











Some statistics

- One recent study demonstrates a <u>self-reported</u> prevalence of dry eye in 14.5% of subjects.
 - The disease is more common in women (17.9%) than men (10.5%)
- But wait! One recent study found that up to 60% of patients with clinically significant dry eye are asymptomatic.
- A recent Harris Interactive study showed that <u>only</u> 29% of patients with true dry eye disease felt their optometrist provided adequate care <u>and</u> knowledge of their disease

Is dry eye infectious or inflammatory?

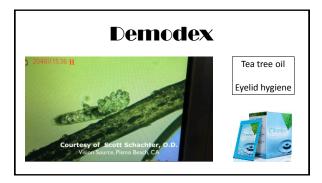
- Anterior blepharitis (debris base of eyelashes)
- Posterior blepharitis (inspissated meibomian glands)
- Exposure keratopathy secondary to lagophthalmos
- Entropion (mechanical)
- Sjogren's, other autoimmune (ex. rheumatoid arthritis)



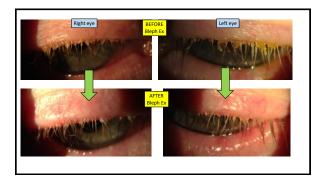
Getting beyond artificial tears

- In-office procedure (MiboFlow & BlephEx)
- FDA Approved drugs
- Compounding pharmacy
- Amniotic Membrane











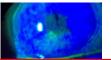
How aggressively should I treat?

- 60 yo female with dry eye, taking artificial tears bid. Still reports gritty, sandy feeling in eyes. New to your clinic seeking relief
 - <u>Baby steps?</u> Warm compress and fish oils
 - Call patient two weeks later she's feeling great!! (You're an awesome doc, right?...Wrong!!)
 - "Yeah, I went to the eye doc down the street and he prescribed albumin eye drops, it's working great thanks for the call!" (But never gonna see her again)
- Compounding pharmacy
 - 5% Albumin eye drops 3-4 x's daily
 - Compare to autologous serum eye drops



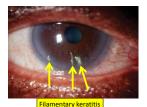






What is filamentary keratitis, and how will you treat it?

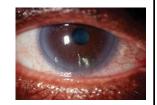
Has failed with Restasis in the past, already using copious artificial tears



First things first, what's a filament? And how do we treat it?



- · Filament: short strand of epithelial cells and mucus attached at one end to anterior surface of cornea
- Management
 - Bandage contact lens (protect from shearing action of lids)
- Lubrication: PF artificial tears and ointment ahs
- Removal of filaments with forceps
- Acetylcysteine 10% qid (back to the compounding pharmacy)



Next step??? Amniotic membrane - Prokera (Freezer section)





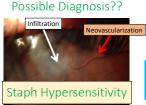


Had two incredibly successful treatments with amniotic membrane. Asked, "How soon can we do it again!?"

- After two days of third Prokera treatment developed incredibly red, painful, swollen right eye
- Cultured Strep pneumoniae
- Strep Keratitis
 - Treated with oral and topical antibiotic
 - Also added topical steroid for corneal



38 yo Indian male, red eyes OD > OS, blurry vision. Painful, light sensitive, difficulty opening eyes. Crusting of eyelids and lashes Has this happened before? Yes, 3 months ago



Response to exotoxins

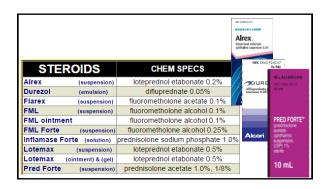
Topical Steroid (Angiotensive)

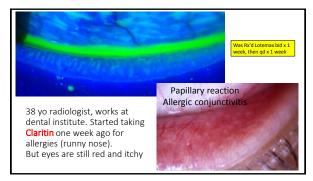
What is staph hypersensitivity, and how will you manage it?

Staph Hypersensitivity

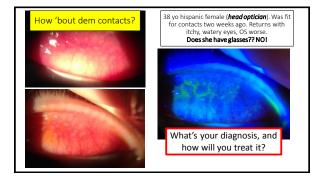
- · What's an infiltrate?
- <u>Noninfectious</u> reaction of the host's antibodies to bacterial antigens in the setting of staphylococcal blepharitis (*antibody response to exotoxins*)
- Ocular rosacea may also be contributing factor
- · Treatment of staph hypersensitivity
 - Mild
 - Warm compresses, hygiene, fluoroquinolone antibiotic qid and bacitracin ointment qhs
 - · Moderate to Severe
 - Add low dose topical steroid with an antibiotic

