

SCARY OR NOT? BACK TO FRONT

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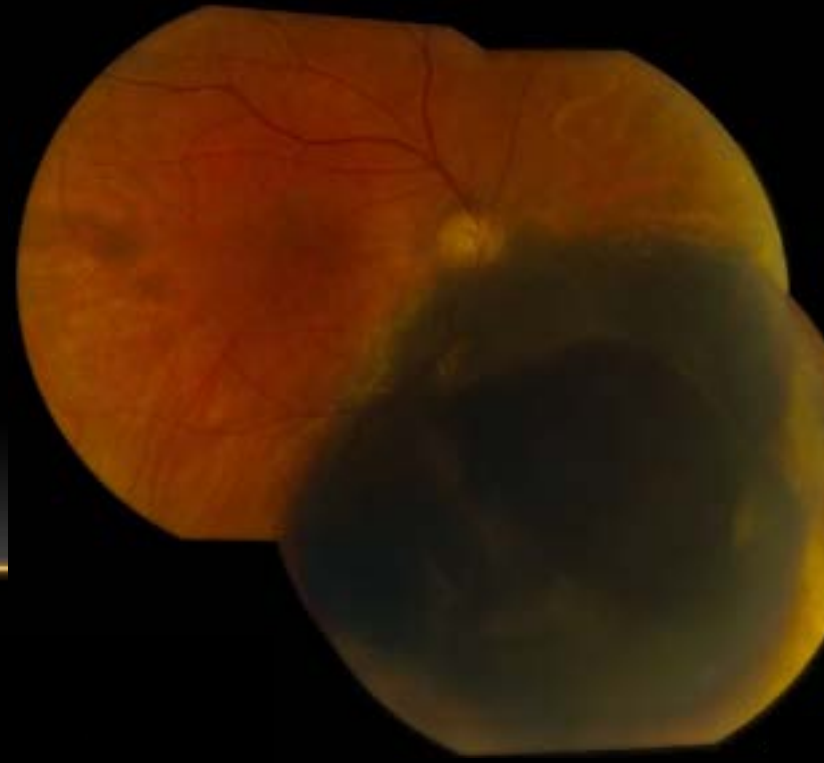
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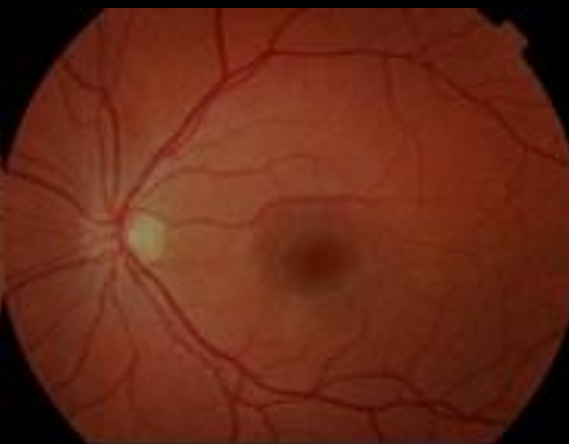
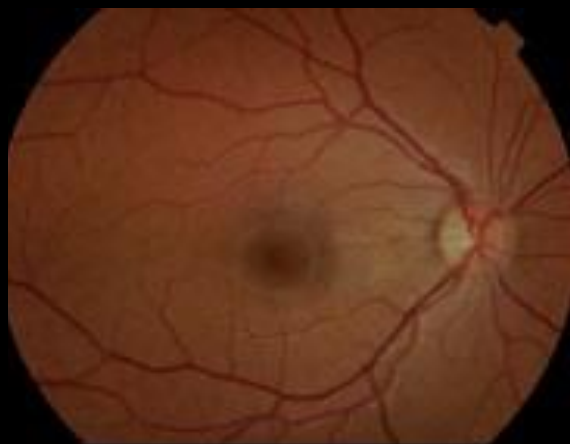
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CHOROIDAL MELANOMA

- Most common primary intraocular neoplasm in adults
- Incidence of ~4-6 per million per year in the US
- Risk factors include
 - Iris and Skin color
 - European ancestry
 - Age
 - Oculodermal Melanocytosis (Nevus of Ota)
 - Environmental factors (less understood)

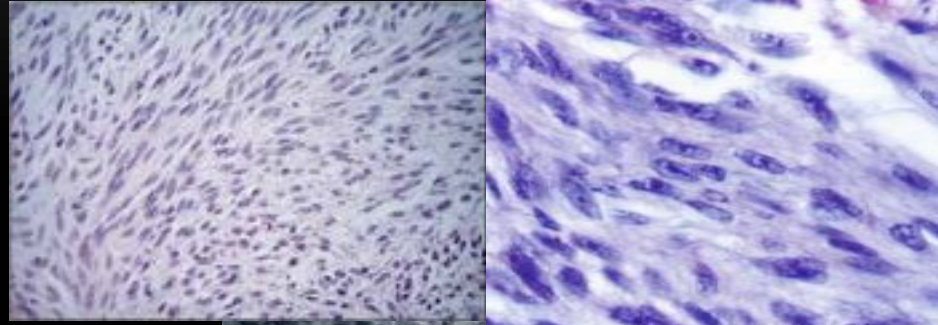




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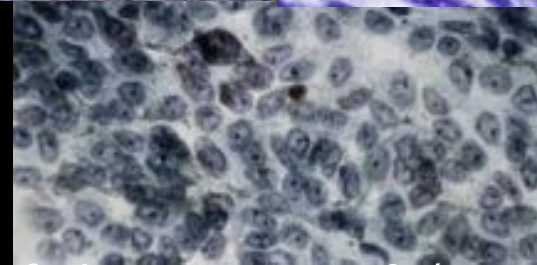
- Histopathology

- Spindle-cell (A,B)
- Epithelioid-cell
- Mixed-cell



- Genetics

- Strong association with loss of chromosome 3 (monosomy 3)
- Mutations in chromosomes 6 and 8 have been reported



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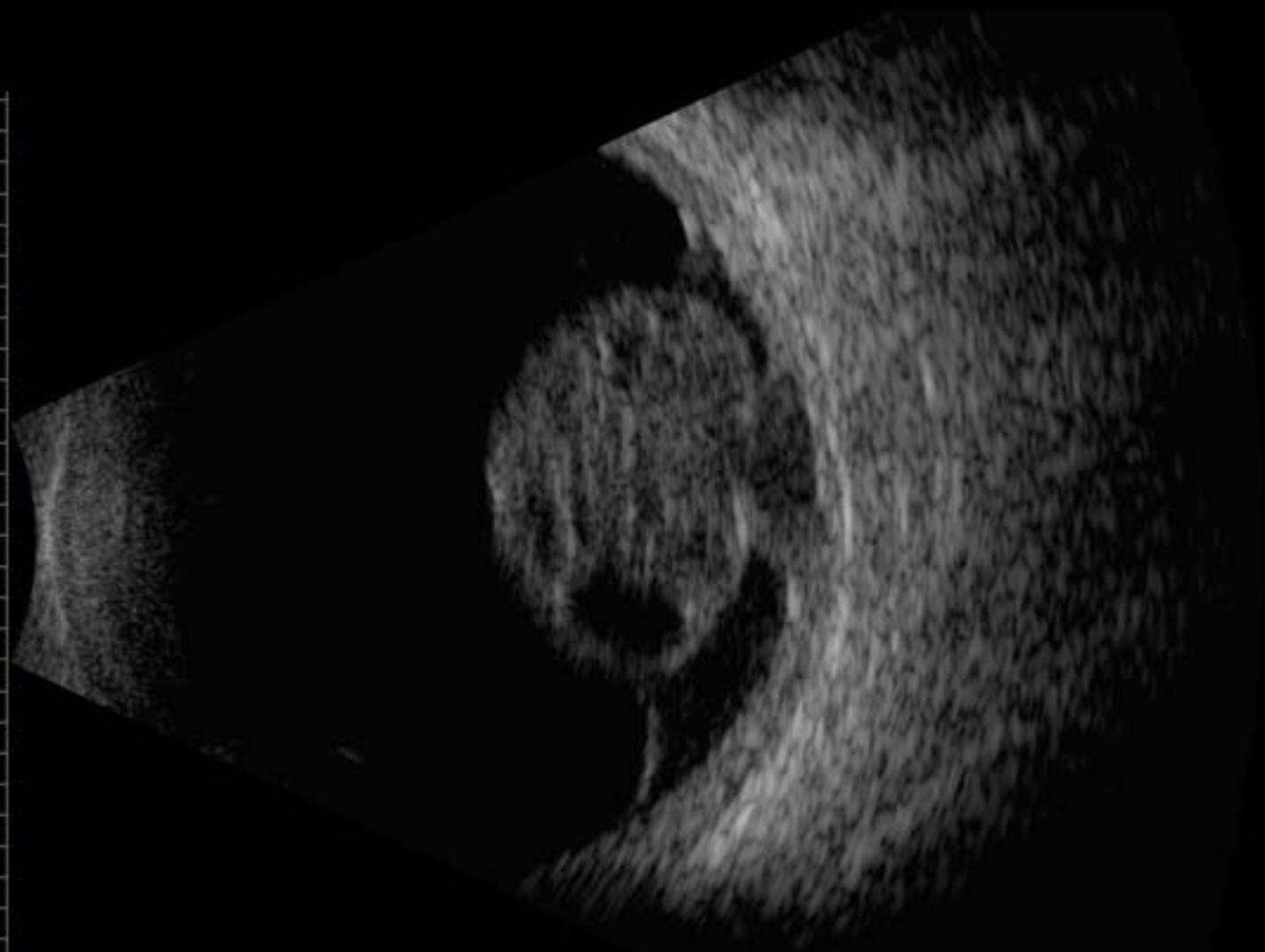
- Typically present as elevated choroidal lesions that may be pigmented or amelanotic
 - Favored metastatic sites are the liver and lungs
 - Diagnosis is made primarily by physical exam
 - Indirect ophthalmoscopy
 - Echography
 - FA may show dual circulation pattern
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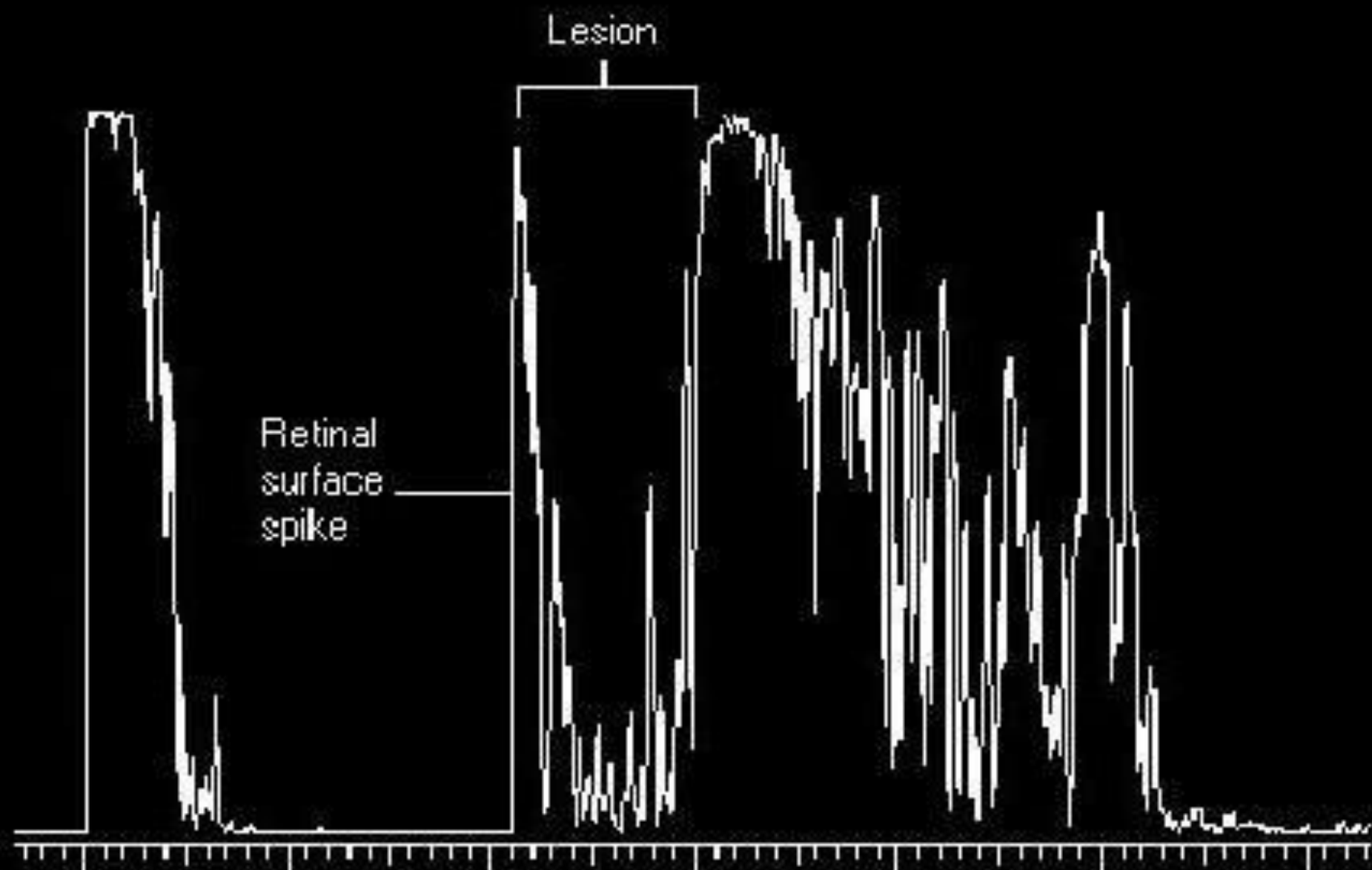
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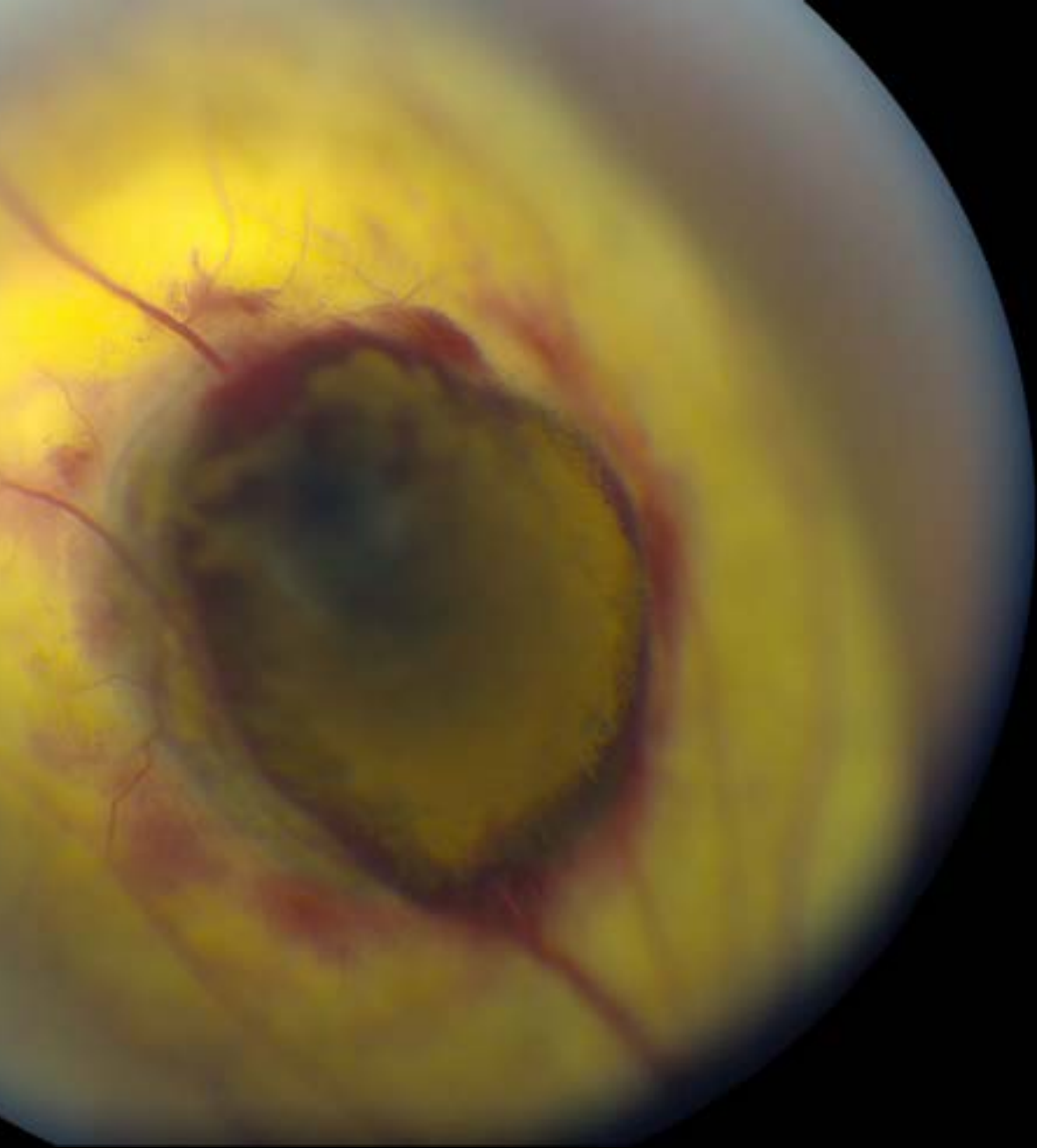
- Acoustic hollowing
- Choroidal excavation
- Orbital Shadowing
- Collar-button configuration



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T F S O M-U H H D Acronym



MOLES

- **M**ushroom shape
- **O**range pigment
- **L**arge size
 - Thickness: <1.0 mm vs 1.0-2.0 mm vs >2.00 mm
 - Diameter: <3DD vs 3-4DD vs >4DD
- **E**nlarging tumor
- **S**ubretinal fluid
- Scoring system: Absent = 0 points, Unsure/Borderline = 1 point, Present = 2 points
 - *total points of 3 or greater prompt urgent referral for probable melanoma





PRIMARY MELANOMA TREATMENT

- Enucleation
- Radiation Therapy
 - ^{125}I plaque brachytherapy
 - Proton beam therapy
 - Gamma Knife and other Stereotactic Radiosurgery
- Transpupillary Thermotherapy (with radiation)

OTHER TREATMENTS EMPLOYED (WITH LESS SUCCESS)

- Microsurgical Resection
 - External Trans-Scleral Resection
 - Transvitreal Endoresection
- Laser Photocoagulation
- Photodynamic Therapy
- Hyperthermia
- Cryotherapy

REVIEW:

COLLABORATIVE OCULAR MELANOMA STUDY

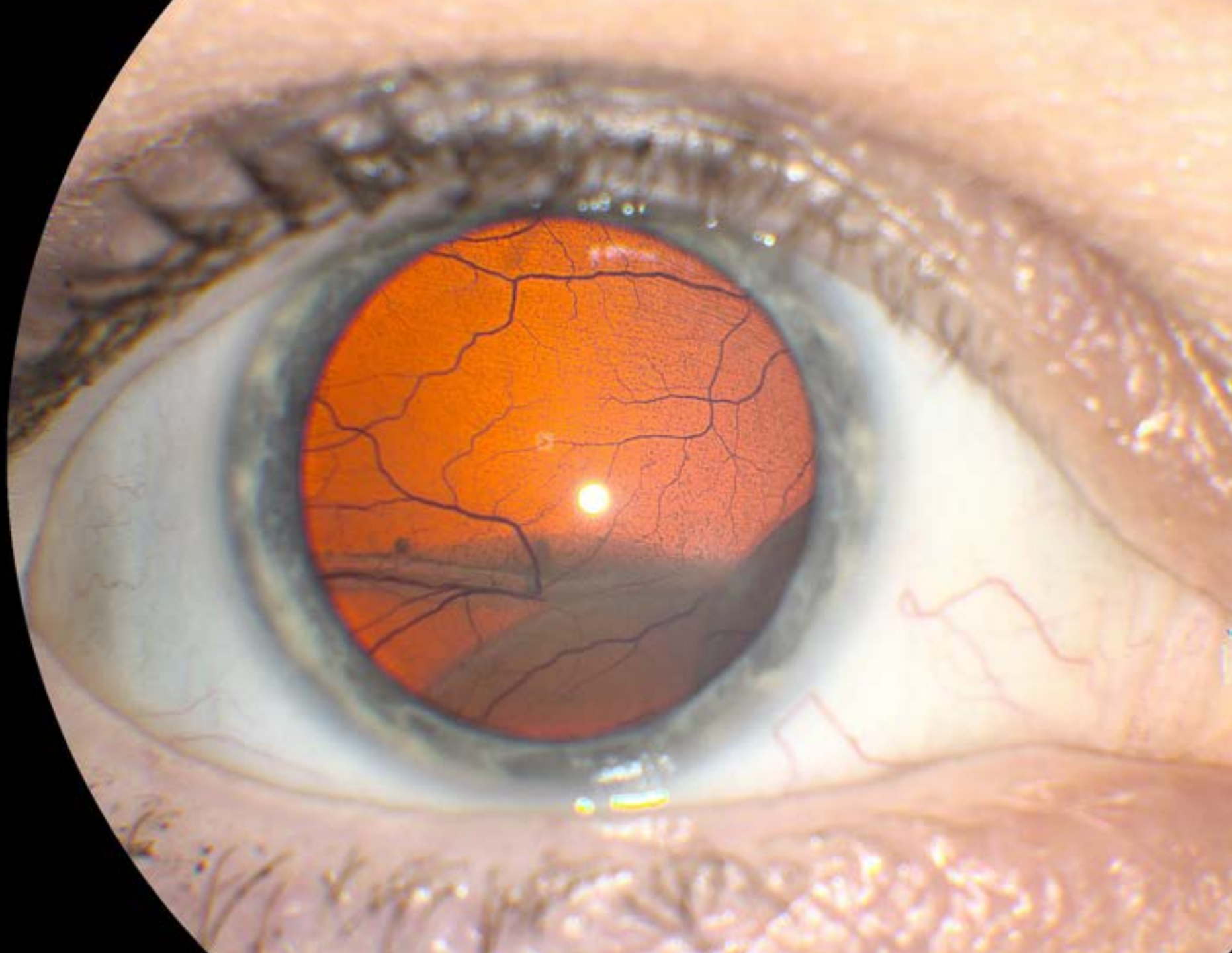
- A set of prospective studies designed to compare survival after treatment
- Initiated in 1985 w/ 2 randomized arms
 - Medium Tumor Trial
 - Assessed lesions 2.5-10mm in apical height; <16mm in diameter
 - Episcleral I-125 plaque brachytherapy versus enucleation
 - Large Tumor Trial
 - Assessed lesions >10mm in apical height; >16mm in diameter
 - Enucleation Alone versus Pre-Enucleation Radiotherapy (PERT)
- Small Tumor trial included later (observational study)

COMS MEDIUM TUMOR TRIAL

5 Year Data 1072 pts (81%)	Enucleation	I-125 85Gy at 43-105 cGy/hr
All-cause mortality	19%	18.5%
Death with histologically confirmed melanoma metastases	11%	9%

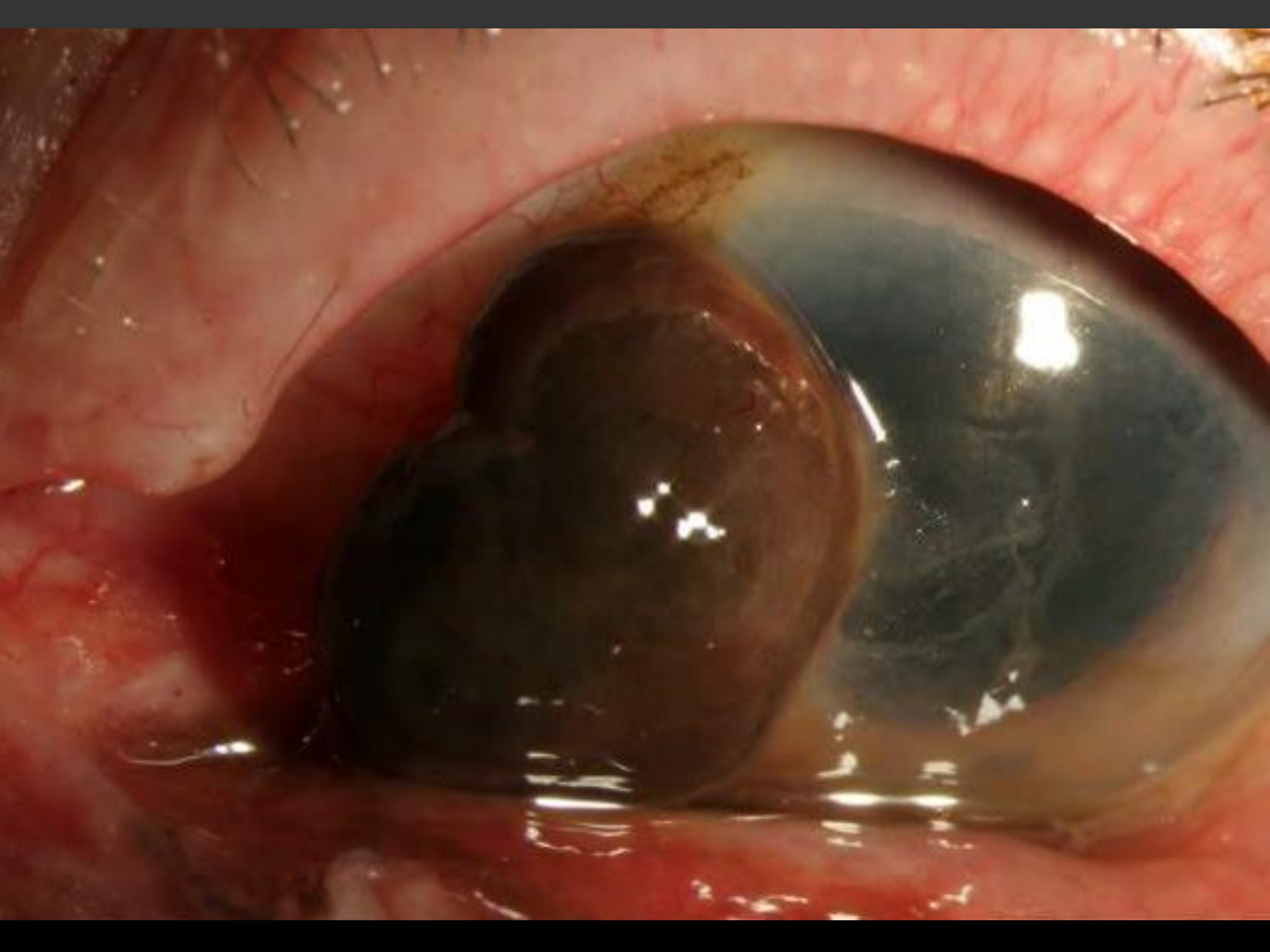
COMS LARGE TUMOR TRIAL

- Does pre-treatment of large melanomas with external beam radiotherapy (PERT) before enucleation impact the rate of metastases?
- No statistically significant difference in all-cause mortality or melanoma specific mortality over 10 years







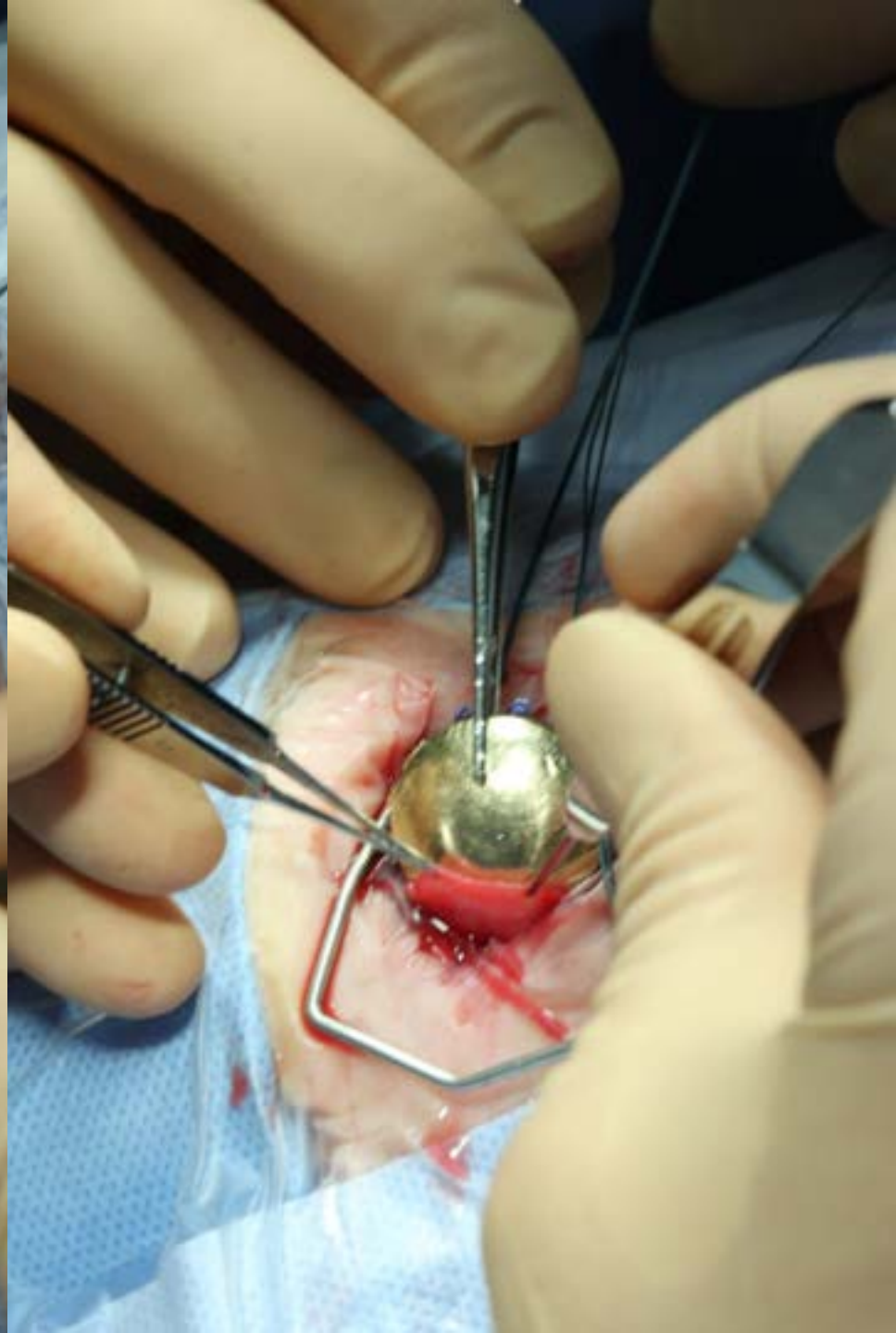
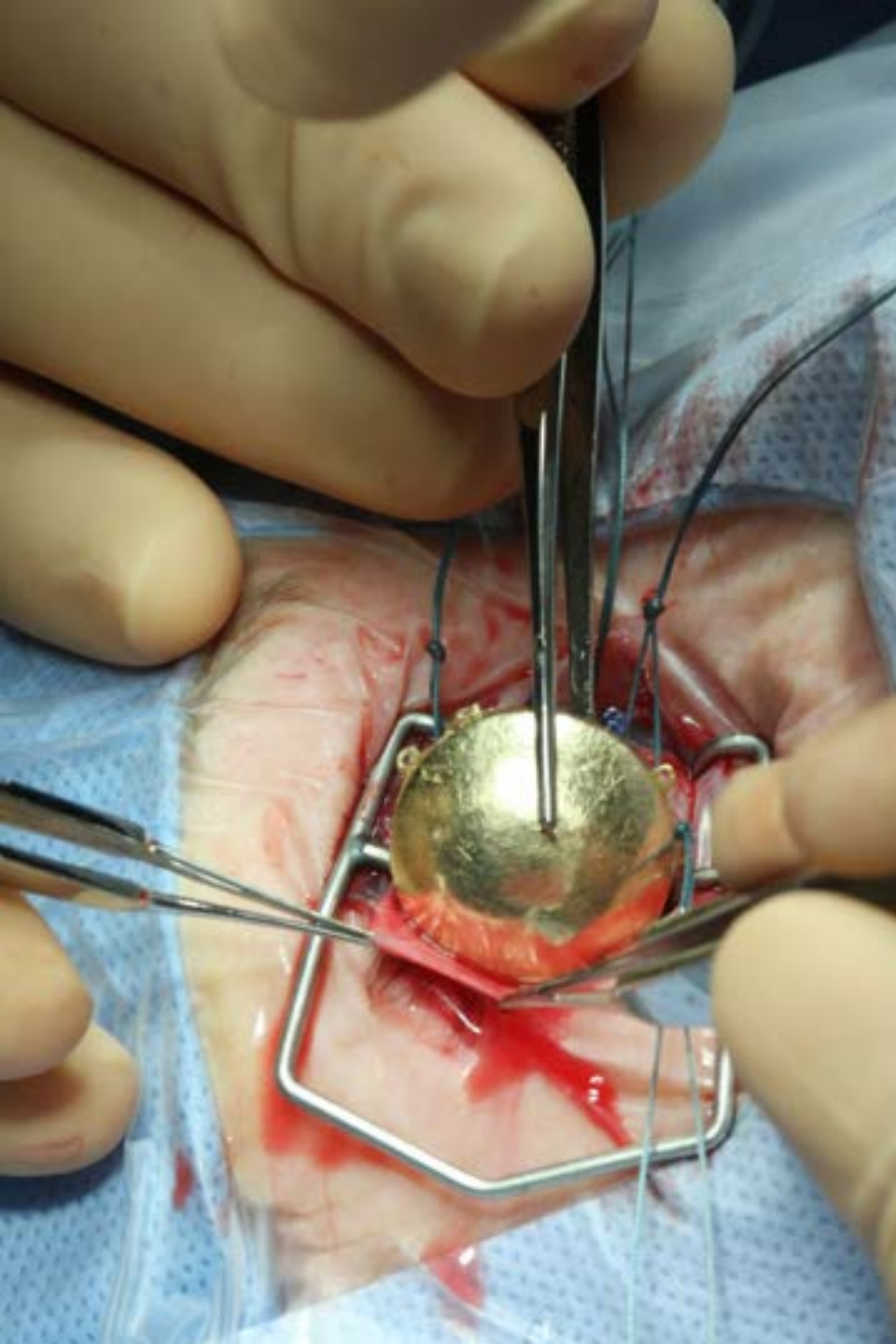






¹²⁵I PLAQUE BRACHYTHERAPY

- Currently most widely used treatment for choroidal melanoma
- Small "rice-sized" radioactive seeds are attached within a gold bowl – the plaque
- Plaque sewn onto sclera using intraoperative echography to guide positioning
- Patient remains in the hospital for four days
- Day 3, plaque is removed
- Day 4, patient goes home



