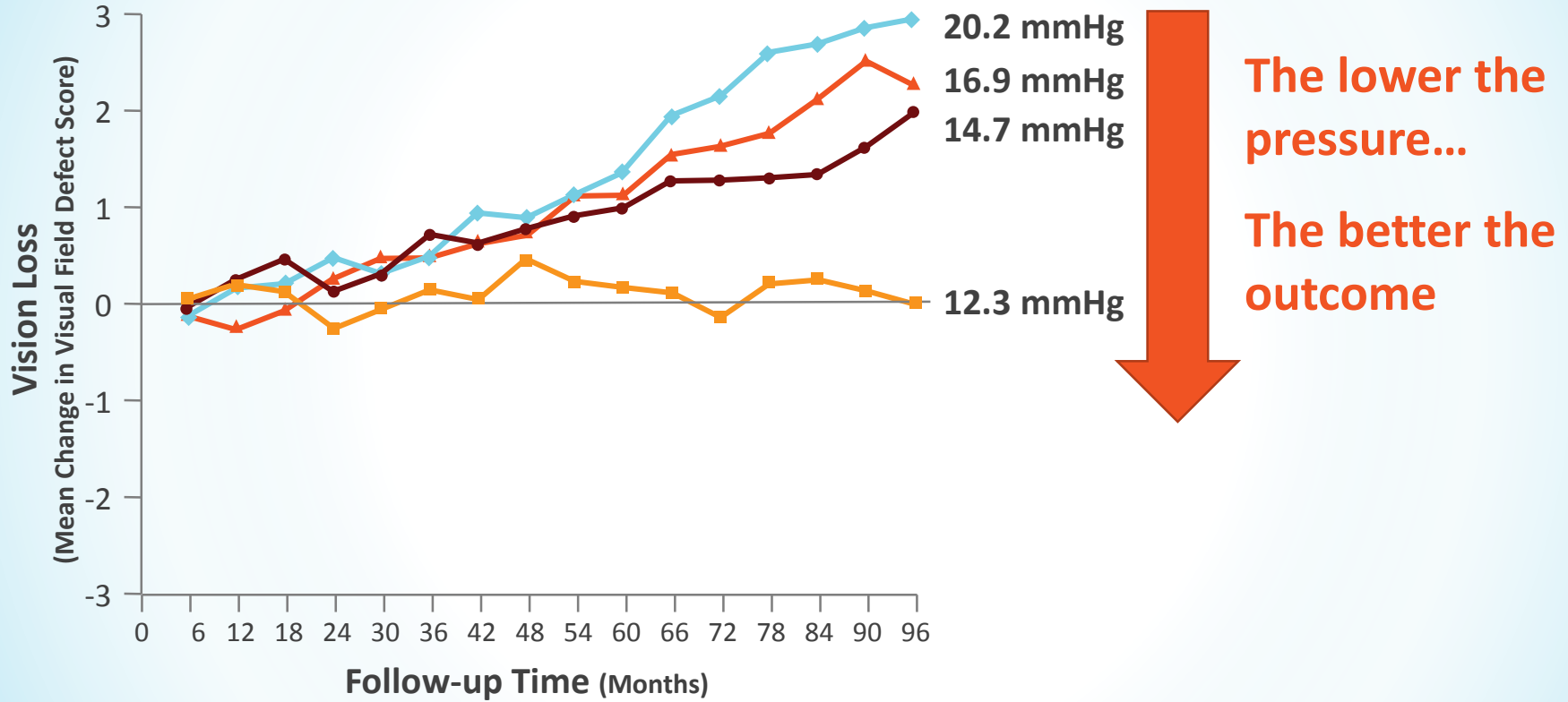
$$C = 1/R$$

IOP, intraocular pressure;  
F, rate of aqueous formation;  
U, uveoscleral outflow;  
C, facility of aqueous outflow;  
EVP, episcleral venous pressure

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# Lowering Eye Pressure Is Neuroprotective



The AGIS Investigators. *Am J Ophthalmol.* 2000,Oct;130(4):429-440.

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# How Do We Medically Lower Eye Pressure?

$$\text{IOP} = (\text{F} - \text{U}) / \text{C} + \text{EVP}$$

Simplified Goldman Equation

## ***Decrease inflow***

β-adrenergic blockers

Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors

α<sub>2</sub>-adrenergic receptor agonists

## ***Increase uveoscleral outflow***

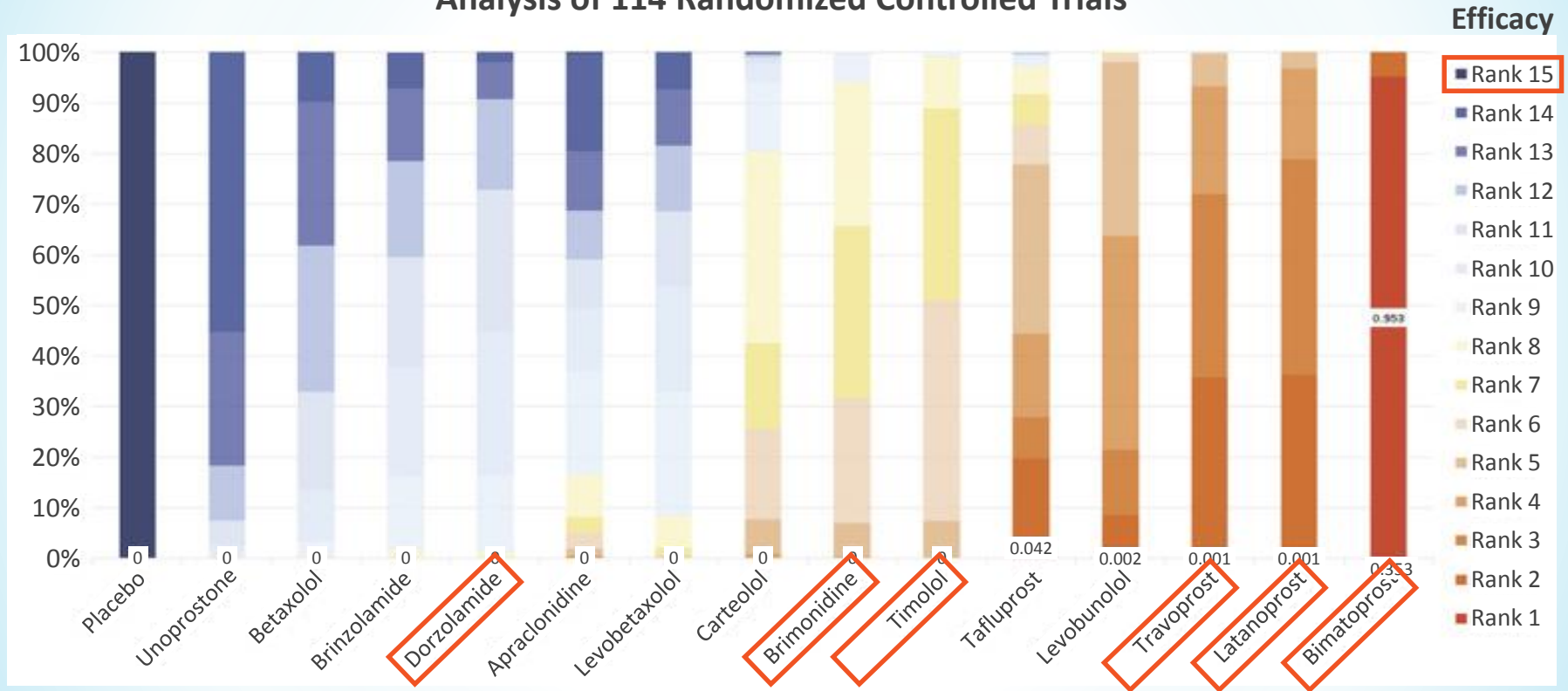
Prostaglandin F<sub>2a</sub> receptor agonists

## ***Increase conventional outflow***

None currently available in US

# Comparative Effectiveness of First-Line Medications for Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma: A Systematic Review and Network Meta-analysis

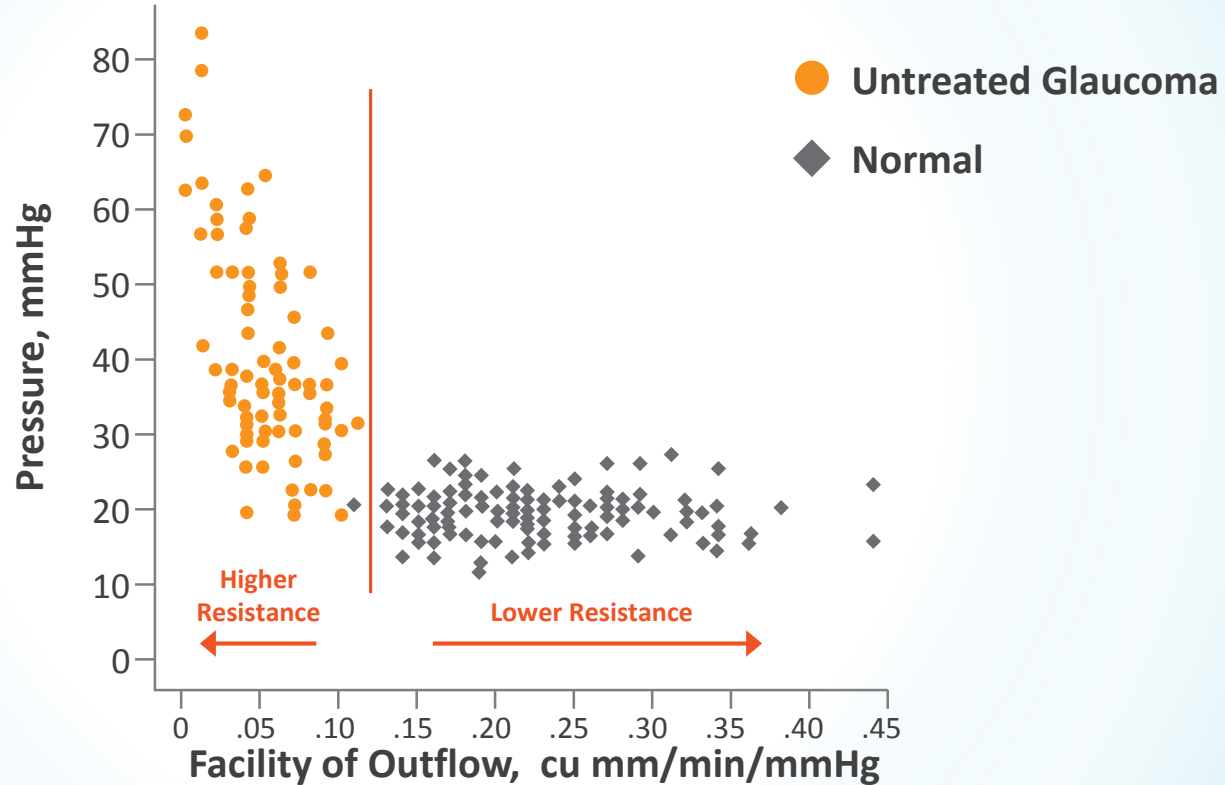
## Analysis of 114 Randomized Controlled Trials



Li T, et al. *Ophthalmol.* 2016;123(1):129-140.

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# Higher Resistance to Conventional Outflow Causes Ocular Hypertension in Glaucoma



Grant WM. *Trans Am Acad Ophthalmol Otolaryngol*. 1951;55:774-781.

# Why Do We Need a Conventional Outflow Drug?

- Majority of outflow (70%-90%) via conventional route, offering greater eye-pressure-lowering ability than PGAs
- Avoid interventional treatments (e.g. surgery, laser)
- Additive with current eye-pressure-lowering drugs: Current medical treatments do not lower eye pressure enough in most
- Restore function to conventional pathway
  - Diseased tissue
  - Better perfusion of tissues/cells
  - Possible stimulation of cell division and repopulation/remodeling of tissue
  - Dampen eye pressure fluctuations

# Conventional Outflow Drugs/Current Status

- Rho kinase inhibitors

- Netarsudil (Awaiting FDA approval in US)

- Netarsudil/latanoprost (Phase III)

- Ripasudil (Approved in Japan)

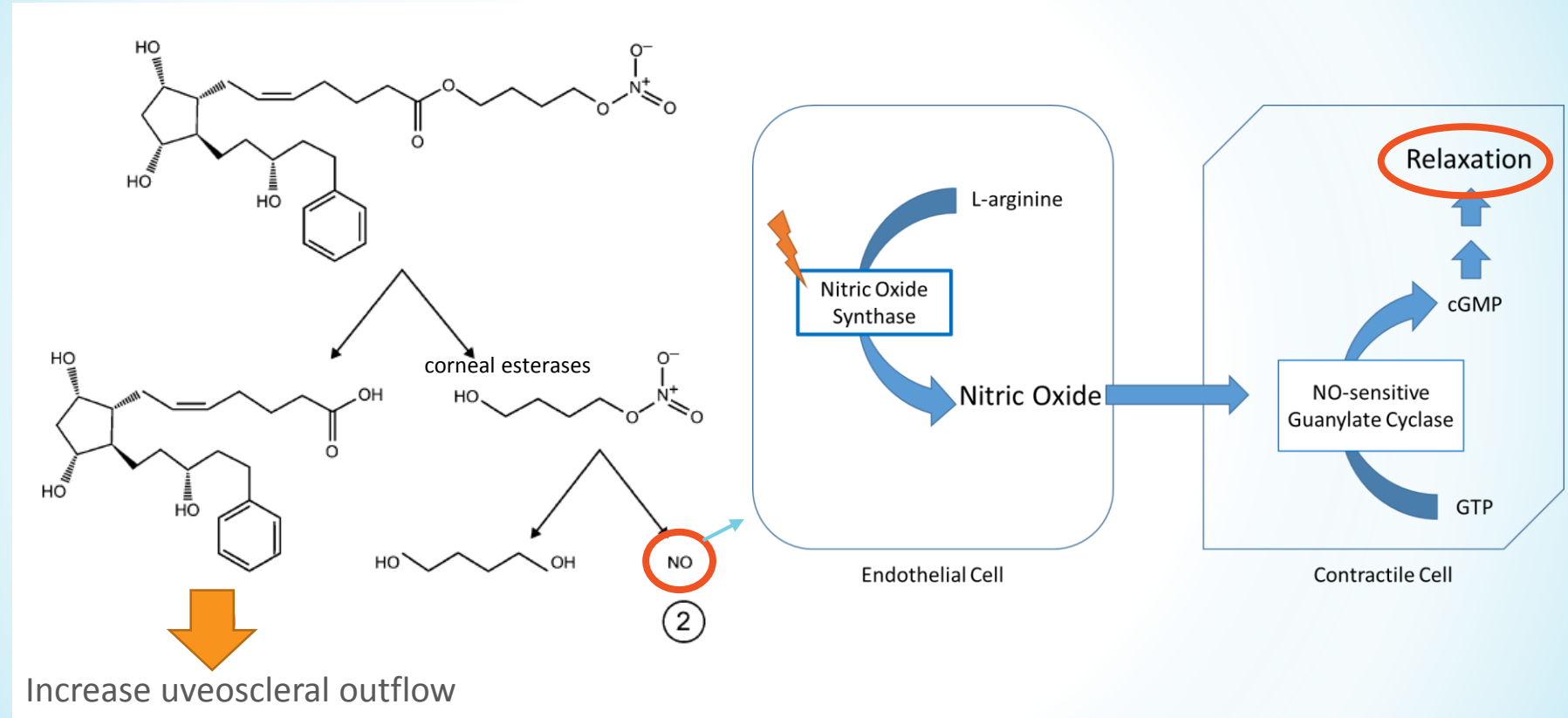
- Nitric oxide donors

- Latanoprostene bunod (Recently approved in US)

- Nipradilol (Approved in Japan)



# Latanoprostene Bunod: Mechanism of Action

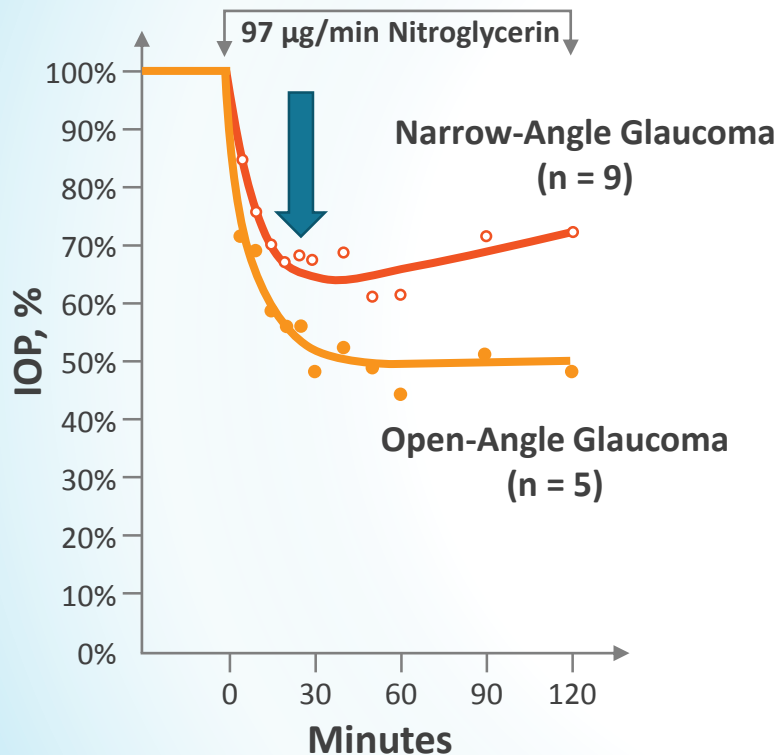


Kawase K, et al. *Adv Ther.* 2016;33(9):1612-1627.

