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# OCT Angiography in Diagnosis and Management of nAMD : What does it add?

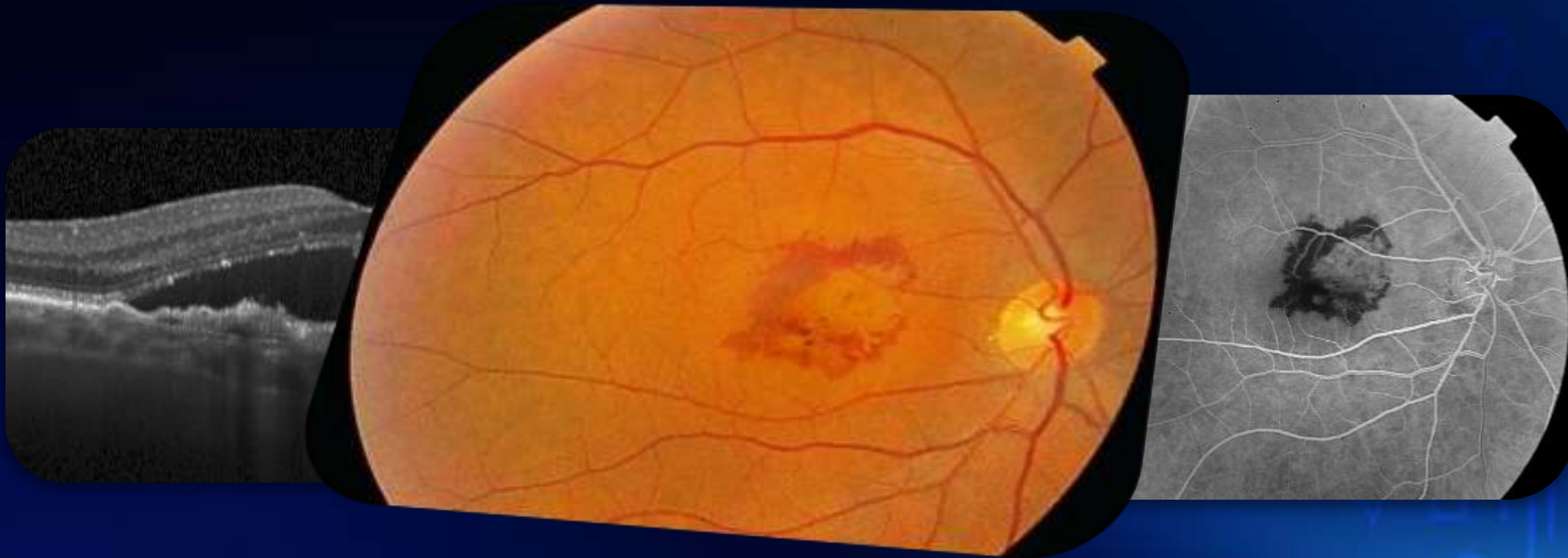
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# Exudative Consequences of CNV



Hemorrhage and Exudation are the  
Sine Qua Non of CNV.