PLAQUE INSERTION



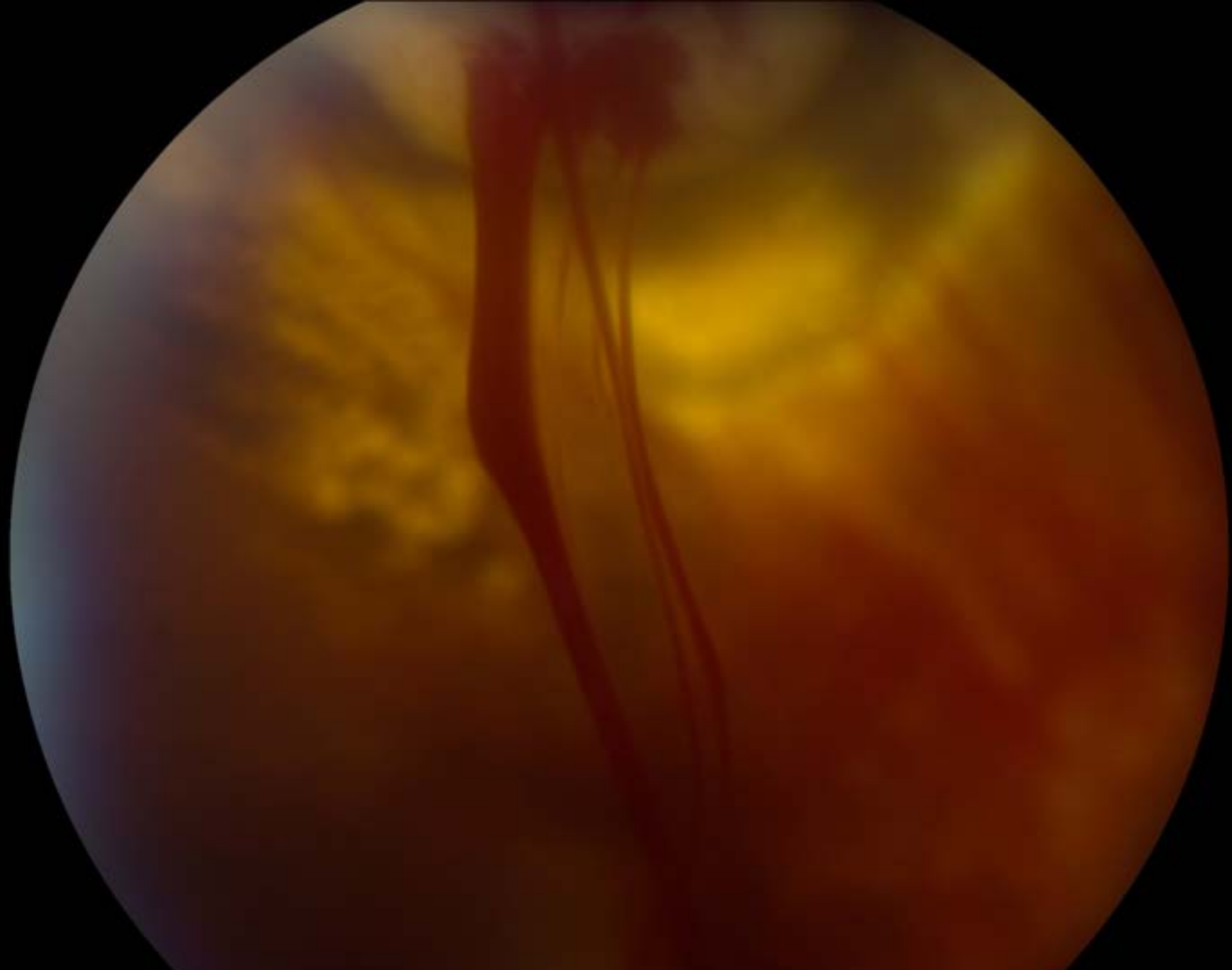
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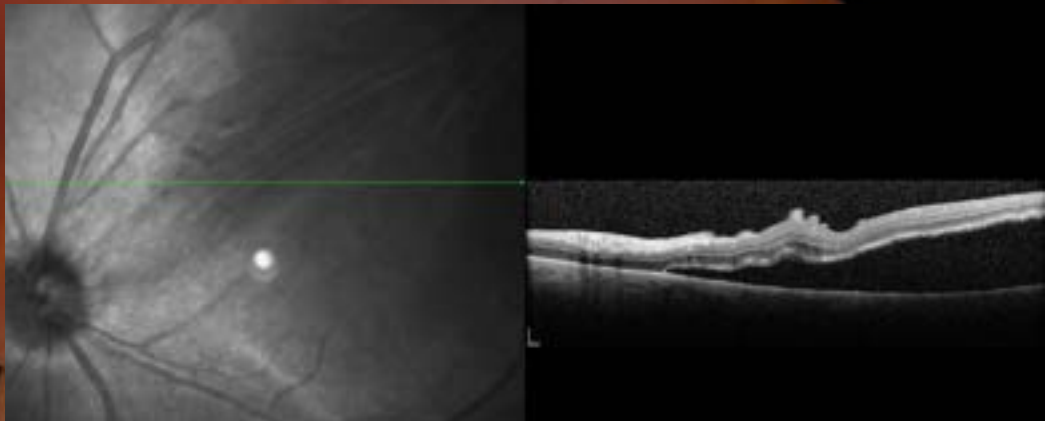
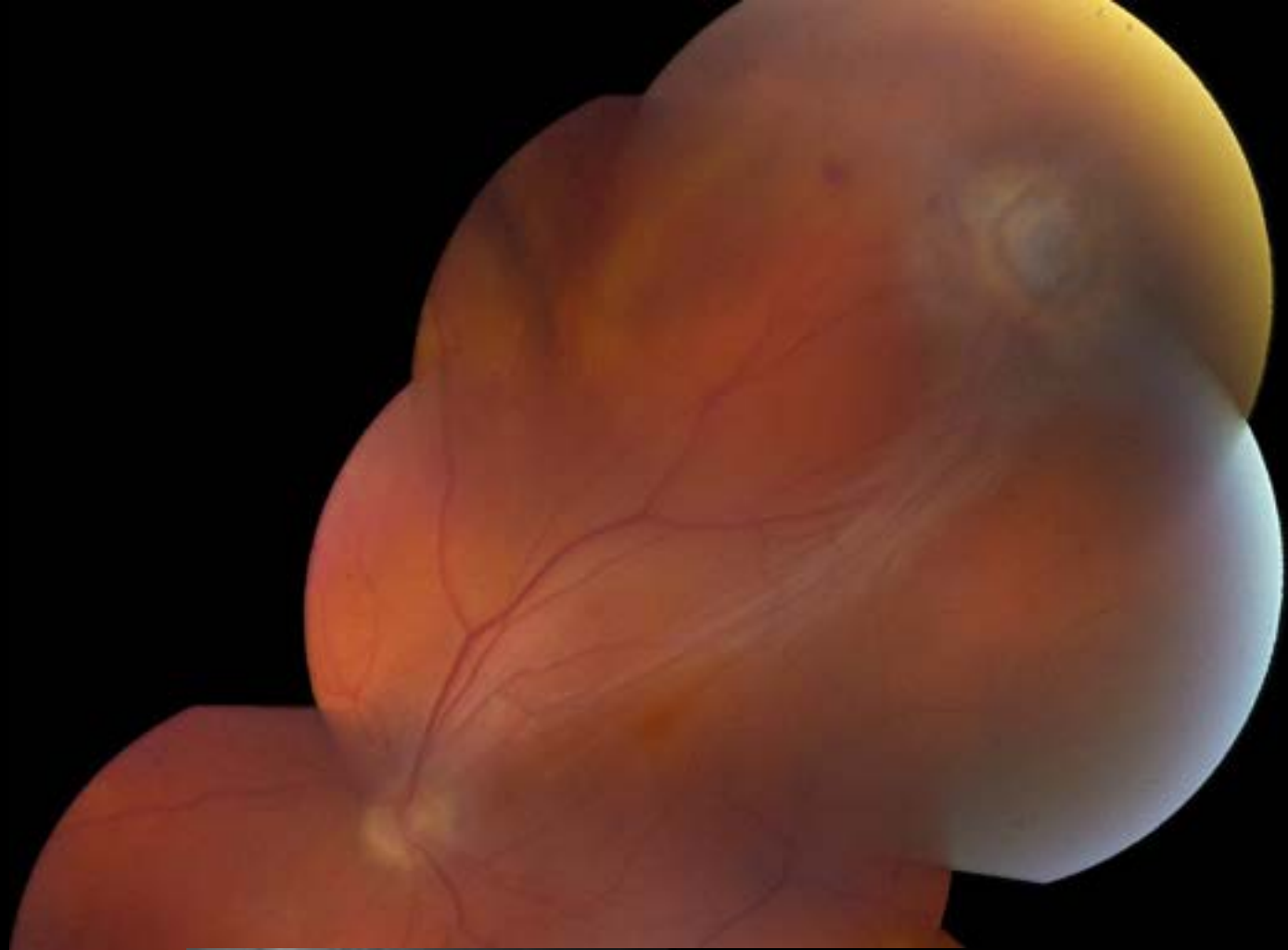
- Radiation retinopathy
- Radiation papillopathy (or radiation optic neuropathy)
- Cataract
- Vitreous hemorrhage
- Exudative RD
- Neovascular Glaucoma

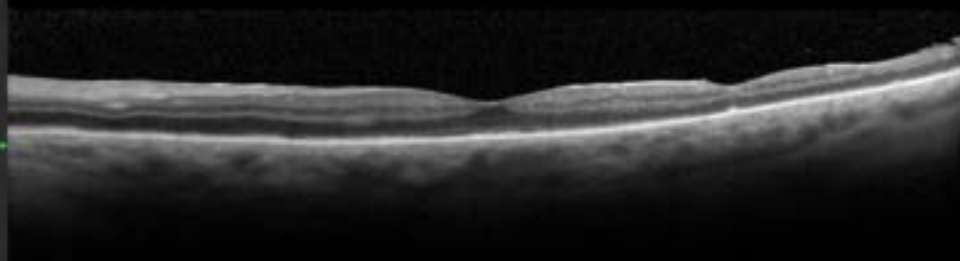
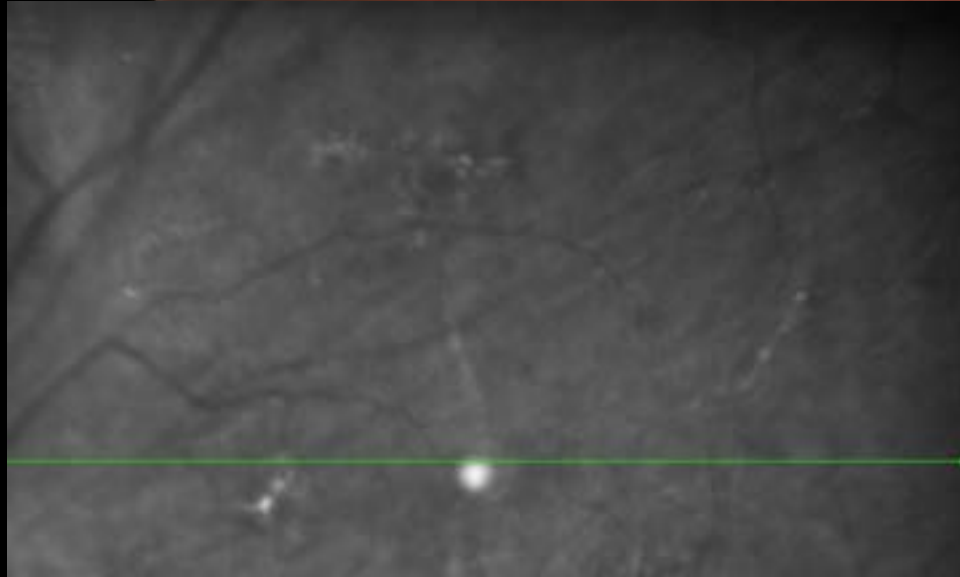
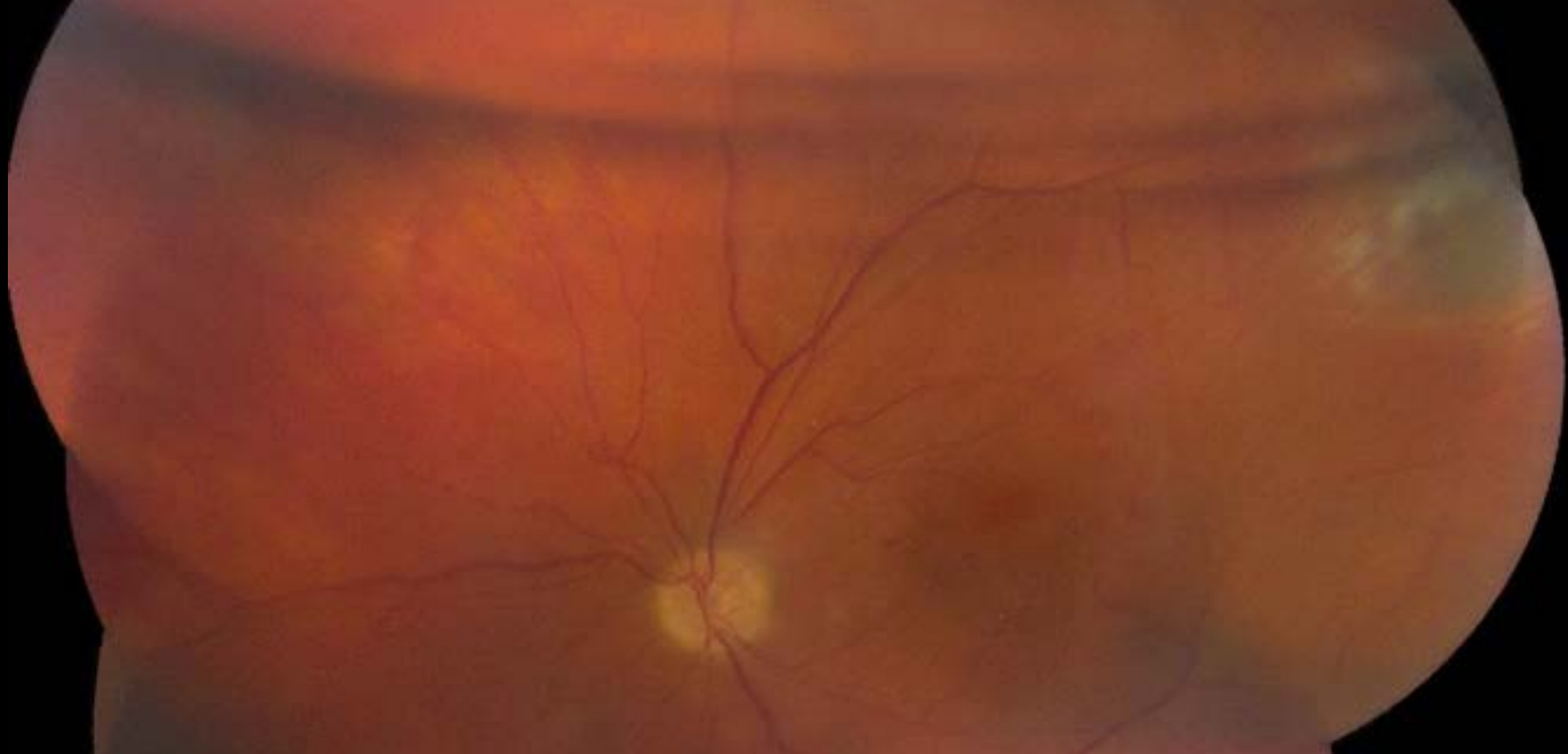
RADIATION RETINOPATHY











RADIATION RETINOPATHY/OPTIC NEUROPATHY

CLINICAL NATURAL HISTORY/SDOCT

- Incidence/prevalence
 - 12 months
 - 24 months
 - 36 months
 - 60 months
 - Risk Factors: Increased tumor thickness, proximity to optic nerve/fovea, associated vascular disease
 - COMS VA 20/200 3 years post-brachytherapy
- | | Photographic | sdOCT |
|-------------|--------------|-------|
| • 12 months | 9% | 78% |
| • 24 months | 24% | 98% |
| • 36 months | 39% | 99% |
| • 60 months | 47% | 99% |

CURRENT MANAGEMENT OF RADIATION RETINOPATHY

Intravitreal Injection therapy has become
the first line of defense

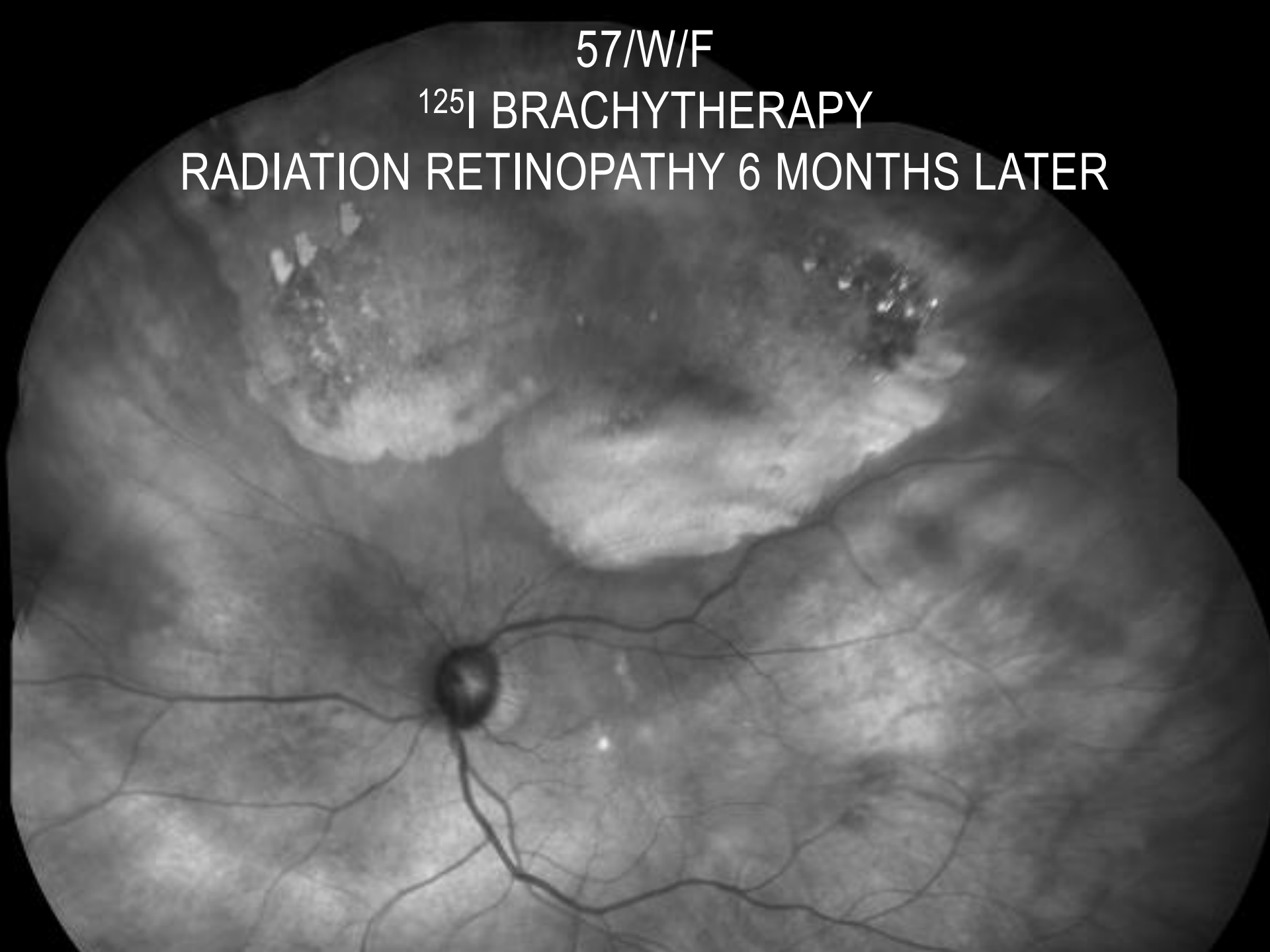
- Bevacizumab
- Triamcinolone acetonide
- Aflibercept

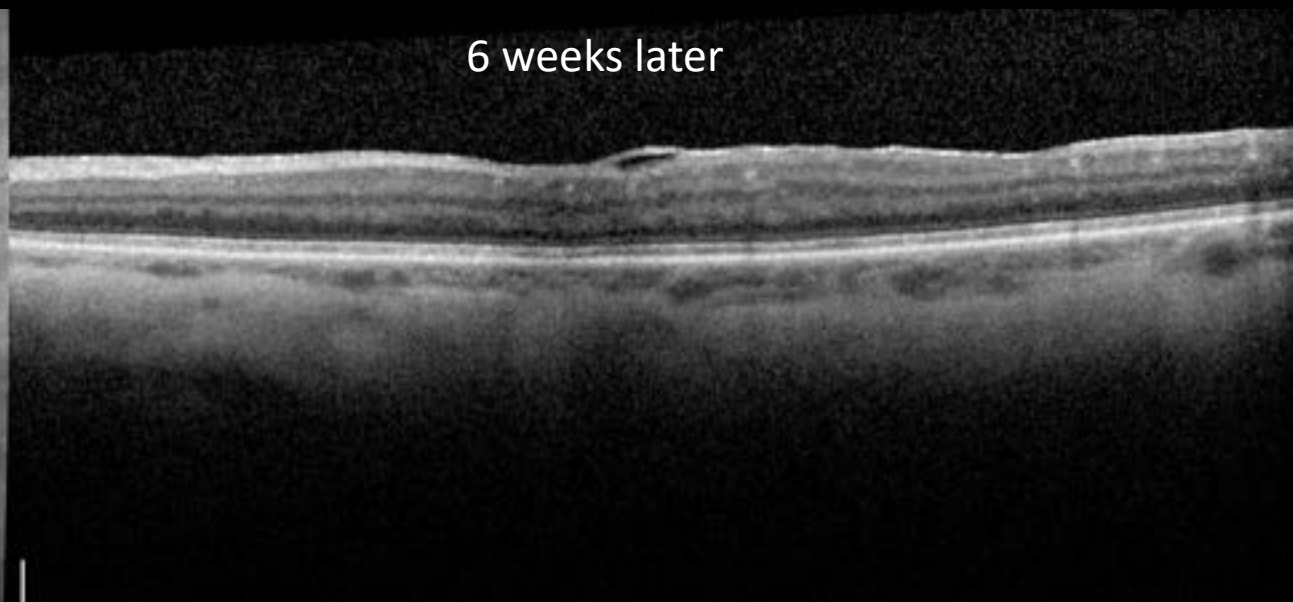
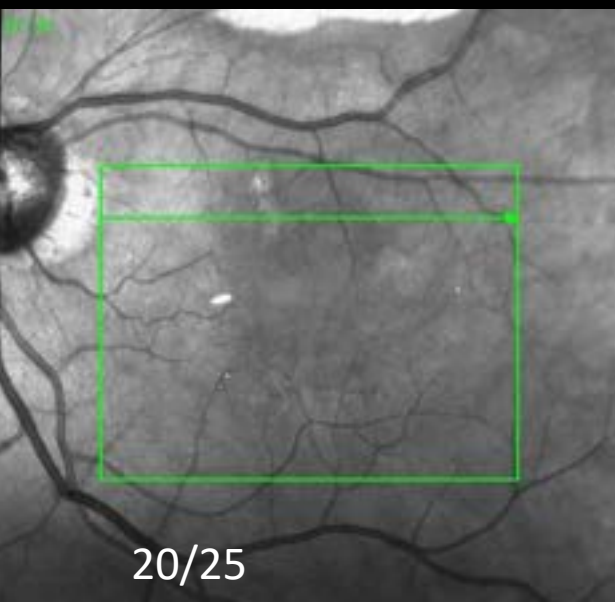
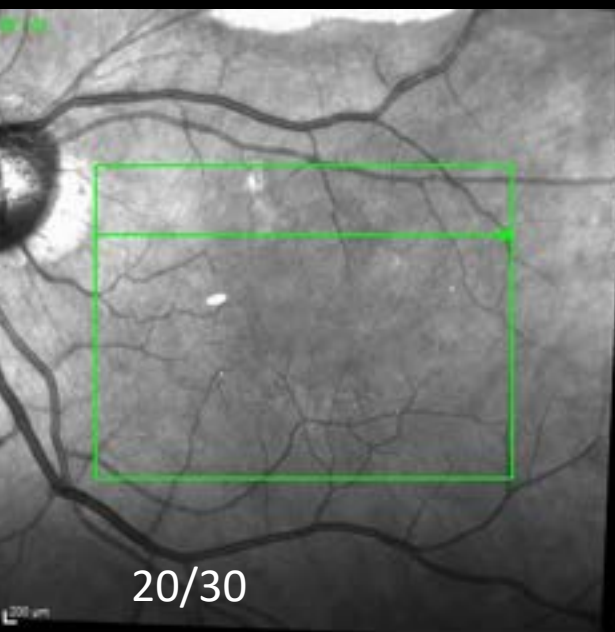


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^{125}I BRACHYTHERAPY

RADIATION RETINOPATHY 6 MONTHS LATER



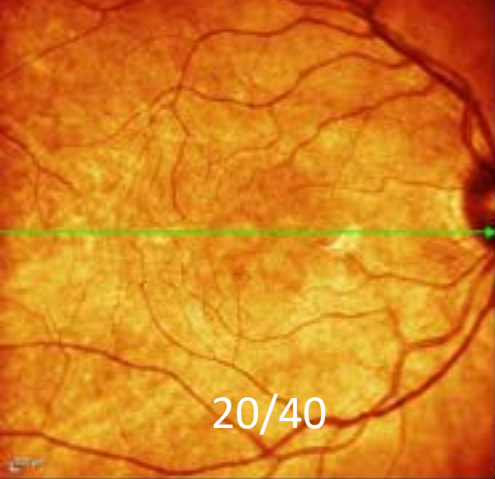


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s/p ^{125}I Brachytherapy

Radiation Retinopathy ~19 months later

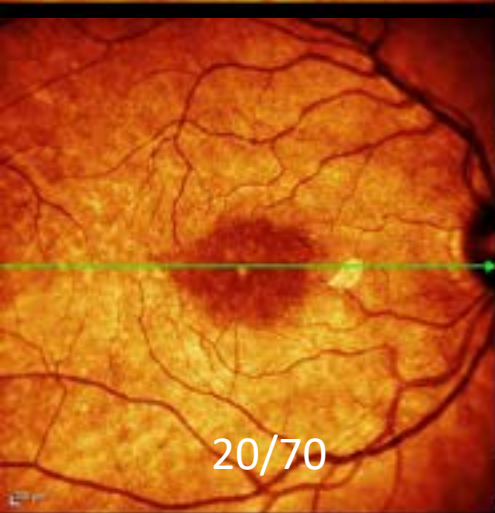




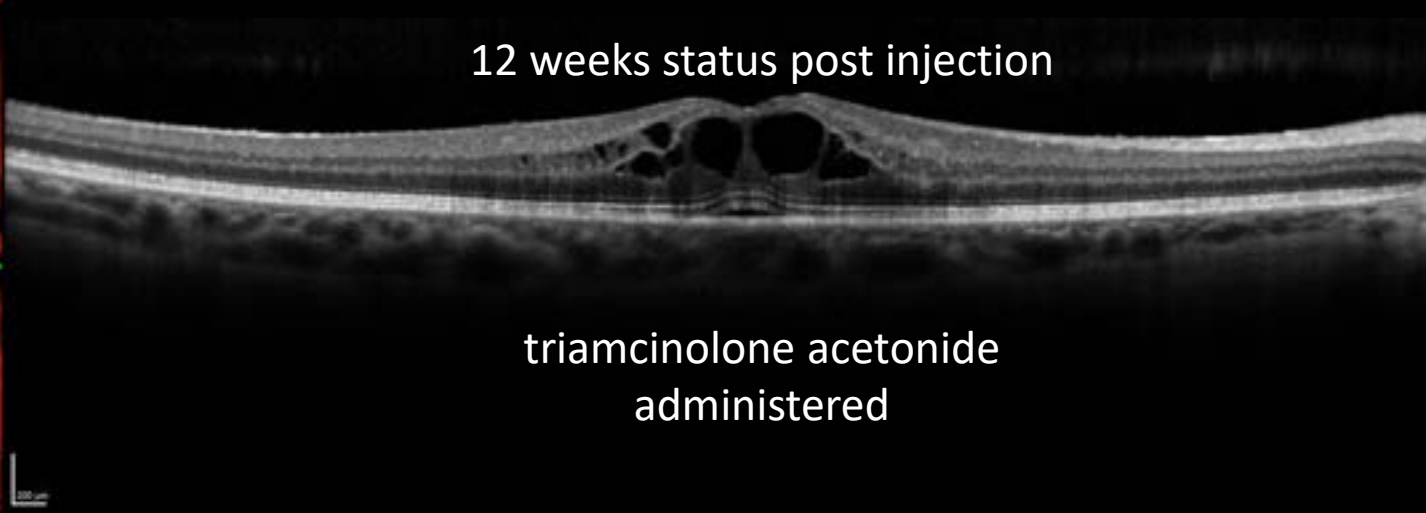
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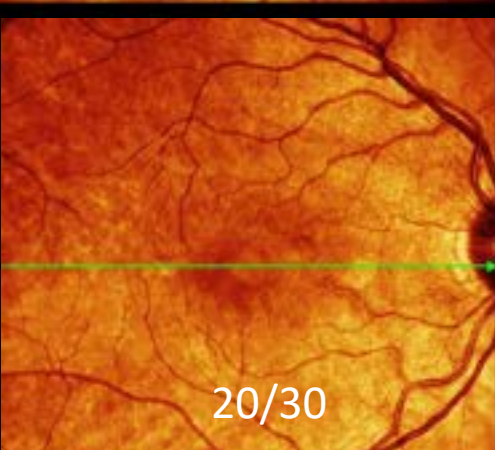


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12 weeks status post injection

triamcinolone acetonide
administered



20/30



8 weeks status post injection

METASTATIC SCREENING WITH UVEAL MELANOMA

- **Abdominal MRI**
 - With liver function panel
 - Chest X-ray
 - CBC with differential
 - SMA-20

 - **Genomic testing**
 - Suppression subtractive hybridization (SSH)
 - Multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification (MLPA)
 - Gene Expression Profiling
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GENOMICS AS PREDICTORS OF METASTASIS

- Gene Expression Profiling
 - Assesses 15 genes located on chromosomes 3 and 8q
 - Two distinct molecular genetic signatures for uveal melanoma
 - Class 1
 - Associated with less aggressive melanoma
 - Further divided into subclasses 1A and 1B
 - Class 2
 - Associated with more aggressive melanoma
 - Associated with monosomy 3

GENE EXPRESSION PROFILING

- Castle Biosciences – Validated, CLIA approved
- RT-PCR 15 Genes (3 control genes)
 - CDH1, ECM1, EIF1B, FXR1, HTR2B, ID2, LMCD1, LTA4H, MTUS1, RAB31, ROBO1, and SATB1
- Predicted classification and discriminant value

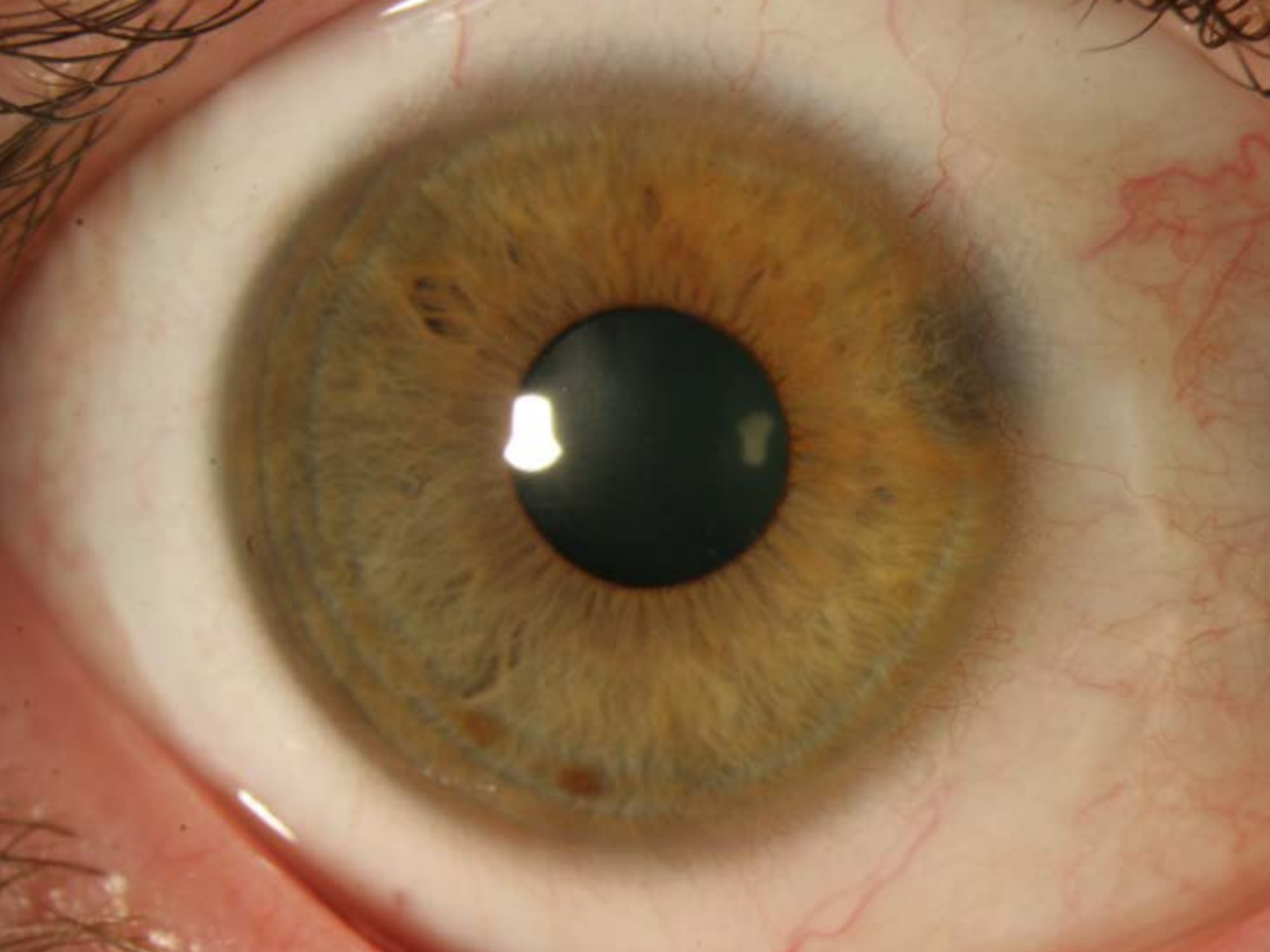
MOLECULAR SIGNATURE CLASS METASTASIS FREE