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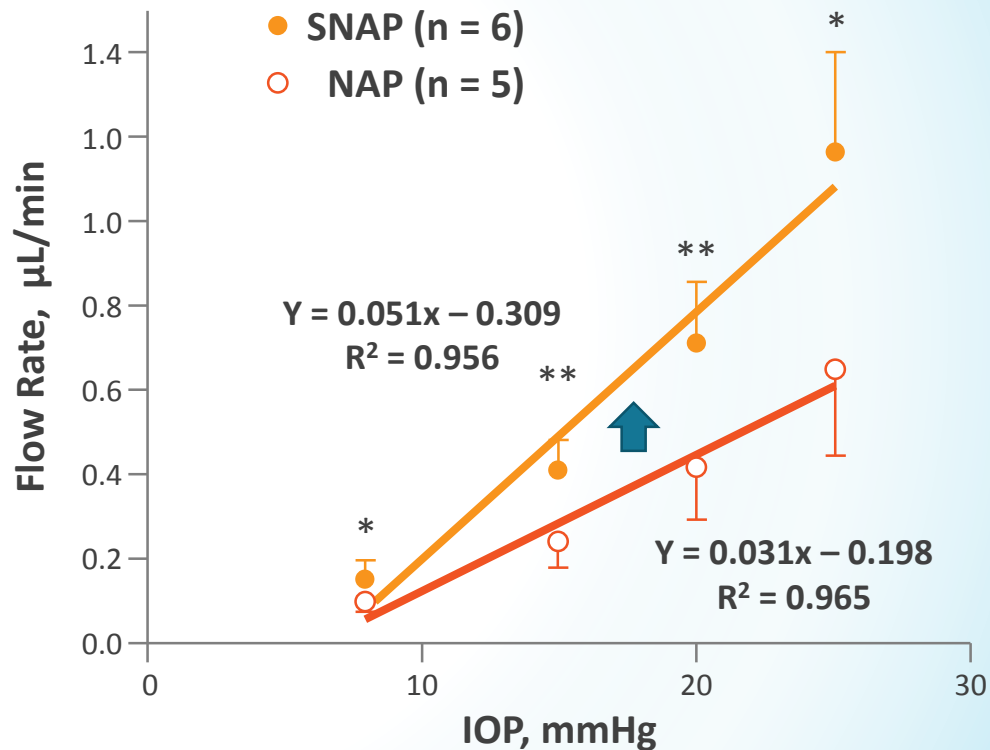
# Nitric Oxide Lowers IOP by Increasing Outflow Facility

## Infusion



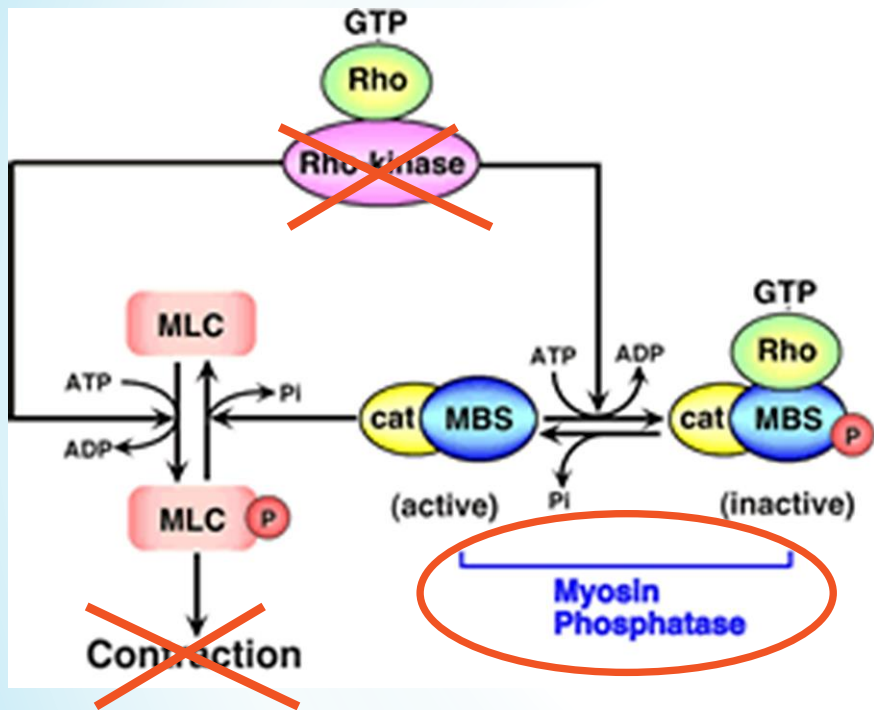
Wizemann AJ, et al. *Am J Ophthalmol.* 1980;90(1):106-109.

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Chang JY, et al. *Am J Physiol Cell Physiol.* 2015;15:309(4)C205-C214.

# Rho Kinase Inhibitors: Mechanism of Action

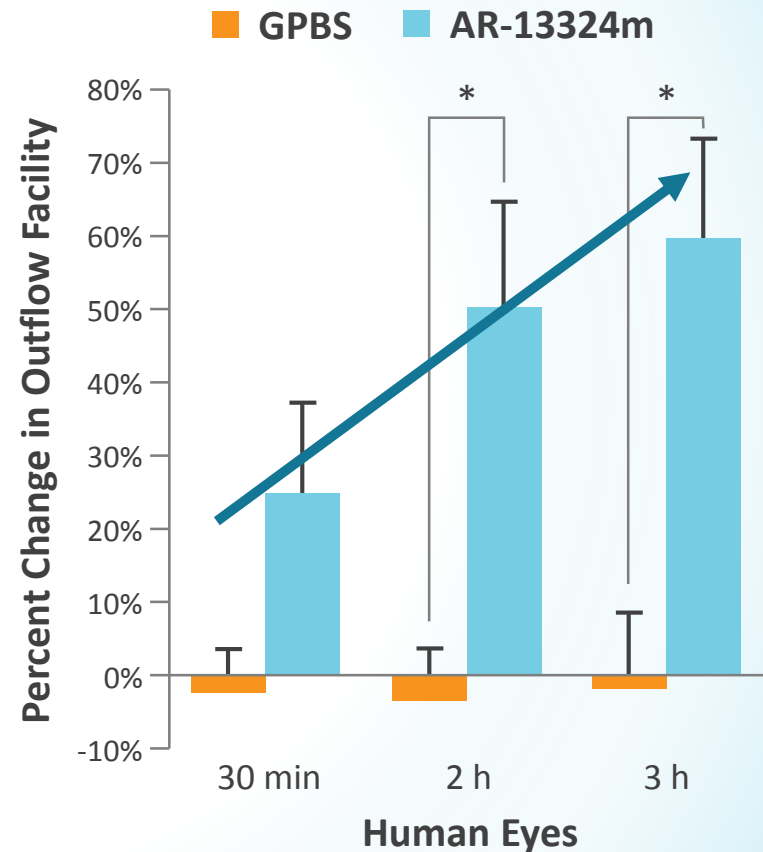


Relaxation

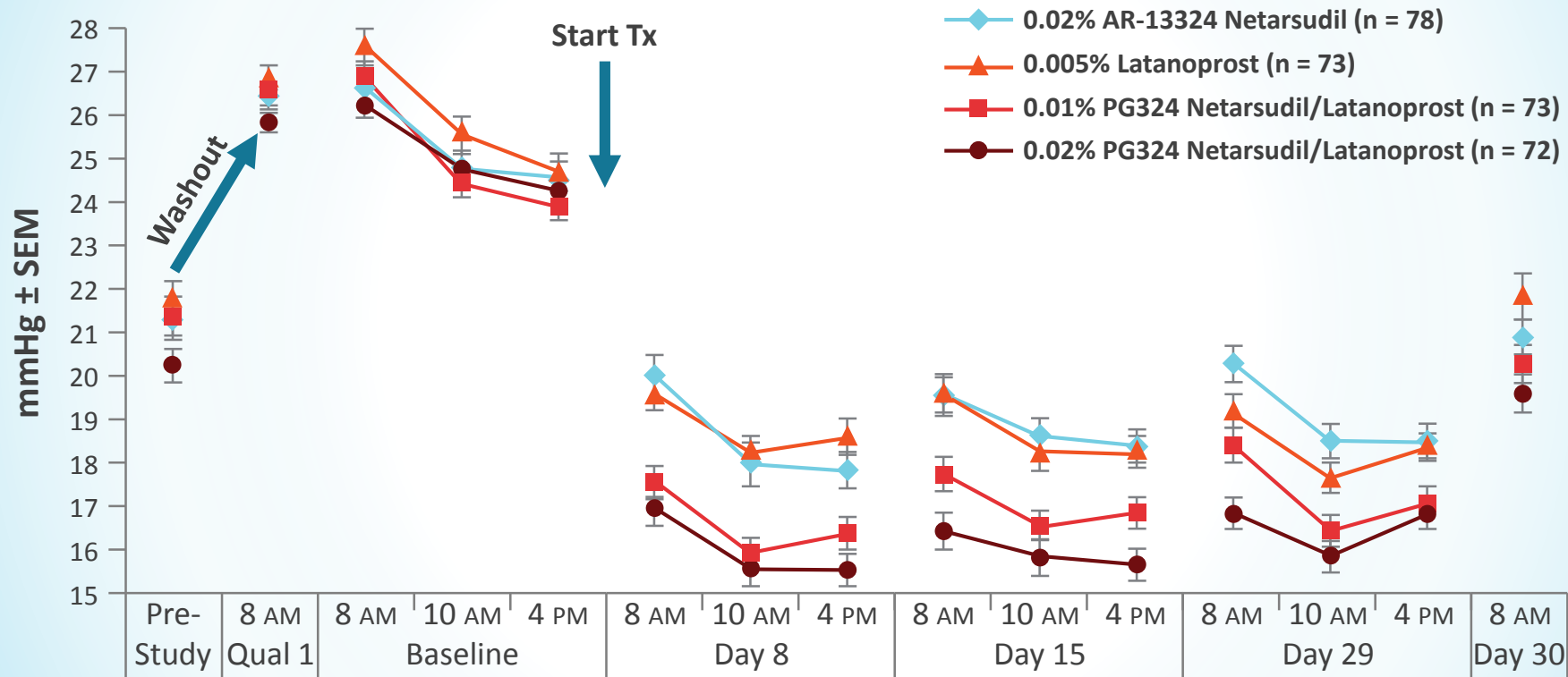
MLC, myosin light chain.

Ren, et al. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 2016;57(14):6197-6209.

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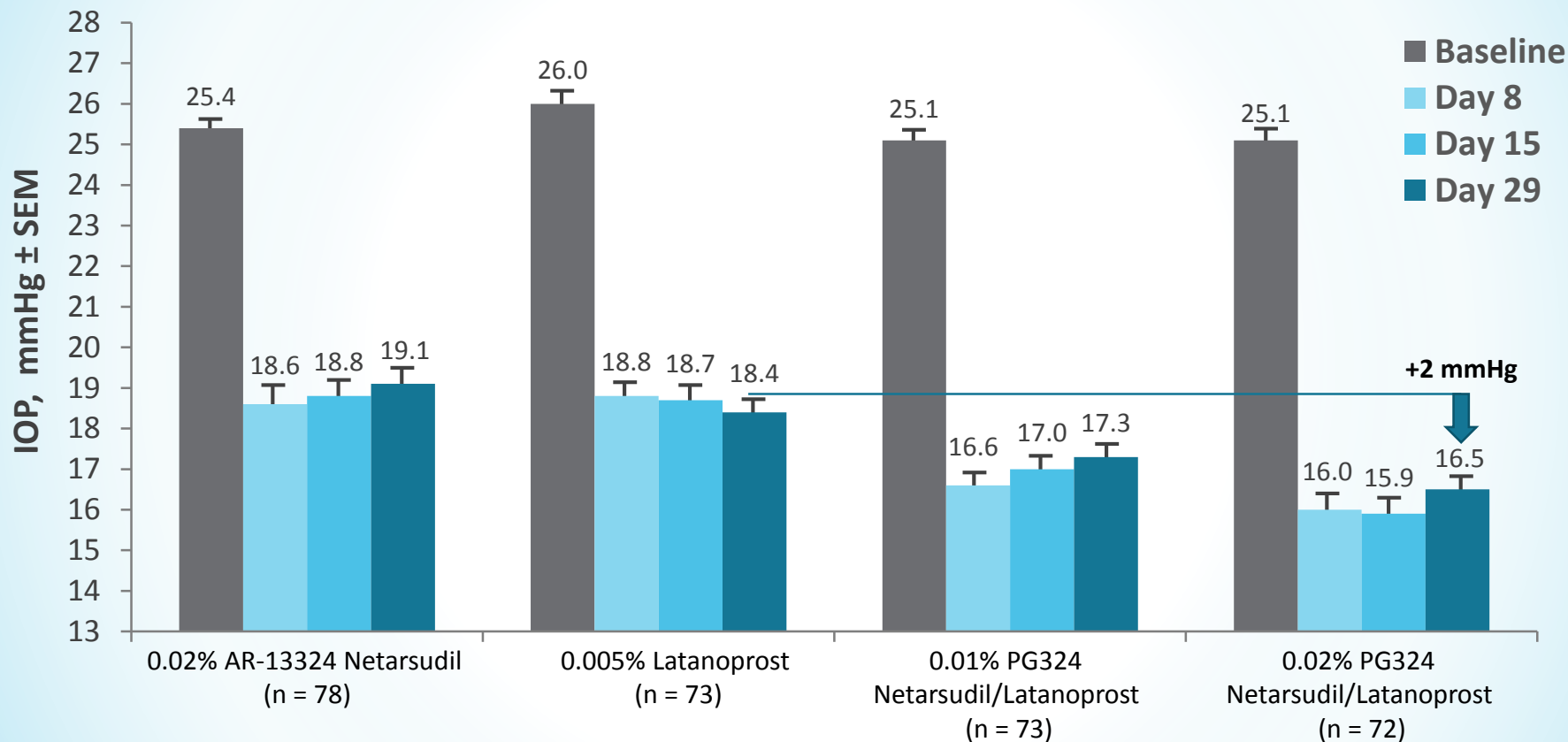
# Netarsudil vs Latanoprost vs Netarsudil/Latanoprost (N = 292)



Lewis RA, et al. *Br J Ophthalmol.* 2016;100(3):339-344.

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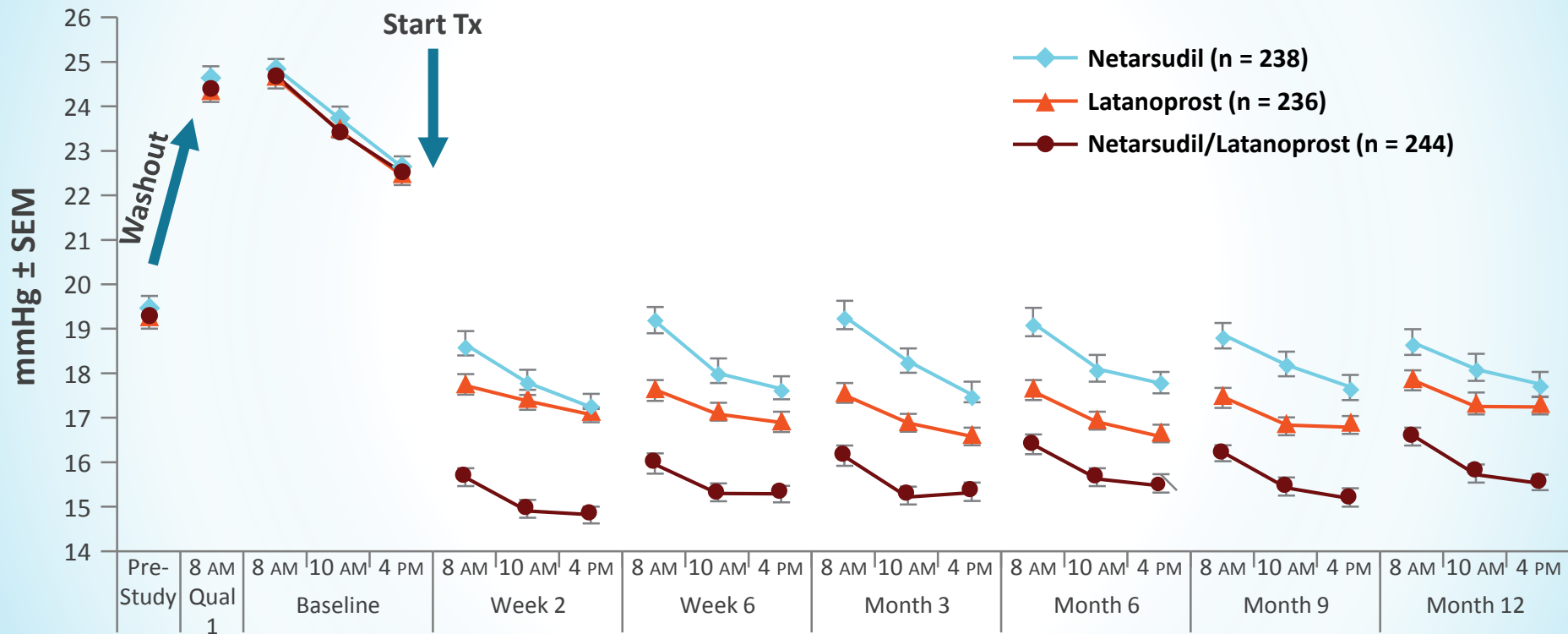
# Mean Diurnal IOP Reduction



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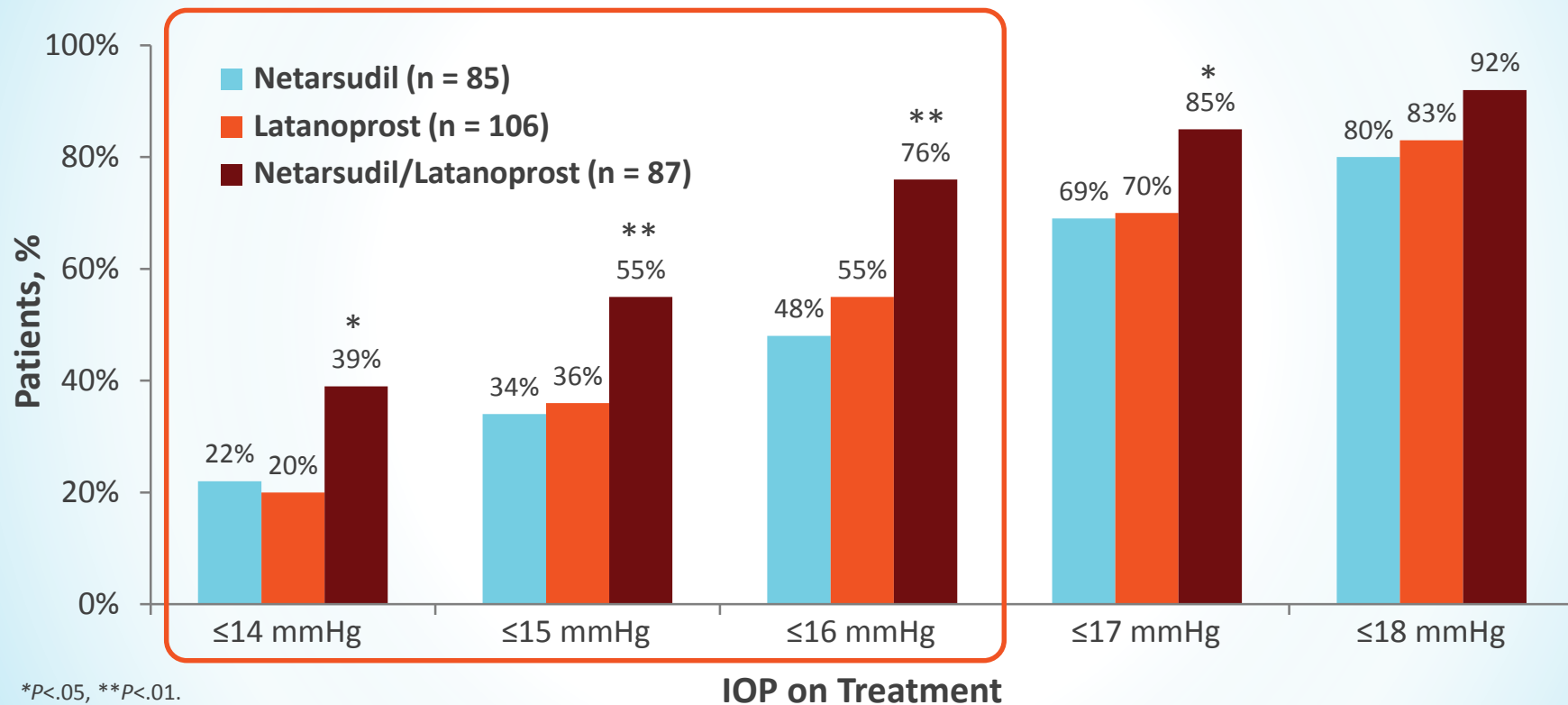
# MERCURY 1, 12-Month Netarsudil/Latanoprost vs Individual Components (n = 718)



Source: <http://investors.aeriepharma.com/events-and-presentations>.