# OCT Angiography

## "Dye-less" Angiography



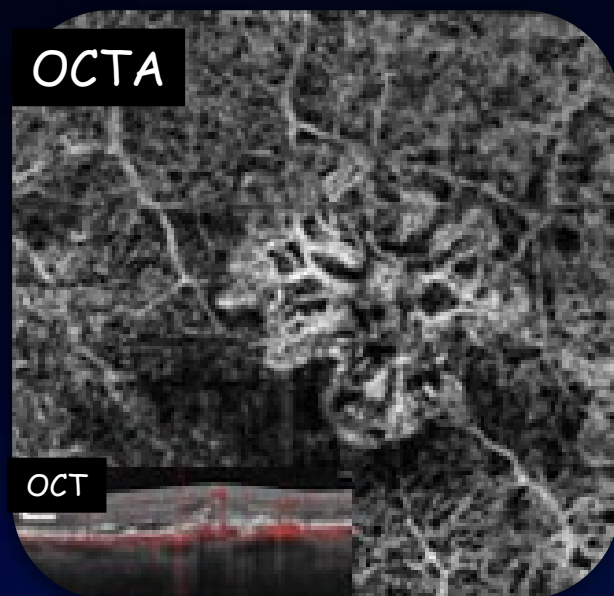
*"A new Black Horse"*



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Treatment-naïve

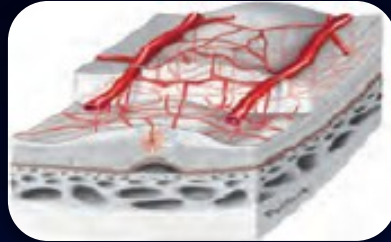
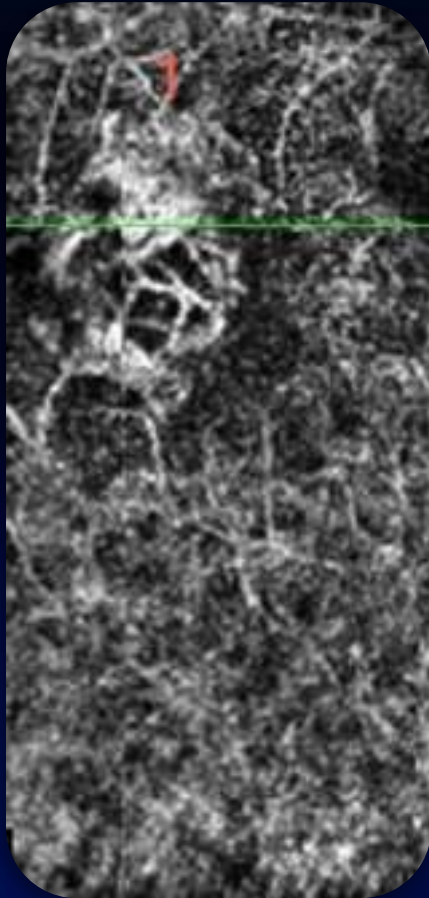
Flow area : 1,562 sq mm

Quantitative & Qualitative

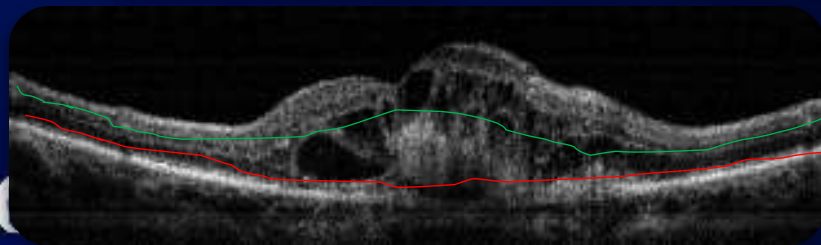
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# RAP Lesion

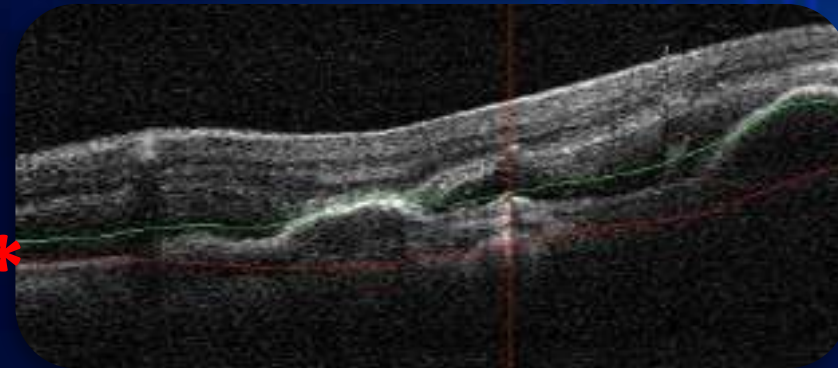
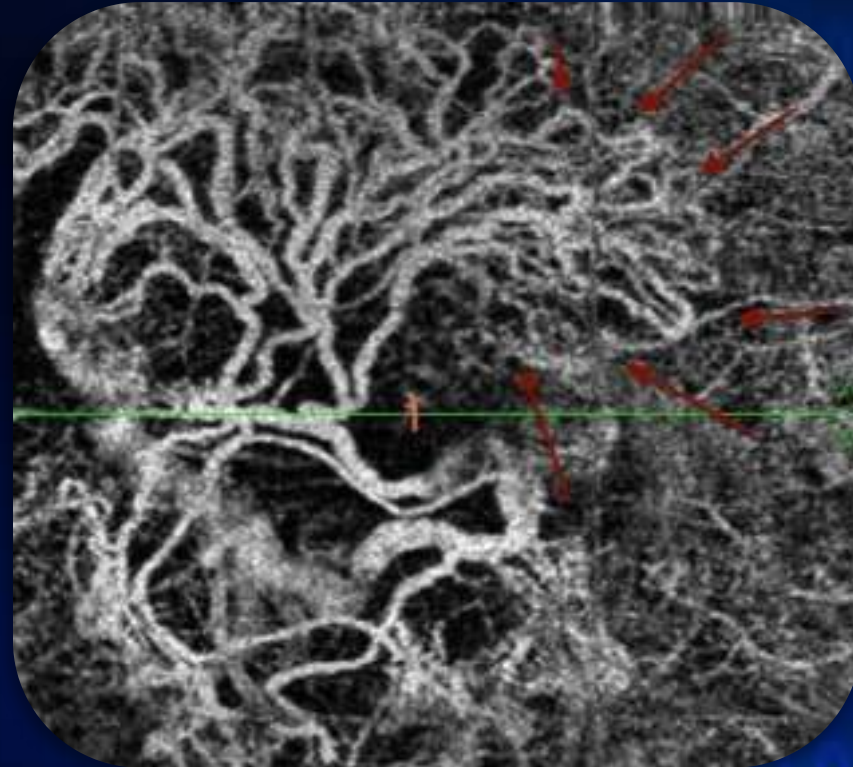