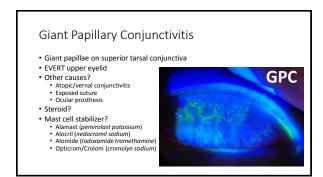


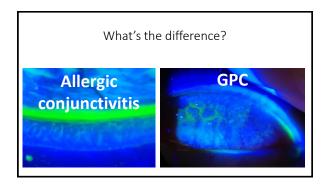




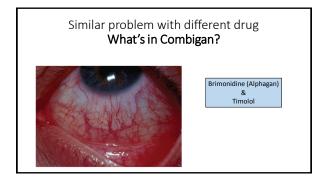


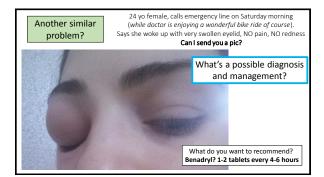








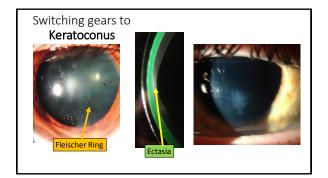


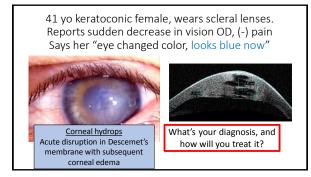








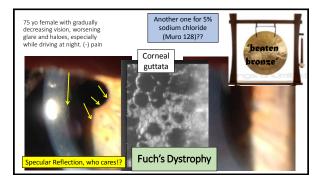


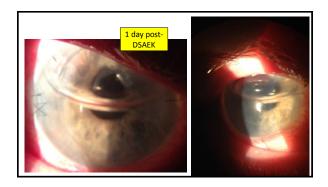


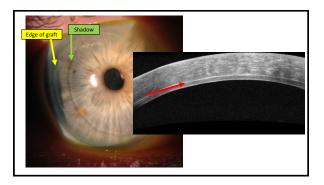
Corneal hydrops treatment

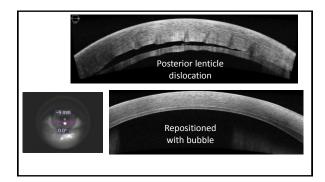
- Cycloplegic agent (cycloplentolate 1%)
- Sodium chloride 5% (Muro 128) • Tewksbury, Mass.
- Prednisolone topical qid in some cases
- Bacitracin ointment qid
- Brimonidine 0.1% bid to tid (treat the ocular hypertension caused by reactive inflammation)

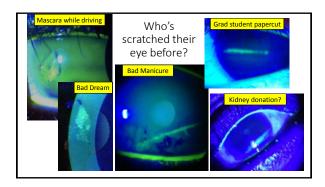


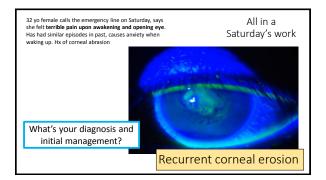




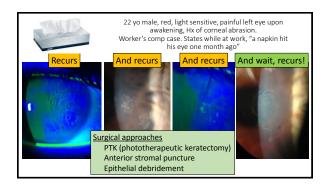








Recurrent corneal erosion • Cycloplegic (cyclopentolate 1% qid for pain) • Antibiotic ointment (erythromycin or polymyxin B/bacitracin) • Sodium chloride 5% (Muro 128 ointment at bedtime) • May improve epithelial adhesion • Bandage contact lens



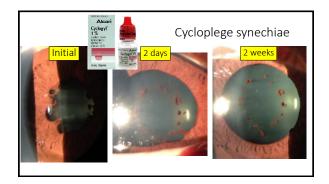






Cycloplegics (Dilate Pupil) and Anterior uveitis

- Cycloplegics serve three purposes in the treatment of anterior uveitis
 - To relieve pain by immobilizing the iris
 - To prevent adhesion of the iris to the anterior lens capsule (posterior synechia), which can lead to iris bombe and elevated IOP
 - To stabilize the blood-aqueous barrier and help prevent further protein leakage (flare)



Cholinergic vs Adrenergic

- Phenylephrine, 2.5%, is an adrenergic agonist that causes dilation by direct stimulation of the iris dilator muscle.
- All cycloplegic agents are cholinergic antagonists which work by blocking neurotransmission at the receptor site of the iris sphincter and ciliary muscle. (ex. Tropicamide 1%)
- Two iris muscles: sphincter and dilator

Phenyl's role in anterior uveitis?

- Phenylephrine, 2.5%, is an adrenergic agonist that causes dilation by direct stimulation of the iris
- Because phenylephrine has neither a cycloplegic nor anti-inflammatory effect and may cause a release of pigment cells into the anterior chamber, it is generally not recommended as an initial part of the therapeutic regimen
- Phenylephrine may, however, help break recalcitrant posterior synechia



What agent should you use to cycloplege?

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Dilating agents duration of action

Cholinergic Antagonist	Mydriasis	
	Maximal (~minutes)	Recovery (days)
atropine	35	7-10
scopolamine	25	3-7
homatropine	50	1-3
cyclopentolate	45	1
tropicamide	25	0.25



Steroids and Anterior Uveitis

- The role of corticosteroids is to decrease inflammation
 - \bullet by reducing the production of $\mbox{\sc exudates}$
 - stabilizing cell membranes
 - inhibiting the release of lysozyme by granulocytes
 - suppressing the circulation of lymphocytes
- · Sometimes dose steroid as high as every hour initially
- TAPER: every hour, then every two hours, 6x's/day, qid, tid, bid, qd, etc.

Steroid responder

- 1 in 3 may experience an increase in IOP in response to the local or systemic use of corticosteroids
- · Specifically, the IOP rose
 - from a mean of 16.9 to 32.1 mm Hg in patients diagnosed with glaucoma,
 - from a mean of 17.1 to 28.3 mm Hg in glaucoma suspects
- from a mean of 13.6 to only 18.2 mm Hg in control subjects without glaucoma.
- Most patients with elevated IOP in steroid-response glaucoma experience a return to pretreatment IOP levels within 10 days to 3 weeks after the discontinuation of steroid therapy
- IOP spikes may occur hours to weeks after the initiation of steroid therapy