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# At Month 12: Percentage of Patients with IOP Reduced to 18 mmHg or Lower







Source: <http://investors.aeriepharma.com/events-and-presentations>.



# 12 Month Phase III Safety Profile of Netarsudil vs Latanoprost vs Netarsudil/Latanoprost

| Adverse Events<br>(≥5.0% in any group) | Netarsudil/<br>Latanoprost<br>N = 238 | Netarsudil<br>n = 243 | Latanoprost<br>N = 237 |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>* Eye Related</b>                   |                                       |                       |                        |
| Conjunctival Hyperemia                 | 150 (63.0%)                           | 125 (51.4%)           | 52 (21.9%)             |
| Conjunctival Hemorrhage                | 31 (13.0%)                            | 44 (18.1%)            | 3 (1.3%)               |
| Cornea Verticillata                    | 42 (17.6%)                            | 33 (13.6%)            | 0                      |
| Eye Pruritus                           | 27 (11.3%)                            | 22 (9.1%)             | 3 (1.3%)               |
| Punctate Keratitis                     | 12 (5.0%)                             | 18 (7.4%)             | 10 (4.2%)              |
| Lacrimation Increased                  | 17 (7.1%)                             | 20 (8.2%)             | 1 (0.4%)               |
| Visual Acuity Reduced                  | 13 (5.5%)                             | 13 (5.3%)             | 6 (2.5%)               |
| Vision Blurred                         | 11 (4.6%)                             | 15 (6.2%)             | 3 (1.3%)               |
| Blepharitis                            | 14 (5.9%)                             | 8 (3.3%)              | 5 (2.1%)               |
| <b>Administration Site Conditions</b>  |                                       |                       |                        |
| Instillation Site Pain                 | 55 (23.1%)                            | 60 (24.7%)            | 18 (7.6%)              |

| Grade | Image   | Description |
|-------|---|-------------|
| 0     |  | None/Normal |
| 1     |  | Mild        |
| 2     |  | Moderate    |
| 3     |  | Severe      |

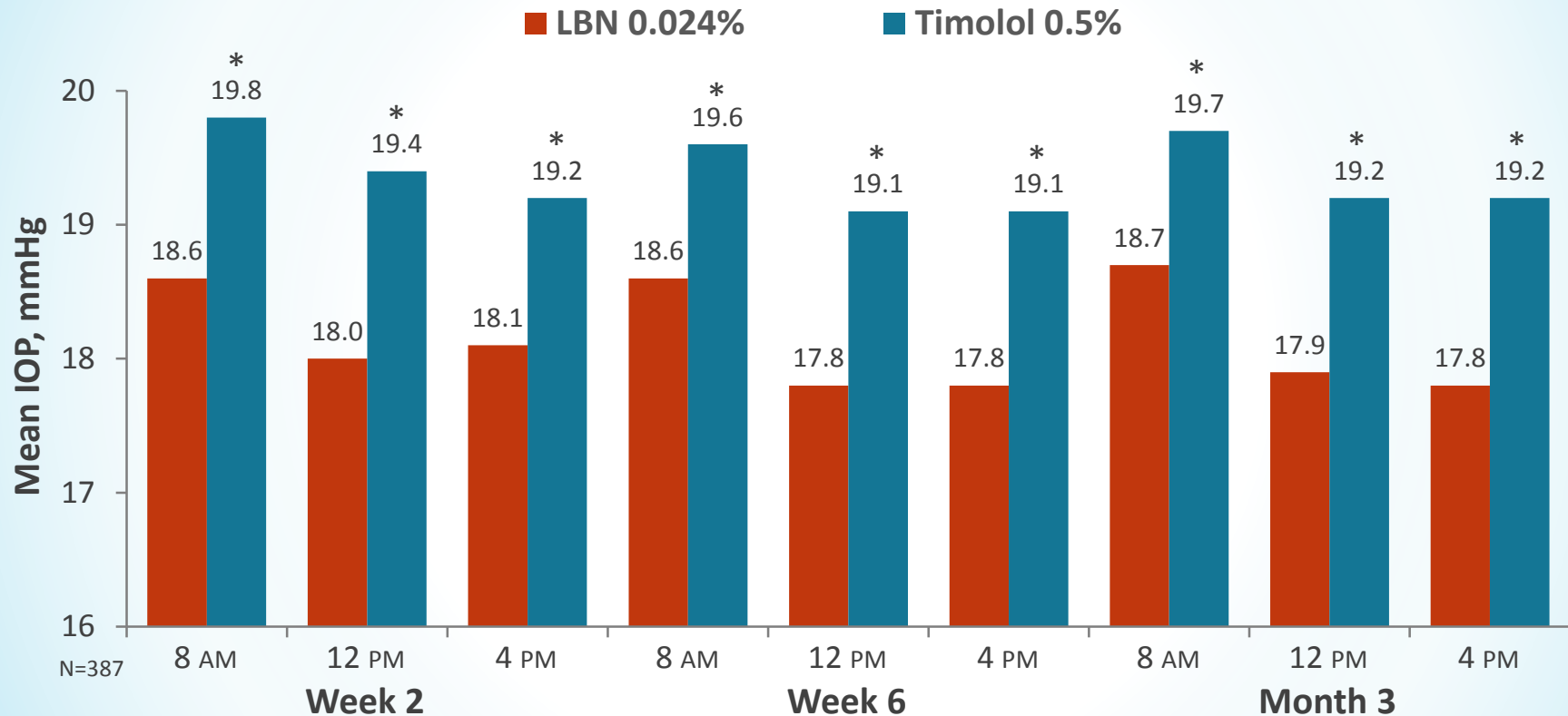
\*70% scored as mild by biomicroscopy

\*Reported as adverse events.

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# Latanoprostene Bunod (LBN), Phase III Apollo Study

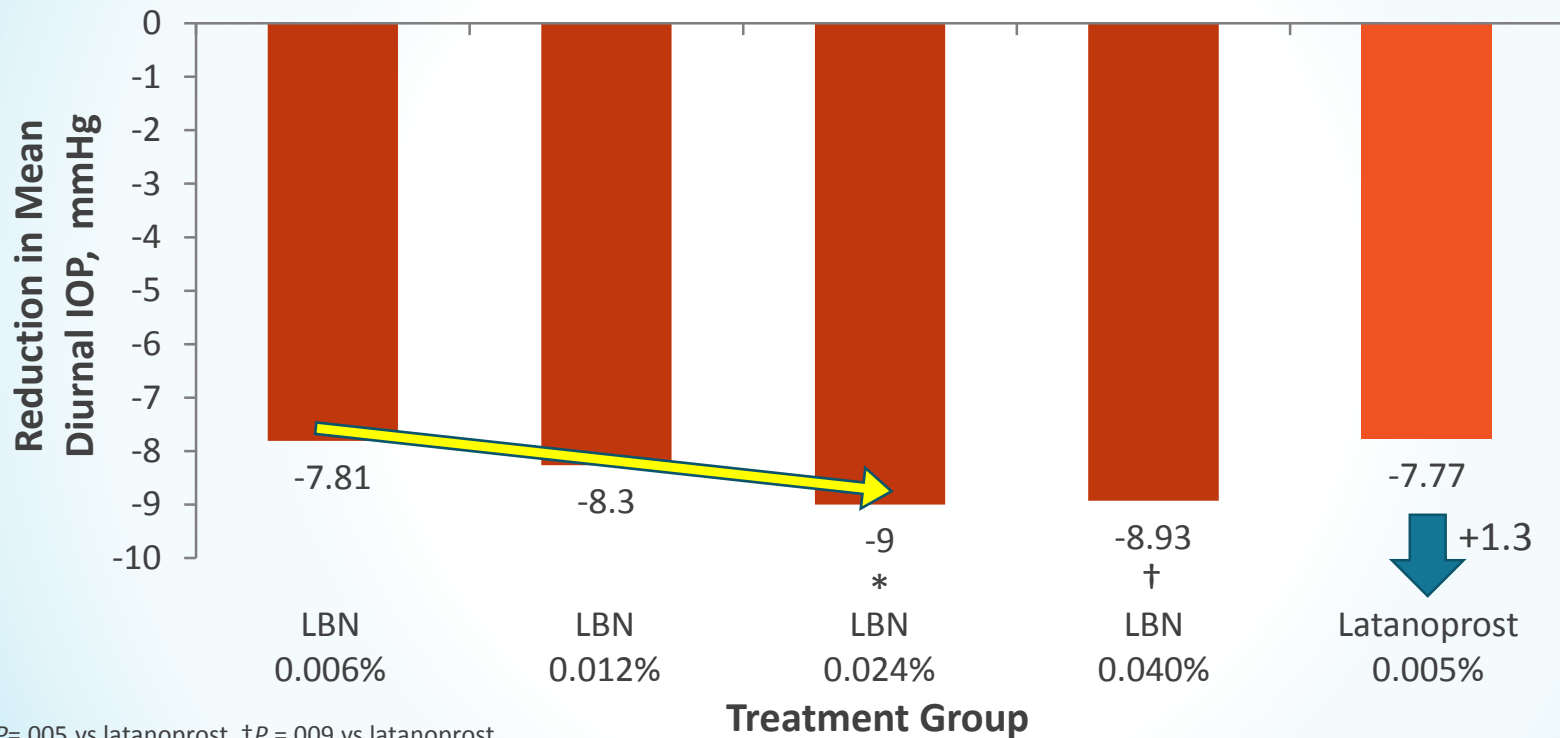


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\* $P \leq 0.002$  versus timolol at the same assessment point.

# 3-Month Latanoprostene Bunod, Voyager Phase III Trial (N = 396)



\*P=.005 vs latanoprost. †P=.009 vs latanoprost.

Weinreb RN, et al. *Br J Ophthalmol.* 2015;99:738-745.

# Safety: 12-Month Latanoprostene Bunod Treatment in Japanese Subjects: The Jupiter Study

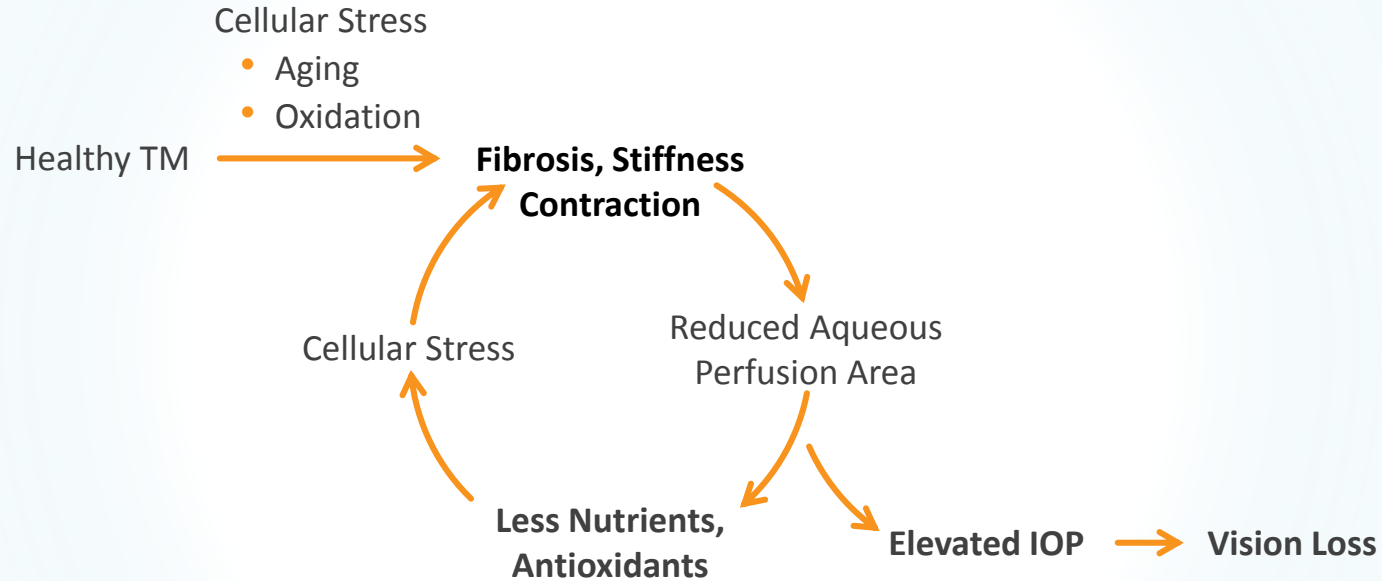
Incidence of Ocular Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events Occurring in at Least 1% of Subjects in the Study Eye or the Treated Fellow Eye (Safety Population)

| Adverse Events                 | Study Eye<br>(N = 130) n (%) | Treated Fellow Eye<br>(N = 126) n (%) |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ≥1 Ocular AE                   | 76 (58.5)                    | 78 (61.9)                             |
| ≥1 Treatment-Related Ocular AE | 62 (47.7)                    | 61 (48.4)                             |
| <b>Eye Disorders</b>           |                              |                                       |
| Conjunctival Hyperemia*        | 23 (17.7)                    | 21 (16.7)                             |
| Growth of Eyelashes            | 21 (16.2)                    | 21 (16.7)                             |
| Eye Irritation                 | 15 (11.5)                    | 15 (11.9)                             |
| Eye Pain                       | 13 (10.0)                    | 13 (10.3)                             |
| Iris Hyperpigmentation         | 5 (3.8)                      | 5 (4.0)                               |
| Blepharal Pigmentation         | 4 (3.1)                      | 4 (3.2)                               |
| Blepharitis                    | 3 (2.3)                      | 3 (2.4)                               |
| Eye Pruritus                   | 3 (2.3)                      | 3 (2.4)                               |
| Asthenopia                     | 3 (2.3)                      | 2 (1.6)                               |
| Conjunctival Hemorrhage        | 2 (1.5)                      | 3 (2.4)                               |

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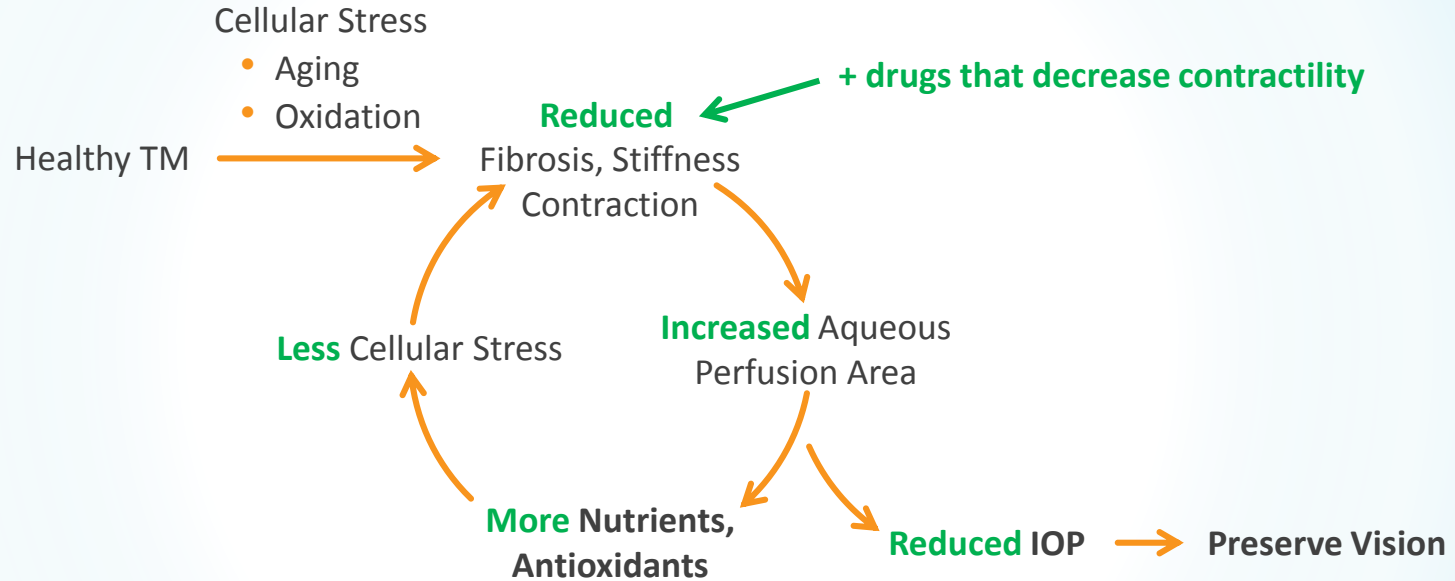
# Disease Modification: Addressing the Major Contributors to Elevated IOP and Vision Loss



**Progressive Degeneration of the Trabecular Meshwork Drives Elevated IOP and Vision Loss in Glaucoma**

Wang SK, et al. *Clin Ophthalmol.* 2014;9;8:883-890. He Y, et al. *Clin Ophthalmol.* 2008;58(11):3366-3376. Li G, et al. *Eur J Pharmacol.* 2016; Sept 15;787:2031.

# Outflow Drugs Have the Potential to Improve Health of TM in Patients With Glaucoma



**Reducing Fibrosis, Increasing Trabecular Outflow Could Stop Degeneration of Outflow Tissues in POAG**

Wang SK, et al. *Clin Ophthalmol*. 2014;9;8:883-890. He Y, et al. *Clin Ophthalmol*. 2008;58(11):3366-3376. Li G, et al. *Eur J Pharmacol*. 2016; Sept 15;787:2031.