No masking  
by Leakage



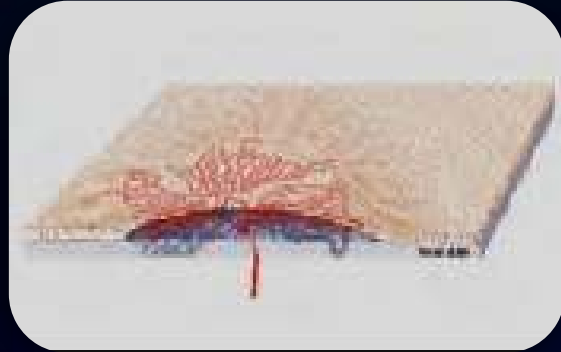
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Slab

# Type I CNV



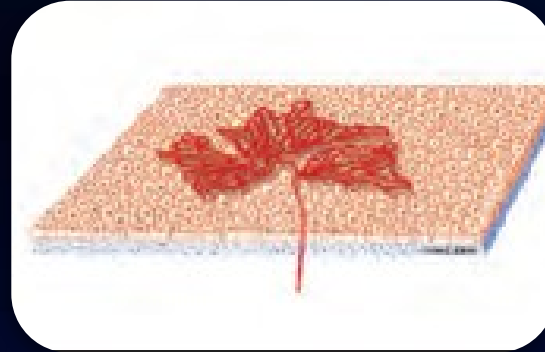
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Depth- resolved Images

Type 1  
Sub-RPE



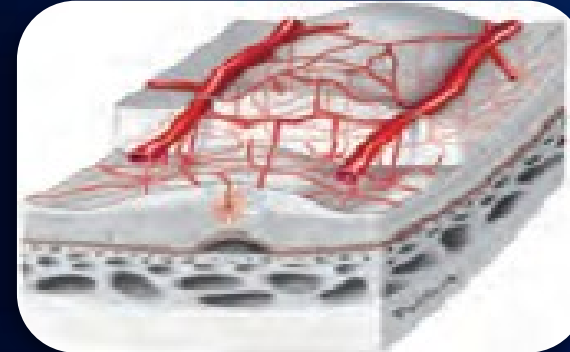
- Delayed response to Anti-VEGF.
- Less incidence of GA.
- Better long-term VA

Type 2  
Sub-Retinal



- Better early response to Anti-VEGF.
- More incidence of GA.
- Less long-term VA