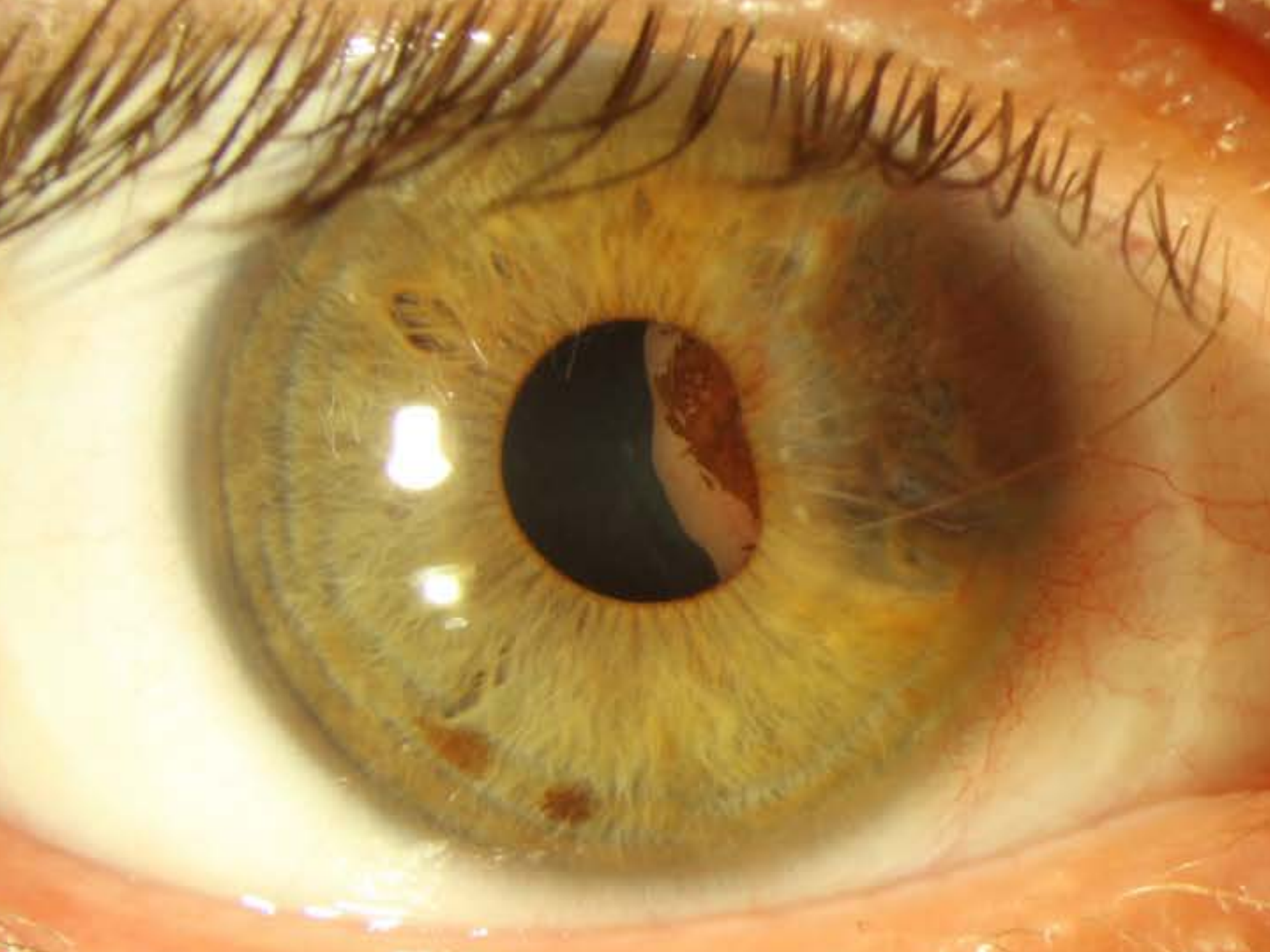
Class	3 year	5 year
Class 1A	98%	98%
Class 1B	93%	79%
Class 2	50%	28%

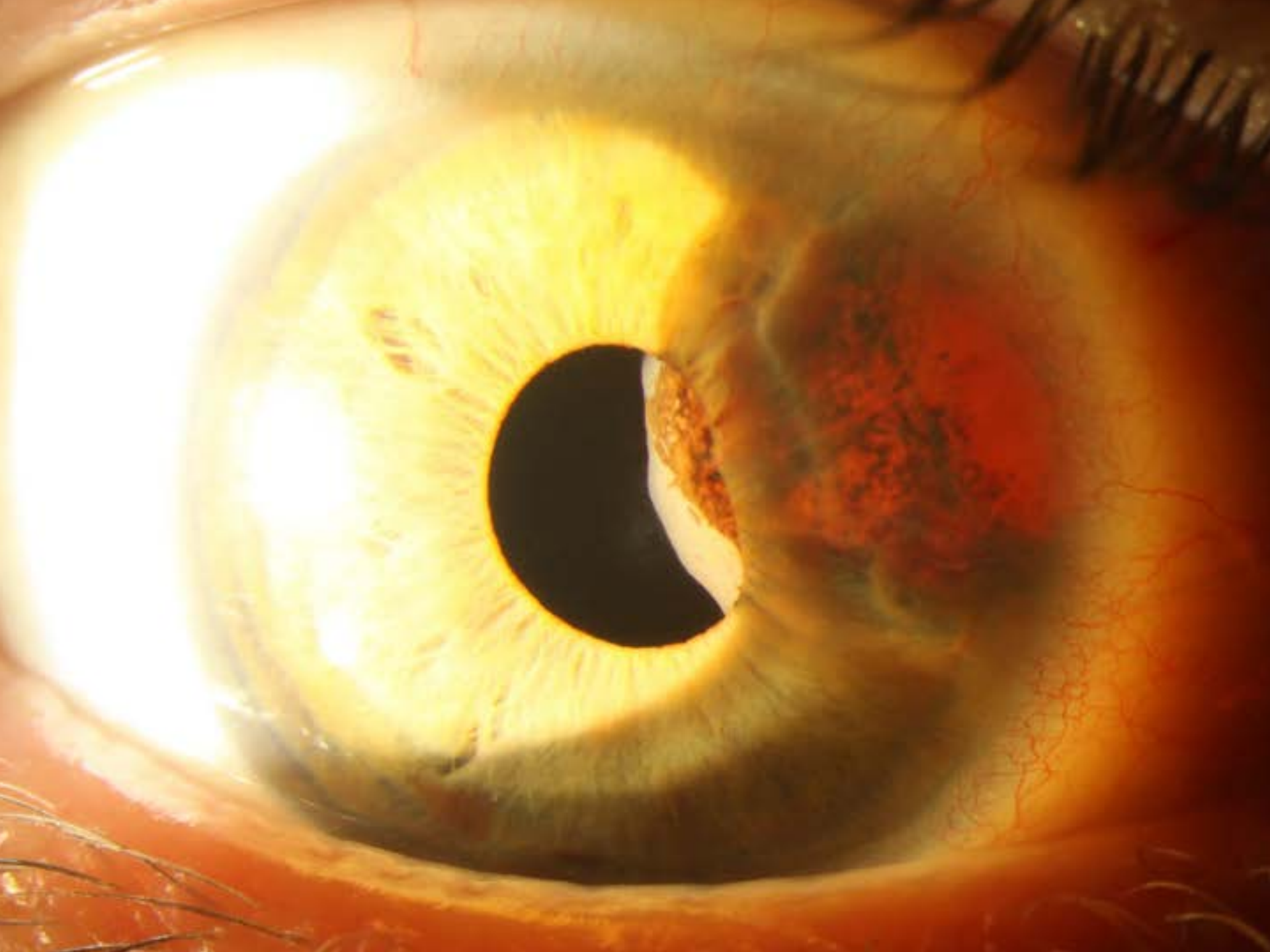
CENSORED DATA 6/9/2011 514 PATIENTS P<.0001

BENEFIT OF GENOMIC PREDICTOR

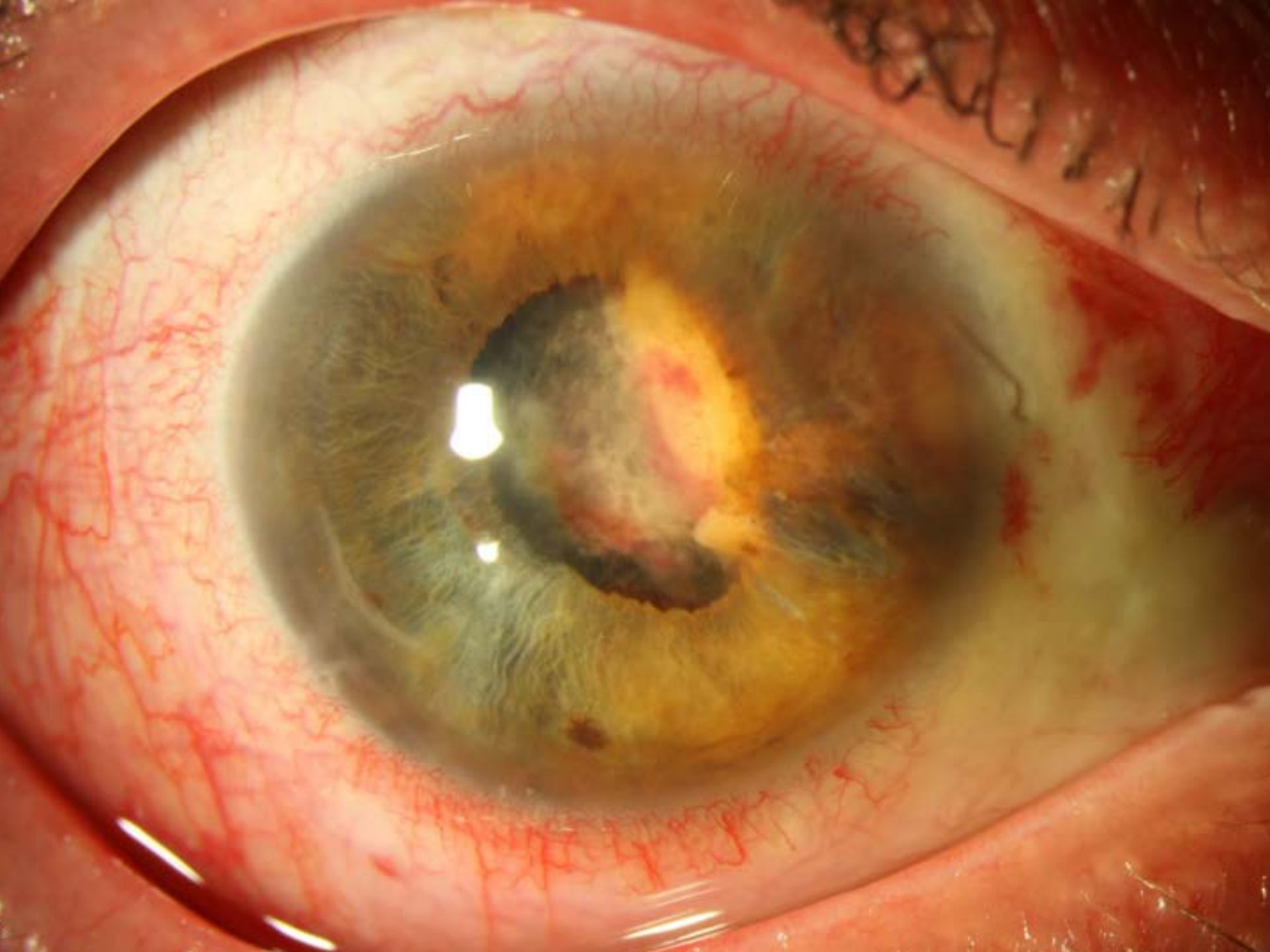
- Utility of genomic profiling in our practice
 - Class 2 patients undergo enhanced metastatic screening
 - Class 2 patients offered adjunctive systemic therapy
 - DEPAKENE (valproic acid)
 - YERVOY® (ipilimumab)/OPDIVO® (nivolumab)
 - KIMMTRAK® (tebentafusp-tebn)
 - Class 1 patients still followed with standard of care

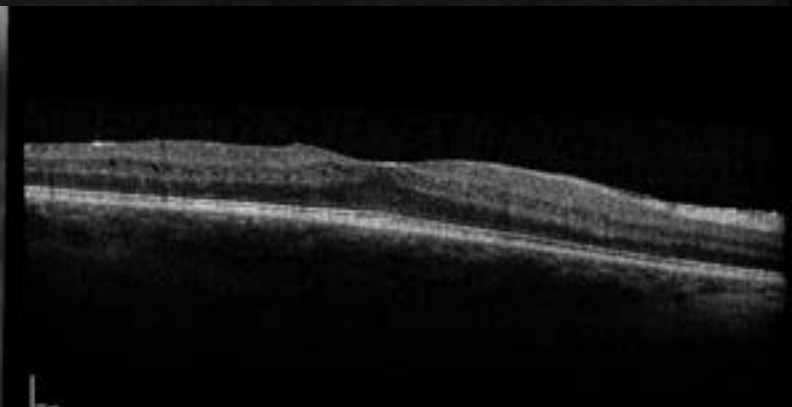
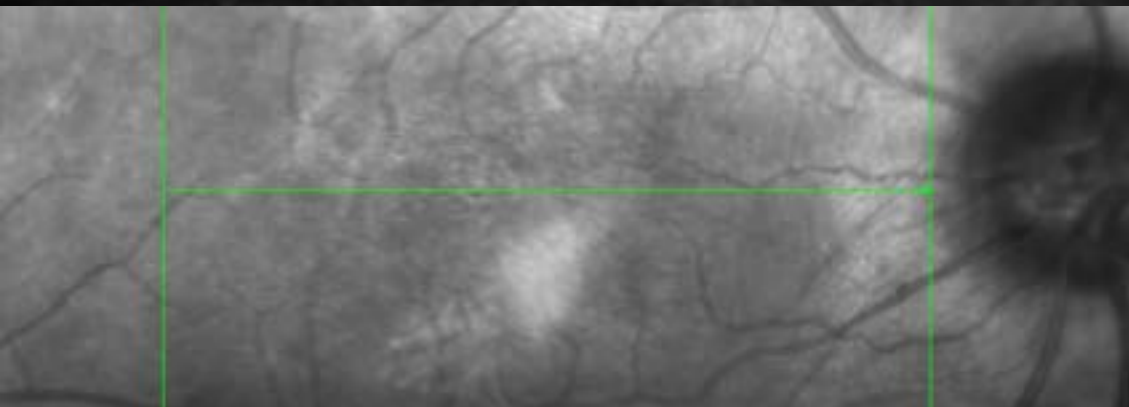
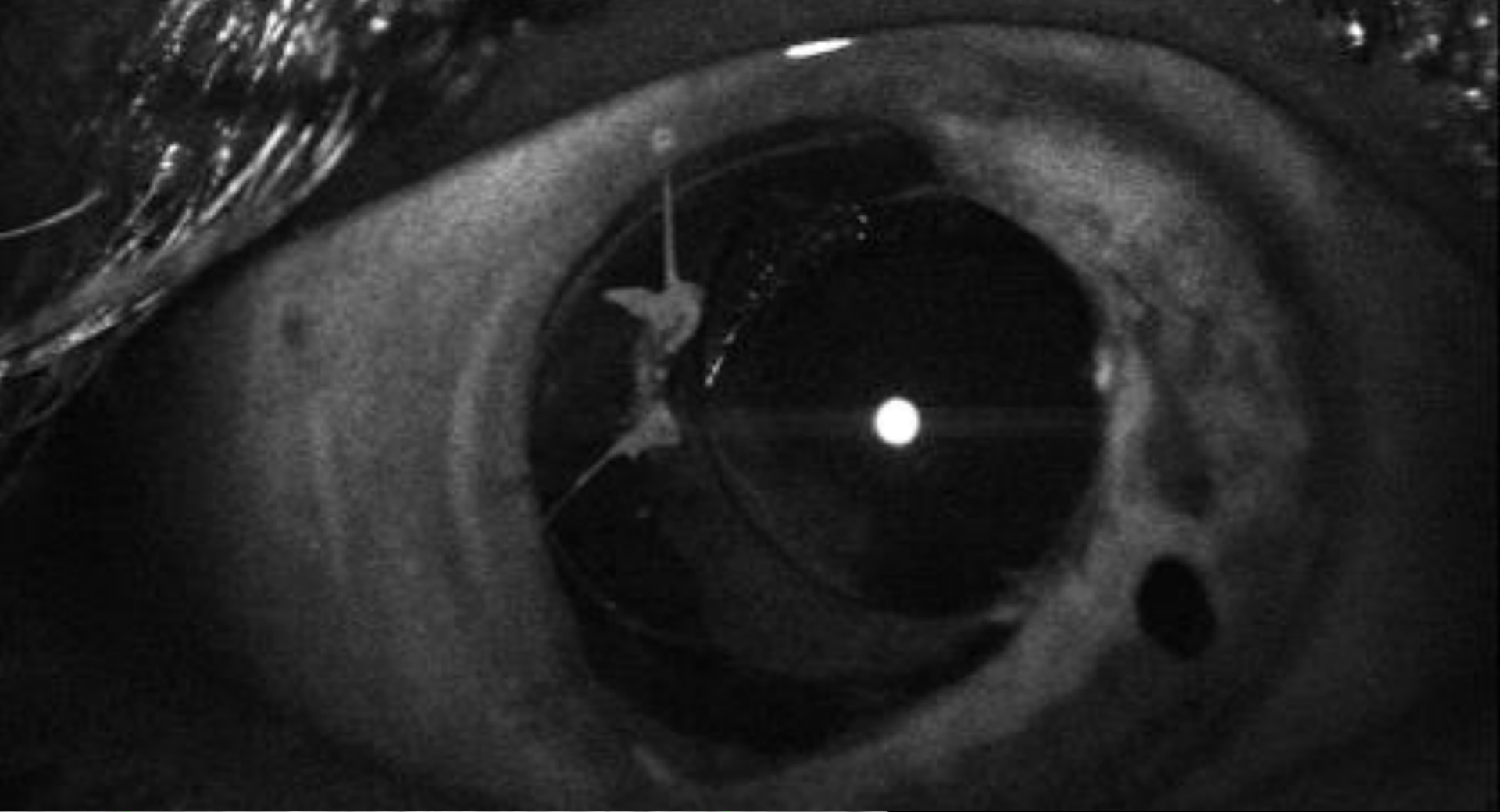


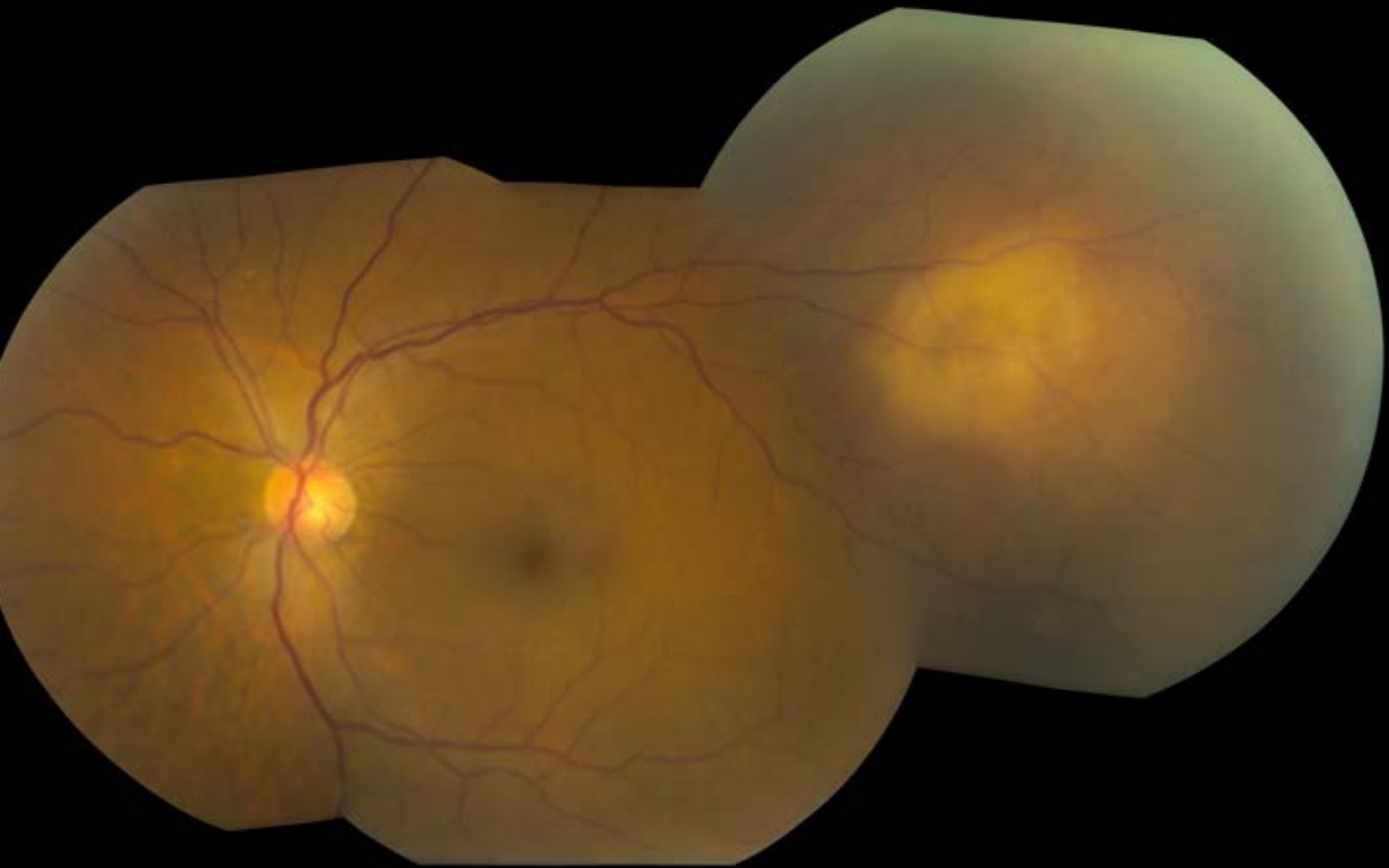














CHOROIDAL METASTASIS

- Most common intraocular malignancy
- 88% of uveal metastases involved the choroid
- Moderate to high reflectivity on ultrasound
- Primary neoplasms have been reported from:
 - Breast (39–49% of all uveal metastases), Lung, Kidney, Gastrointestinal, Cutaneous, Prostate, Thyroid, Contralateral uveal melanoma, Pancreas, and Bile duct.

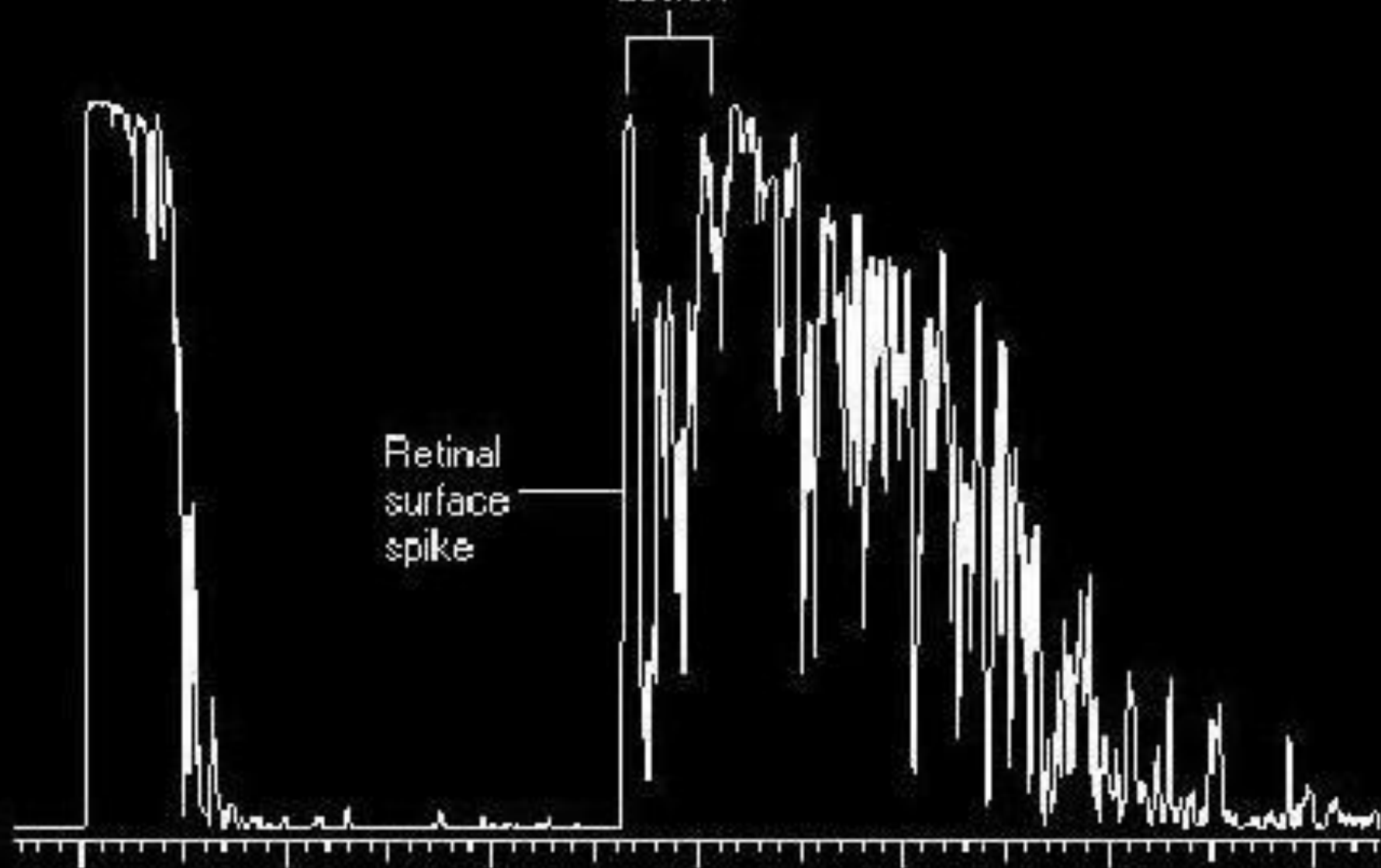
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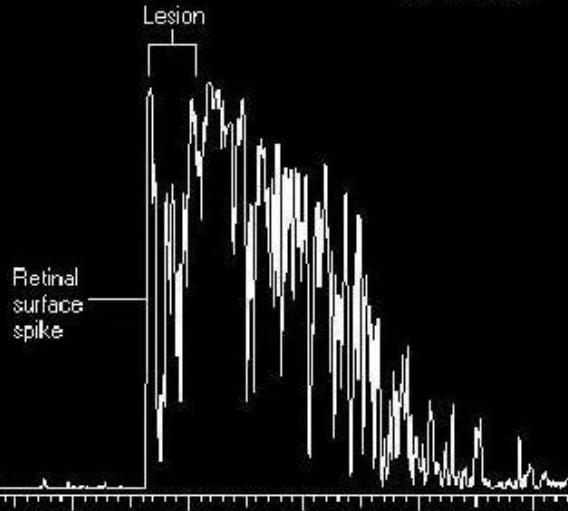
Lesion

Retinal
surface
spike



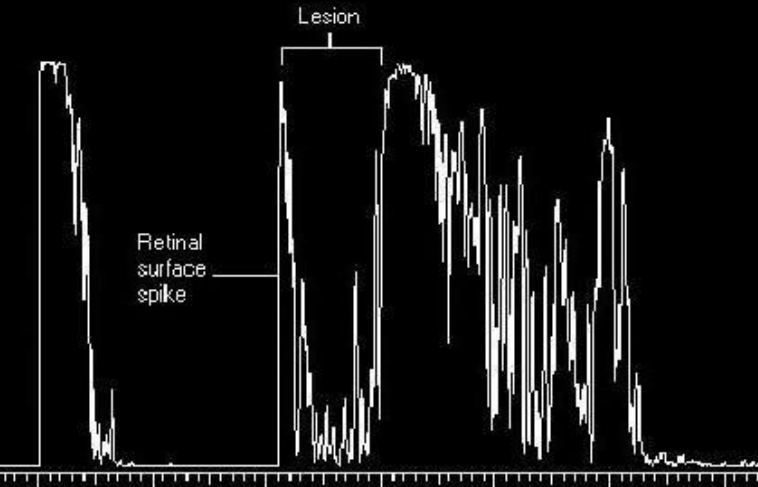
A-SCAN OF MET VS CM

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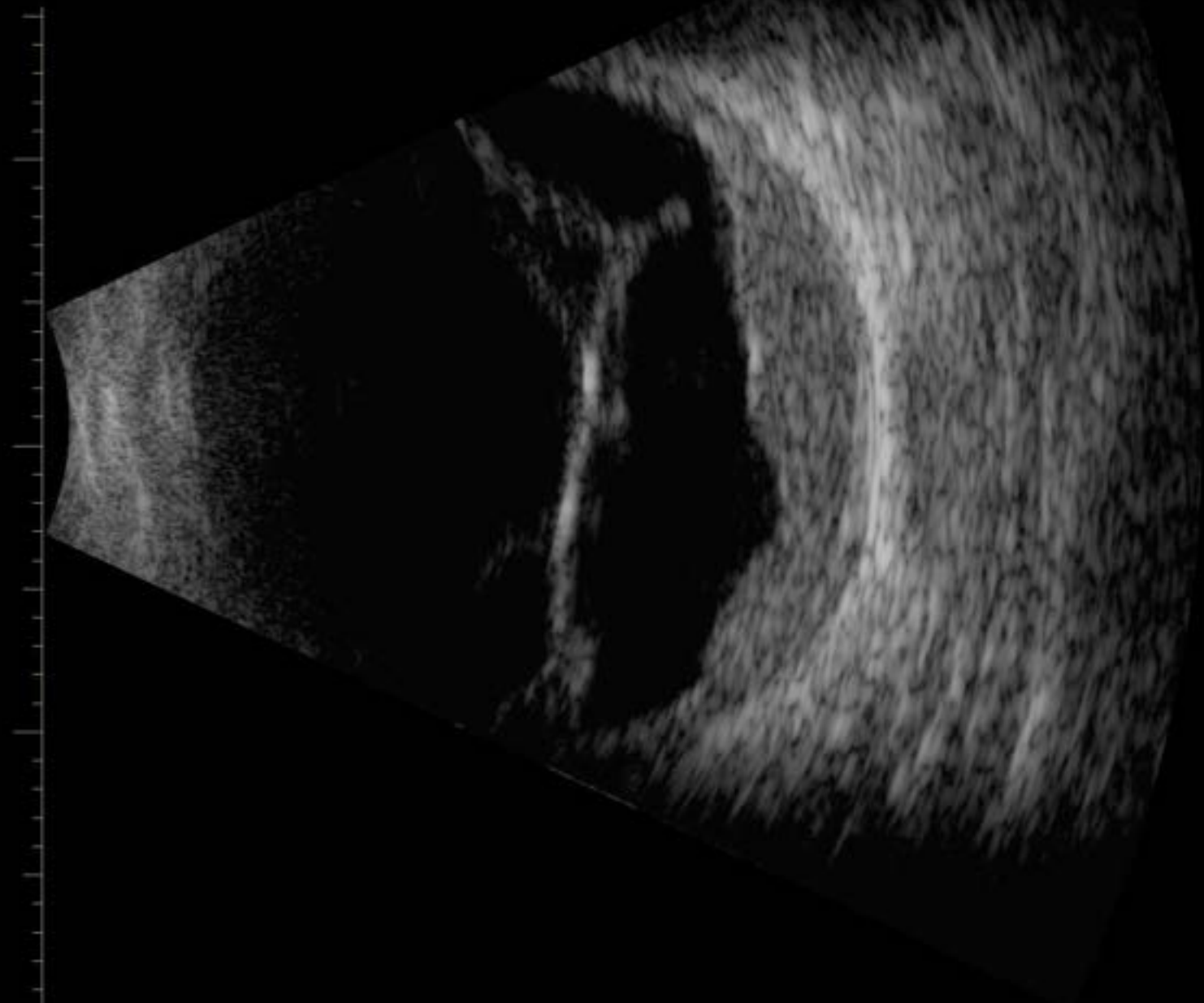
- A-Scan Ultrasound of a metastatic choroidal mass. Notice the moderate-high reflectivity and internal disorganization.

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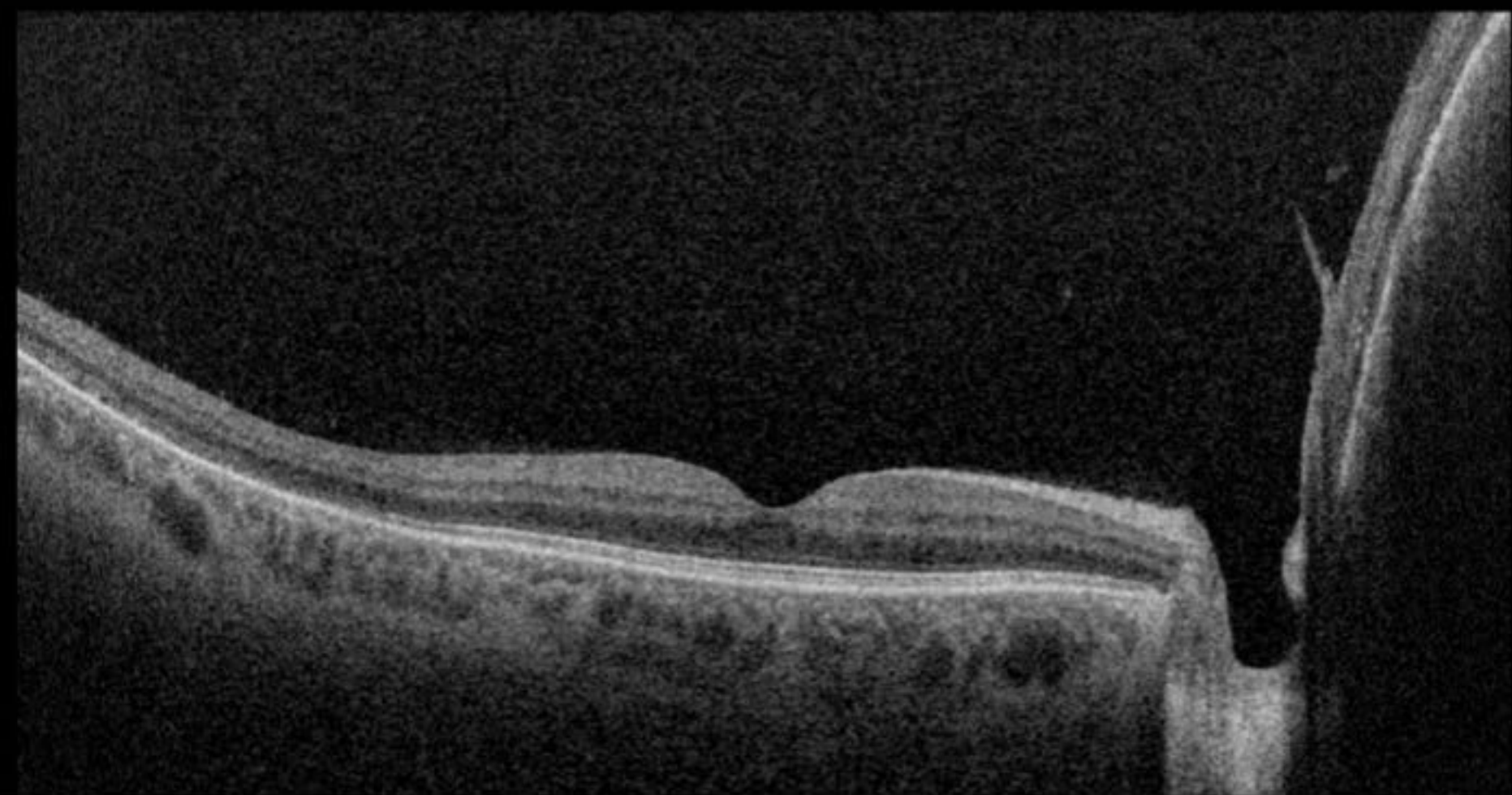


- A-Scan Ultrasound of a primary choroidal melanoma. Notice the low-moderate reflectivity and greater internal organization of the lesion.