# Summary: Take Home Messages

- Conventional outflow dysfunction causes ocular hypertension
- Effectively lowering IOP preserves vision
- No medication currently available primarily targets the conventional outflow pathway
- One drug that relaxes the trabecular meshwork and increases conventional outflow may soon be available, and another was recently approved for patients
  - Safe
  - Efficacious (additive with current medications)
  - Therapeutic potential
    - Increase functionality of trabecular meshwork (i.e. ability to dampen IOP fluctuations)
    - Increase blood flow to optic nerve head (evidence of vascular dysfunction in some forms of glaucoma)



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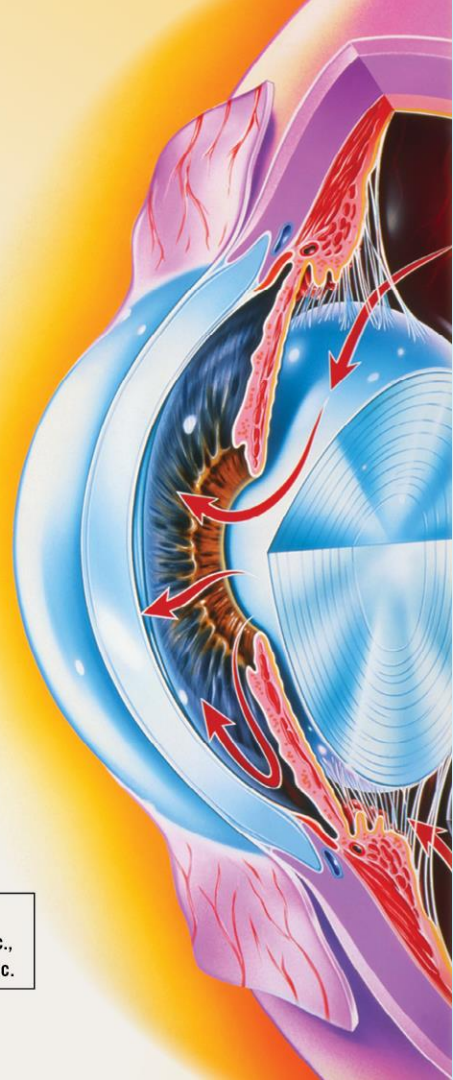
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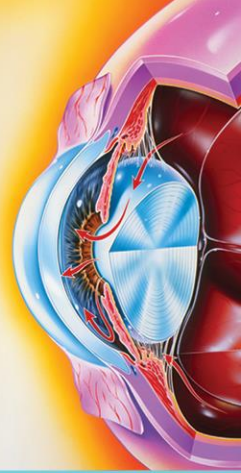
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# **MECHANISMS OF PRESSURE RELIEF IN GLAUCOMA**

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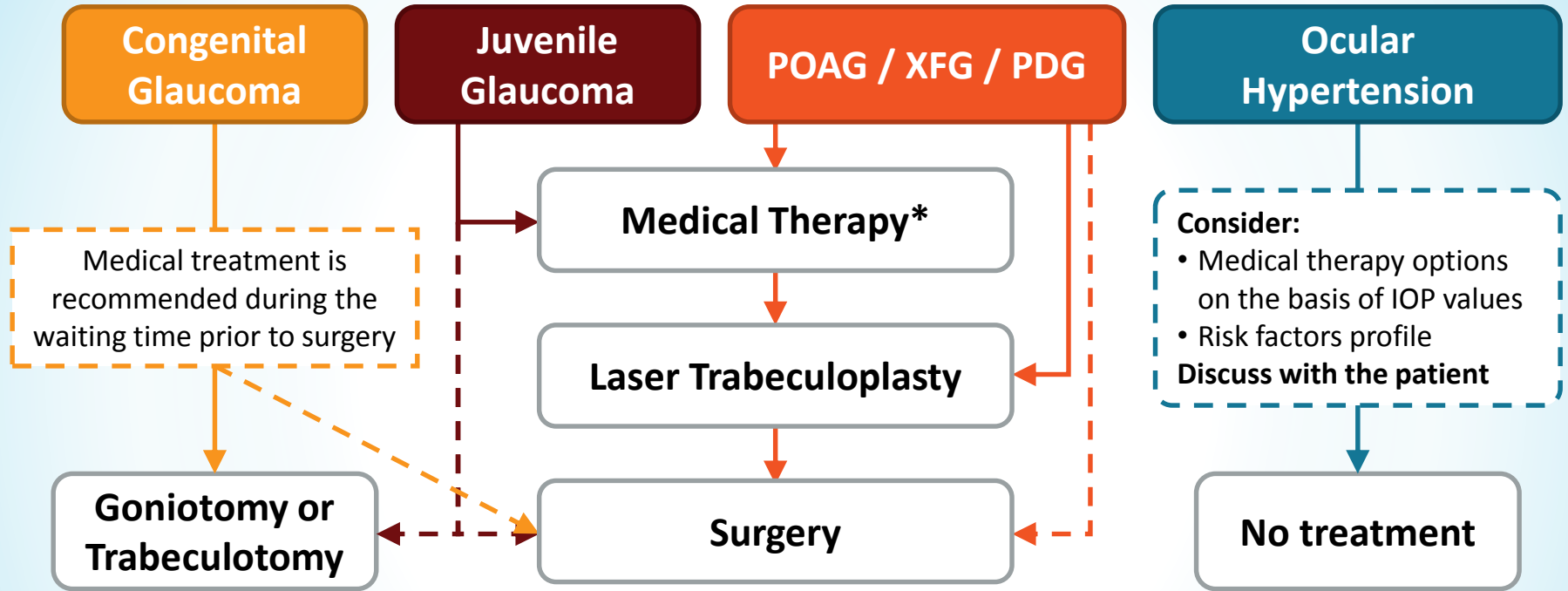


## **Mechanisms of Pressure Relief in Glaucoma: Pharmacologic & Surgical Advances for Refractory POAG or Non-Adherence**

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# Treatment Algorithm



If the above procedures not successful or feasible, consider repeat filtration surgery with anti-metabolites or long-tube drainage implant/cyclodestructive procedure

\*Up to 2-3 different drugs. Do not add a drug to a non-effective one; consider switching.

POAG, primary open-angle-glaucoma; XFG, exfoliative/pseudoexfoliative glaucoma; PDG, pigment dispersion glaucoma.

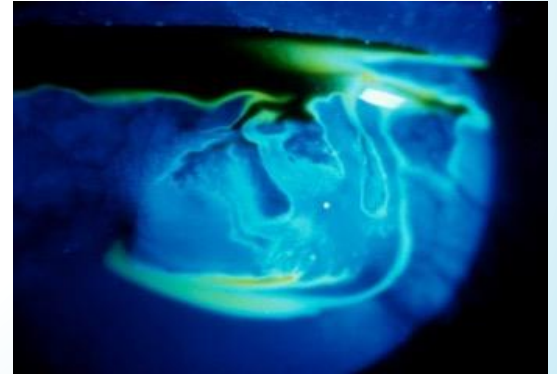
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# Incisional Glaucoma Surgery

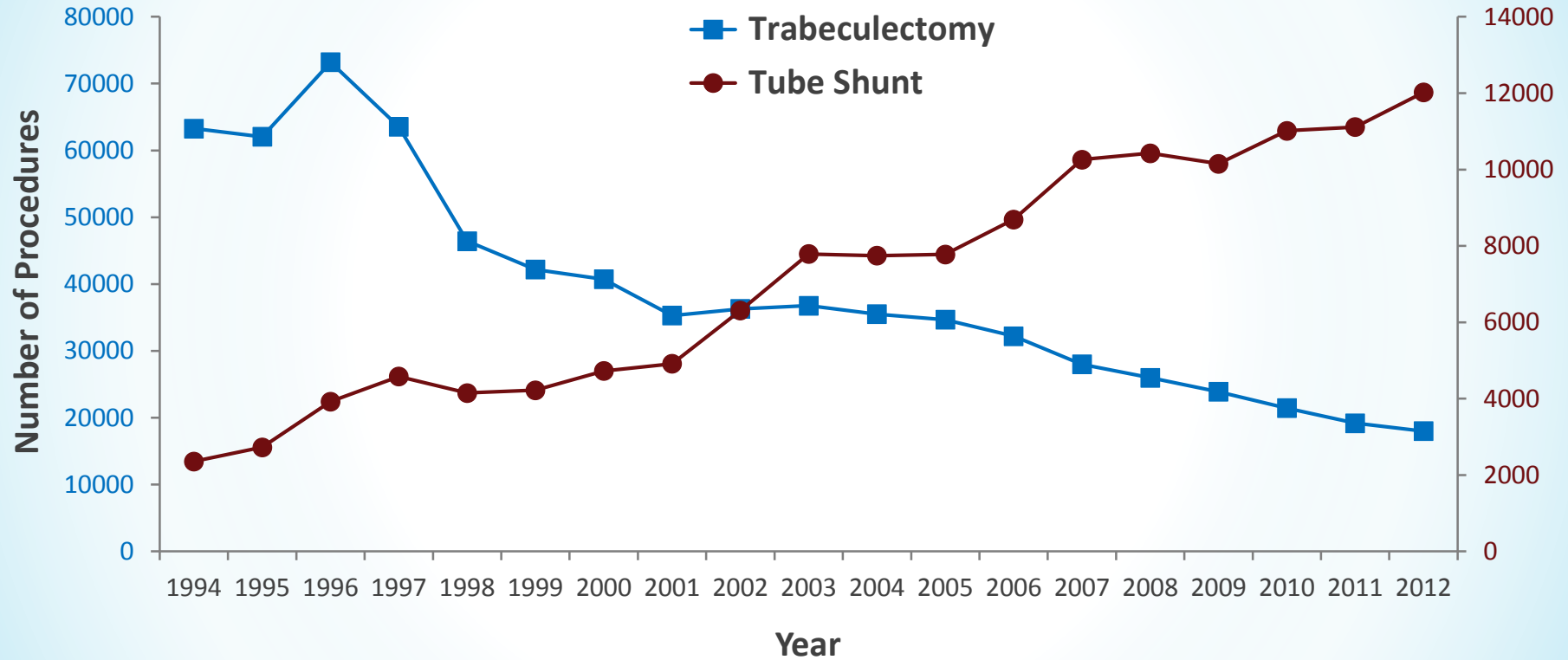
- Traditional glaucoma surgery
  - Trabeculectomy
  - Aqueous shunts
  - EX-PRESS® implant
- Nonpenetrating glaucoma surgery
  - Deep sclerectomy
  - Visco canalostomy
  - Canaloplasty
- Endoscopic cyclophotocoagulation (ECP)
- Minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (MIGS)
  - Ab interno trabeculectomy (Trabectome®)
  - Trabecular microbypass stent (iStent®)
  - Gonioscopy-assisted transluminal trabeculotomy (GATT)
  - Kahook Dual Blade
  - CyPass® Micro-Stent
  - XEN® Gel Stent
  - Trab™360

# Trabeculectomy

- Scleral fistula allows drainage of aqueous humor into subconjunctival space creating a filtering bleb
- Only titratable glaucoma procedure
- Success enhanced with use of antifibrotic agents (MMC, 5-FU)
- Growing concern about bleb-related complications (leaks, infection, dysesthesia)



# Surgical Trends



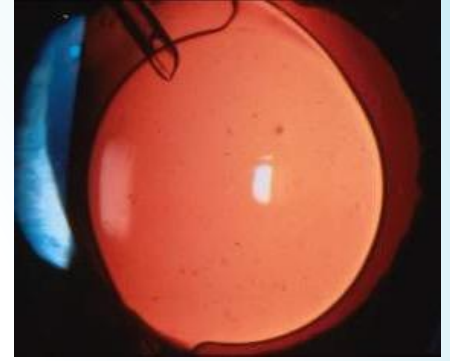
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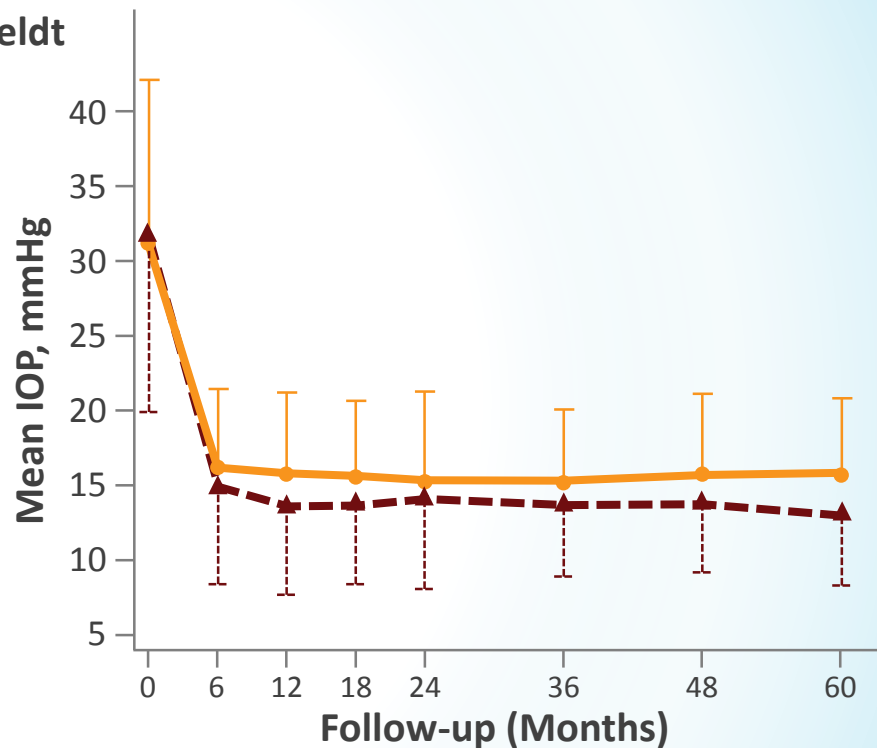
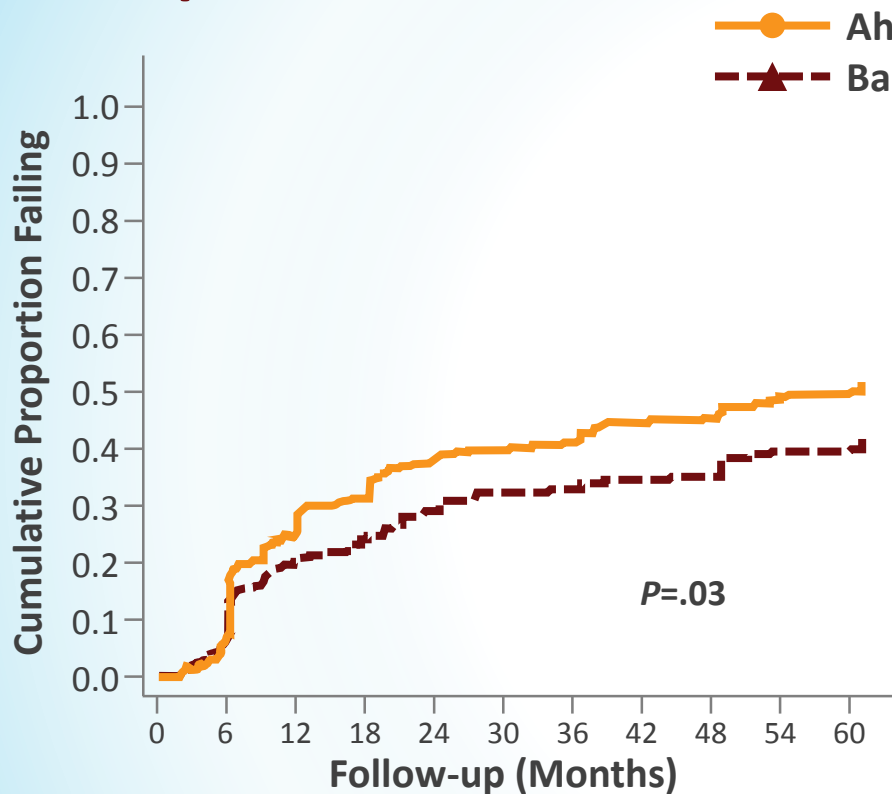
# Aqueous Shunts

- Silicone tube shunts aqueous humor to end plate located in equatorial region of globe
- Design
  - Valved: Ahmed, Krupin
  - Nonvalved: Baerveldt, Molteno
- Traditionally used in eyes at high risk for filtration failure, but indications are expanding





# ABC/AVB Studies

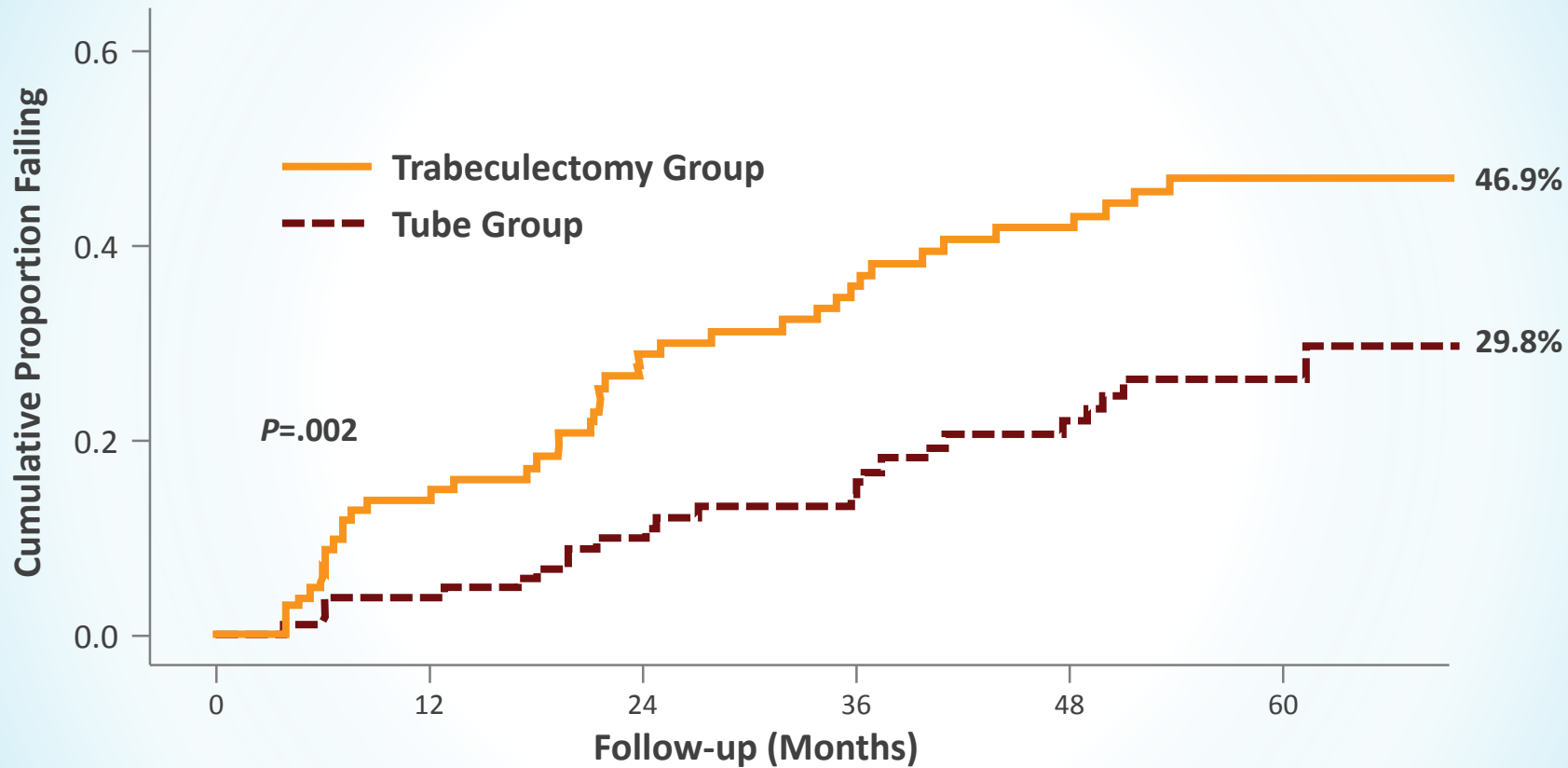


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| Ahmed (n)     | 267 | 222 | 221 | 189 | 193 | 174 | 147 | 133 |
| Baerveldt (n) | 247 | 212 | 205 | 179 | 178 | 161 | 137 | 133 |