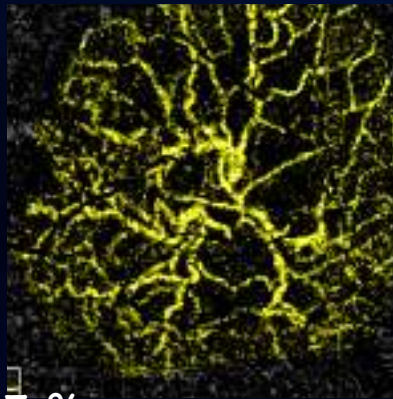
Type 3  
RAP



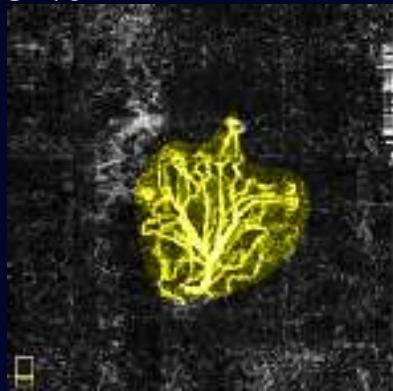
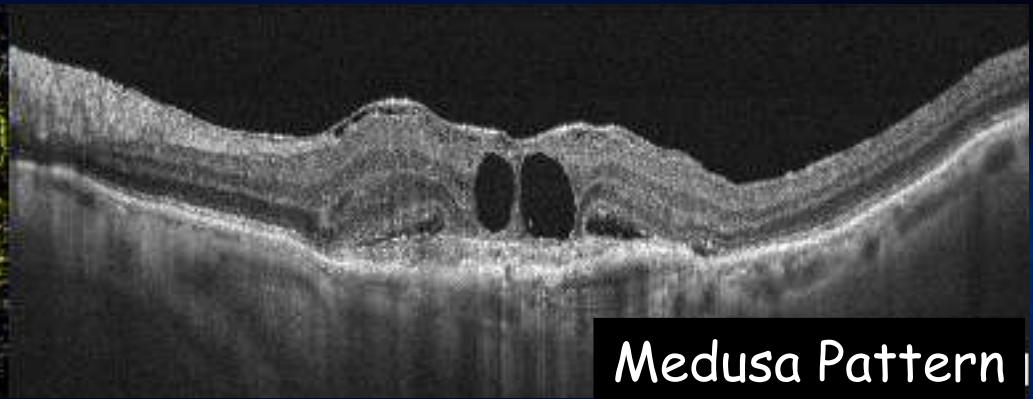
- Better response to Anti-VEGF.
- Less number of injections
- Associated with reticular drusen
- Higher incidence of GA.
- Less long-term VA

# CVN Morphology by OCT Angio

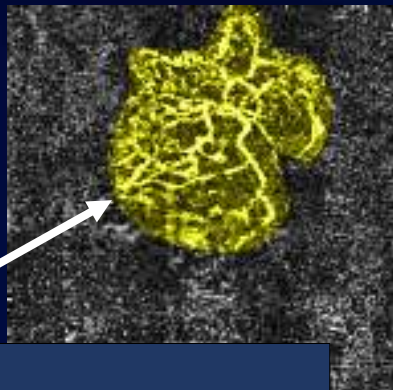
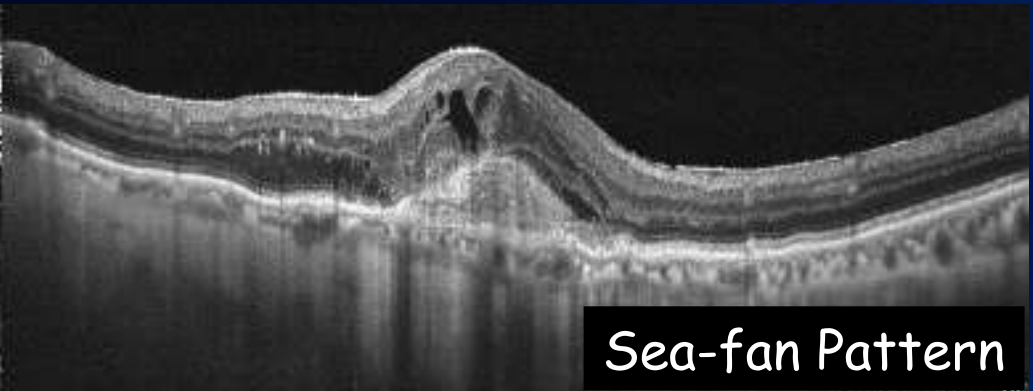
Sensitivity for CNV detection : 50-85 %  
Less : PED , occult , inactive.