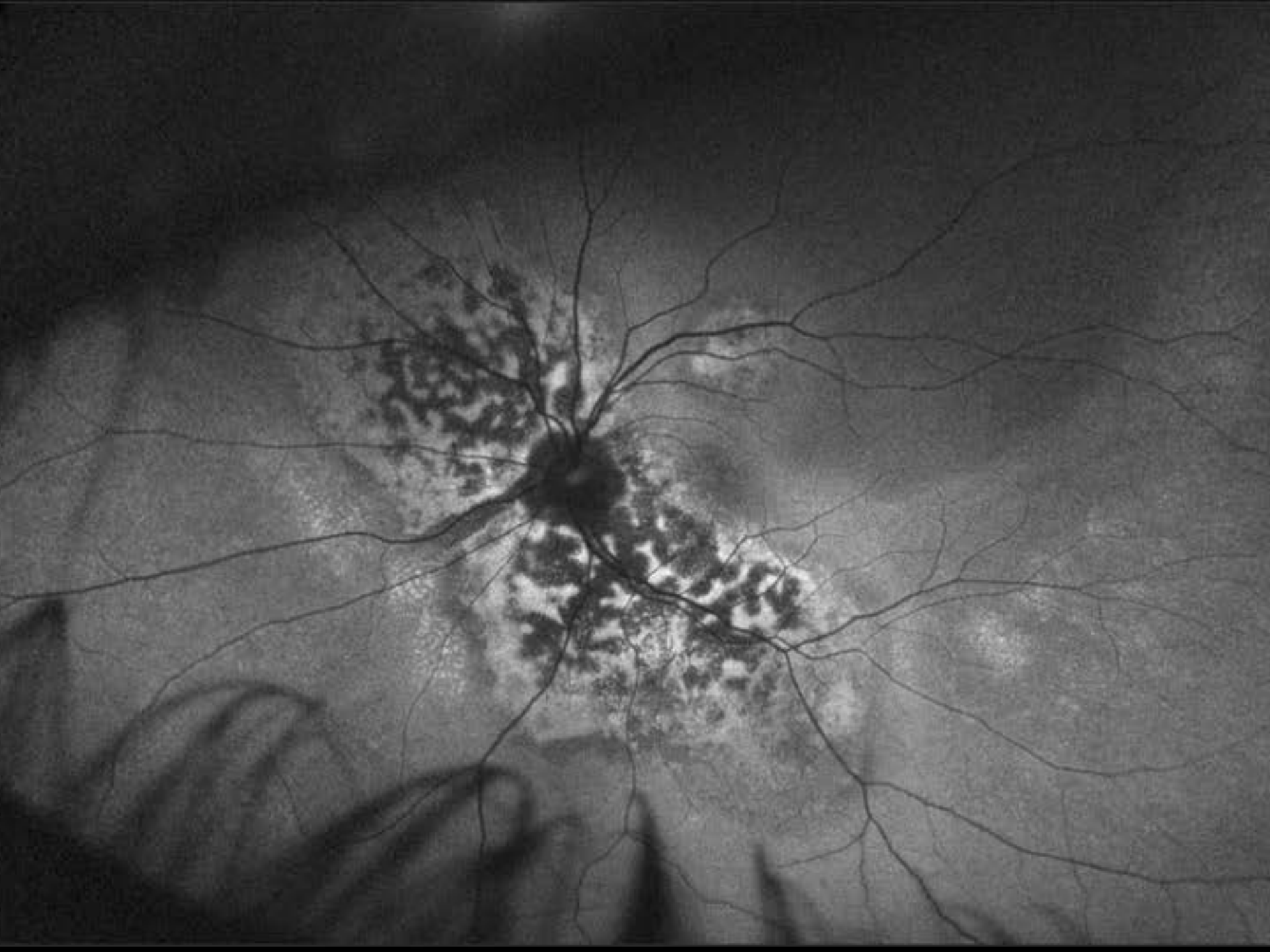
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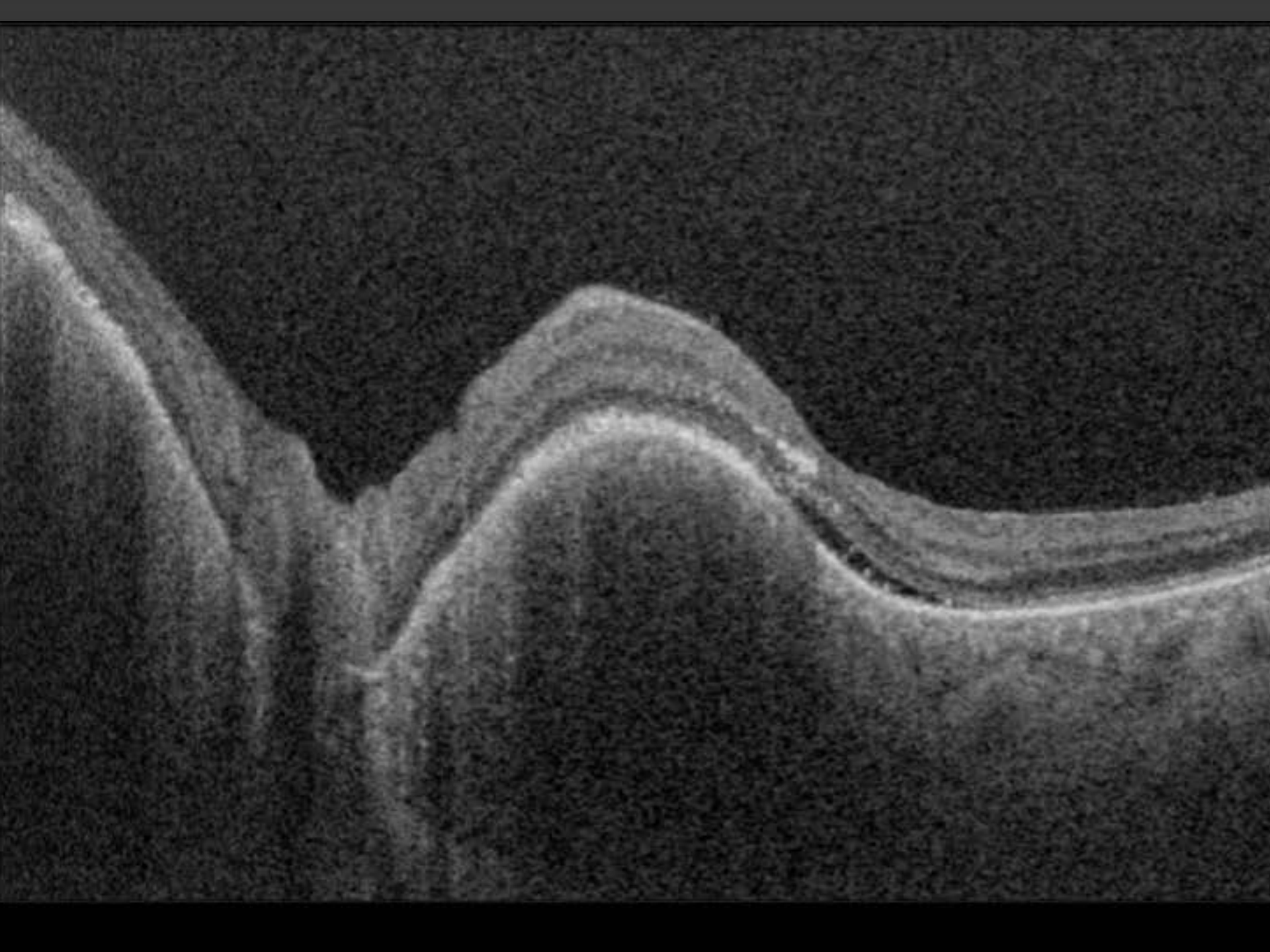


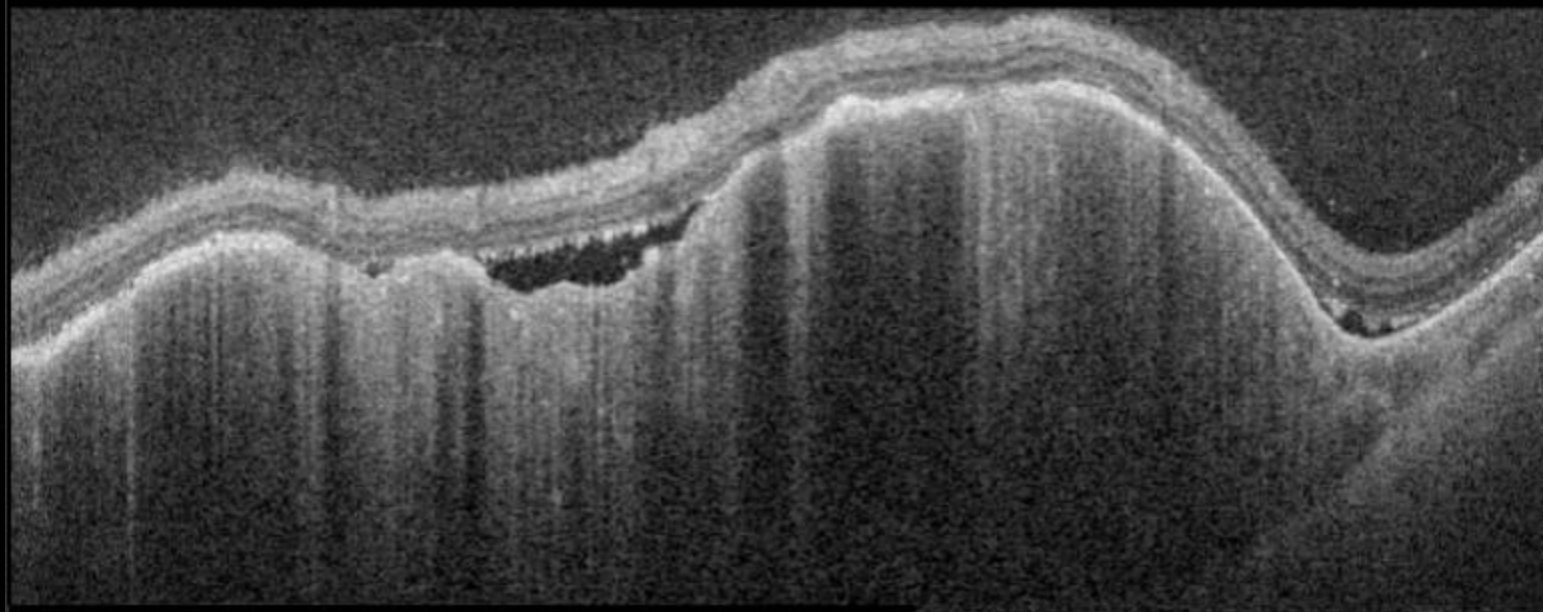
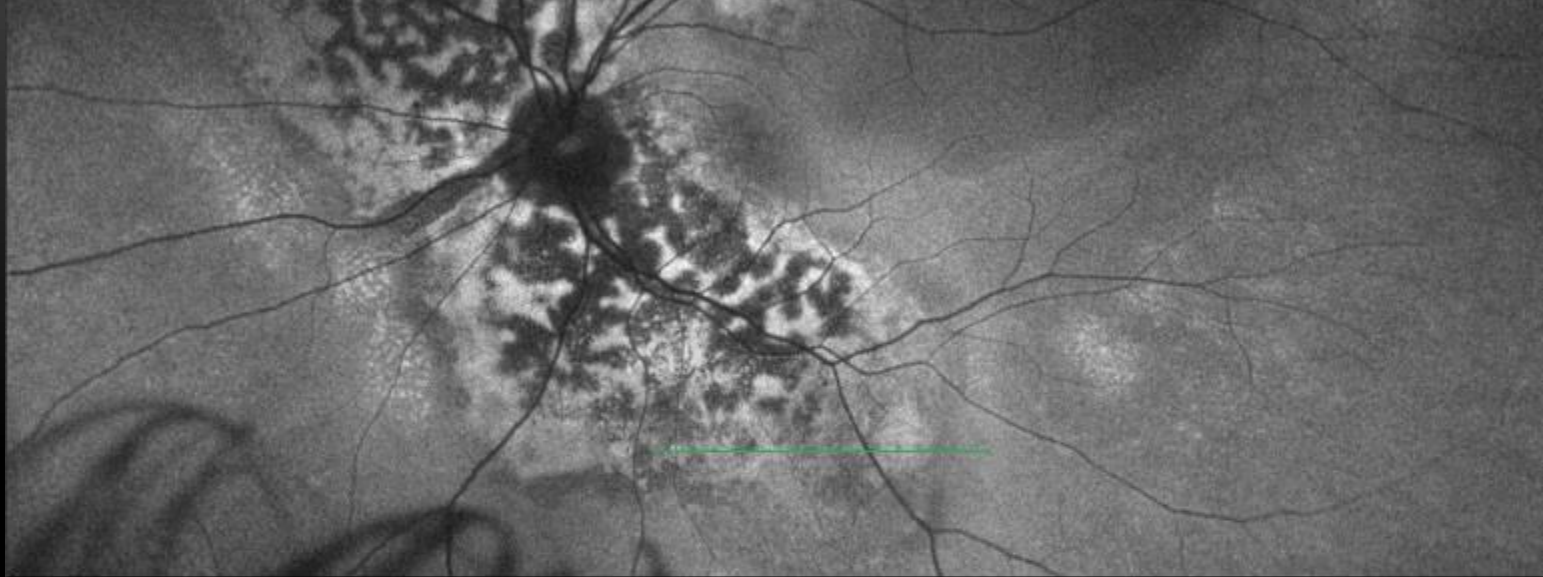








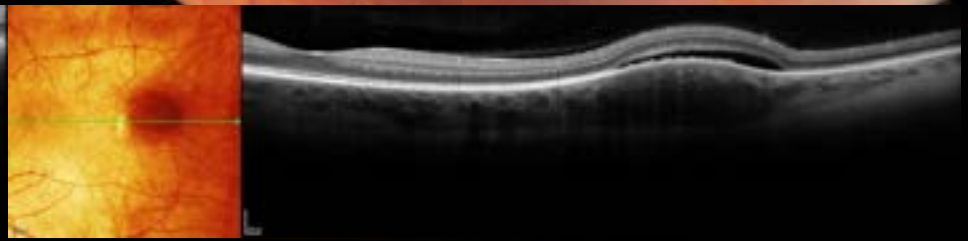
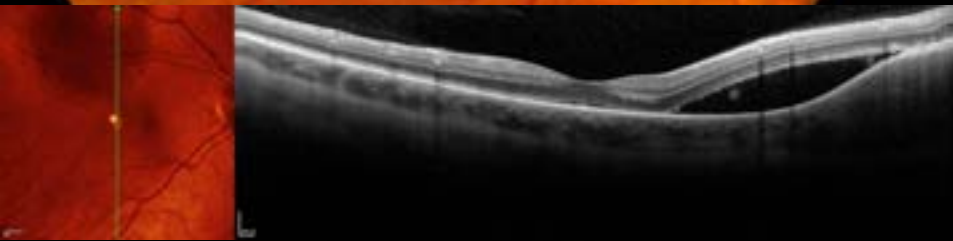
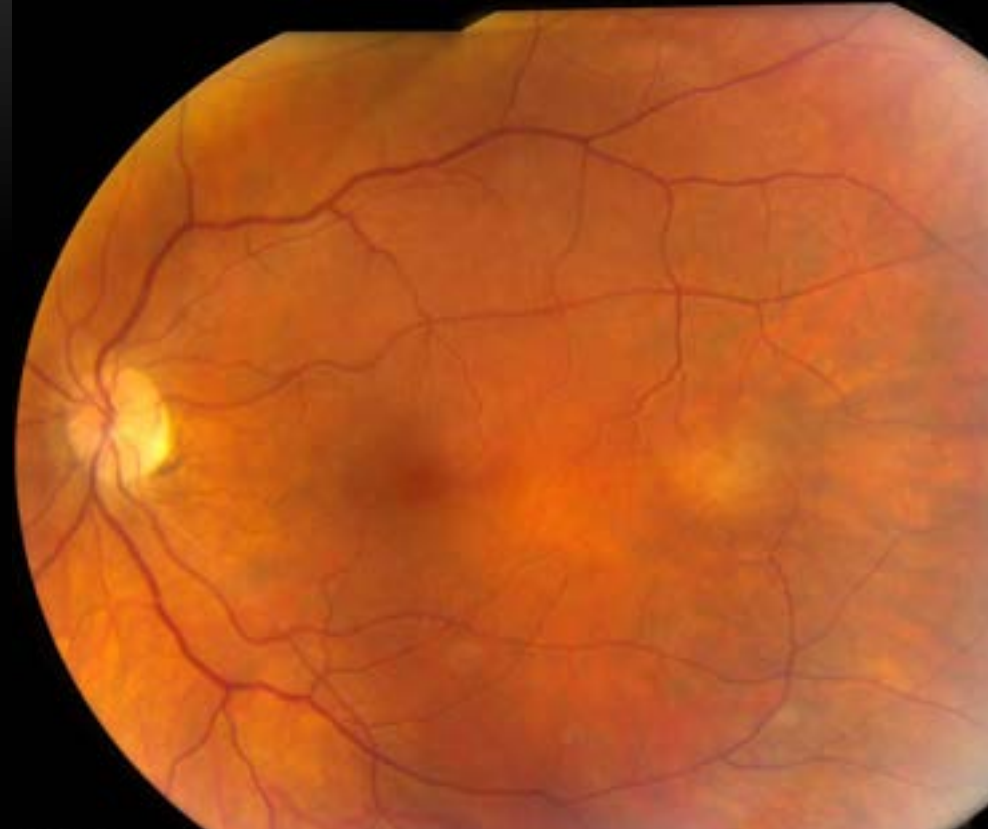




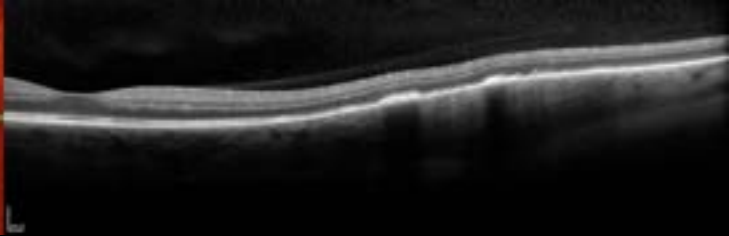
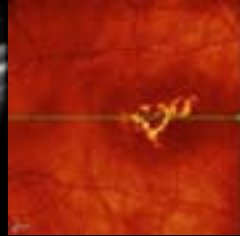
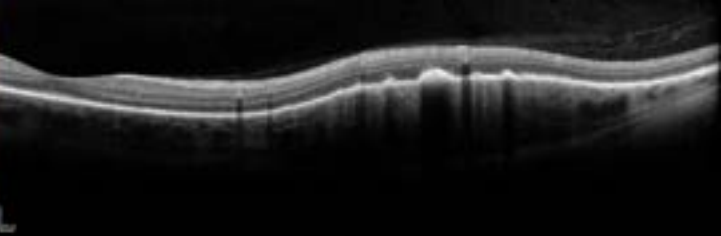
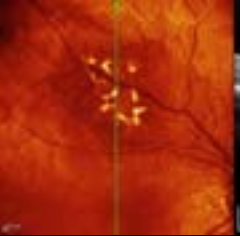
TREATMENT

- Radiotherapy
 - EBRT
 - plaque brachytherapy
- Transpupillary thermotherapy
- Observation
 - Reserved for asymptomatic patients with widespread metastatic disease or occasionally patients receiving systemic chemotherapy
- Chemotherapy
- Enucleation
 - Reserved for the blind, painful eyes.

INITIAL PRESENTATION



AFTER EBRT





CIRCUMSCRIBED CHOROIDAL HEMANGIOMA

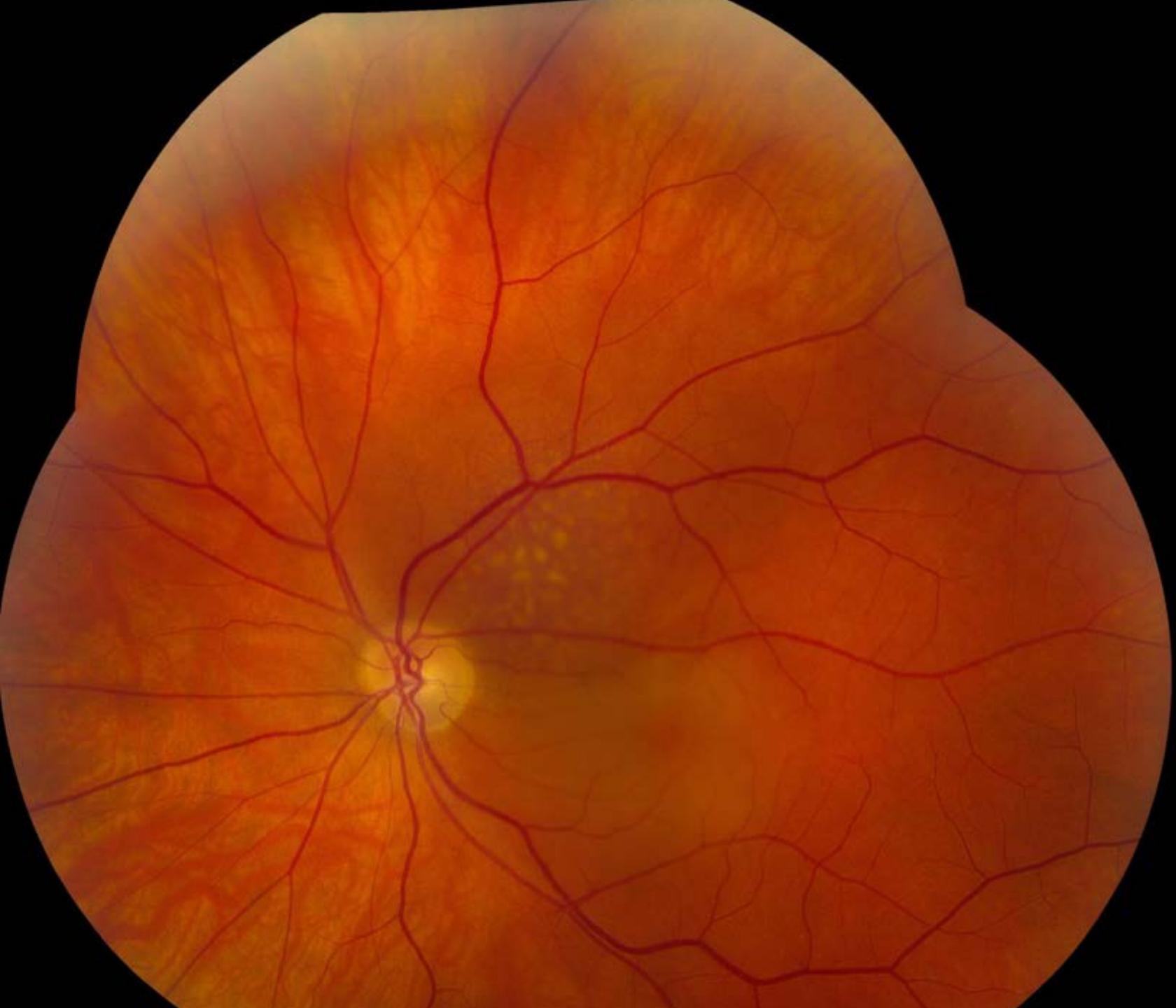
- Rare, benign, intraocular tumors of the choroid
- Often mistaken for choroidal metastases and melanomas
- Characteristic appearance consists of an indistinct round-to-oval, orange-pink swelling at the posterior pole, often involving the optic disc, macula, or both
- Likely congenital -- macular hemangiomas are usually associated with amblyopia, most likely occurring as a result of hyperopia

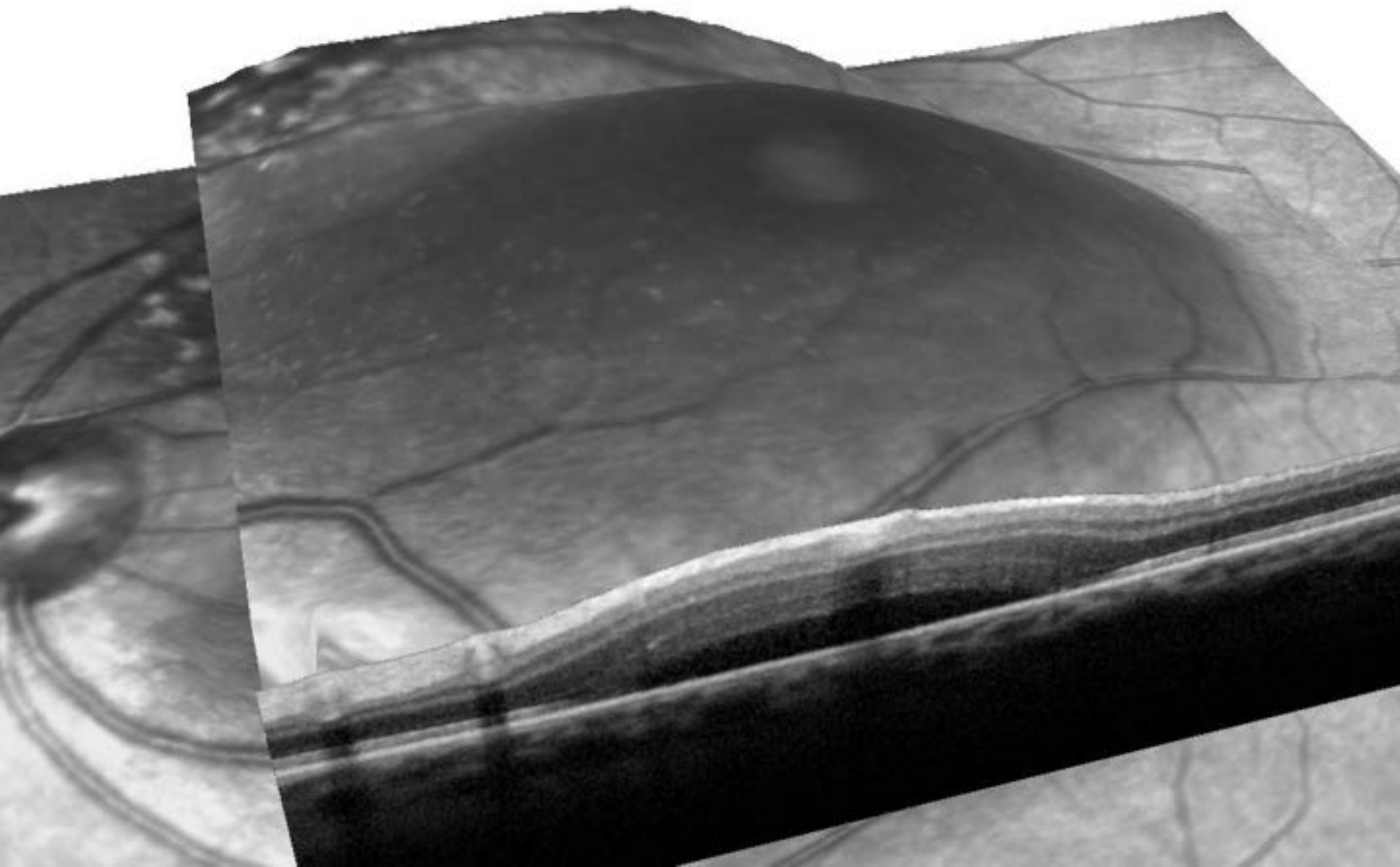
CIRCUMSCRIBED CHOROIDAL HEMANGIOMA

- May remain asymptomatic throughout life
- However, visual symptoms may present between the second and fifth decades
 - Caused by secondary, exudative retinal detachment and macular edema.
- If left untreated, many patients eventually develop severe retinal detachments with secondary neovascular glaucoma.

DIAGNOSTIC FEATURES

- Ultrasonography shows acoustic solidity with a high internal acoustic reflectivity
 - Also typically shows no vascular activity (WHY?)
- Fluorescein angiography shows a highly vascularized choroidal lesion that typically fills rapidly, simultaneously with the normal choroidal vessels
- OCT can identify and quantify any associated macular edema and exudative retinal detachments

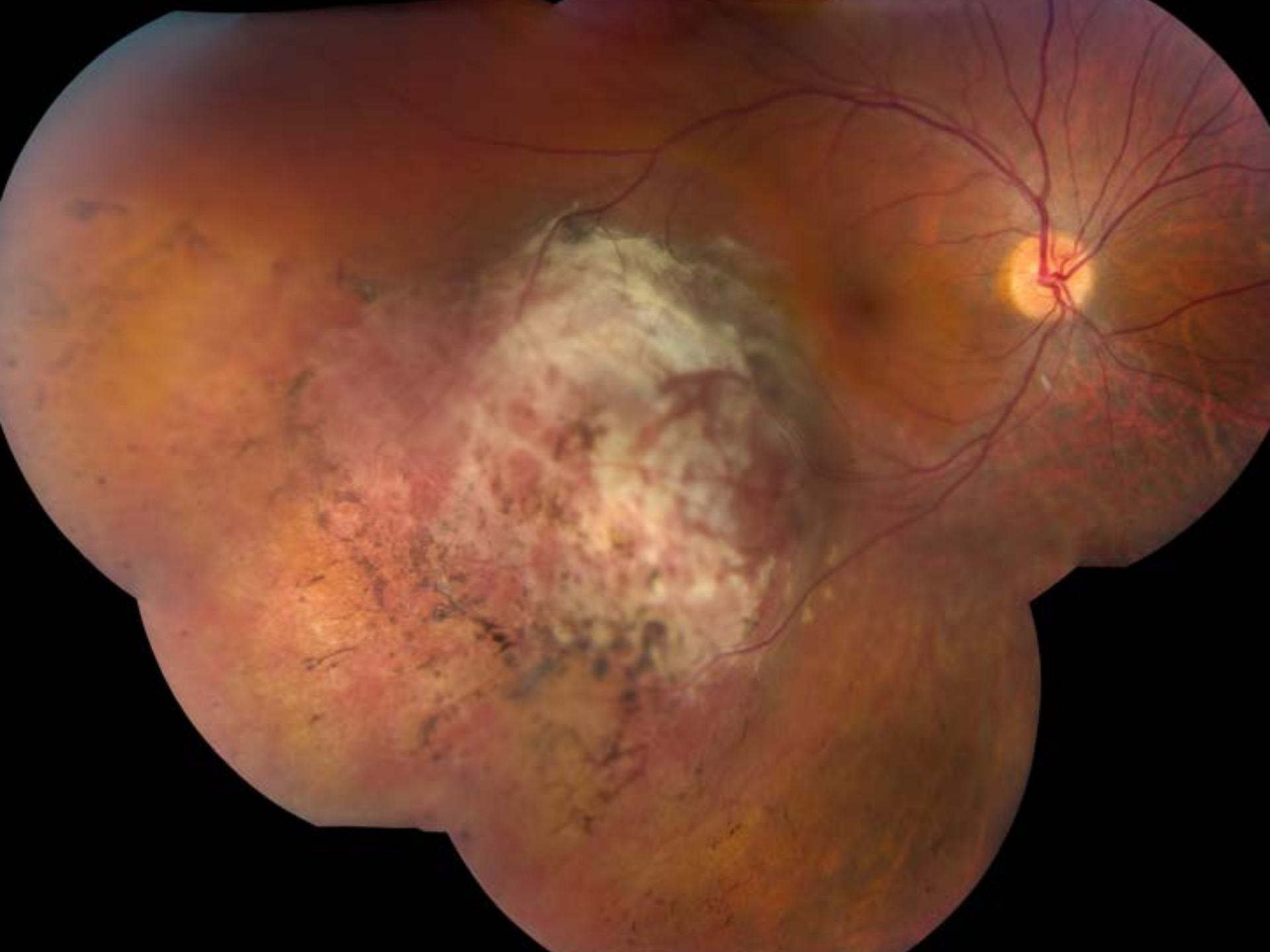




CIRCUMSCRIBED CHOROIDAL HEMANGIOMA TREATMENT

- Indicated for symptomatic patients due to:
 - Exudative retinal detachment
 - Macular edema
 - Severe exudative retinal detachment threatening to cause neovascular glaucoma
- PDT has been an effective treatment
- Other treatment modalities include:
 - Anti-VEGF therapy
 - External beam or proton beam radiotherapy
 - Transpupillary thermotherapy or laser photocoagulation







DIFFUSE CHOROIDAL HEMANGIOMA



STURGE–WEBER SYNDROME

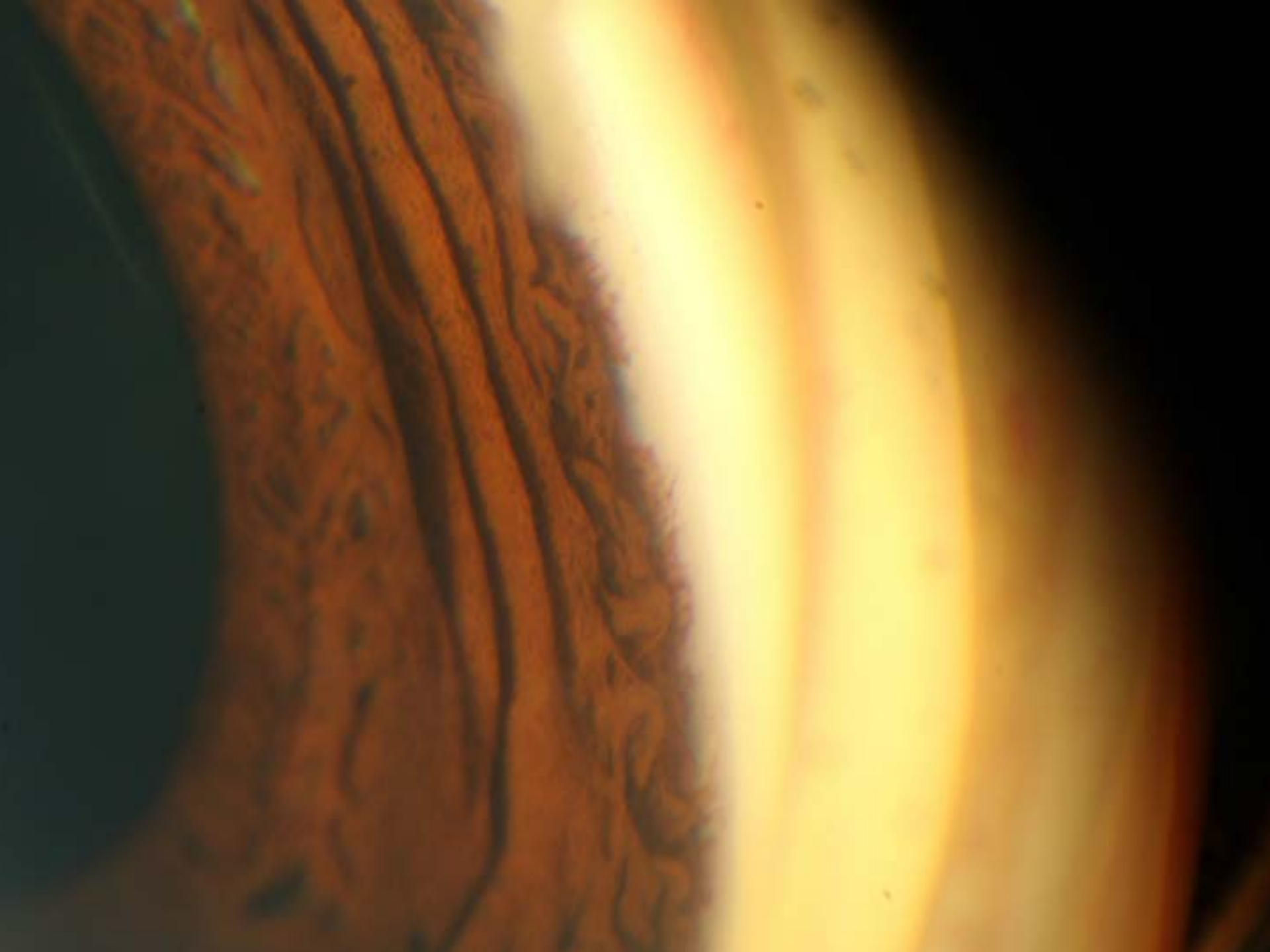
- Sporadic neurocutaneous disorder
- Characterized by:
 - Facial capillary malformation (port-wine stain)
 - Leptomeningeal angioma
 - Vascular ocular abnormalities
- Diagnosed clinically in the presence of the facial cutaneous changes with neurological changes and/or ocular manifestations