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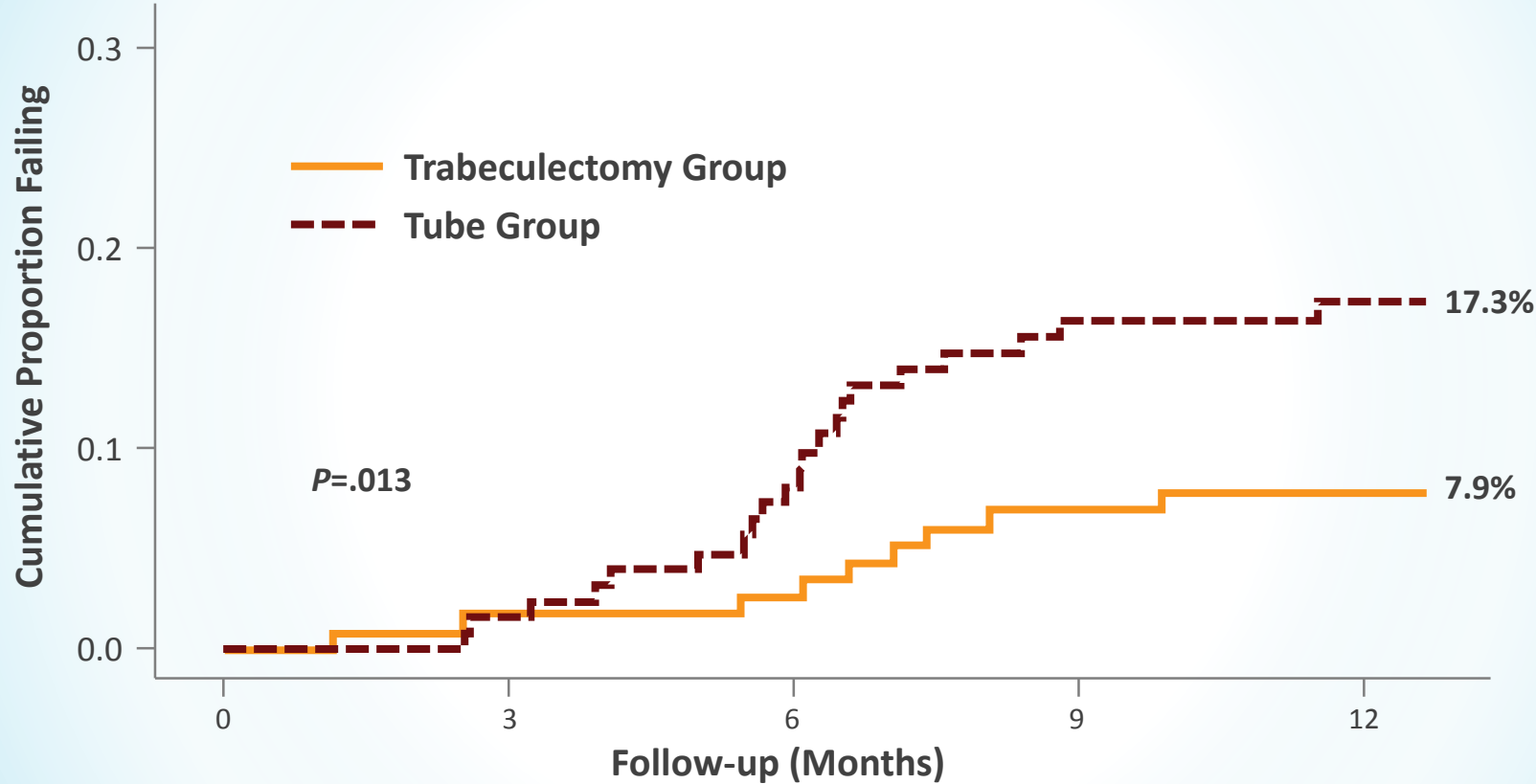
# TVT Study



Gedde SJ, et al. *Am J Ophthalmol*. 2012;153:789-803.

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# PTVT Study



# EX-PRESS® Implant

- Nonvalved, stainless steel tube
- No sclerostomy or iridectomy required
- High rate of hypotony and extrusion prompted placement under a scleral flap
- Similar long-term safety and efficacy compared with trabeculectomy

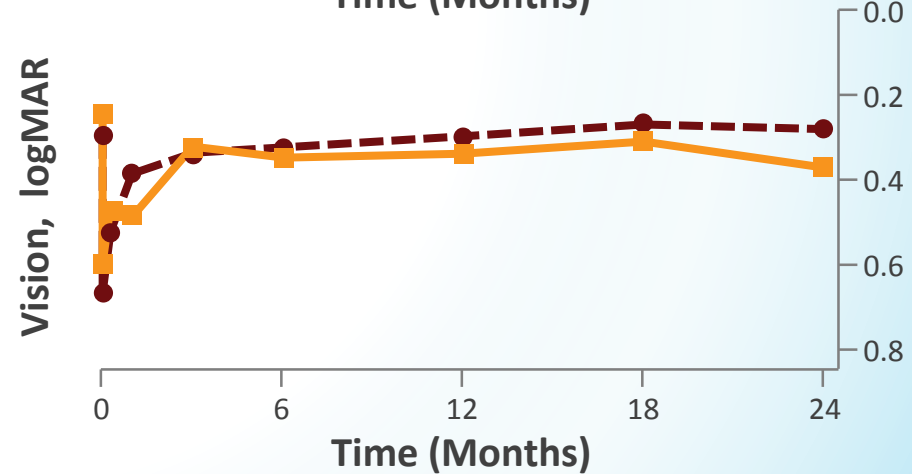
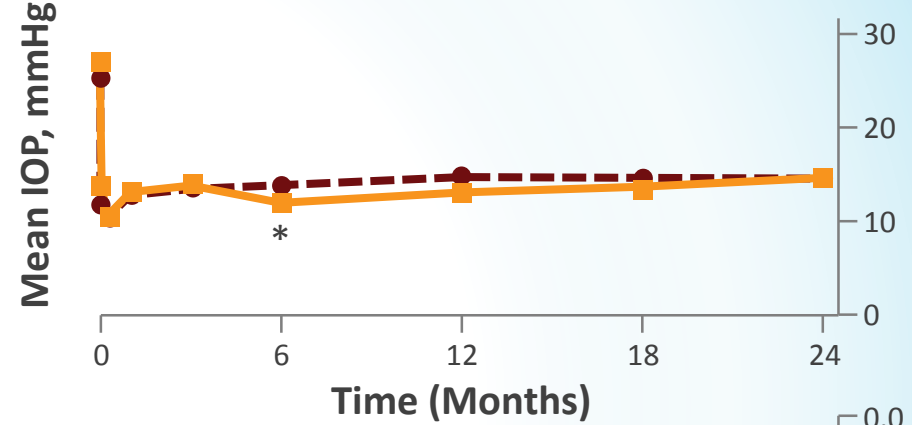
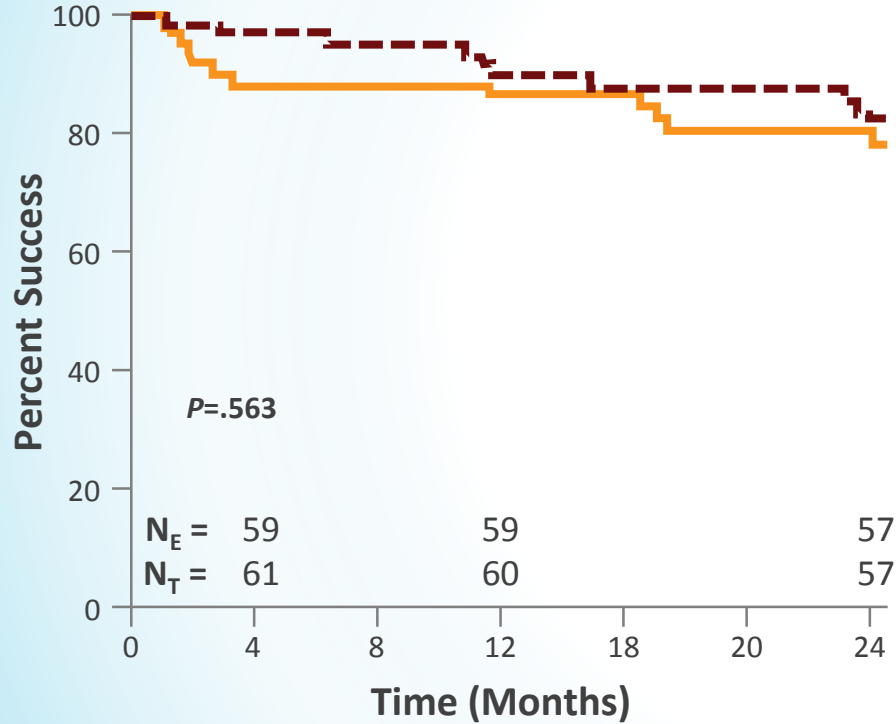


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# XVT Study

Trabeculectomy

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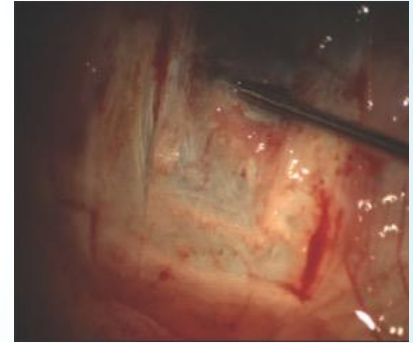


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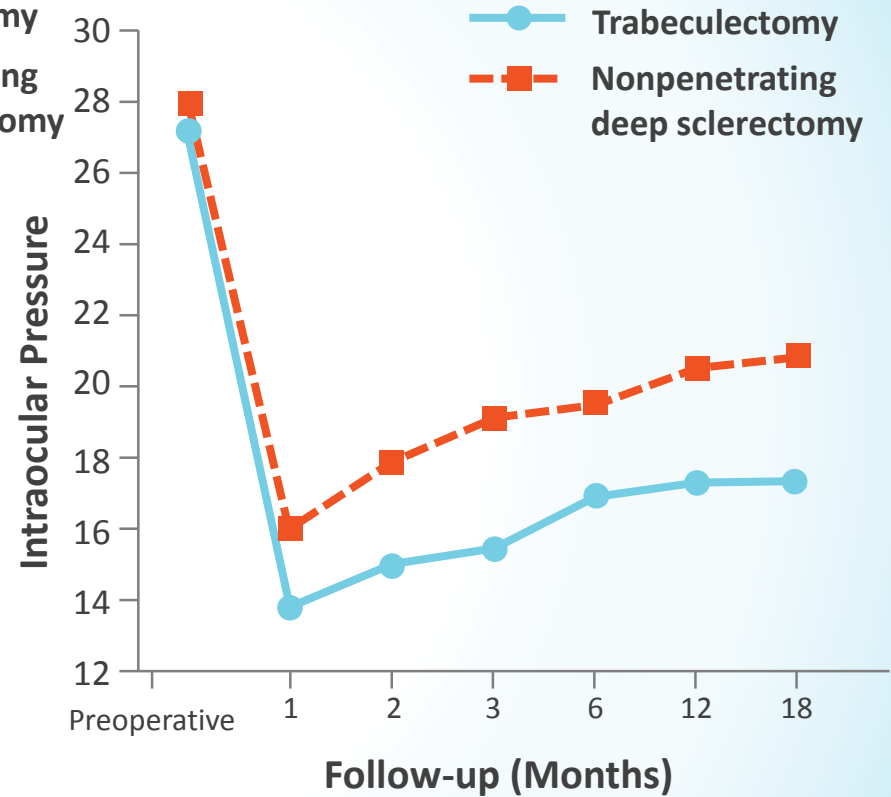
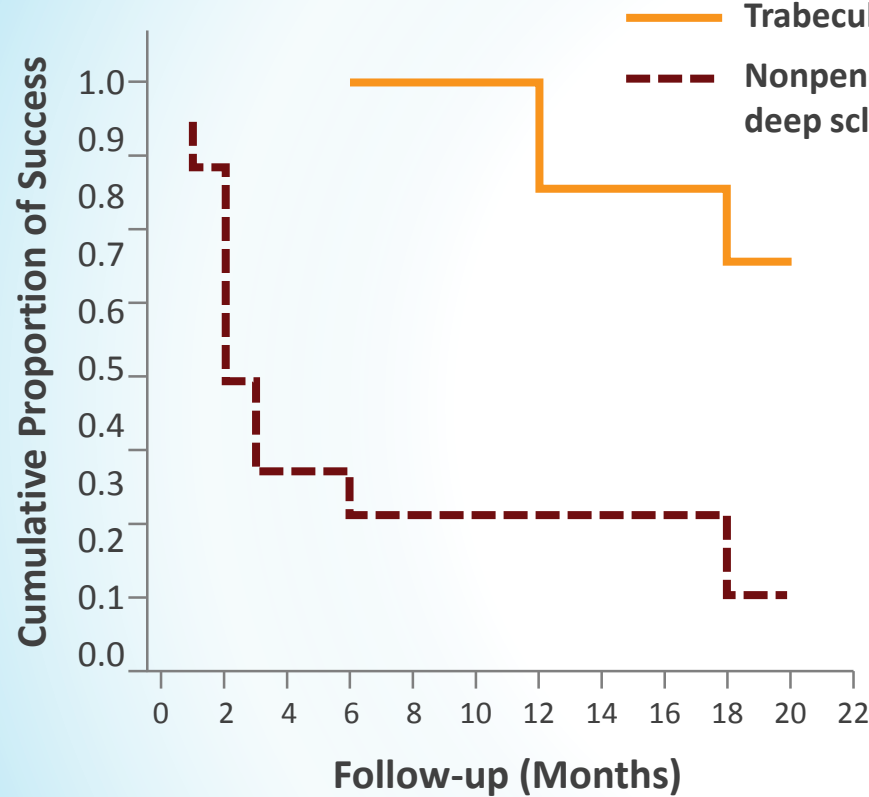
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# Nonpenetrating Glaucoma Surgery

- Excision of corneoscleral tissue under scleral flap leaves thin window of trabecular meshwork (TM) and Descemet's membrane to provide resistance to aqueous outflow
- Reduces risk of hypotony
- Technically difficult
- Types:
  - Deep sclerectomy
  - Viscocanalostomy
  - Canaloplasty



# Nonpenetrating Glaucoma Surgery



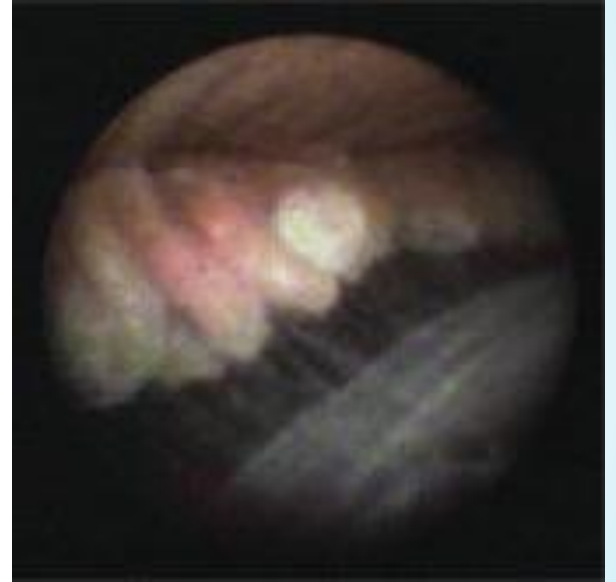
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# Endoscopic Cyclophotocoagulation (ECP)

- Treatment of ciliary processes under direct visualization with endoscopic camera and laser
- Frequently combined with phaco
- Provides moderate long-term IOP reduction
- CME is most common cause of vision loss



# Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS)

- Newer group of glaucoma procedures characterized by:
  - Ab interno approach
  - Minimal trauma to tissue
  - Modest efficacy
  - Excellent safety profile
  - Rapid postoperative recovery
- Frequently performed in combination with phaco
- Growing in popularity

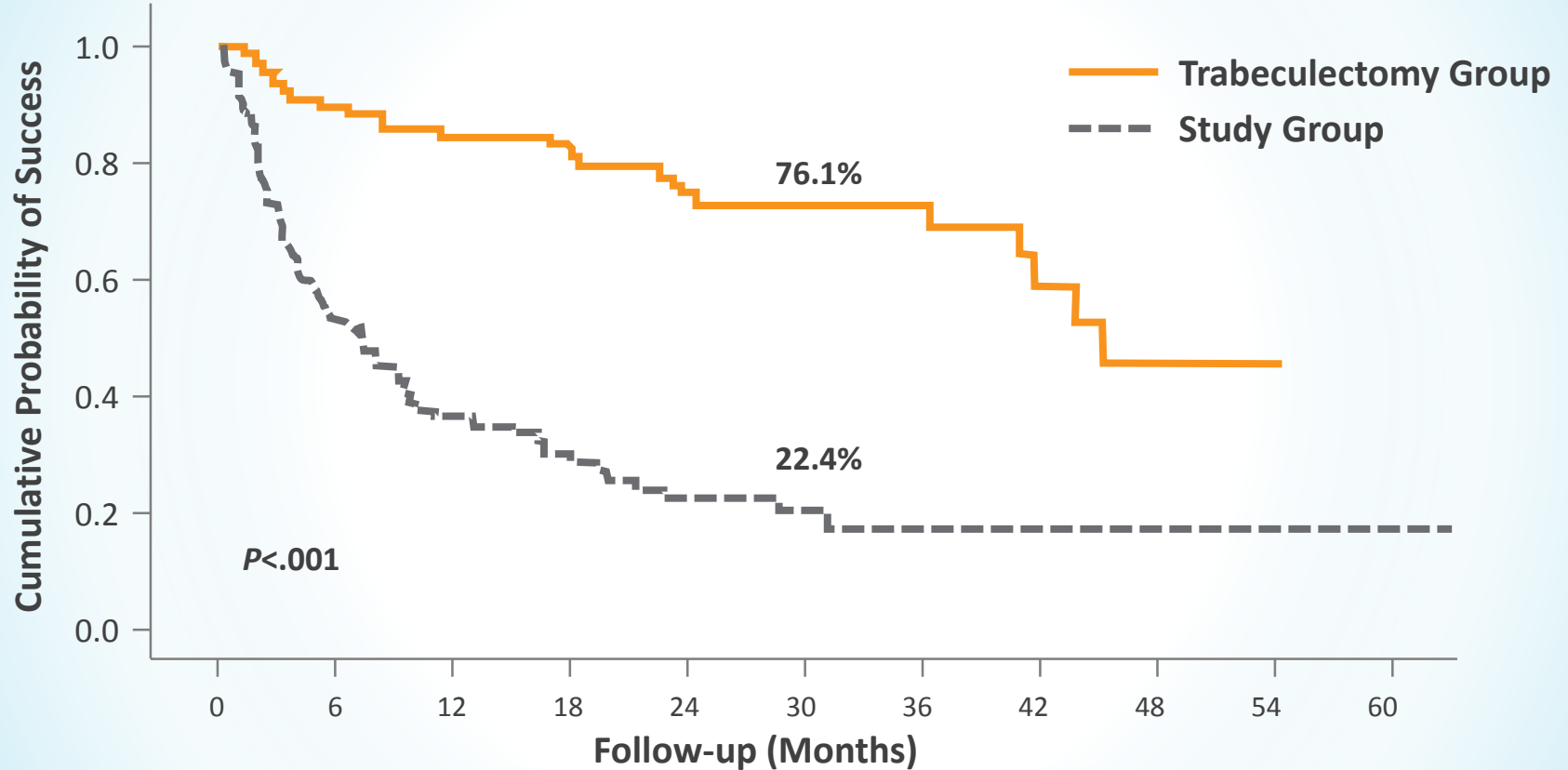
# Ab Interno Trabeculectomy (Trabectome®)

- Electrocautery removes a strip of TM and Schlemm's canal
- Meta-analysis
  - 31% reduction in IOP
  - 66% success rate at 2 years
- Prior laser trabeculoplasty and trabeculectomy does not appear to influence results



Courtesy of Brian Francis.