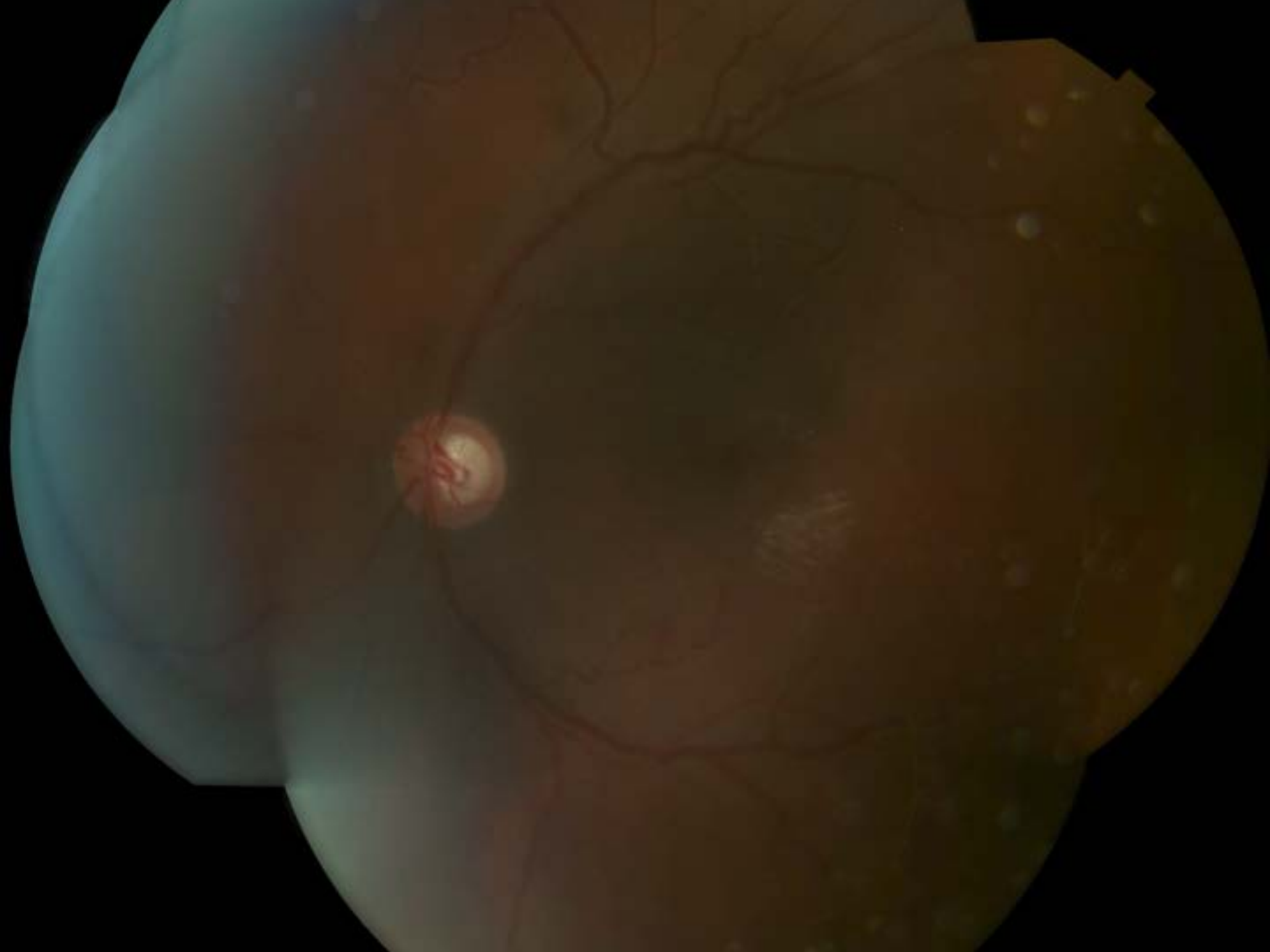
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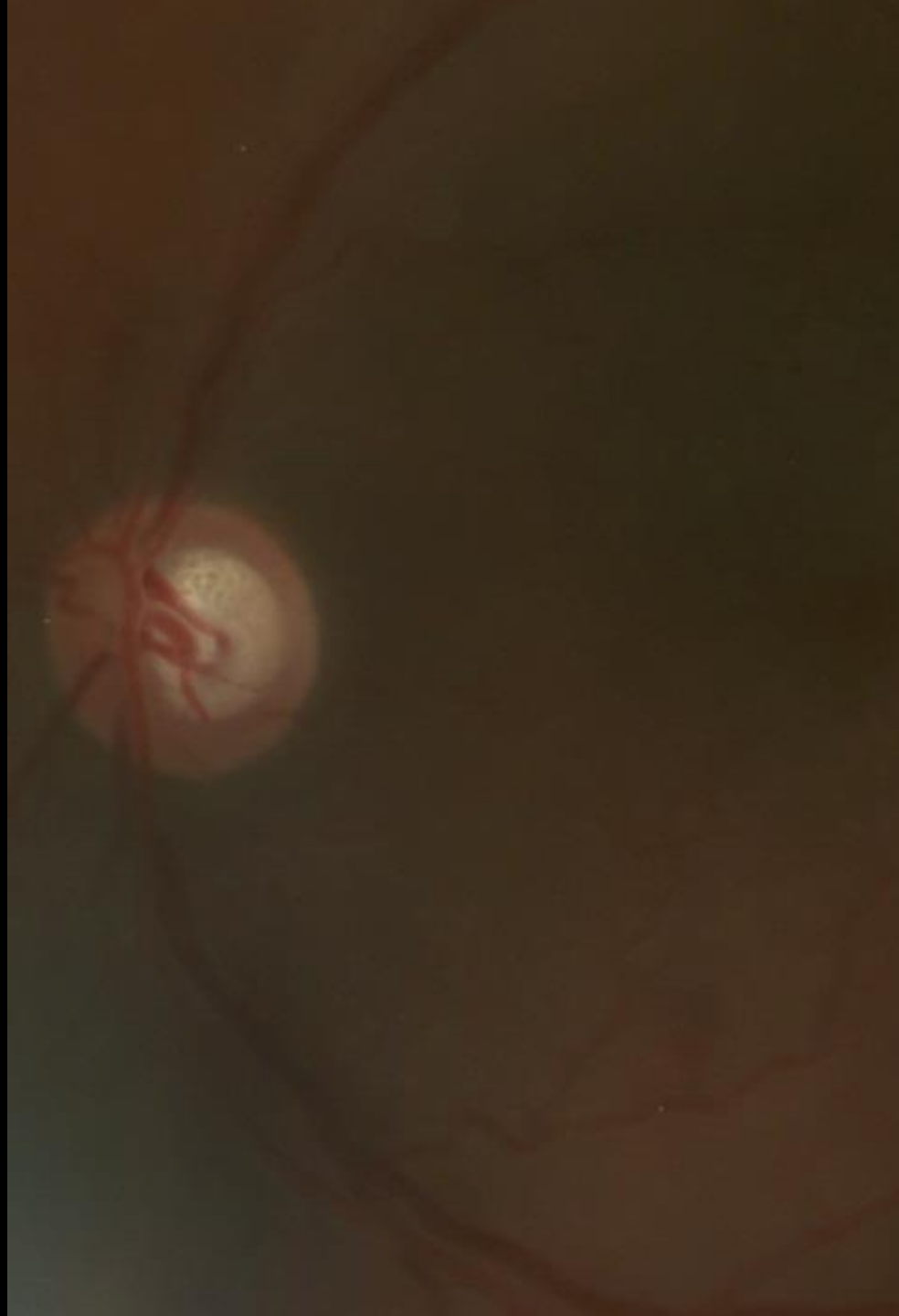
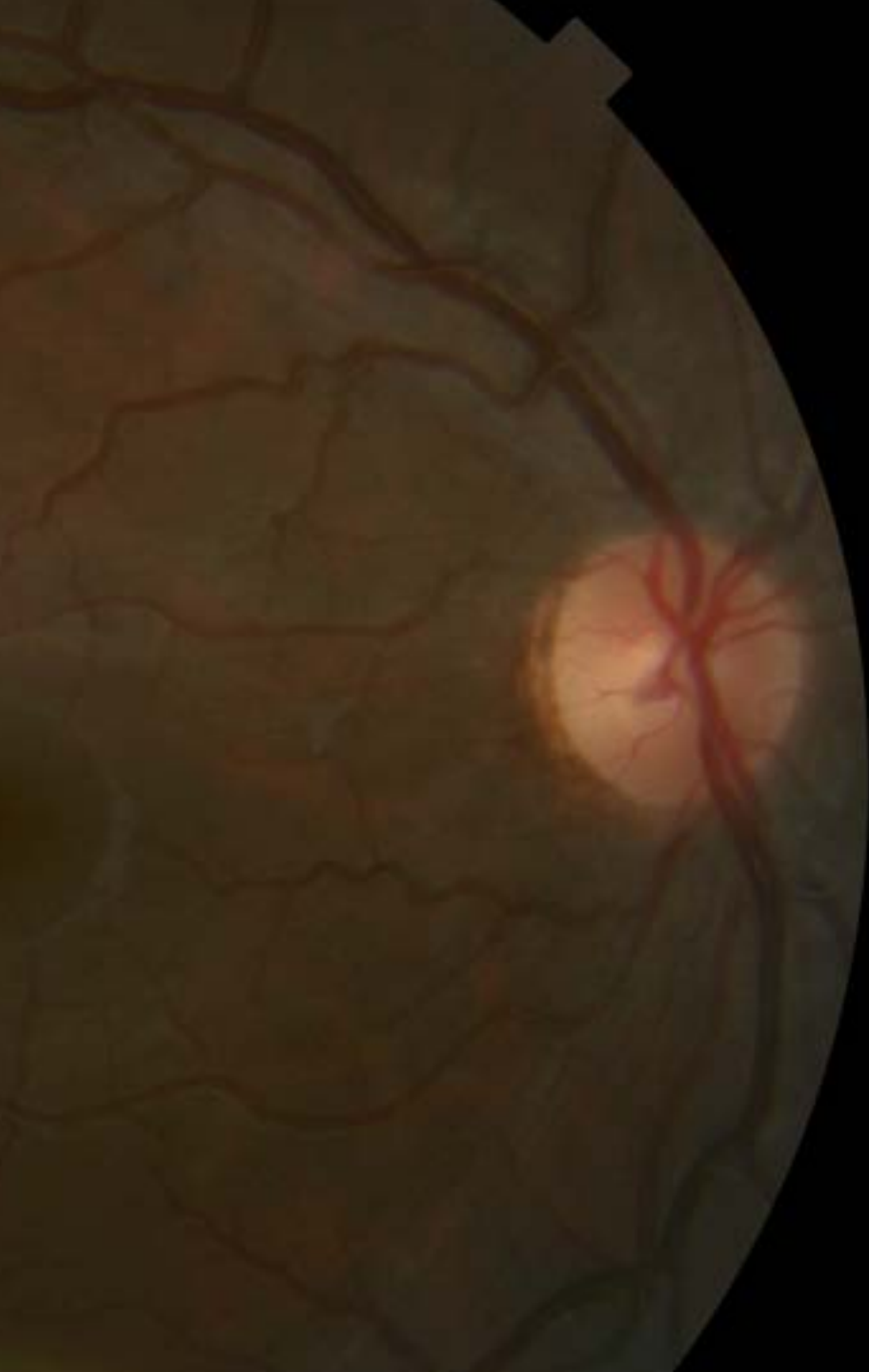
- Ocular manifestations include:
 - Glaucoma (71%)
 - Conjunctival or episcleral hemangiomas (69%)
 - Diffuse choroidal hemangiomas (55%)
- Only 8% of children born with facial port-wine stains are associated with Sturge–Weber syndrome, however, the association is more common if the facial nevus involves the eyelids.





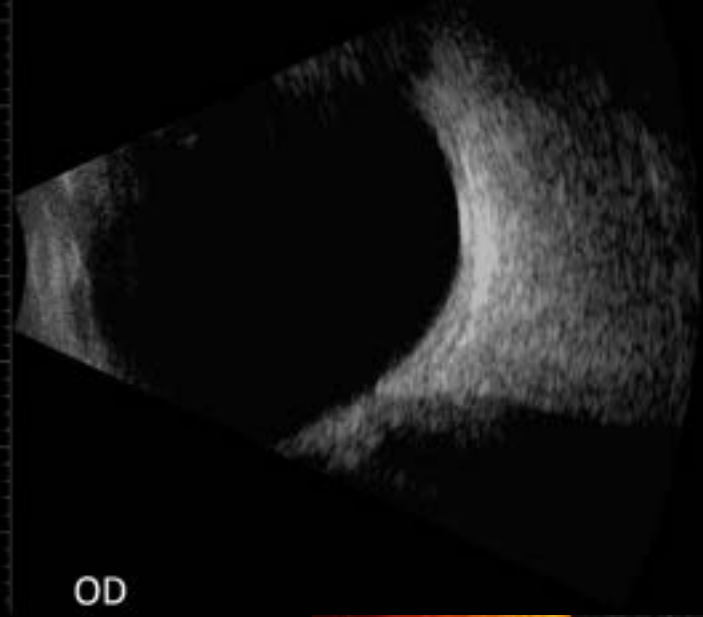




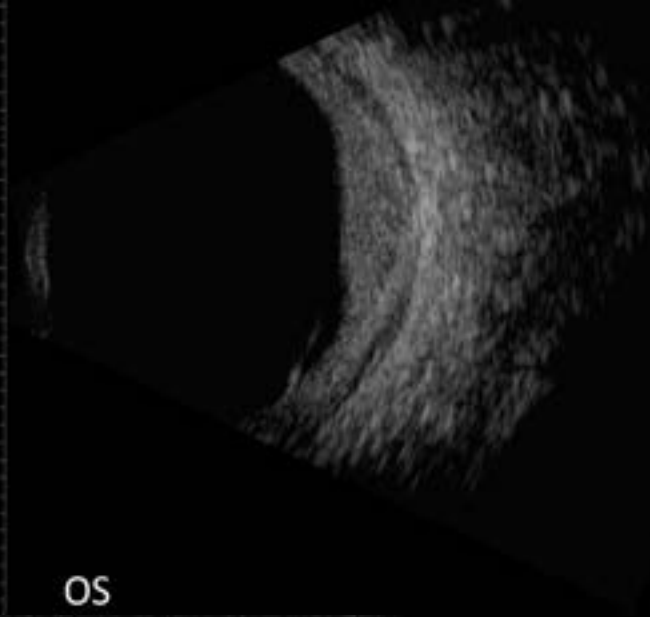


DIFFUSE CHOROIDAL HEMANGIOMA TREATMENT

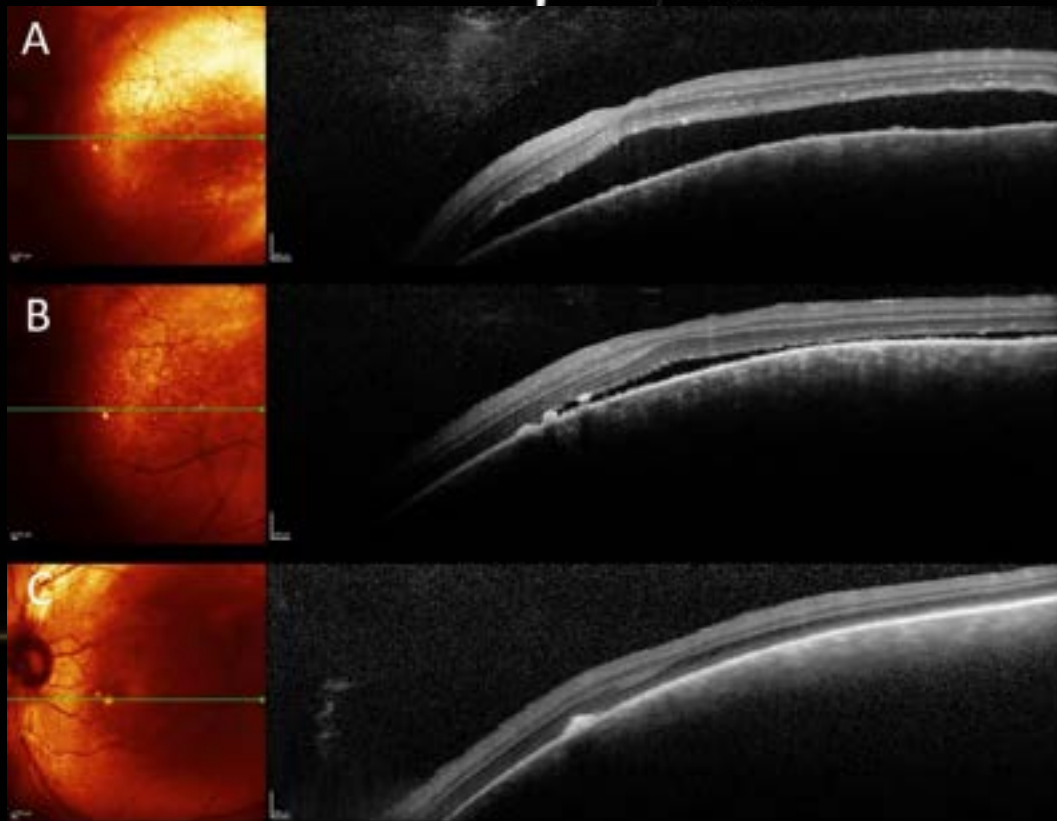
- The main objective of treating diffuse choroidal hemangiomas is to prevent or treat severe retinal detachment, thereby avoiding secondary glaucoma and loss of the eye
- Because of the large size of the hemangioma, external beam radiotherapy or proton beam radiotherapy is commonly used.
- Anti-VEGF treatment may be utilized for small exudative detachments



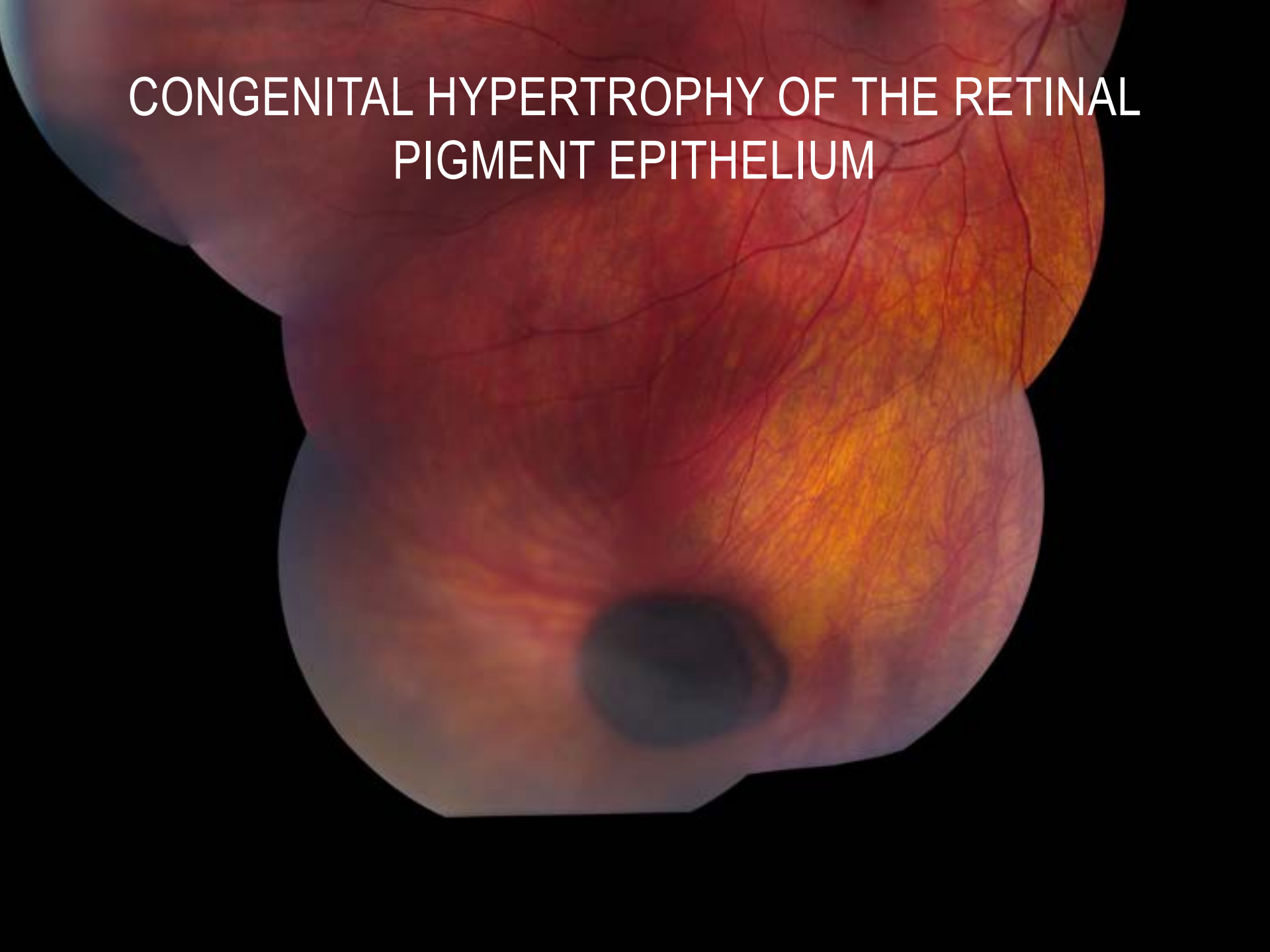
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CONGENITAL HYPERTROPHY OF THE RETINAL PIGMENT EPITHELIUM

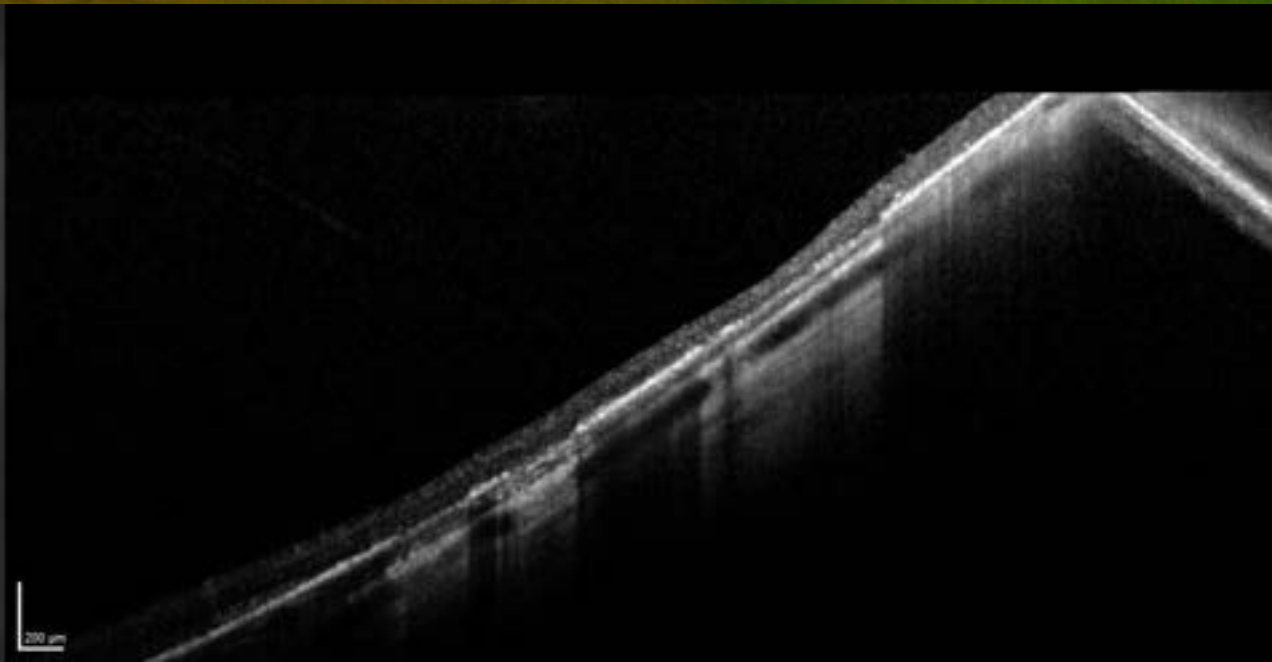
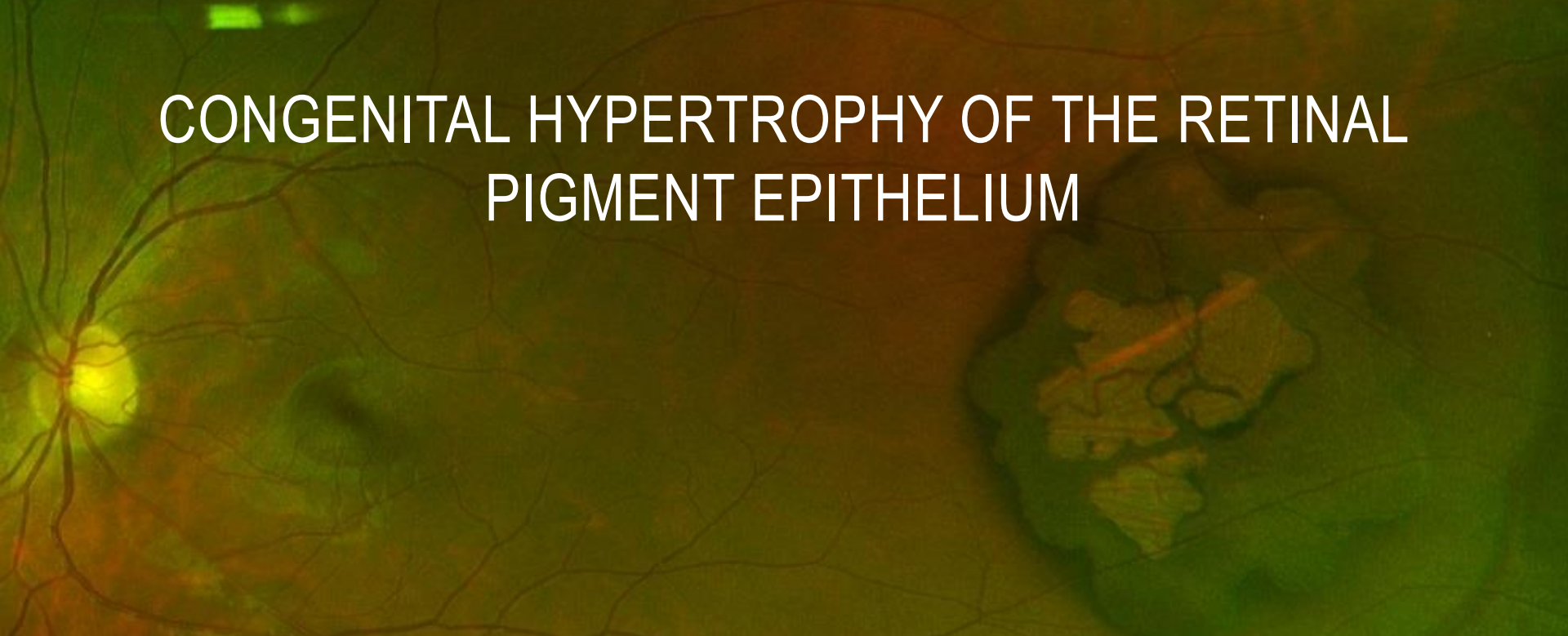


CONGENITAL HYPERTROPHY OF THE RETINAL PIGMENT EPITHELIUM

- Flat, variably pigmented lesion at the level of the RPE
- ~1.2% of the population
- May have depigmented lacunae and/or a surrounding halo
- may occur in clusters or “bear tracks”
- Malignant transformation has been reported, but exceptionally rare
- Appear similar to RPE lesions of Gardner syndrome



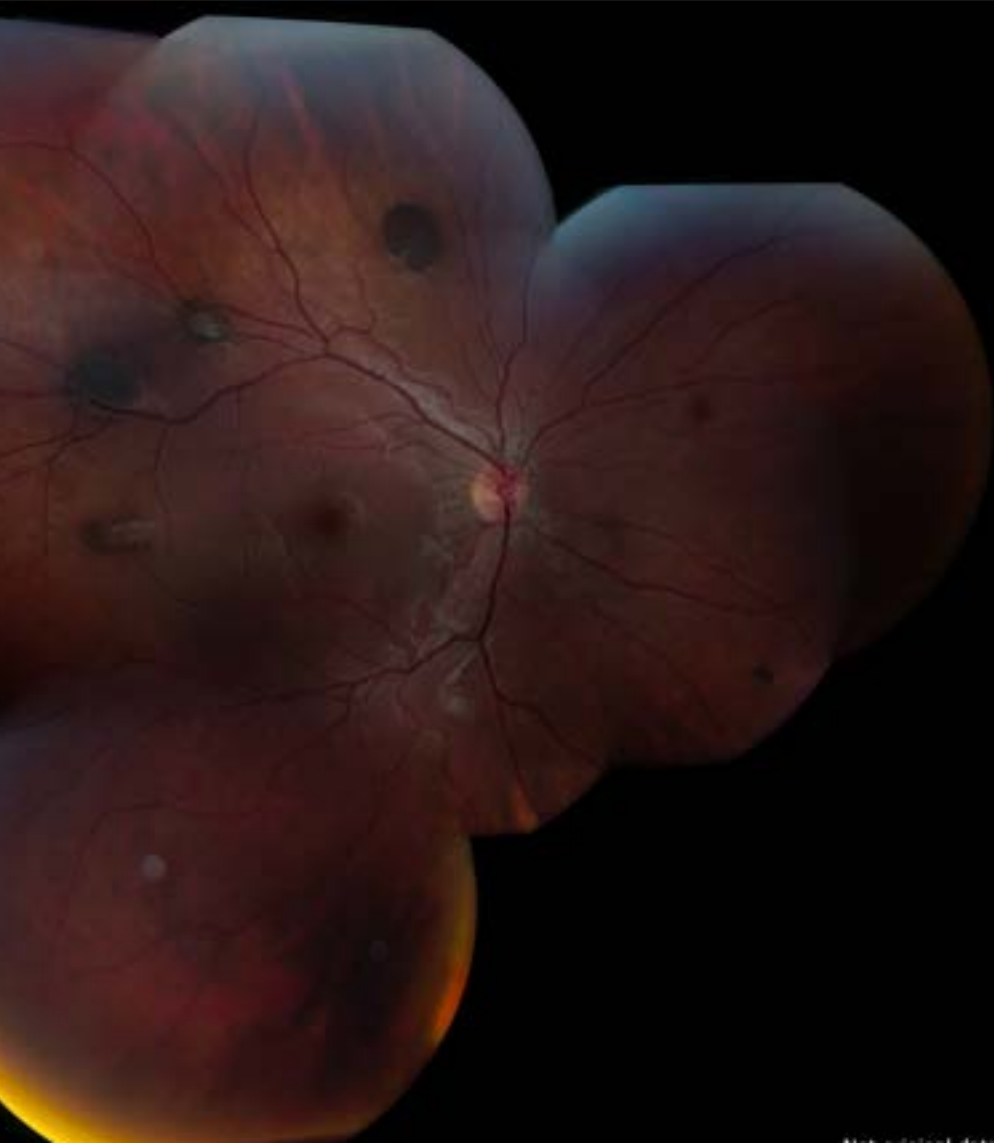
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GARDNER SYNDROME

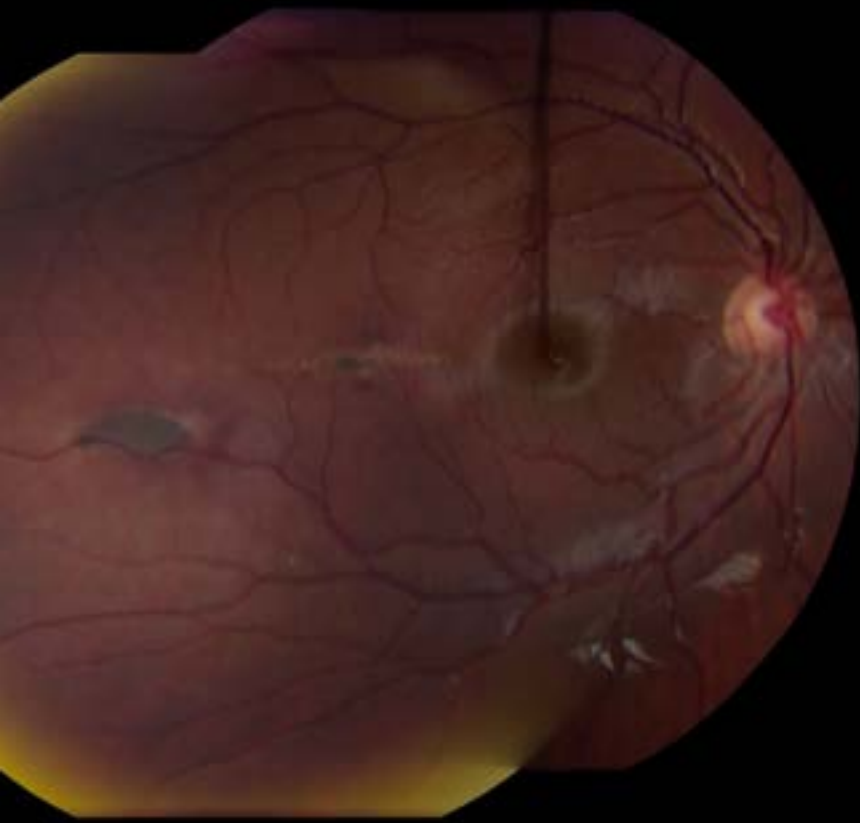
- Variant of Familial Adenomatous polyposis (FAP)
- Autosomal dominant
- Mutation in adenomatous polyposis coli (APC) gene – tumor suppressor gene
- Characterized by multiple polyps in the colon AND outside of the colon
- Extracolonic lesions include skull (and jaw) osteoma, fibromas, thyroid tumors
- High predisposition to develop colon cancer
- Treatment is typically surgical resection of malignancies