# Ab Interno Trabeculectomy (Trabectome®)



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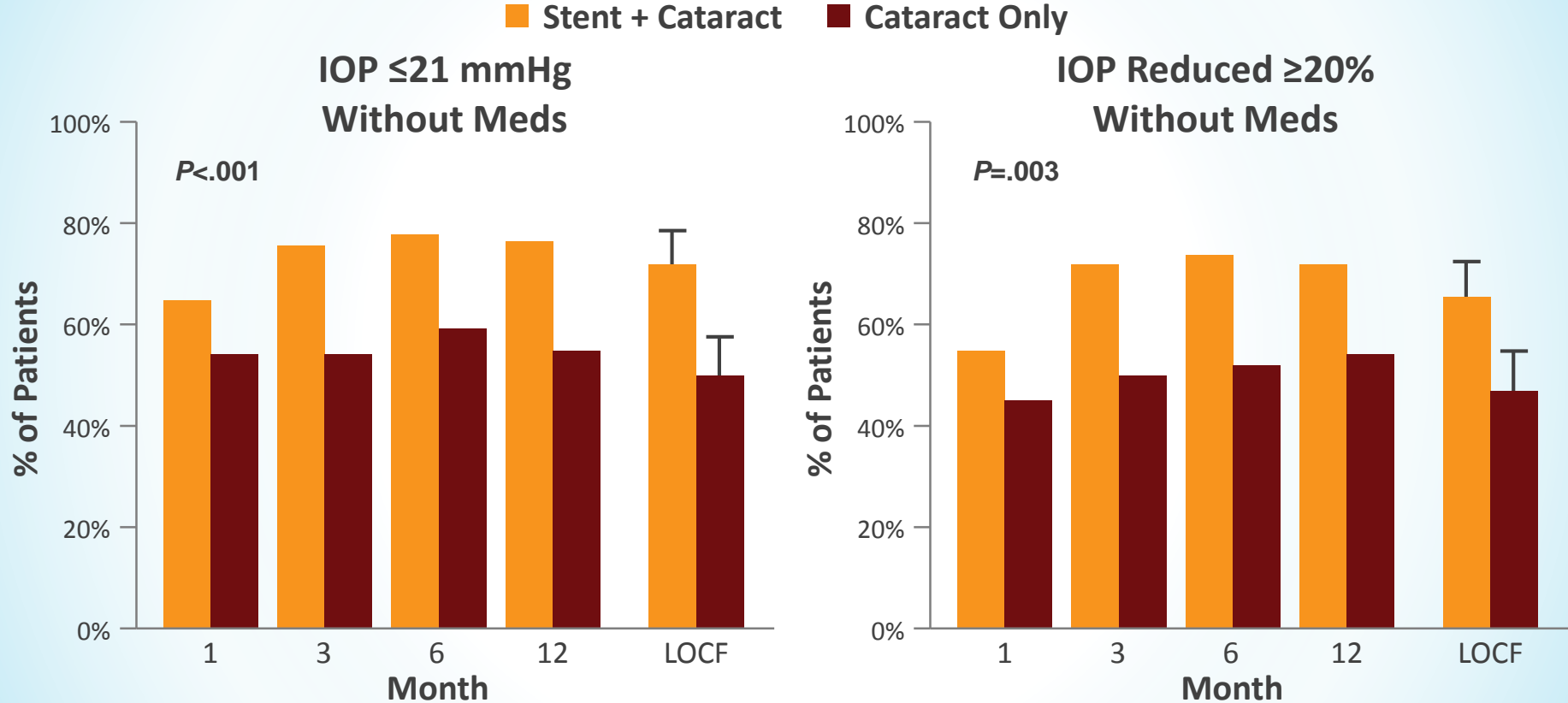
# Trabecular Micro-Bypass Stent (iStent®)

- Snorkel-shaped device made of heparin-coated titanium is inserted into Schlemm's canal
- FDA-approved for use with CE in patients with mild-moderate glaucoma
- RCTs show greater reduction in IOP and medical therapy than phaco alone
- Multiple stents may provide greater IOP reduction than single stent



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# Trabecular Micro-Bypass Stent (iStent®)

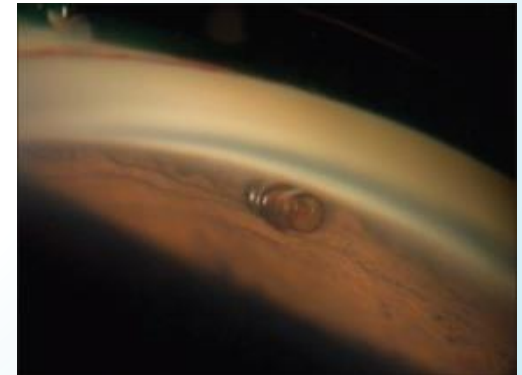


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# CyPass<sup>®</sup> Micro-Stent

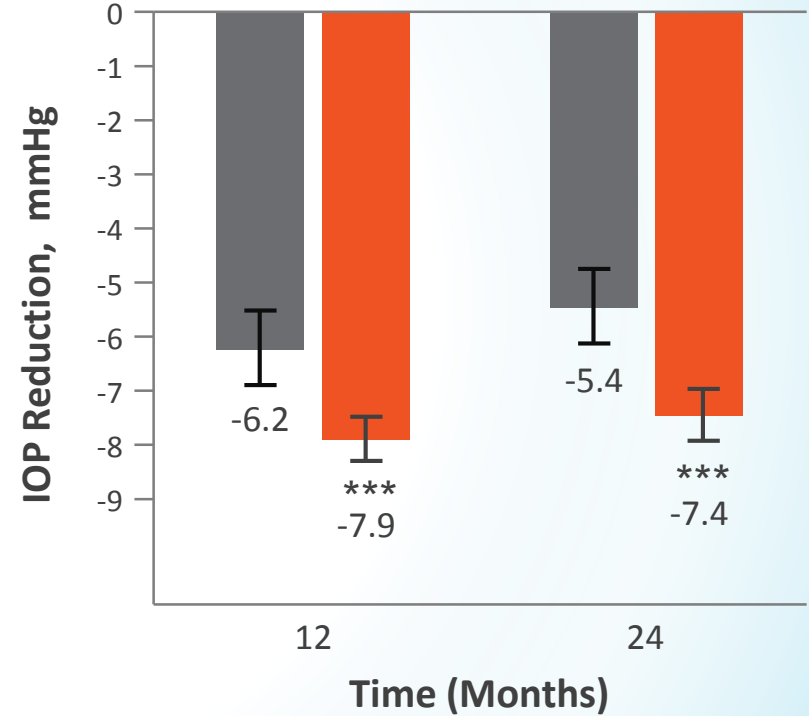
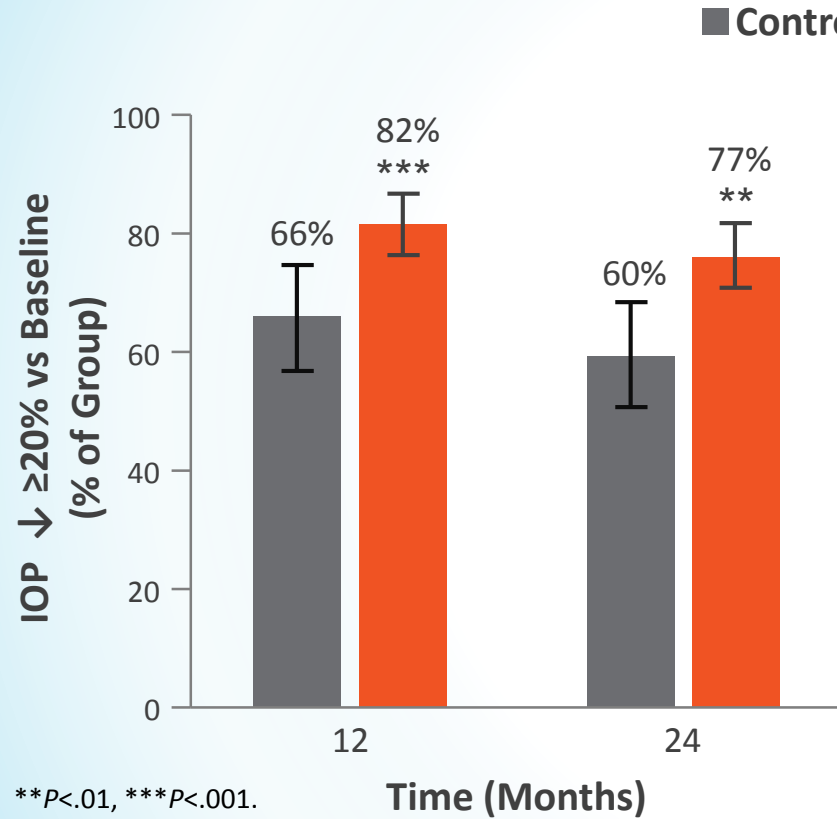
- Flexible 6.35 mm fenestrated micro-stent with internal lumen of 300 micron
- Inserted with a guidewire
- Shunts aqueous humor from the AC to the suprachoroidal space
- Pressure gradient drives flow through device



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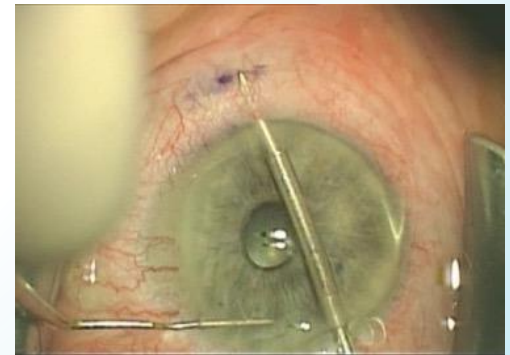
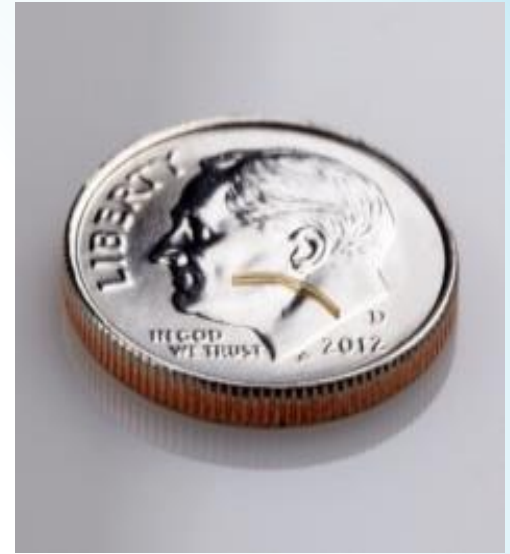


# XEN<sup>®</sup> Gel Stent

- 6 mm tubular collagen implant placed translimbally
- 27-gauge needle inserter
- Drains aqueous into subconjunctival space
- High needling rate (32%-47%)

Courtesy of Joseph Panarelli.

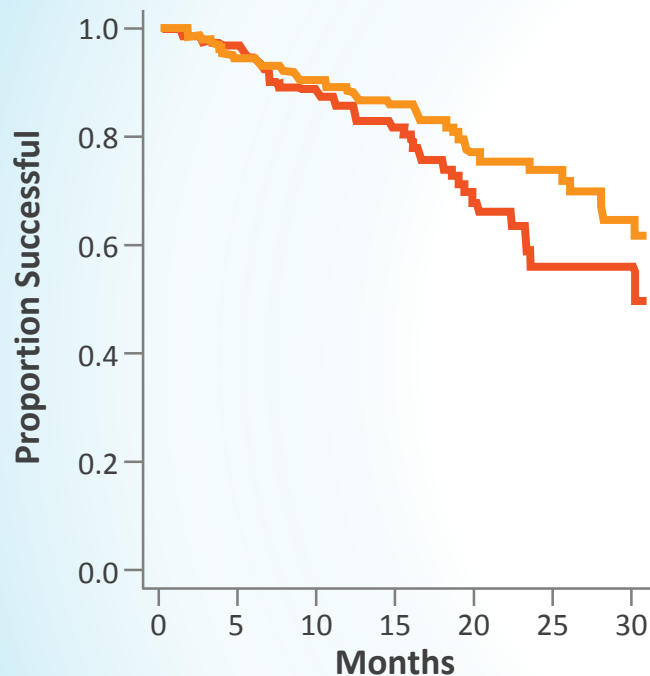
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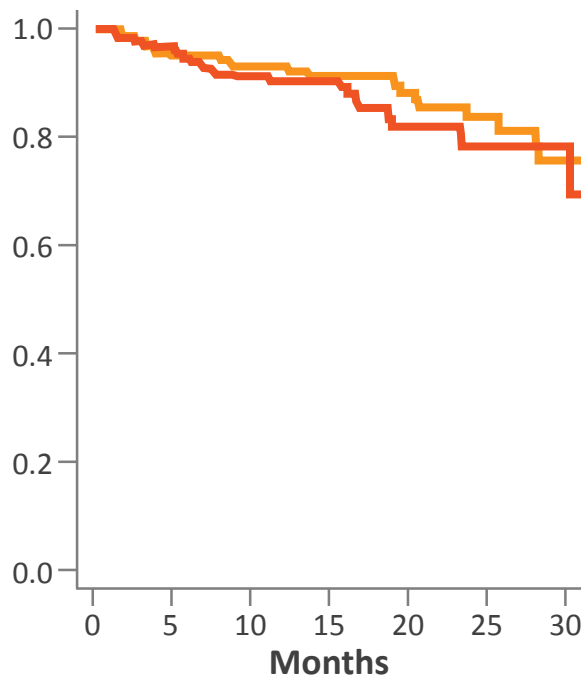
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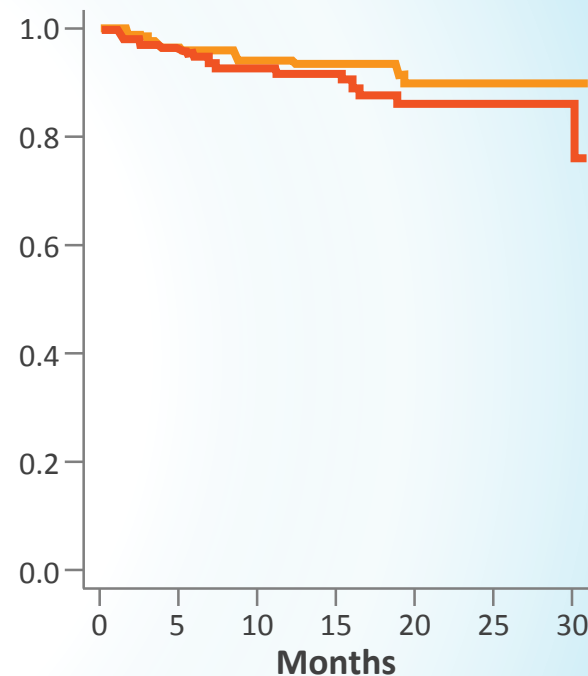
Qualified Success at IOP 6-14



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Schlenker MB, et al. *Ophthalmol.* 2017;124(11):1579-1588.

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# Gonioscopy-Assisted Transluminal Trabeculotomy (GATT)

- Microcatheter or suture used to perform 360° trabeculotomy
- Hyphema is most common complication



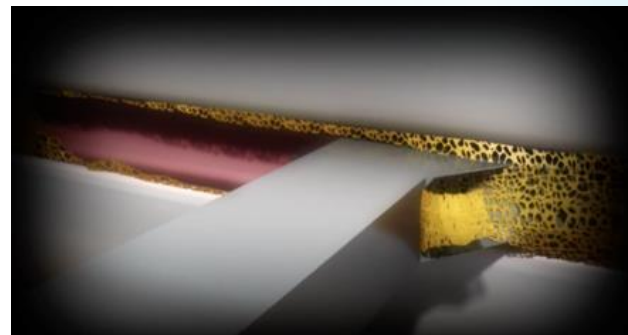
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# Kahook Dual Blade

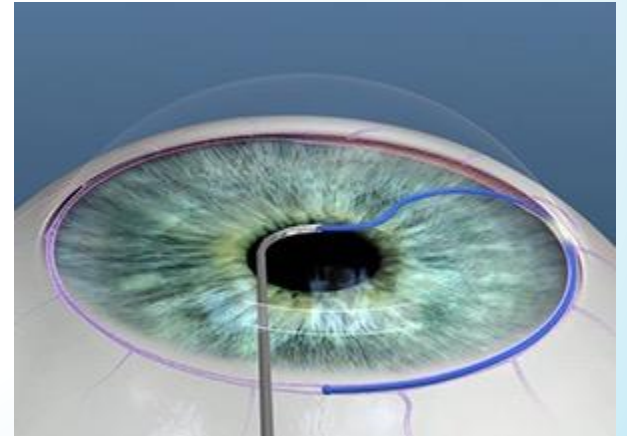
- Removal of TM using dual blade
- Single use ophthalmic blade
- Blade composition
  - Pointed tip easily pierces TM
  - Ramp elevates and stretches TM
  - Dual blade excises strip of TM
  - Foot plate prevents damage to collateral tissue



Courtesy of Malik Kahook.

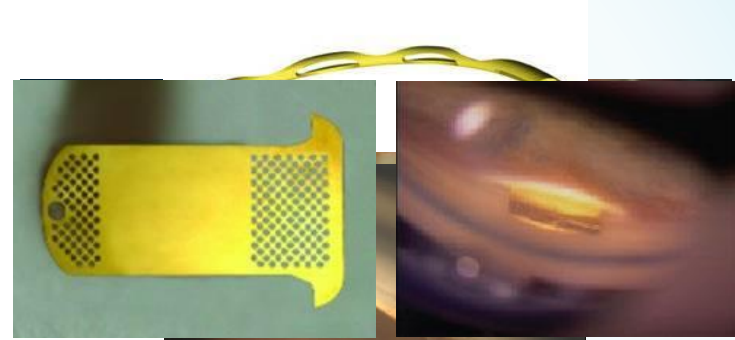
# TRAB™360

- Cannula used to incise TM and introduce flexible trabeculotome 180°
- Filament is retracted back into device and procedure is repeated in other direction
- 360° goniotomy performed



# Investigational

- Translimbal implant
  - InnFocus MicroShunt<sup>®</sup>
- Schlemm's canal implants
  - Hydrus<sup>™</sup> Microstent
  - iStent inject<sup>®</sup>
- Suprachoroidal shunts
  - Gold Micro Shunt
  - iStent Supra<sup>®</sup>



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## In Summary

- Surgical options for managing glaucoma are rapidly expanding
- Traditional glaucoma surgery (tubes and trabs) provide excellent IOP reduction, but surgical complications are common (generally transient and self-limited)
- MIGS are newer procedures that offer an improved safety profile, but reduced efficacy



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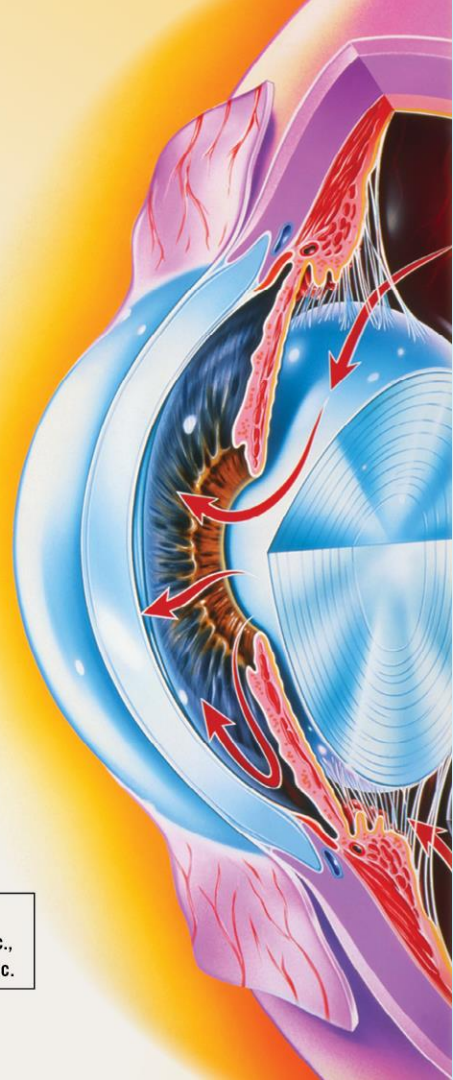
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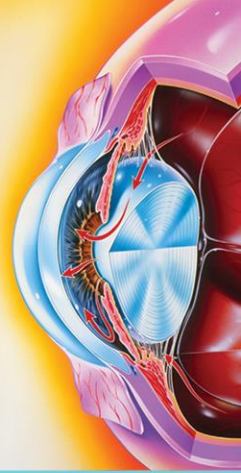
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## **In the Pipeline: New Approaches to Drug Delivery for Glaucoma**

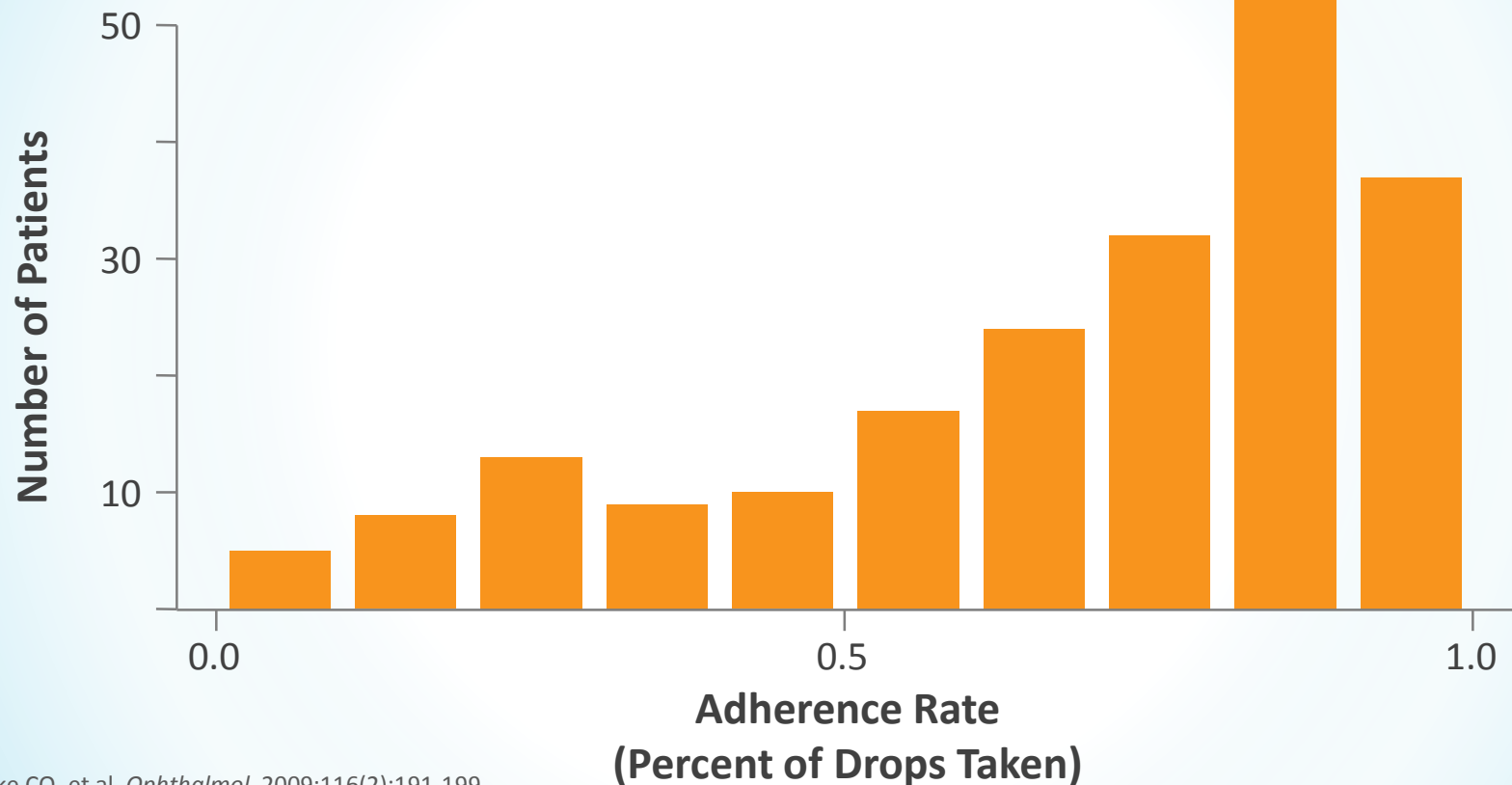
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# Modest Advances in Medical Therapy: Largely Stagnant Over Last 20 Years

- Combination therapies
- Preservative free

# Adherence in Clinic Patients Monitored Electronically

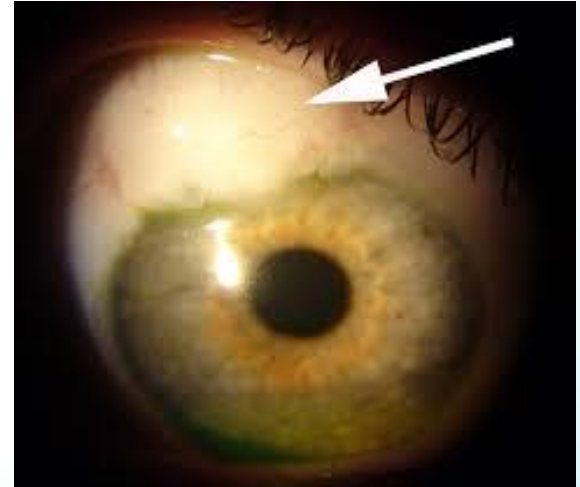
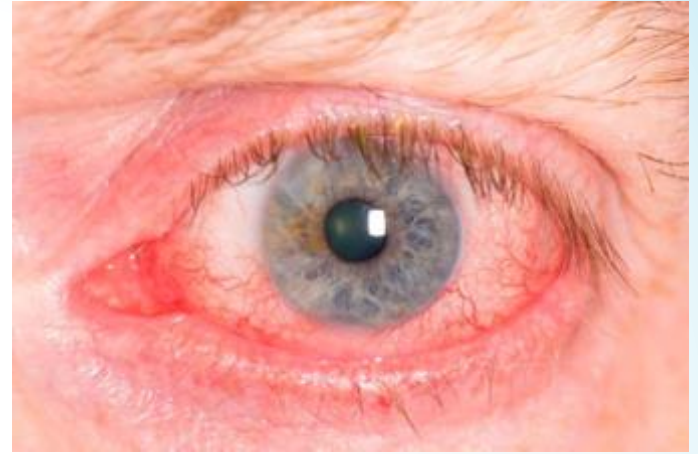


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# Drops Are Not Ideal

- Half of new scripts are not filled after 6 months, low adherence
- Administrative errors
- Local and systemic side effects



# Ideal Glaucoma Medical Treatment

- Patient-proof
- Few symptoms
- Can achieve the IOPs we need
- Cost effective



# Drug Delivery Through a Scleral Ring

- Ability to incorporate drugs into polymer
- Phase 2 trials completed

# Consistent Performance in Clinical Trials: Four Phase 1 (N = 73) and Four Phase 2 (N = 251)



## Patient Acceptance

- Topical, comfortable (90%), well-retained (90% at 6 months)

## Durable Efficacy

- One ring provides clinically significant IOP reduction for 6 months

## Safety and Benefits

- Uneventful safety profile
- Regulatory pathway: NDA in 2019

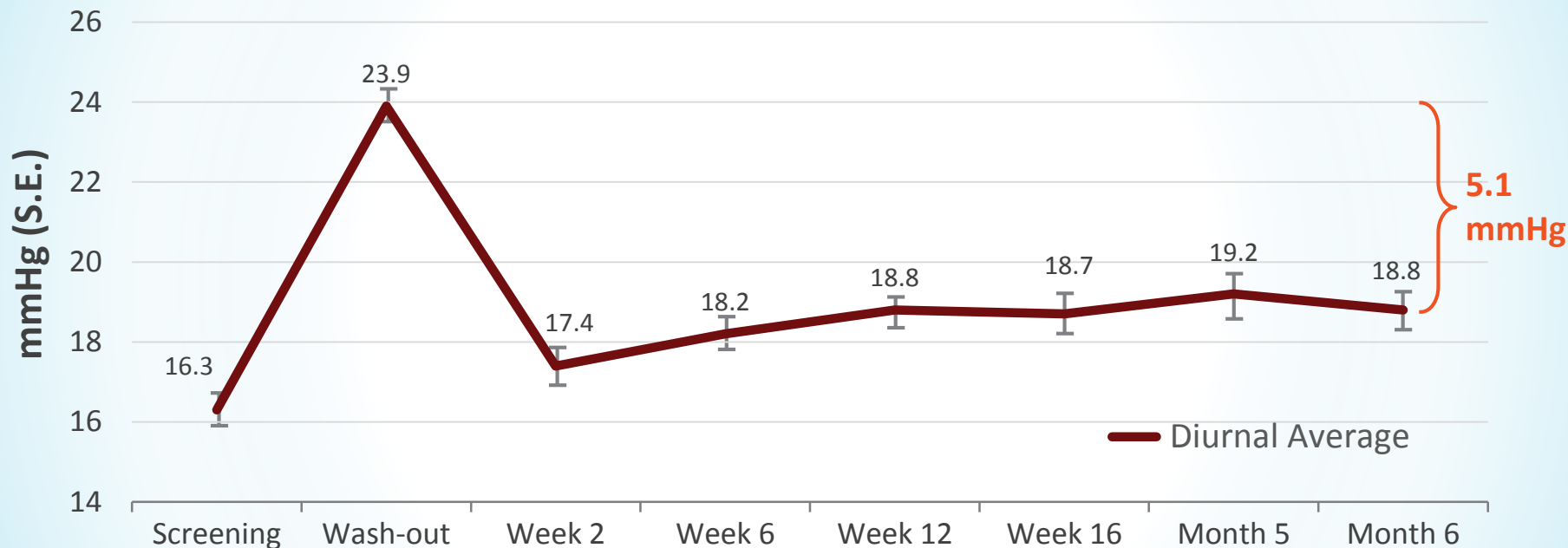
## Market Value

- 85% of patient recommend insert
- 80% of doctors prefer insert to drops

## Future

- Validated platform for fixed combination glaucoma, allergy, dry eye, other pipeline

# Mean Diurnal IOP with Bimatoprost Insert: Phase I Efficacy Results (N = 27)



- Mean IOP reduction: 4.7 to 6.5 mmHg from washout

Goldberg I, et al. Poster presented at: World Glaucoma Congress; 2015 (Hong Kong).

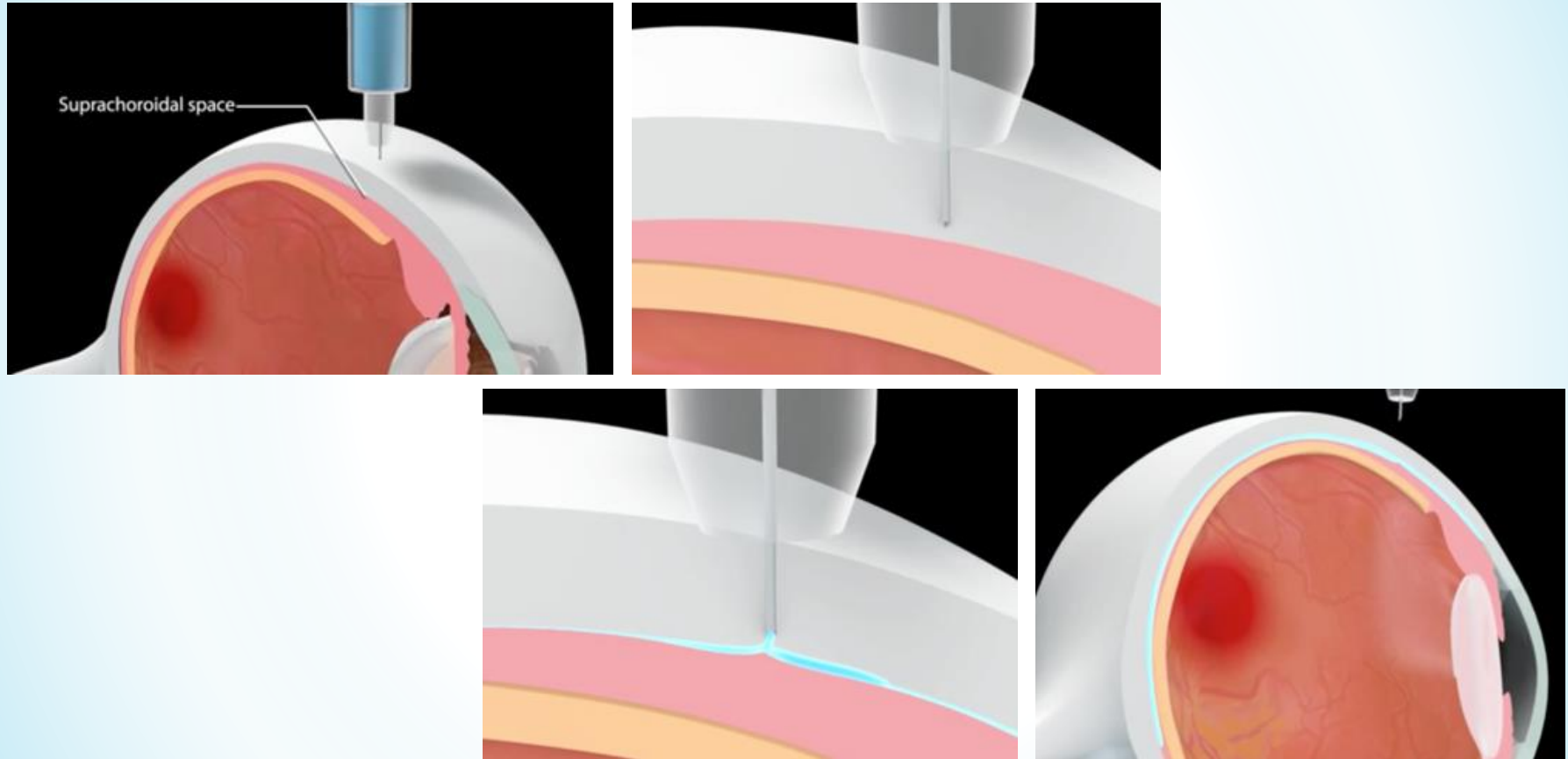
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# Scleral Ring Pros and Cons

- Comfort???
- Cosmesis???
- Medication can be placed by the patient (no physician involvement needed)
- Possible compliance issues
- Local side effects???

# Drug Delivery Into Suprachoroidal Space



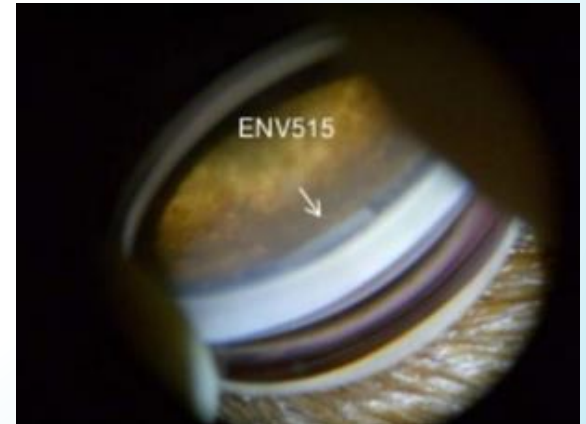
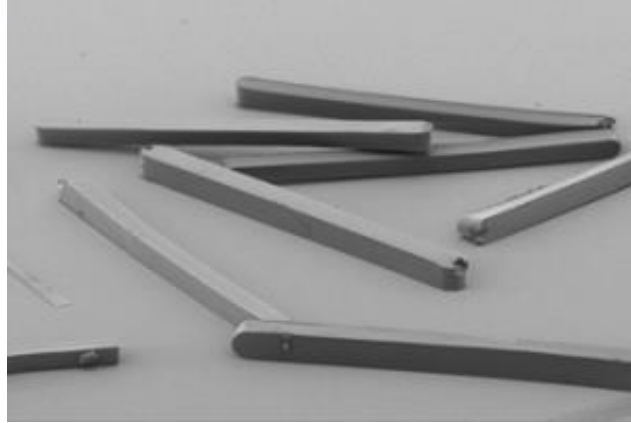
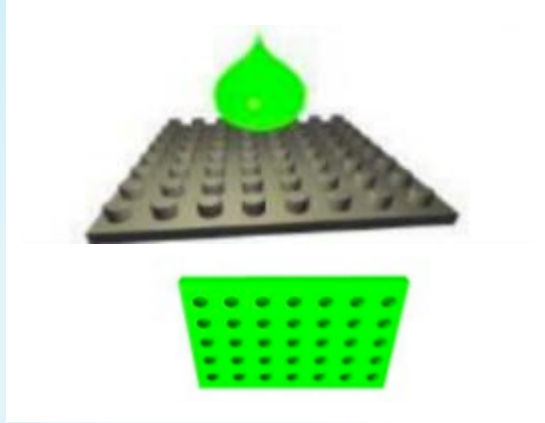
# Ongoing Research

- Currently focused on macular edema and neovascular age-related macular degeneration
- One Phase I/II study completed
- Phase II and III studies on macular edema ongoing
- Injections **every 12 weeks**
- Planned research on delivery of glaucoma medicines using this technology