RPE LESIONS OF GARDNER SYNDROME



- Round to ovoid, pisciform
- Typically multiple and bilateral
- Usually <1mm
- Usually in midperiphery
- More spread out than typical bear tracks





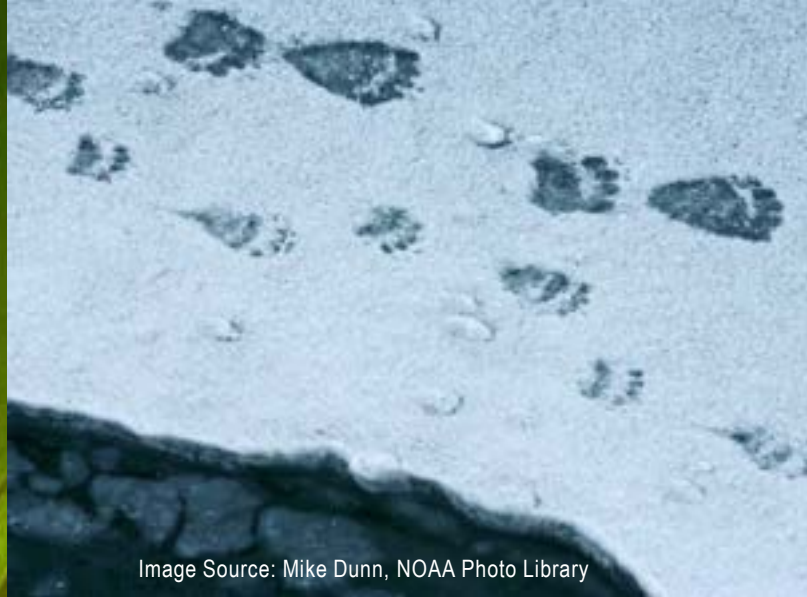
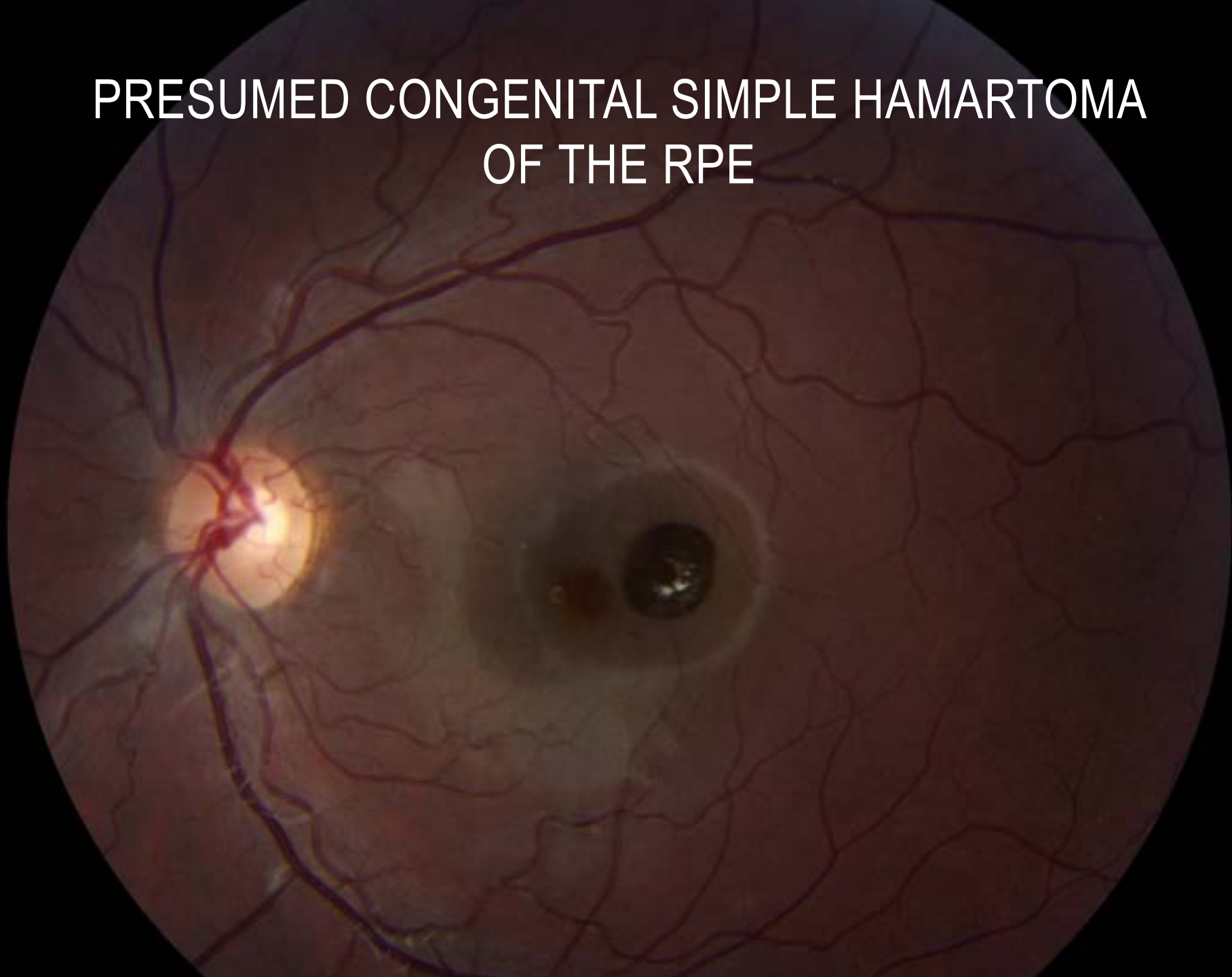
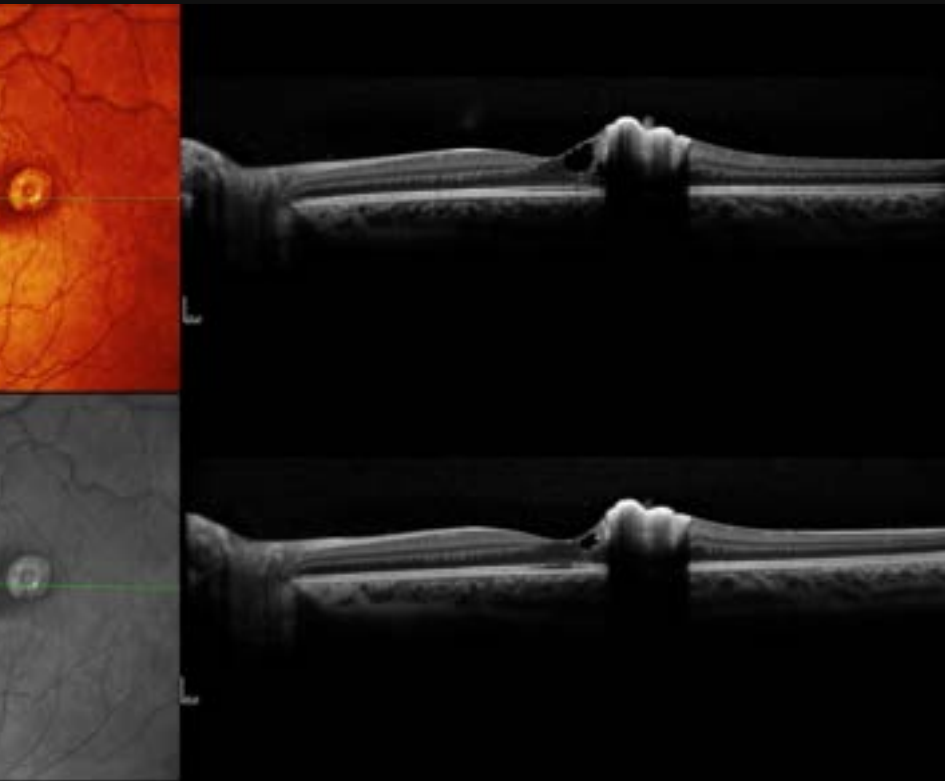


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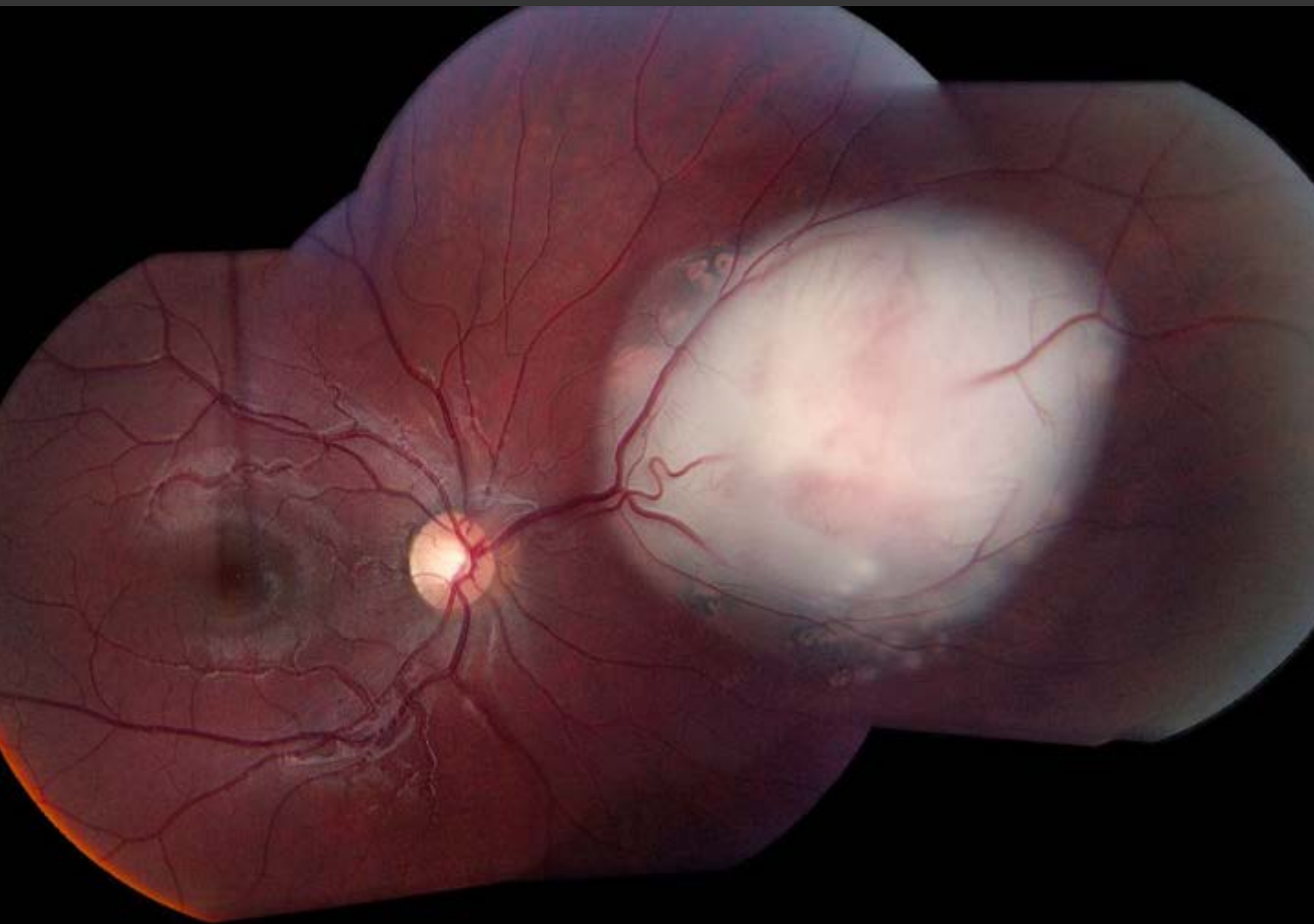
PRESUMED CONGENITAL SIMPLE HAMARTOMA
OF THE RPE



SIMPLE HAMARTOMA OF THE RPE



- Focal, nodular, jet black lesions
- Frequently occur at or near the macula
- Usually have no known association with changes in the surrounding neurosensory retina
- Highly reflective and well demarcated on OCT with dense shadowing



RETINOBLASTOMA

- The most common primary intraocular malignant tumor in children
 - Affects 1 in 15,000 live births
 - Current treatments include chemotherapy, laser, radiotherapy, and enucleation
 - Advanced tumors respond poorly to traditional chemotherapy and laser treatments
 - (25-75% failure rates)
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PRESENTING SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Leukocoria – 50-60%
- Strabismus – 20%
- Red, painful eye – 7%
- Well baby examination – 3%
- Other – 10%

Leukocoria



REESE-ELLSWORTH STAGING (TRADITIONAL)

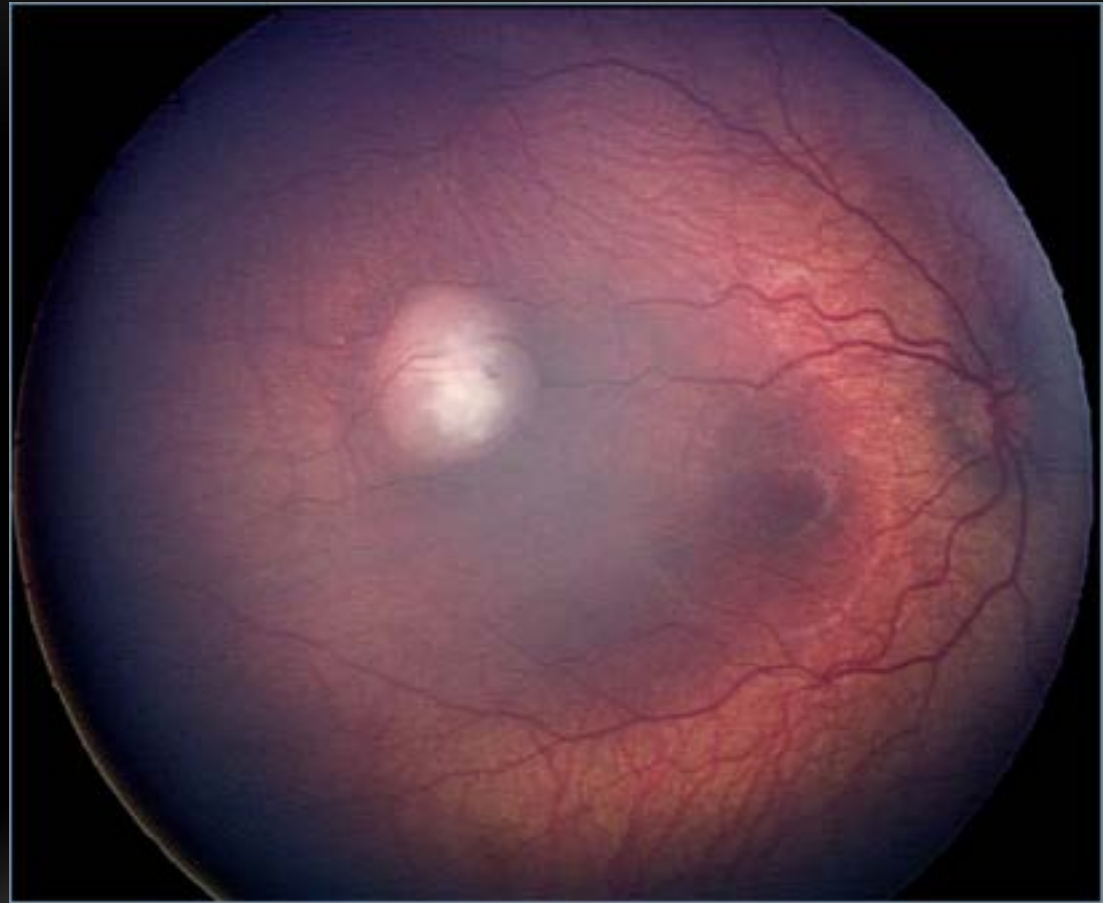
- **Group 1: Eye preservation - very favorable**
 - 1A: one tumor, smaller than 4 DD, at or posterior to equator
 - 1B: multiple tumors smaller than 4 DD, all at or posterior to equator
- **Group 2: Eye preservation - favorable**
 - 2A: one tumor, 4 to 10 DD, at or behind the equator
 - 2B: multiple tumors, with at least one 4 to 10 DD, and all at or posterior to equator
- **Group 3: Eye preservation - doubtful**
 - 3A: any tumor anterior to equator
 - 3B: one tumor, larger than 10 DD, posterior to equator
- **Group 4: Eye preservation - unfavorable**
 - 4A: multiple tumors, some larger than 10 DD
 - 4B: any tumor extending toward the front of the eye to the ora serrata
- **Group 5: Eye preservation - very unfavorable**
 - 5A: tumors involving more than half of the retina
 - 5B: vitreous seeding

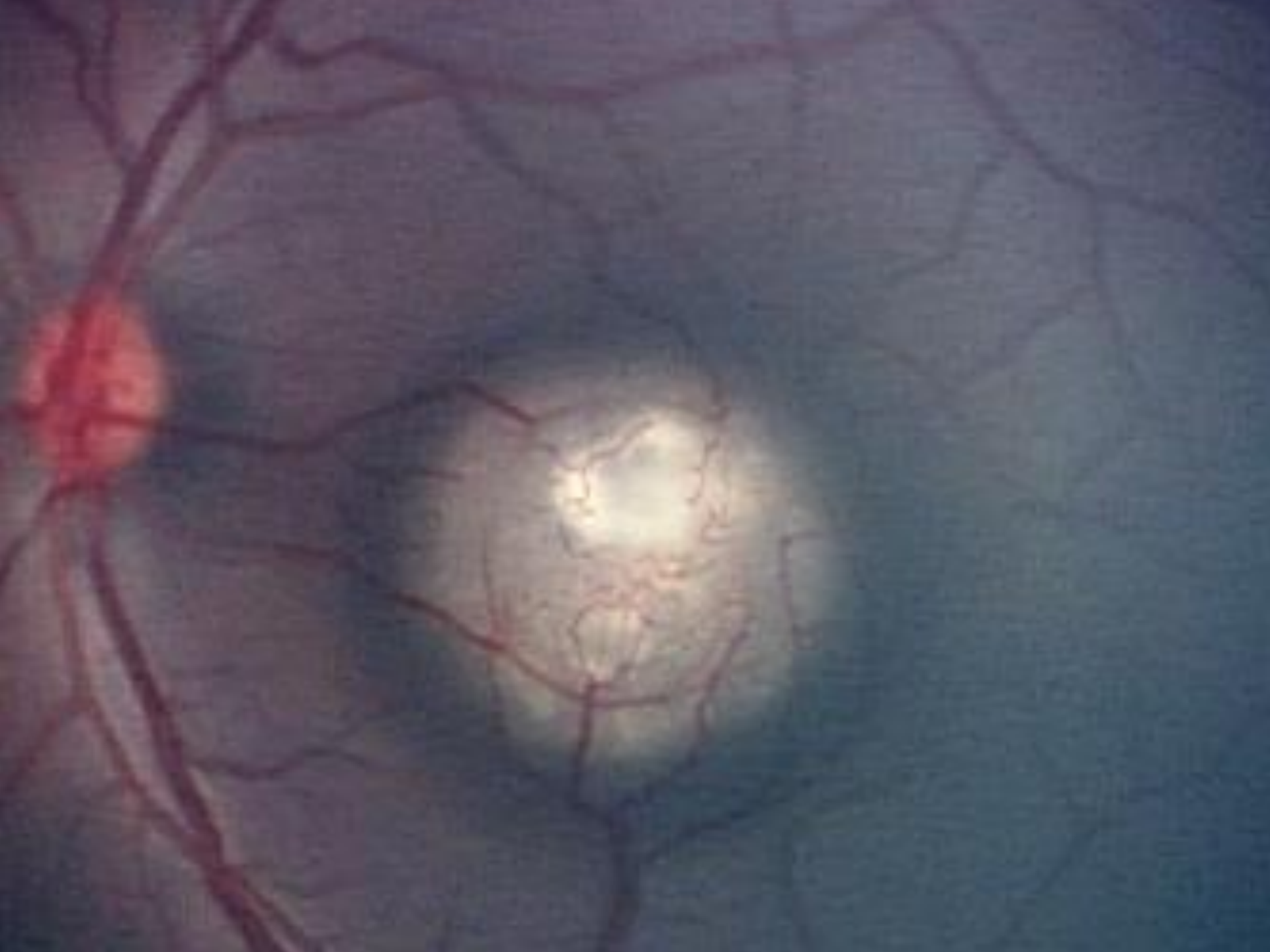
NEWER STAGING

- The International Classification for Intraocular Retinoblastoma
 - Group A
 - Small tumors (3 millimeters [mm] across or less) that are only in the retina and are not near optic disc or foveola.
 - Group B
 - All other tumors (either larger than 3 mm or small but close to the optic disc or foveola) that are still only in the retina.
 - Group C
 - Well-defined tumors with minimal subretinal seeding or vitreous seeding.
 - Group D
 - Large or poorly defined tumors with widespread vitreous or subretinal seeding and/or retinal detachment.
 - Group E
 - The tumor is very large, extends near the front of the eye, is bleeding or causing glaucoma.

EARLY INTRARETINAL RETINOBLASTOMA

- Translucent white-gray mass within the retina
- Early dilated feeding vessels
- Micro-calcification





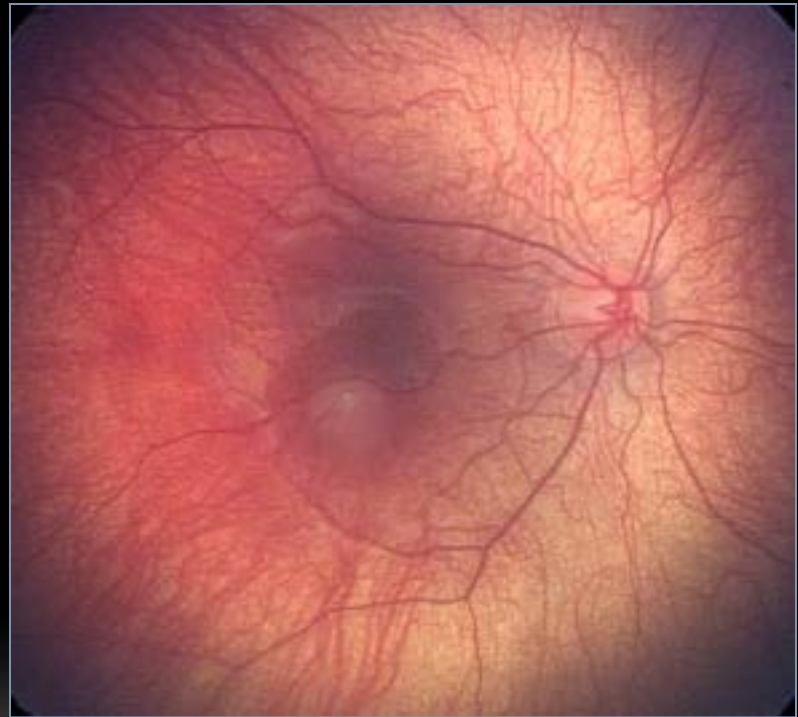


Leukocoria with
Large Macular RB
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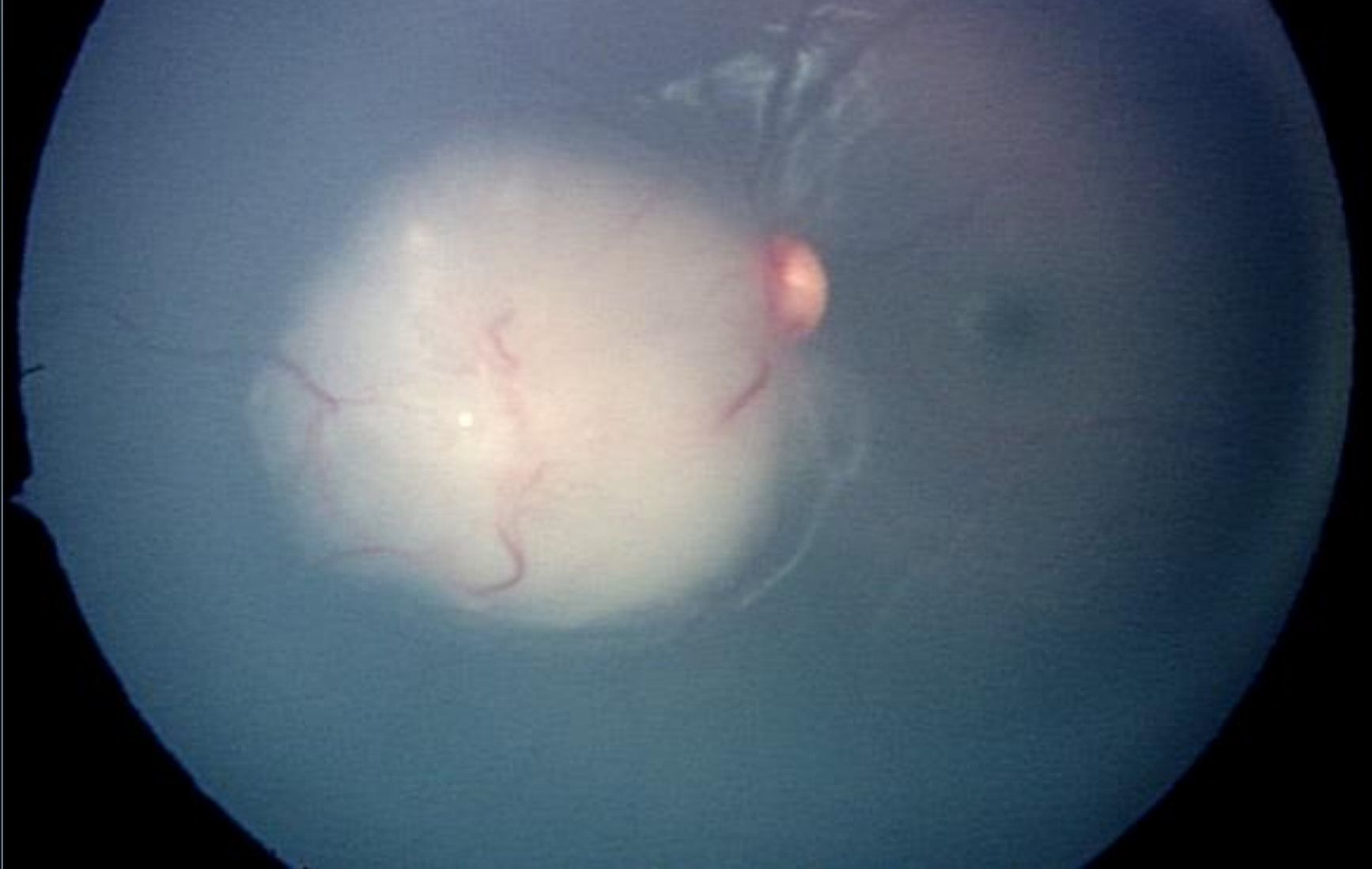




Early Macular RB OD



Endophytic Tumor Adjacent to the Optic Nerve

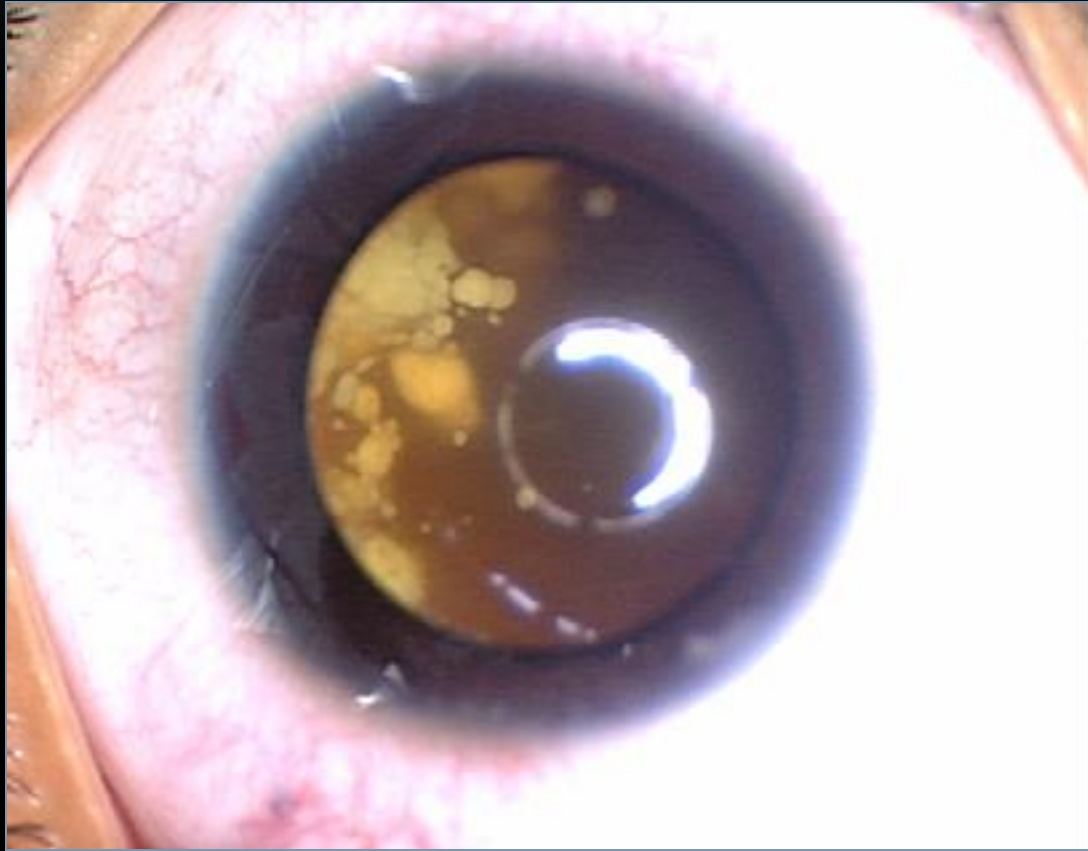


ADVANCED RETINOBLASTOMA

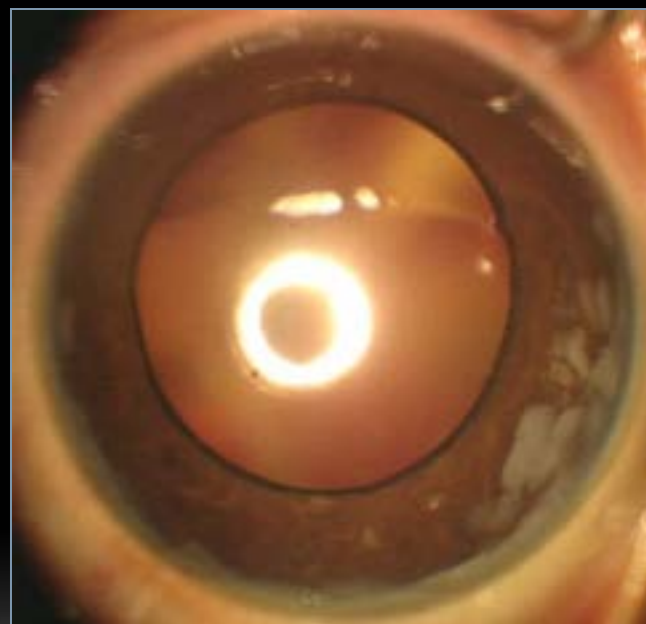
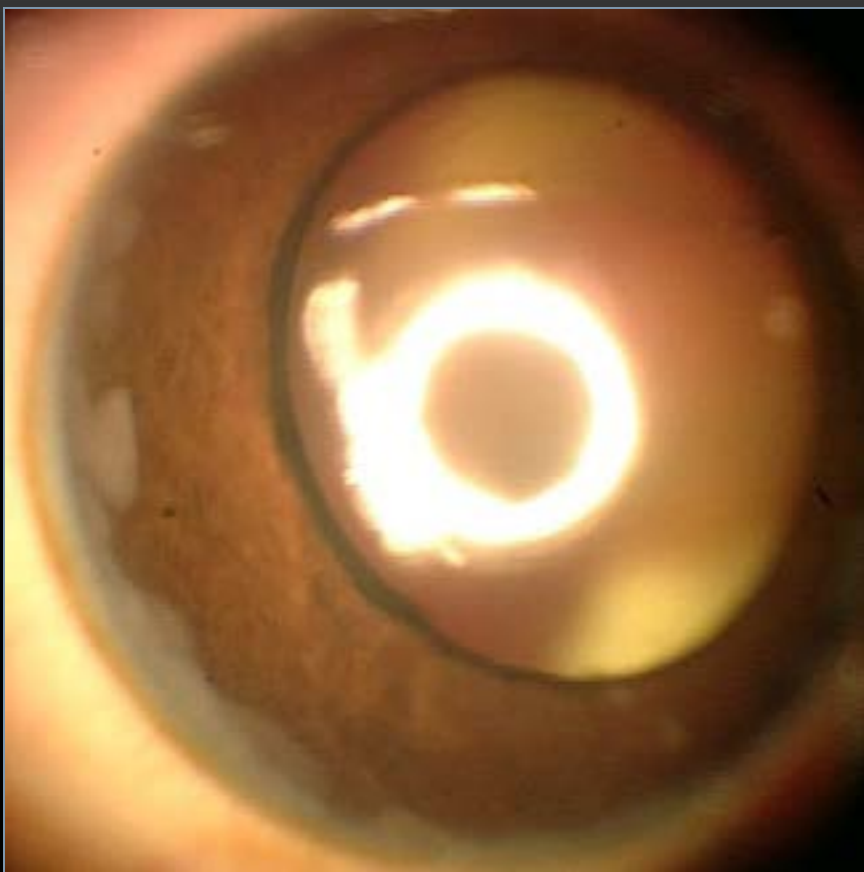
- Large tumor mass
- Advanced seeding can create iris nodules or pseudohypopyon appearance
- Rubeosis irides with spontaneous hyphema and neovascular glaucoma
- Tumor necrosis with intraocular and periocular inflammation



Extensive Vitreous Seeding



Anterior Segment Seeding



Iris Neovascularization from
RB



Spontaneous Hyphema



ADVANCES IN RETINOBLASTOMA MANAGEMENT

- Clinical Focus
 - Survival
 - Functional globe retention
 - Improved visual function outcomes
 - Decreased treatment morbidity
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SYSTEMIC CHEMOTHERAPY/LASER TUMOR ABLATION