# Suprachoroidal Delivery Pros and Cons

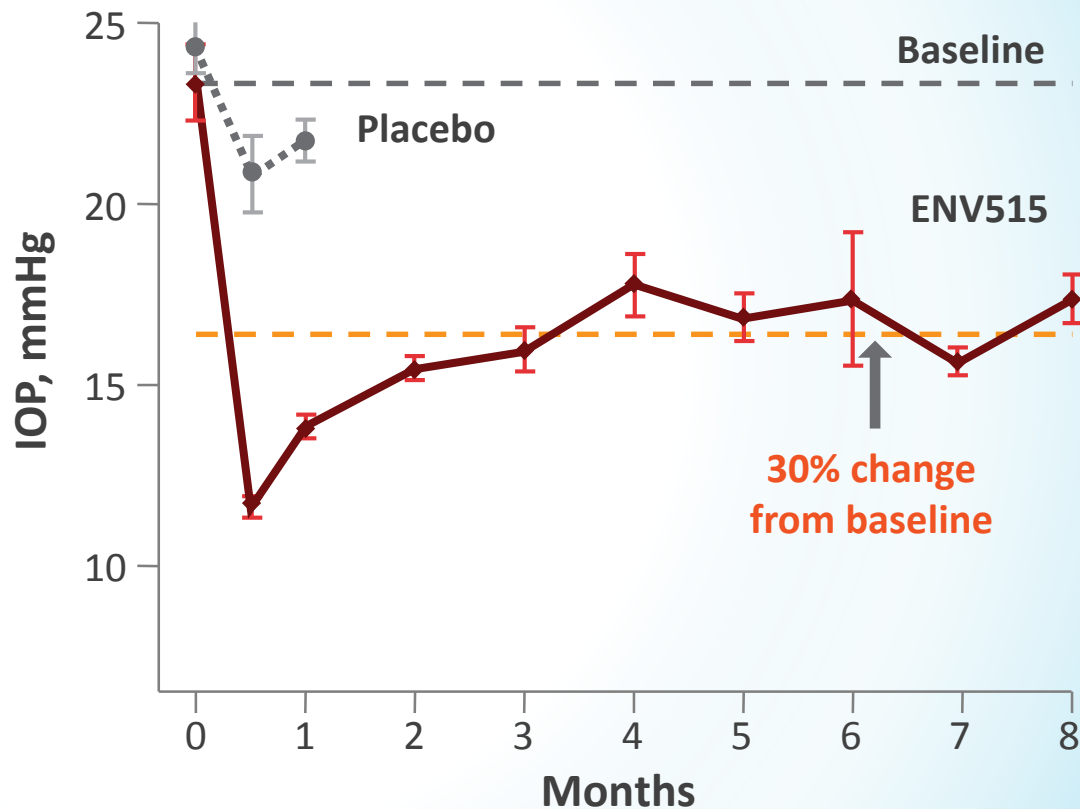
- Likely to eliminate many local side effects
- Low drug requirement
- Harm to retina and choroid unknown???
- Dosing frequency may exceed visit frequency
- Patient acceptance of “injection” unknown

# Intracameral Injection of Printed Particles



# Intracameral Injection of Printed Particles: Early Development

- Current product includes printed travoprost
- Ongoing Phase II study
- Novel design: enrolling patients scheduled for phaco within 60 days
- Evidence of efficacy >6 months in dogs

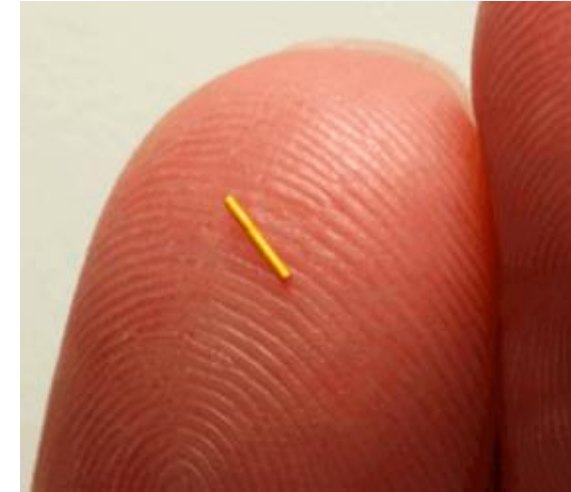
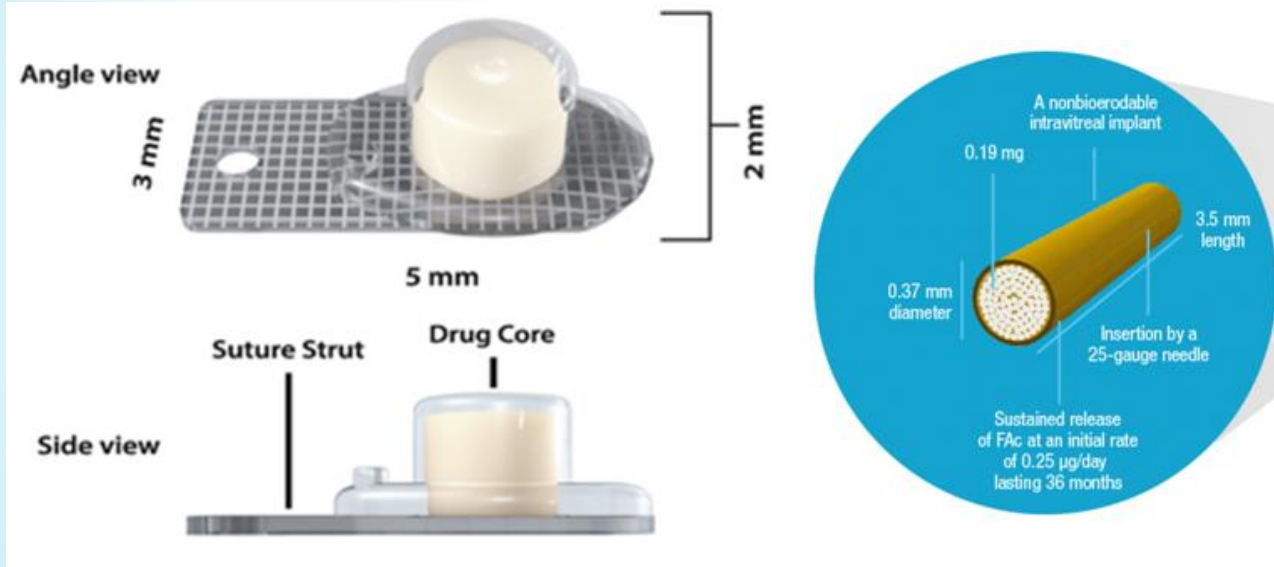


# Intracameral Delivery Pros and Cons

- Likely to eliminate many local side effects
- Evidence of long duration of action
- Possibility of infection, harm to cornea, other?
- Difficulty removing implant if side effects occur
- Patient acceptance of “injection” unknown

# Bioerodible Subconjunctival Implant

Two views and their delivery system





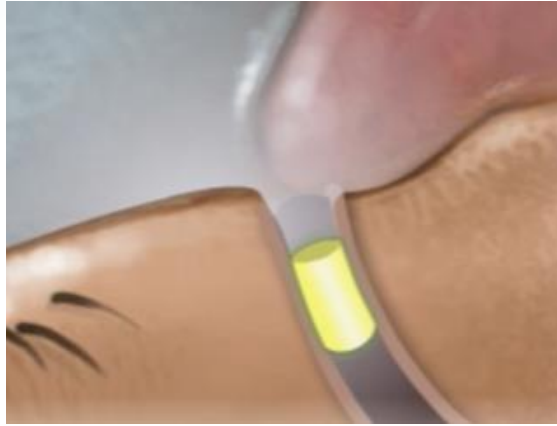
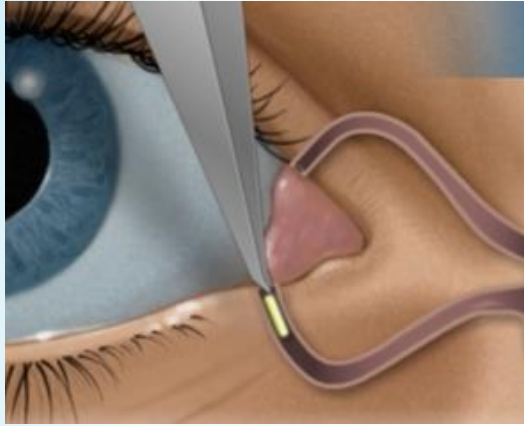
# Bioerodible Subconjunctival Implant

- Ongoing Phase I/II study
- Retinal products: duration of action as long as three years

# Bioerodible Subconjunctival Implant: Pros and Cons

- Potentially long duration of action
- Avoids intraocular injection
- Possibility of removing implant if side effects occur
- May still have normal drug side effects
- Patient acceptance of “injection” unknown
- Possible adverse effect on later glaucoma surgeries

# Bioerodible Tear Duct Plug



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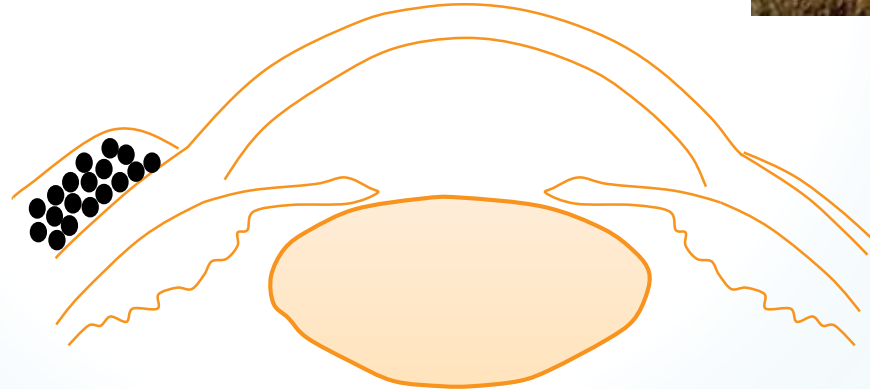
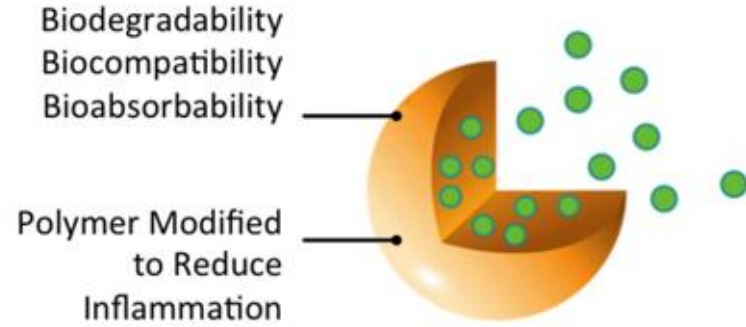
- Phase III trial completed for dexamethasone implant after cataract extraction
- Completed Phase I study comparing travoprost plug vs timolol
- IOP lowering noted for 3 months with minimal side effects

# Bioerodible Tear Duct Plug: Pros and Cons

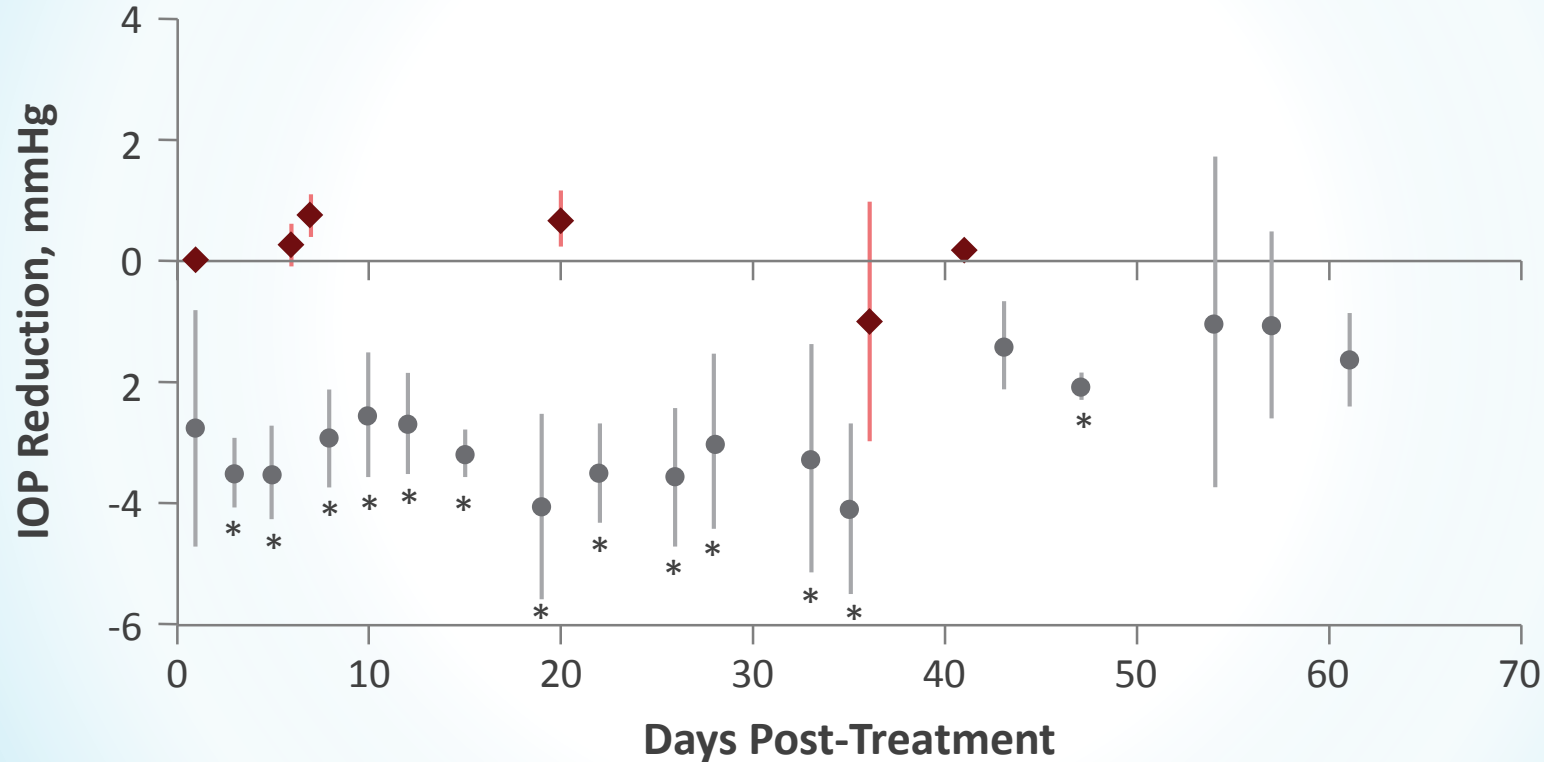
- Easy to insert
- Likely to be accepted by patients
- No possibility of removing implant if side effects occur
- May still have normal drug side effects, could fall out
- Dosing frequency may be > visit frequency

# Biodegradable Nanoparticles

## ENCAPSULATED DRUG

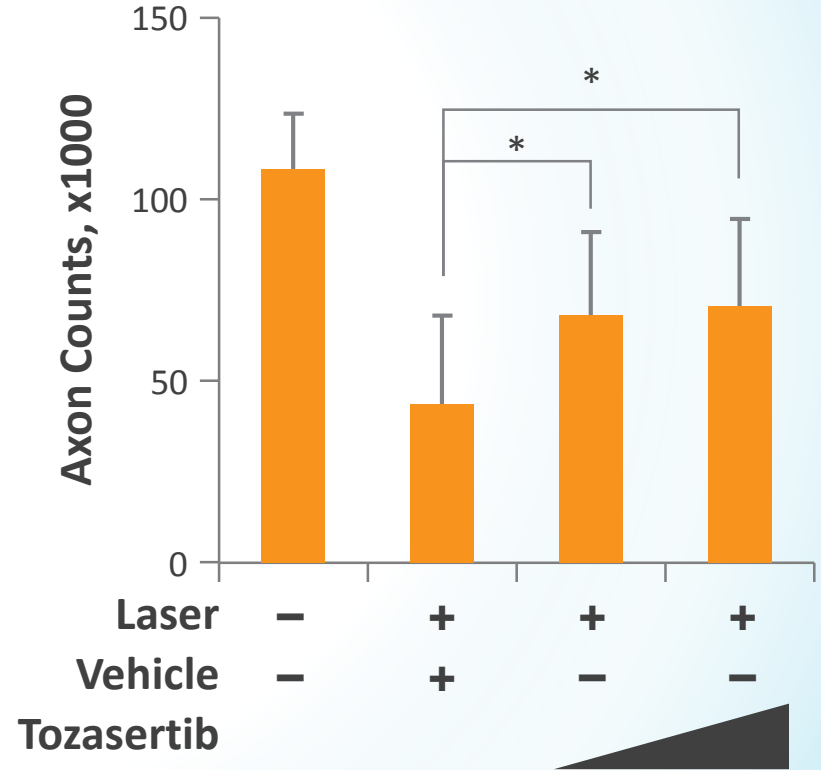
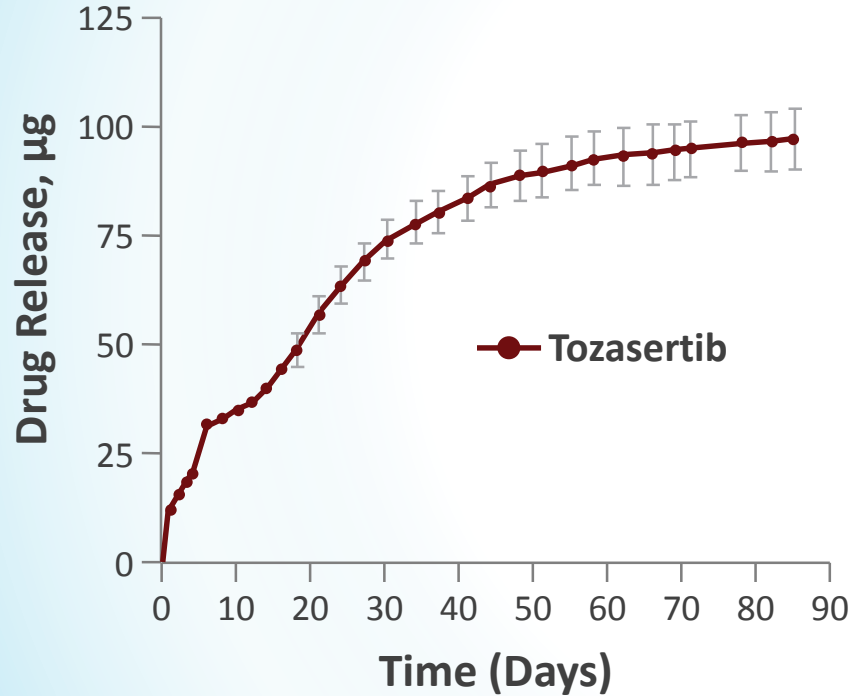


# Subconjunctival Dorzolamide Particles Lowered IOP for 30 Days in Normotensive Rabbits



\*Outliers more than 1.5x the interquartile range from the median.

# Particles Potentially Useful for Delivering Neuroprotective Agents as Well



Welsbie DS, et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*. 2013;110(10):4045-4050.



# Medical Therapy Likely to Be a Rapidly Evolving Field

- Multiple new drug delivery platforms emerging
- Doctor and patient acceptance as well as business models will influence uptake

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