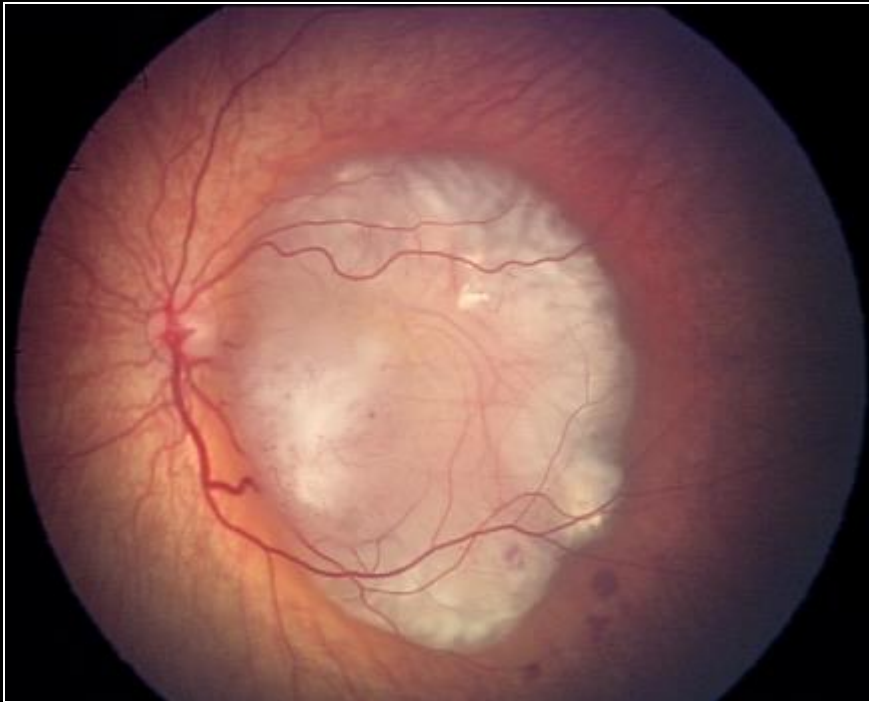
- Reduce tumor volume to allow more focal tumor treatment – never a stand-alone treatment
 - Chemotherapy usually involves carboplatin, etoposide, and vincristine (with/without cyclosporine)
 - 6-9 cycles of chemotherapy given every 3/4 weeks
 - Dramatic reduction averaging >50% decrease in volume after 3 sessions
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SYSTEMIC CHEMOTHERAPY PLUS DIODE LASER

- Synergistic interaction
 - Enhanced chemoreduction therapy
 - Laser is applied prior to each systemic treatment, during EUA
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Large Macular Retinoblastoma

Before treatment



4 mos after chemoreduction/laser



SYSTEMIC CHEMOTHERAPY COMPLICATIONS

- Increasing reports of adverse systemic findings
 - Ototoxicity
 - Carboplatin – Tx w/in first 6 months of life have 33% chance of hearing impairment within 5 years (Ocular Oncology Meeting 2009)
 - Secondary acute myelocytic leukemia (AML) (incredibly rare)
 - Neutropenia/thrombocytopenia/anemia
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NON-SYSTEMIC CHEMOTHERAPY IN RB

- Novel ways to delivery chemotherapy locally to the eye while minimizing systemic exposure
- Implanted in depot gels, solid polymers, miniature catheters

PERIOCULAR CARBOPLATIN

- 1/10 of systemic dose, but delivers 10x the concentration to the eye

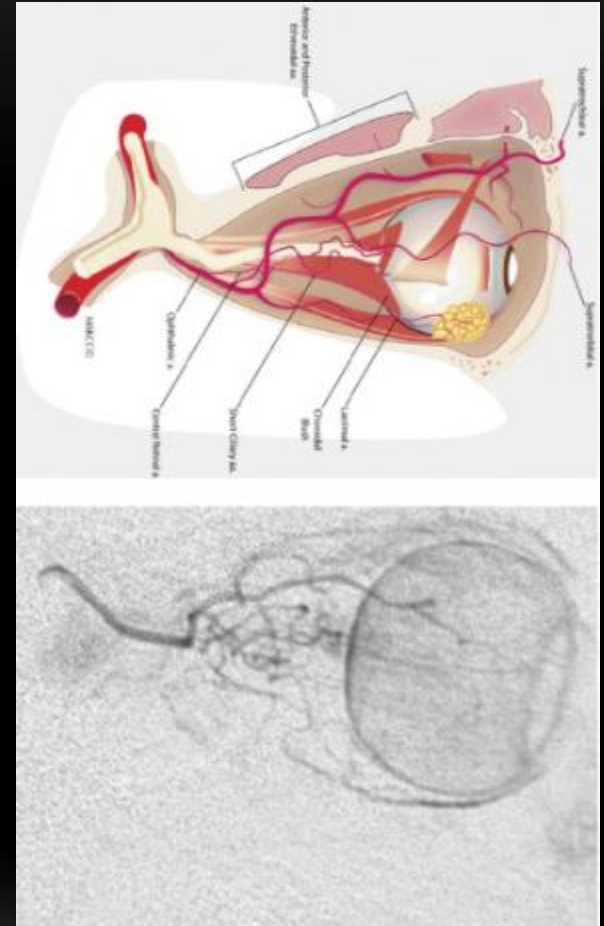


INTRA-ARTERIAL INFUSION OF CHEMOTHERAPY

- Initiated in Japan and now being used in USA (Miami, New York, Philadelphia)
 - Initially used mostly on eyes with poor prognosis ('salvage' therapy)
 - Now used as primary treatment
 - Drugs used: melphalan, topotecan, carboplatin
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SUPRASELECTIVE OPHTHALMIC ARTERY CHEMOTHERAPY IN RB

- Children are placed under general anesthesia and anticoagulated for cannulation of the ophthalmic artery with microcatheters via femoral artery approach
 - Initially reported by Kaneko group, then modified by Abramson group
- Angiography (ophthalmic, internal and external carotid arteries) is performed, followed by intra-arterial ophthalmic Melphalan infusion to the affected eye



INTRA-ARTERIAL OPHTHALMIC CHEMOTHERAPY PROCEDURE

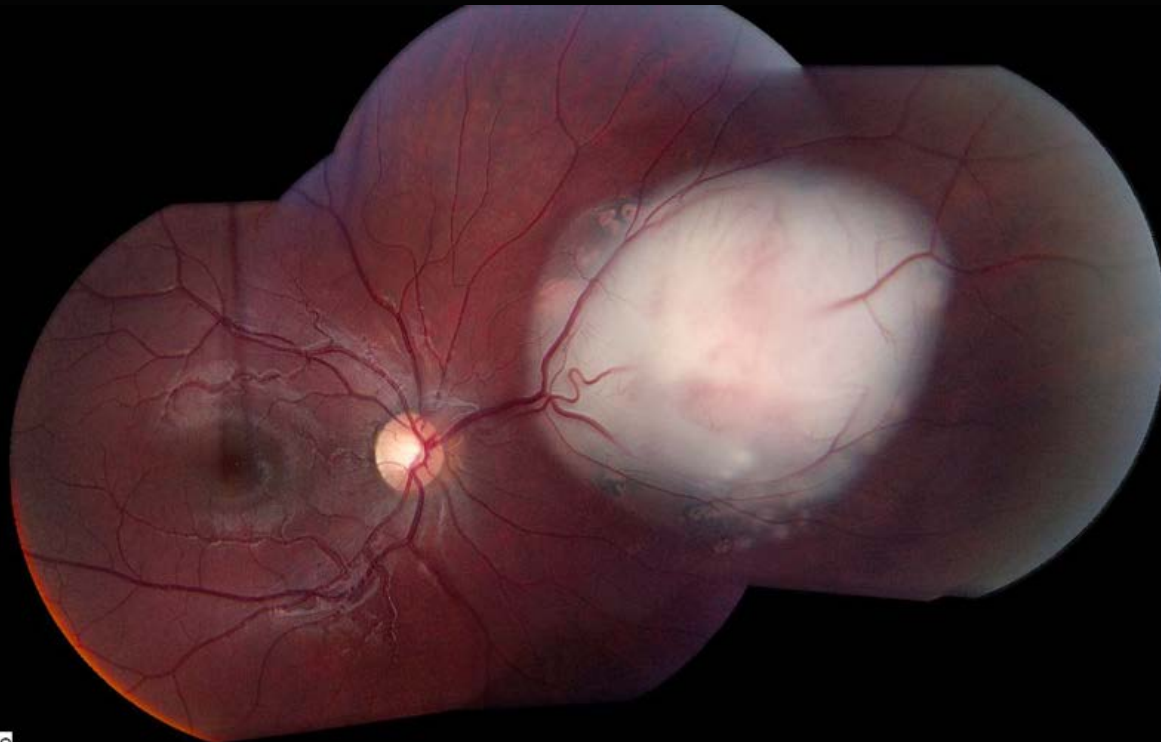
- Infusion is performed in a pulse-injection fashion over a 30-minute period
- Ophthalmic examinations, tumor laser ablation, retinal photography, and ultrasonographic imaging are performed at 3 weeks, 6 weeks then every 3 months
- Treatment strategy evolving



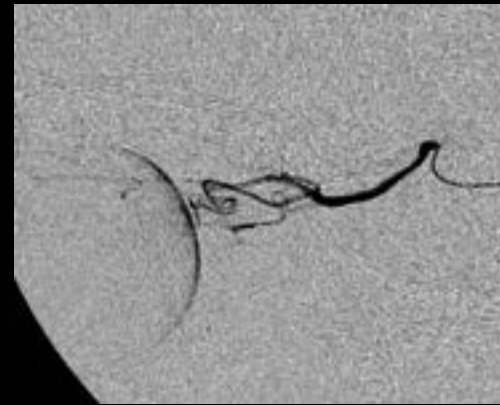
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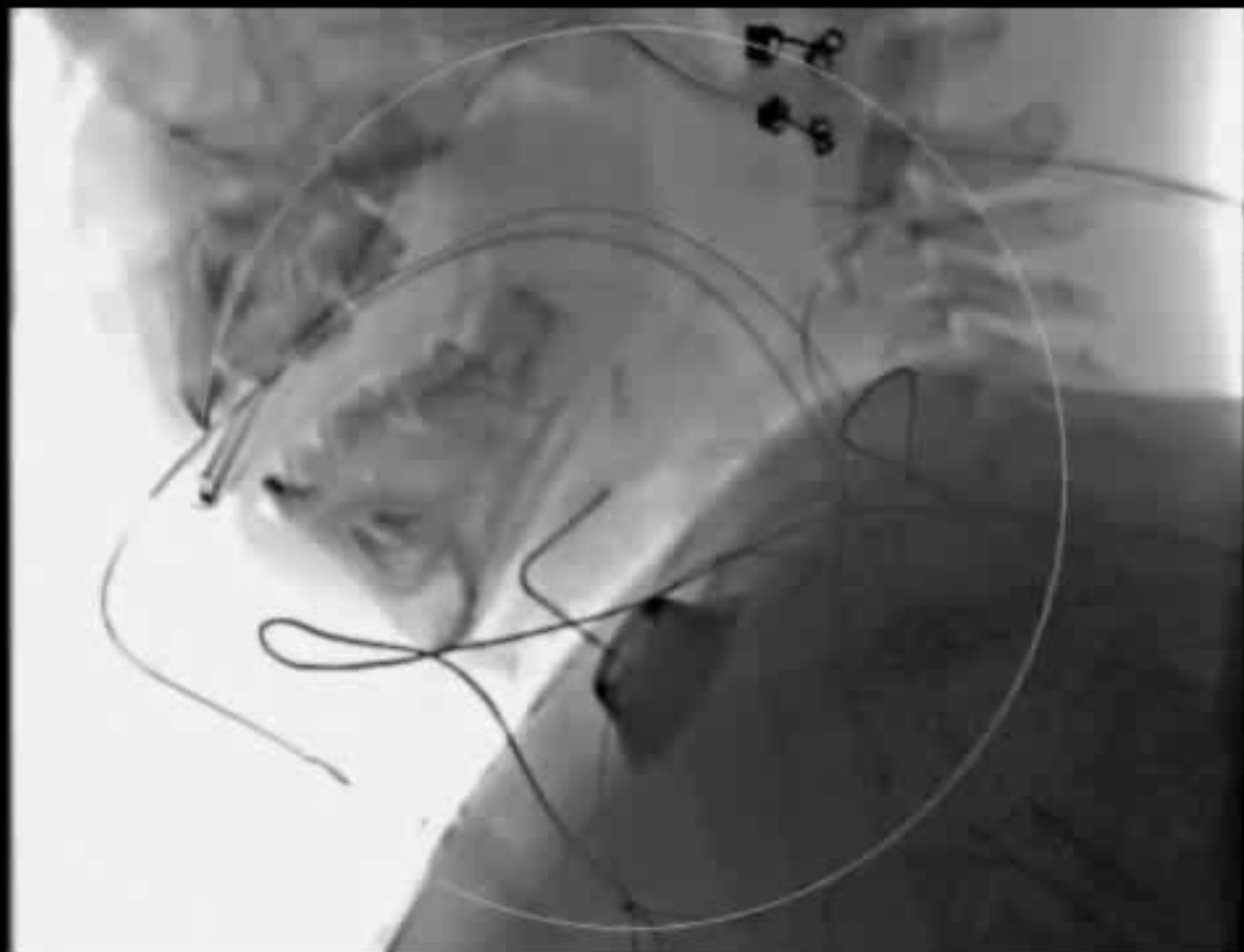
- A 7 year old Greek girl presents with unilateral, advanced retinoblastoma
 - Family history: Negative
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RETINOBLASTOMA INITIAL PRESENTATION



AP AND LATERAL INJECTION OF THE RIGHT OPHTHALMIC ARTERY





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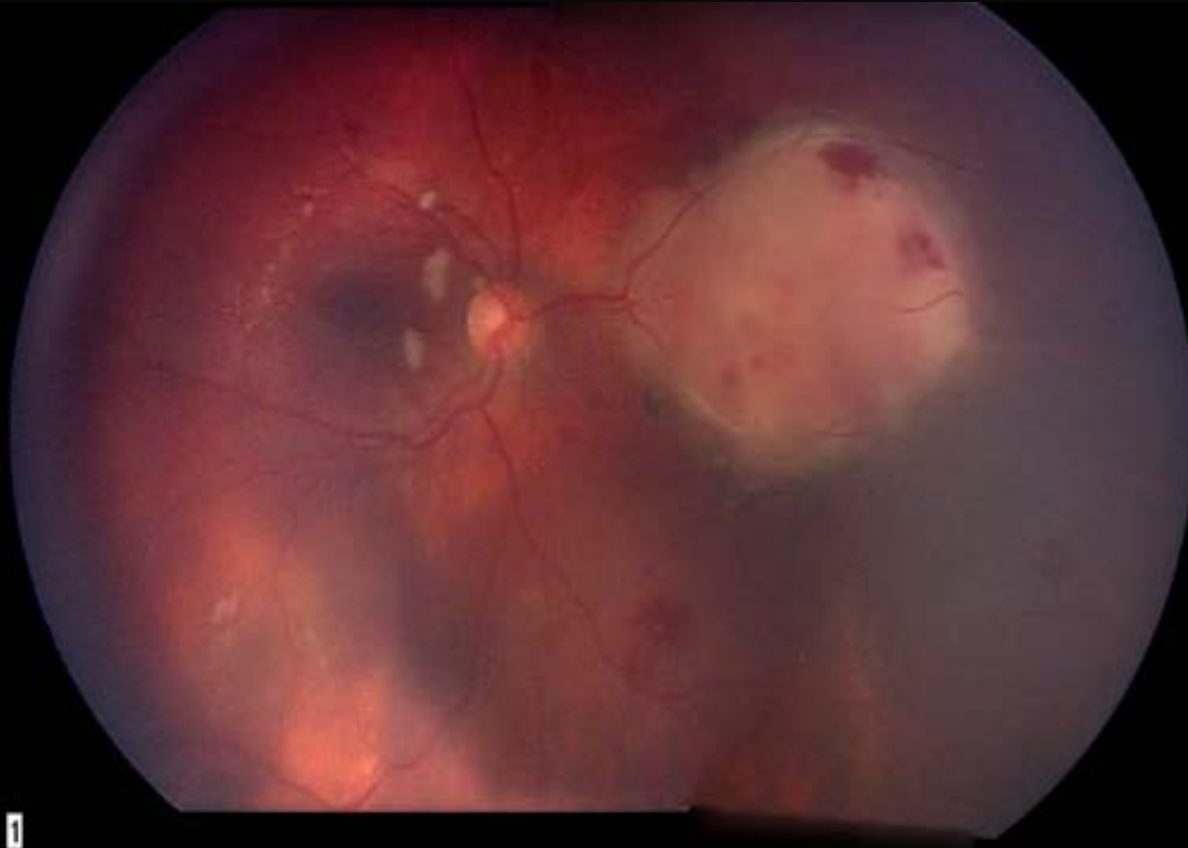
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POST IA MELPHALAN: PURTCHER'S LIKE RETINOPATHY



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1 MONTH LATER

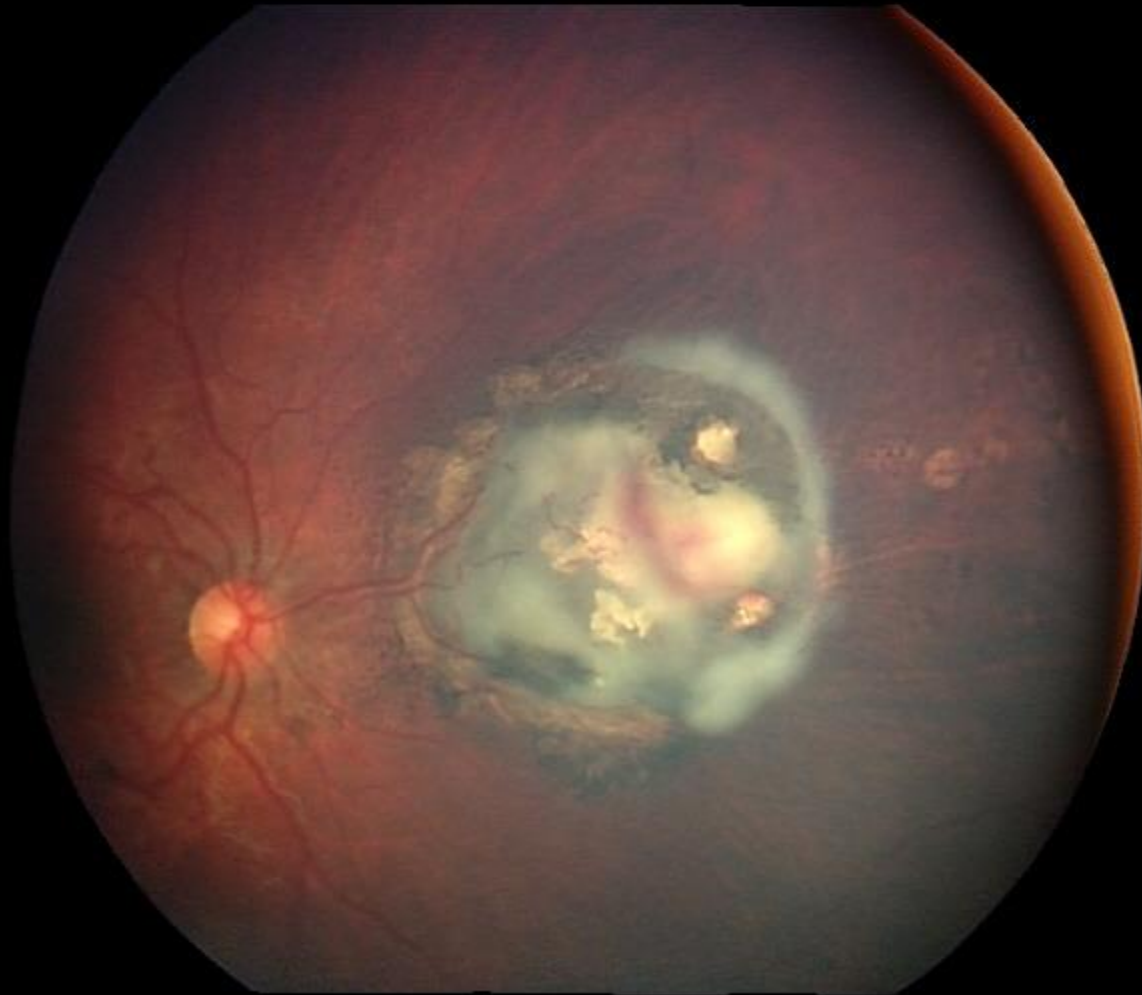
RESIDUAL TUMOR ACTIVITY



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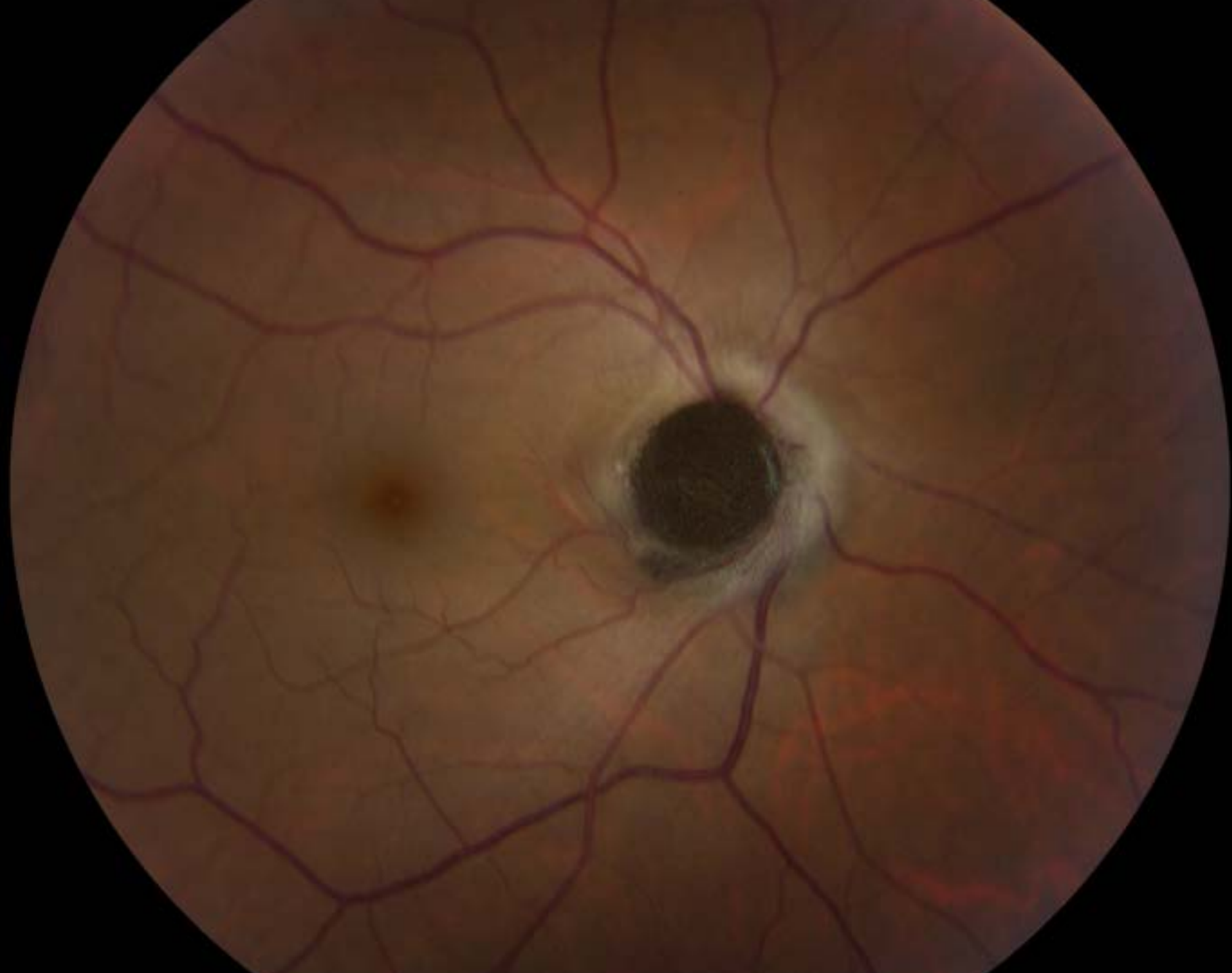
SUPPLEMENTAL LASER ABLATION



RETINOBLASTOMA: NO CLINICAL ACTIVITY

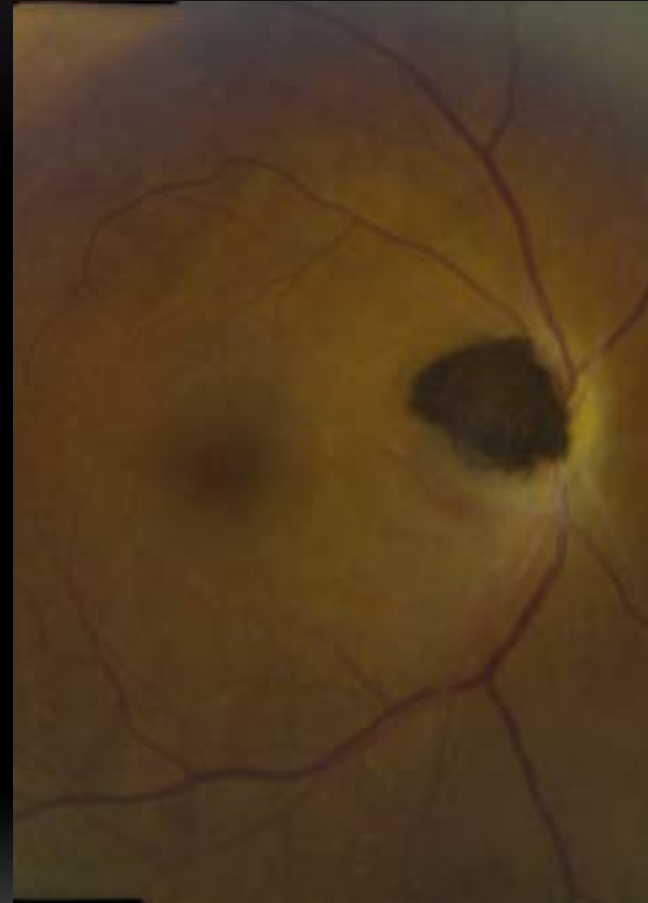


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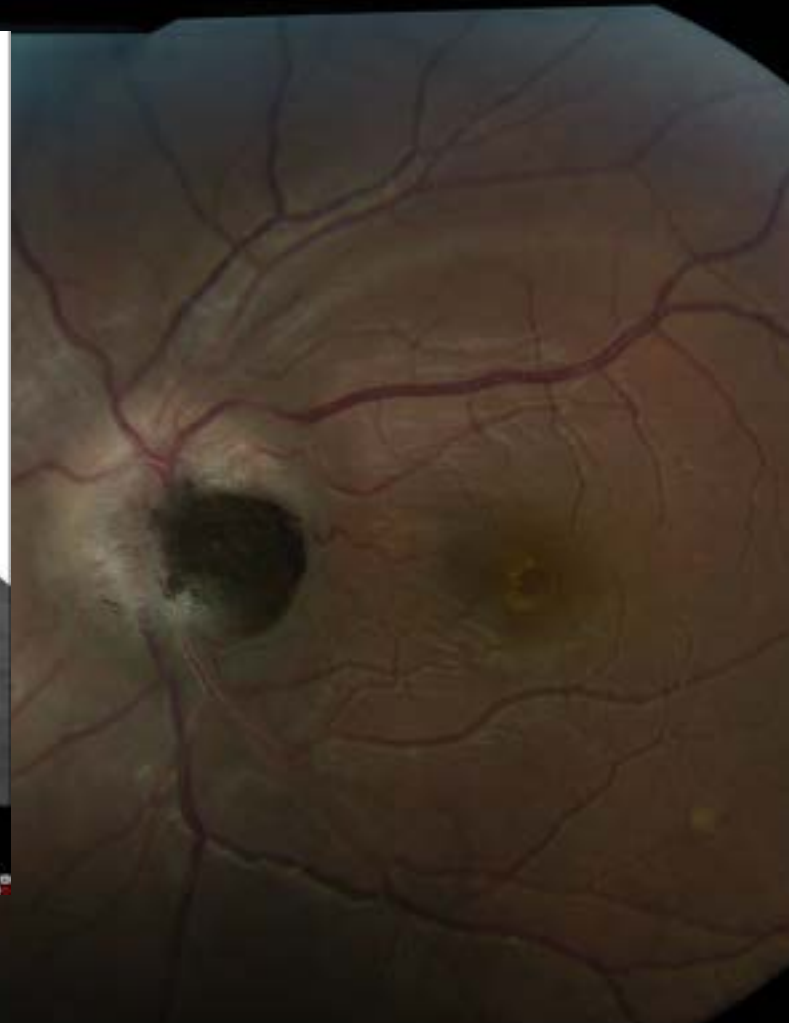
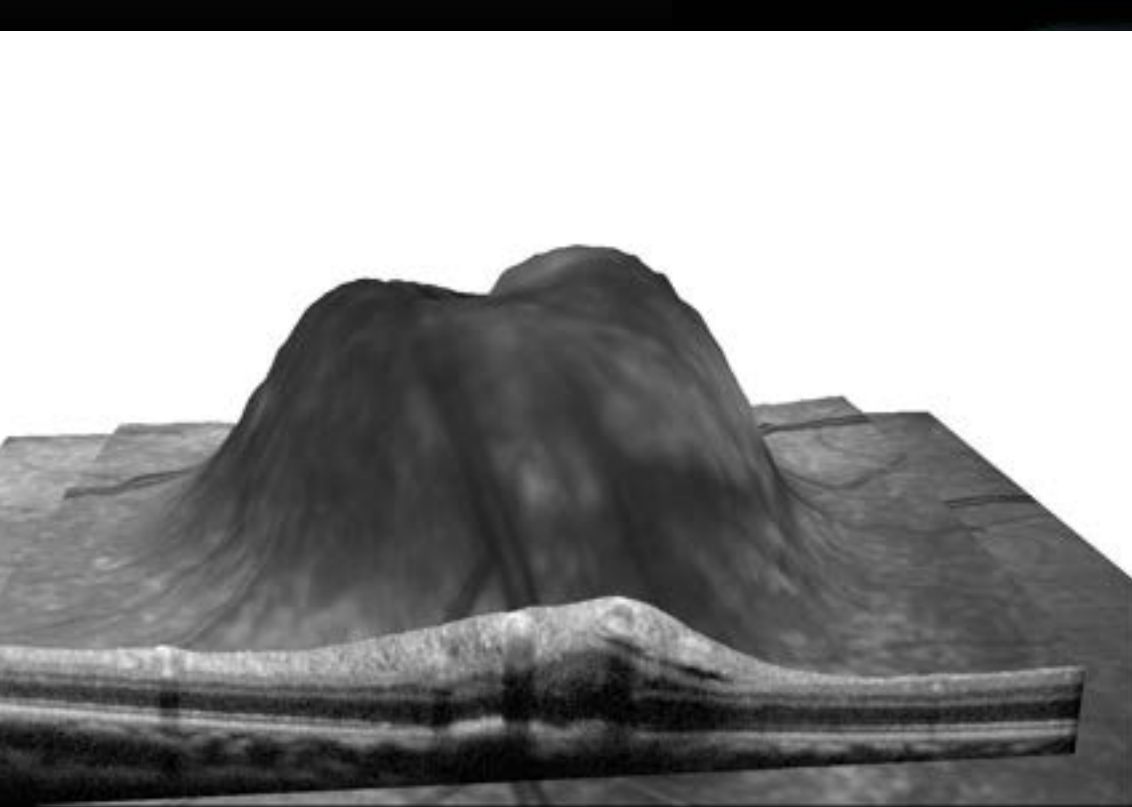


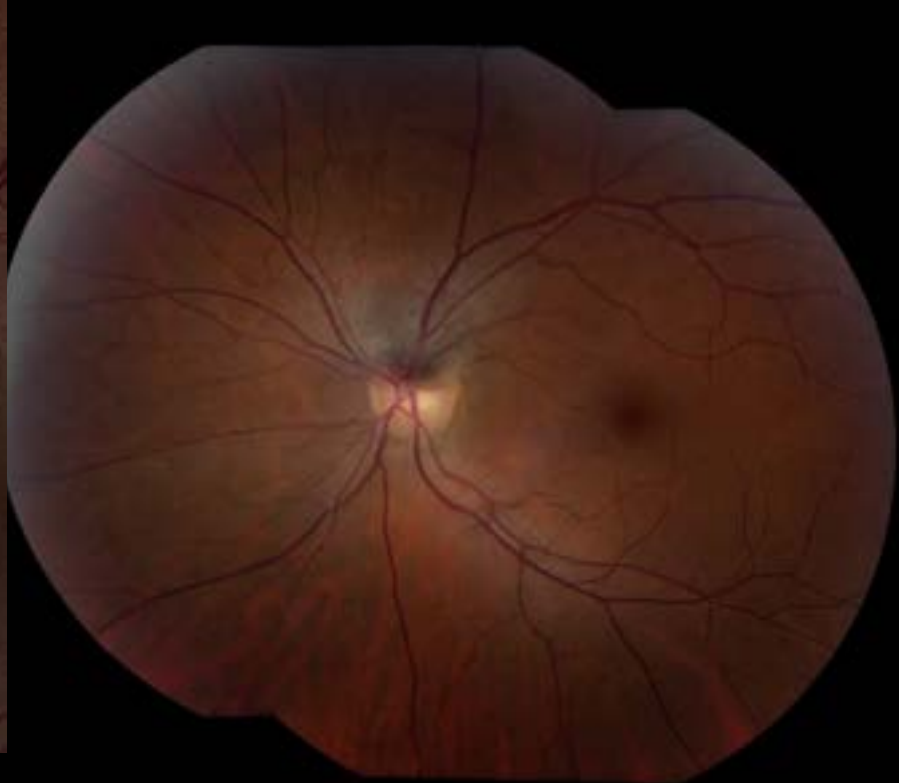
OPTIC DISC MELANOCYTOMA

- Dark brown to black lesions, often with feathery margins
- High internal acoustic reflectivity on ultrasound
- On SD-OCT dense pigmentation of the lesion prevents laser penetration and results in marked shadowing
- Slow progressive enlargement has been documented in 10 to 15% of the cases
- Transformation into melanoma is rare ~2%
- Treatment for malignant transformation is enucleation



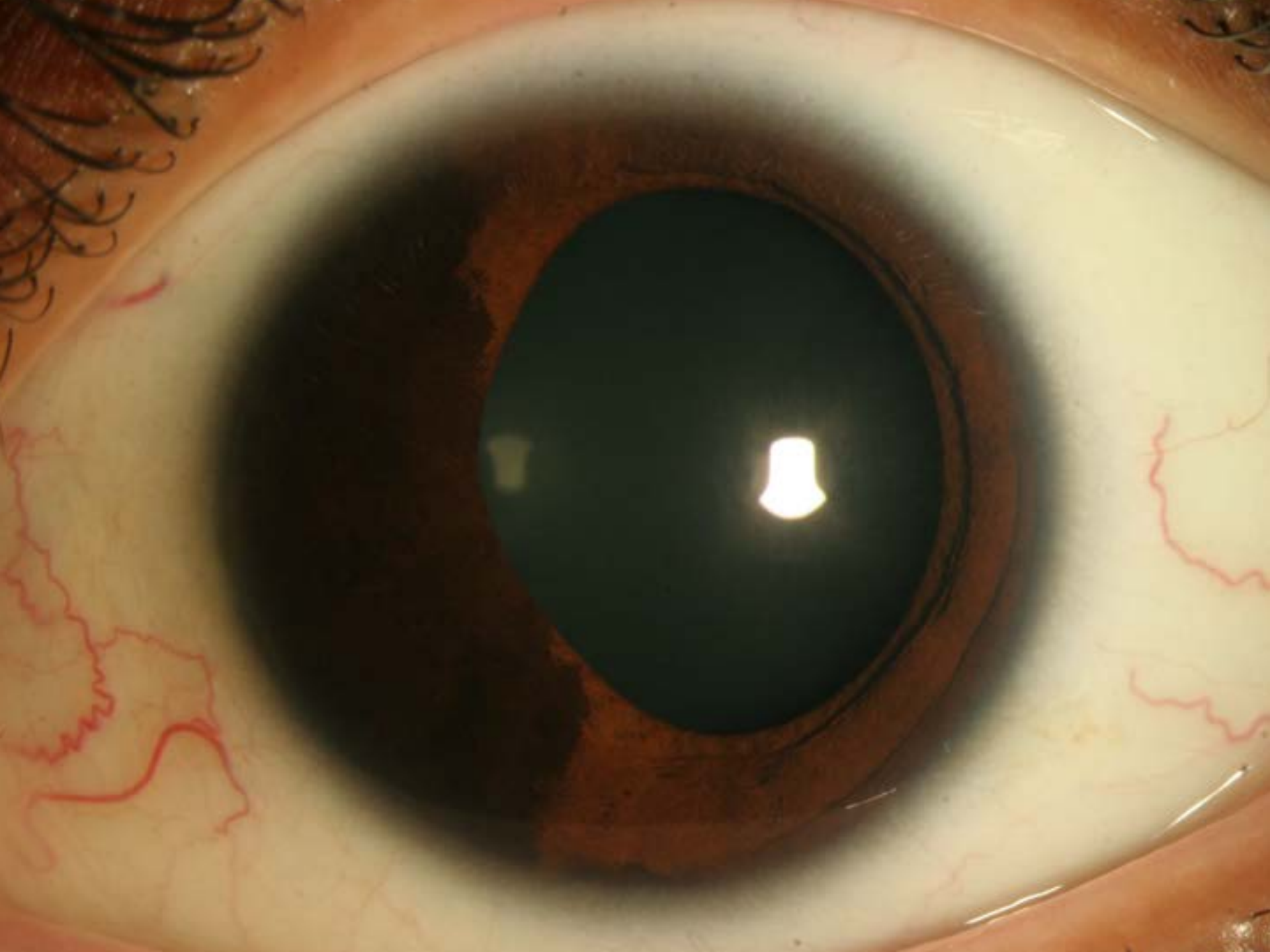
OPTIC DISC MELANOCYTOMA SD-OCT













CAPILLARY HEMANGIOMA

- Orange–red vascular tumors within the retina with feeder vessels
- Can occur sporadically or in association with von Hippel–Lindau (VHL) disease
- VHL diagnosed at around 20 years of age
- Sporadic tumors present later in life, at around 30–40 years of age

CAPILLARY HEMANGIOMA

- Large lesions produce intra- and subretinal exudates in the surrounding part of the fundus and at the macula
- Advanced lesions give rise to vitreous membranes, which cause tractional retinal detachments
- Severe exudative retinal detachment can also occur
- In the advanced stages, secondary glaucoma and uveitis commonly occur

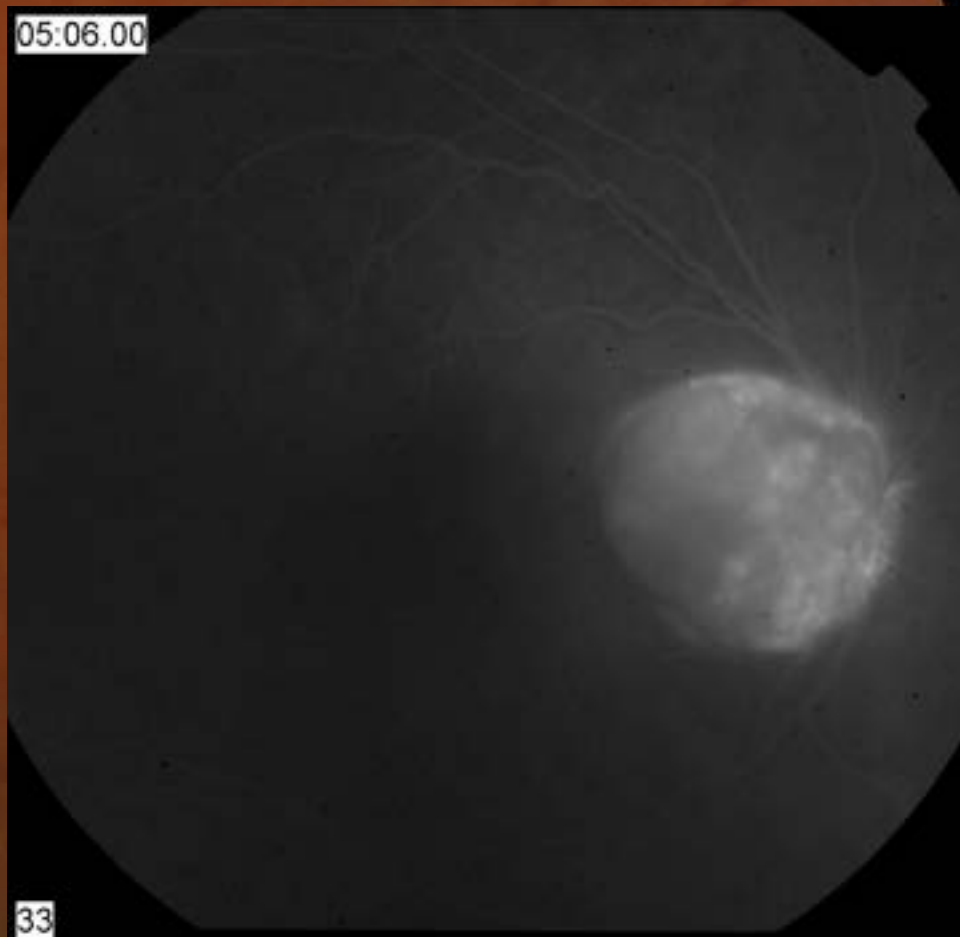
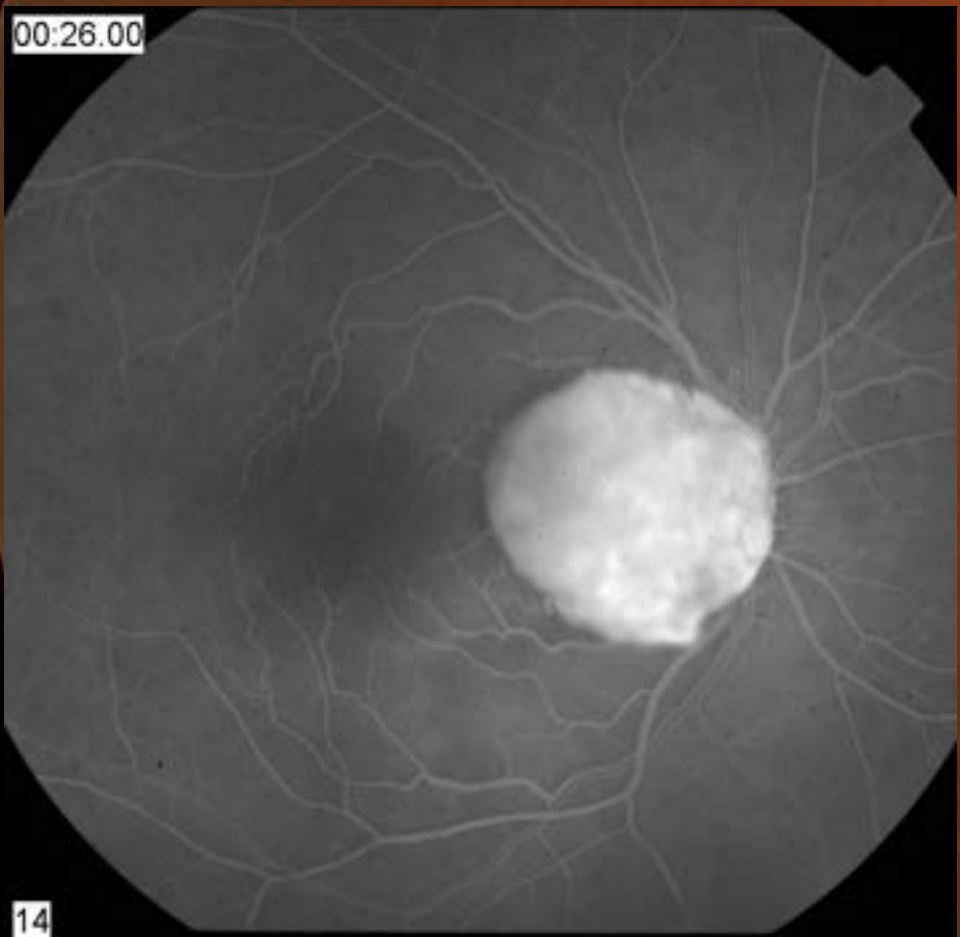
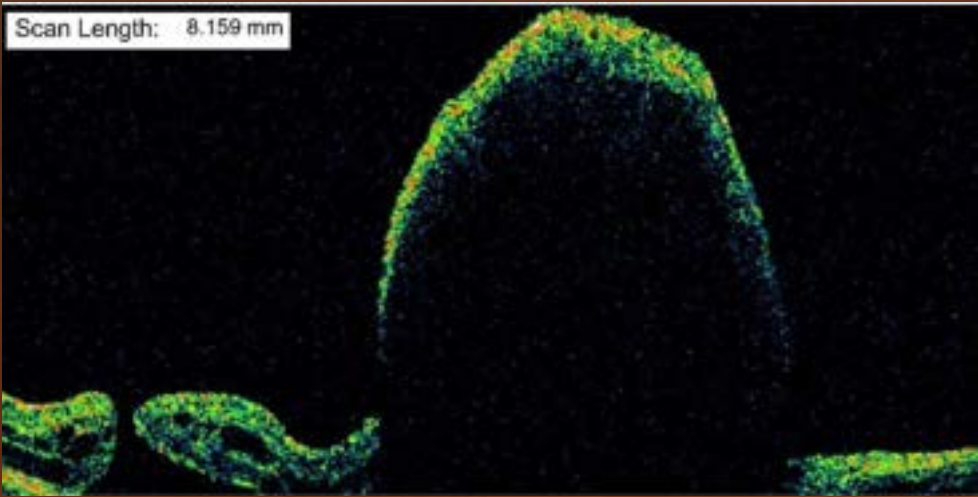
CAPILLARY HEMANGIOMA

- ~85% are located in the peripheral retina
- ~15% arise at or around the optic nerve head
- Juxtapapillary tumors appear in 3 different forms:
 - Endophytic -- grow on the surface of the nerve or retina, protrude into the vitreous cavity
 - Exophytic -- nodular, orange-colored lesions that grow into the outer layers of the retina
 - Sessile -- relatively flat, gray or orange in color, and develop in the middle layers of the retina



OCT





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CAPILLARY HEMANGIOMA TREATMENT

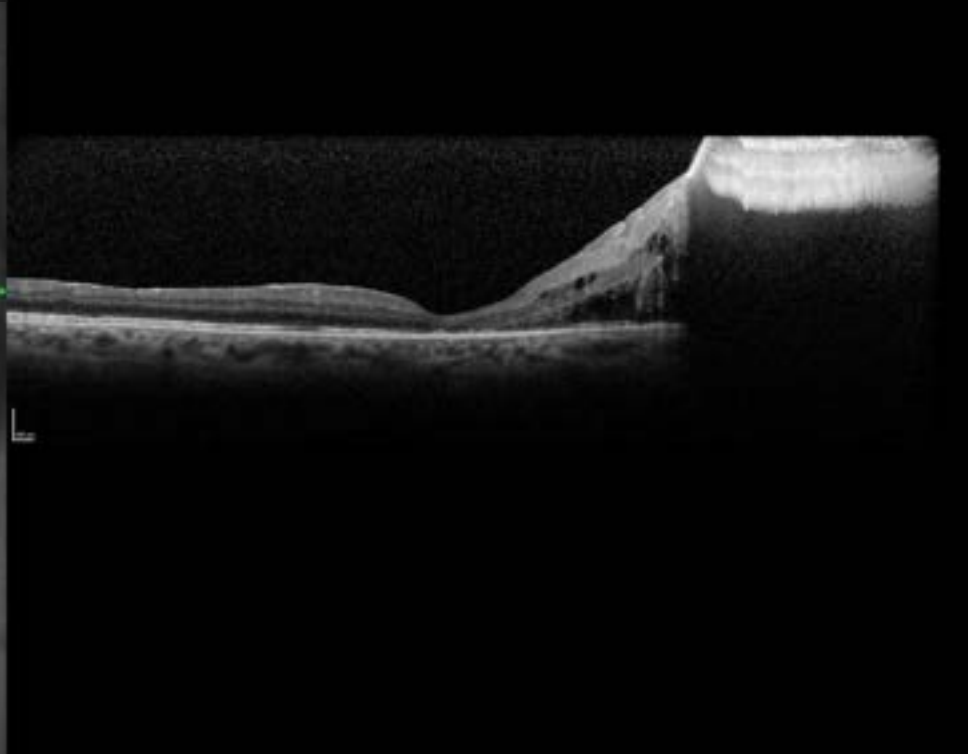
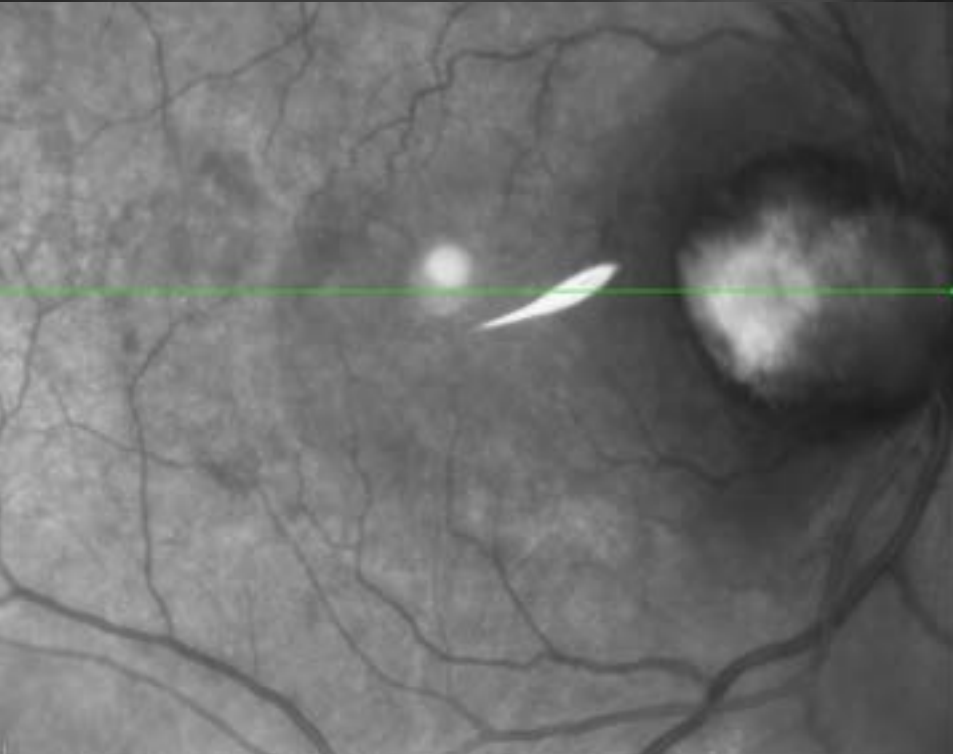
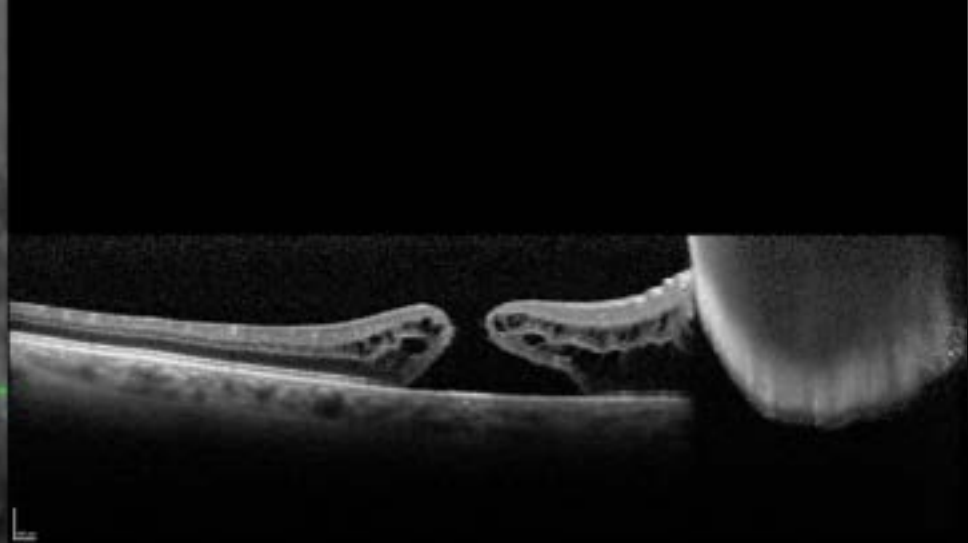
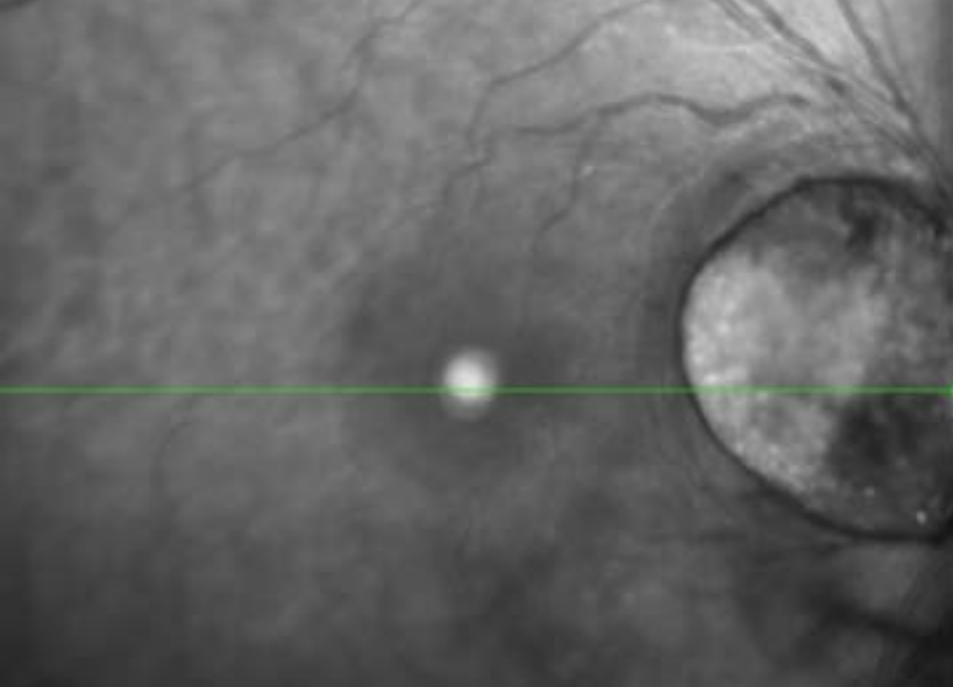
- Determined by the size, number, and location of the hemangioblastomas, as well as any secondary effects
- Dormant lesions are usually treated if peripherally located and monitored if located juxtapapillary

CAPILLARY HEMANGIOMA TREATMENT

- Treatment options:
 - Observation
 - Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor inhibitor
 - Photodynamic therapy
 - Radiotherapy (for larger tumors)
 - EBRT
 - Plaque brachytherapy,
 - Proton beam radiotherapy
 - Cryotherapy (less than 5mm thick)
 - Laser photocoagulation (1.5mm – 4mm diameter)
 - Vitreoretinal surgery

PHACO/IOL/PPV/MP(ILM/ICG)/EL/GAS





IN ADDITION TO TREATMENT...

- Patients must still be screened for VHL
 - Multiple retinal hemangioblastomas are diagnostic for VHL
 - 50% of solitary retinal hemangioblastomas are associated with VHL
- Screenings include:
 - Physical examination
 - Imaging of the abdomen and brain
 - Genetic testing
- Relatives should also be screened

VHL

- Autosomal dominant
- Benign and malignant tumors and cysts may develop in several organs
- Caused by mutations of the VHL gene on chromosome 3p25-26
- Tumor cells show increased expression of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)

VHL

- In a large series of 327 patients published by Neumann et al, the most common lesions were:
 - hemangioblastoma of the central nervous system (52% of affected patients)
 - retinal hemangioblastoma (48%)
 - renal cysts (33%)
 - pheochromocytoma - tumor of the medulla of the adrenal glands (33%)
 - pancreatic cysts (22%)
 - renal cell carcinoma (22%)

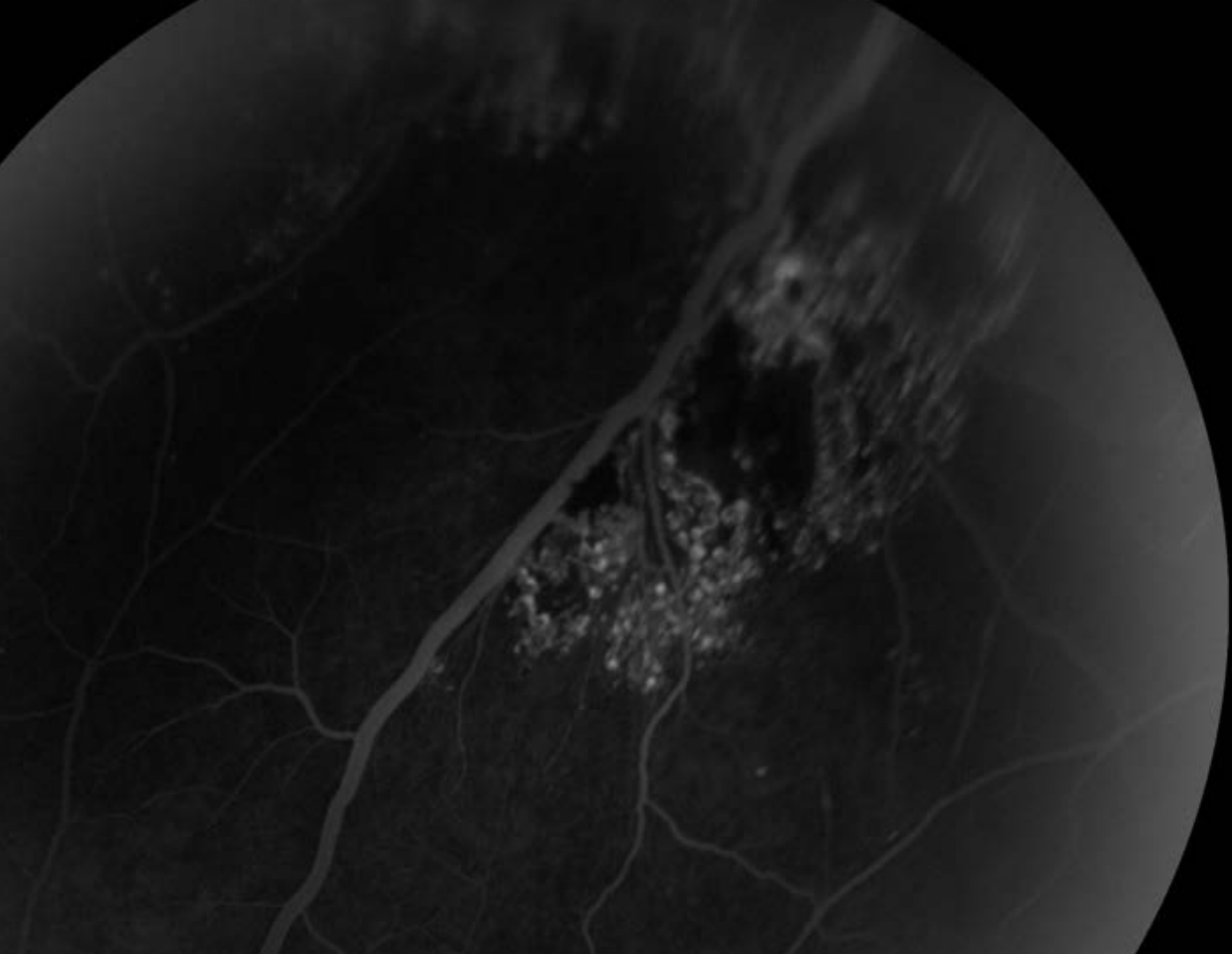
OTHER VASCULAR HAMARTOMAS OF THE
RETINA



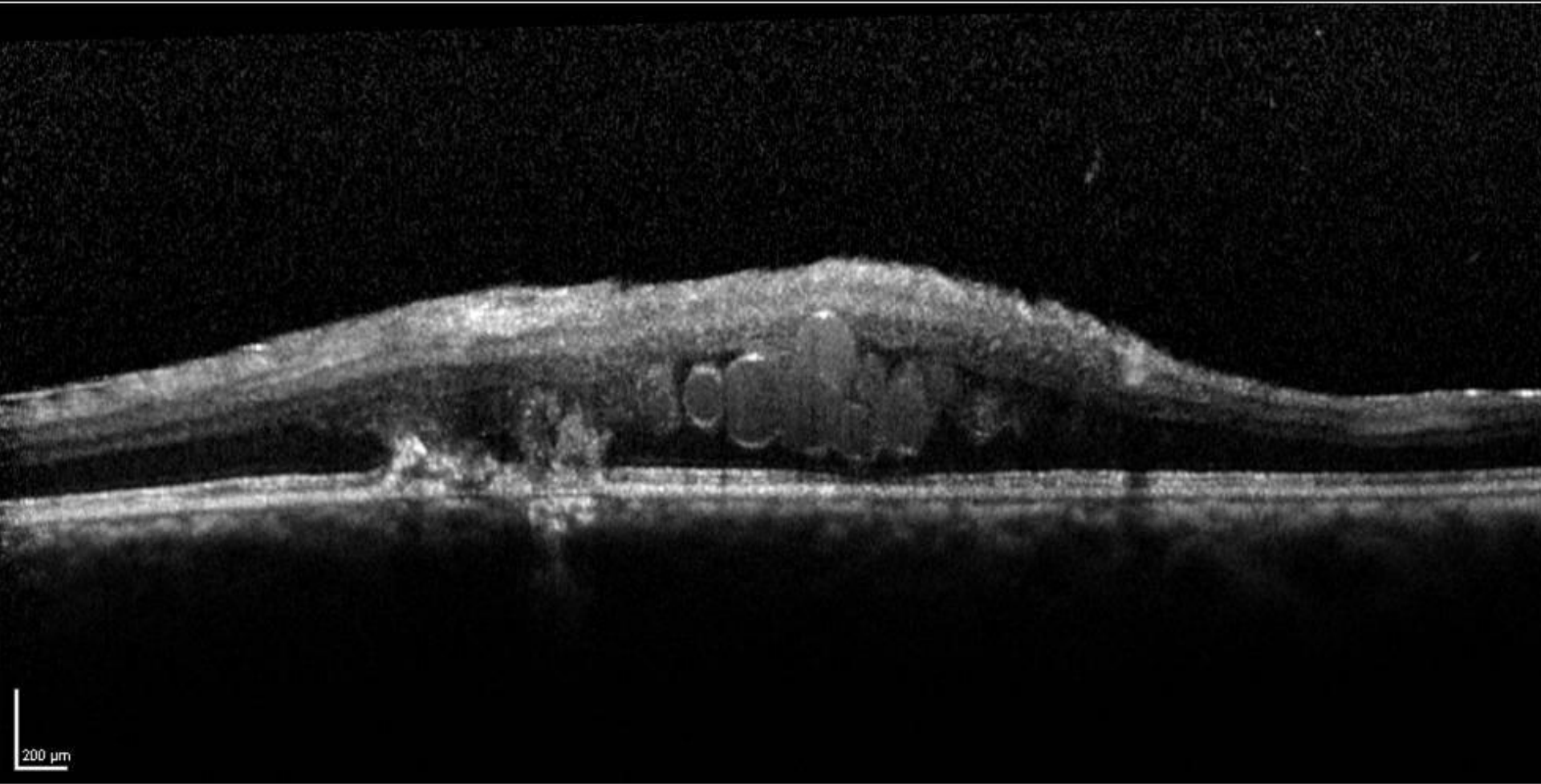
CAVERNOUS HEMANGIOMA



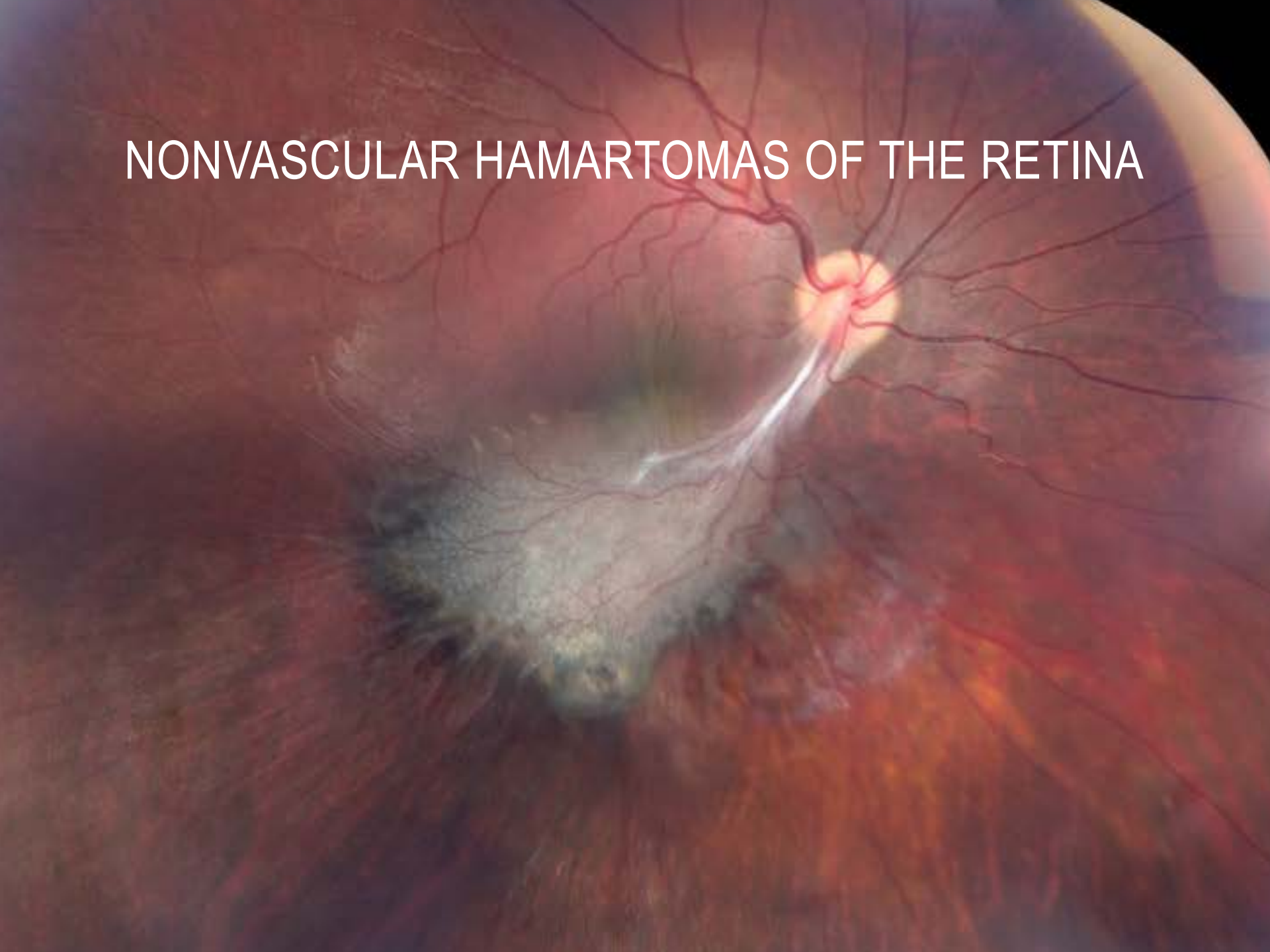
- Clusters of dark-red, saccular aneurysms within the inner retina
- May occur sporadically or can be inherited (autosomal dominant)
- May be associated with cerebral, spinal, and cutaneous angiomas, and aneurysms
- Usually be found away from the posterior pole (but rarely juxtapapillary and macular)
- Normal endothelial cell lining, therefore not associated with exudation
- Fluorescein angiography typically shows slow filling of the aneurysms with little or no leakage and late 'capping' of the dye in the superior half of the aneurysms as a result of settling of red blood cells



OCT OF CAVERNOUS HEMANGIOMA

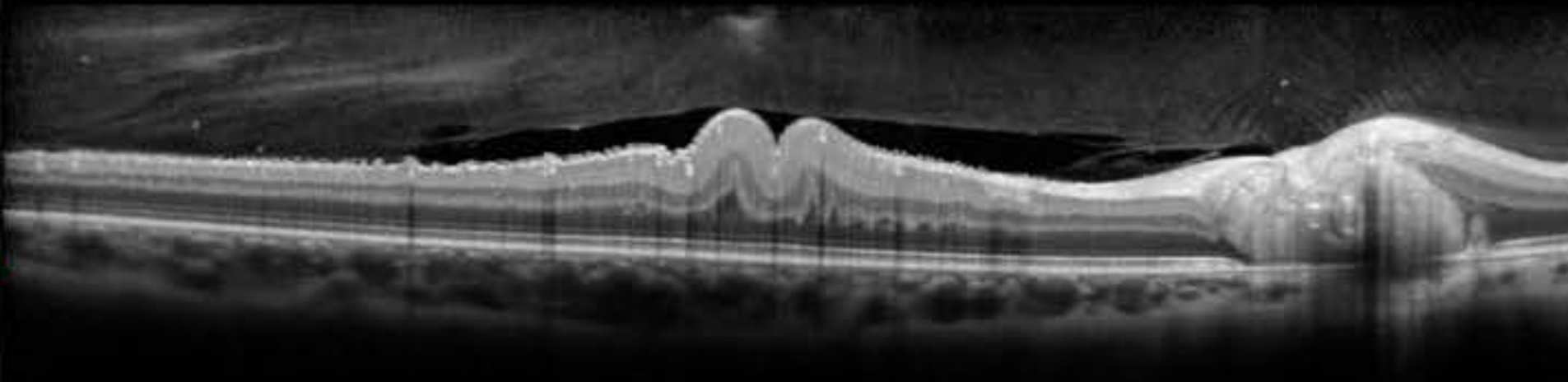


NONVASCULAR HAMARTOMAS OF THE RETINA



COMBINED HAMARTOMA OF THE RETINA AND RPE

- Composed of glial, vascular, and pigmented cells
- Appears grayish, with twisting intraretinal vasculature and scalloped
- SD-OCT shows retinal folding and highly reflective, disorganized retina
- Tend to cause significant traction to the surrounding retina and may distort vision as a result
- PDT and anti-VEGF therapy have shown to be effective in treating vascular leakage associated with these lesions





ASTROCYTIC HAMARTOMA

- Arises from the supportive glial cells of the sensory retina (astrocytes)
- May present as strabismus or leukocoria if the lesion occurs in or adjacent to the macula
- Clinical presentation varies widely, ranging from flat, translucent, noncalcified intraretinal patches to nodular, opaque, white inner-retinal lesions to a large, yellow-whitish, calcified, multinodular mulberrylike tumors
- OCT typically shows
 - Dome-shaped hyper-reflective mass
 - “Moth-eaten” appearance
 - Posterior shadowing



ASTROCYTIC HAMARTOMA

- Main ocular manifestation of tuberous sclerosis
- In tuberous sclerosis, may present with achromic patches