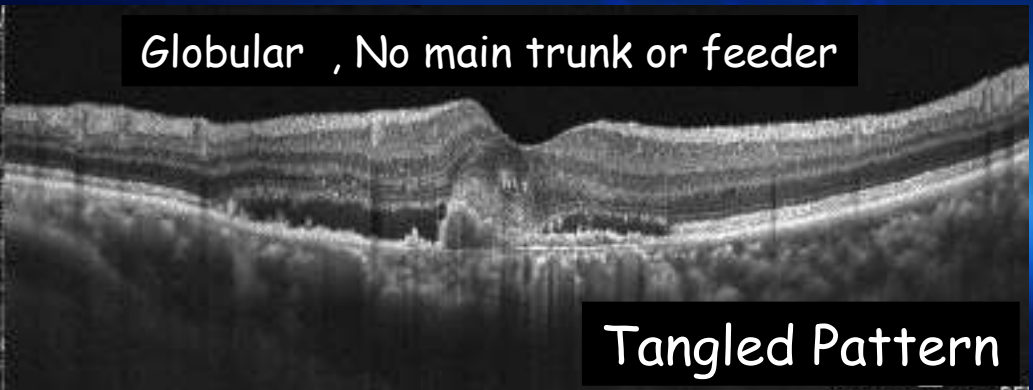
Medusa Pattern



Sea-fan Pattern



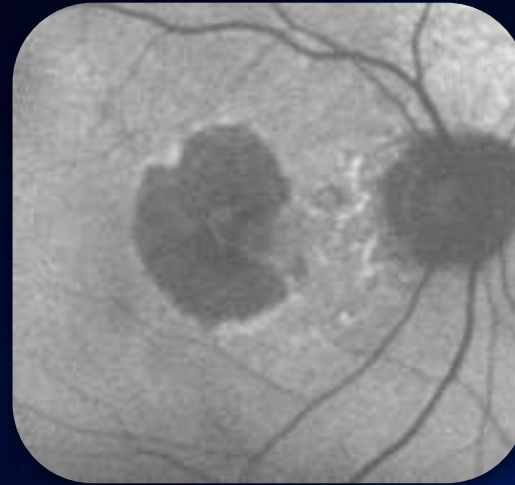
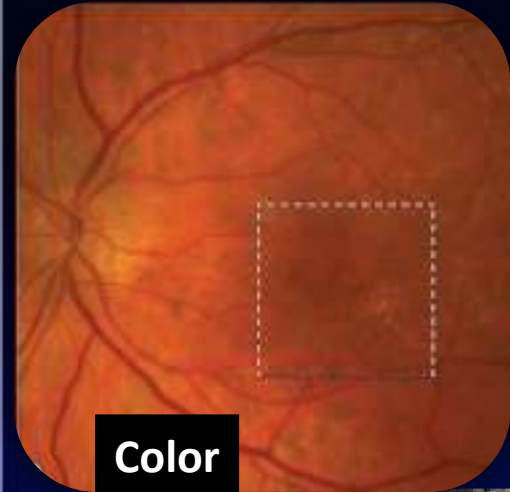
Globular , No main trunk or feeder



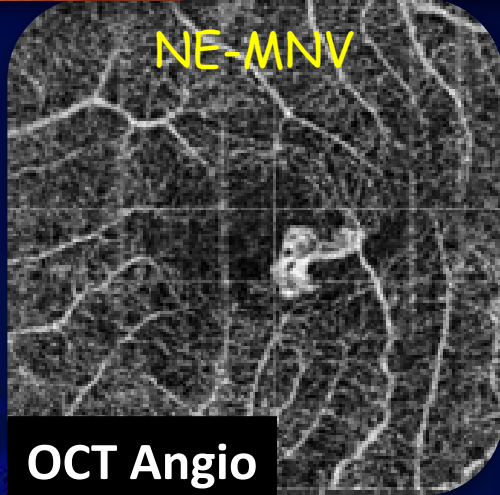
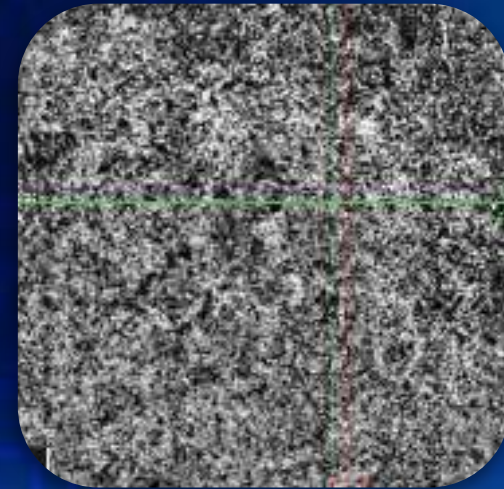
Tangled Pattern

Better VA at baseline.  
Greater visual improvement with Anti-VEGF

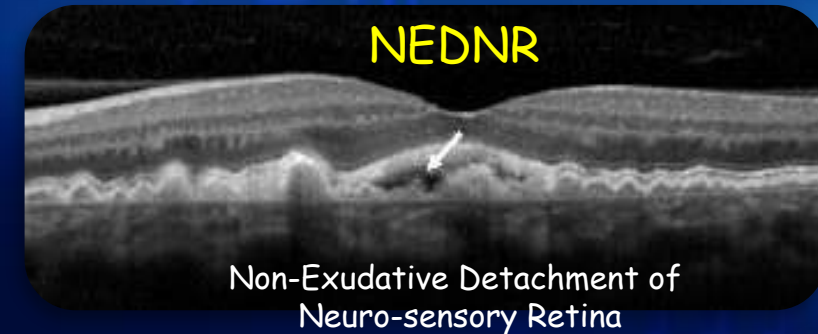
# OCT & OCTA Blur the line between "Dry" and "Wet" AMD



SRF without evidence of NV or polyps

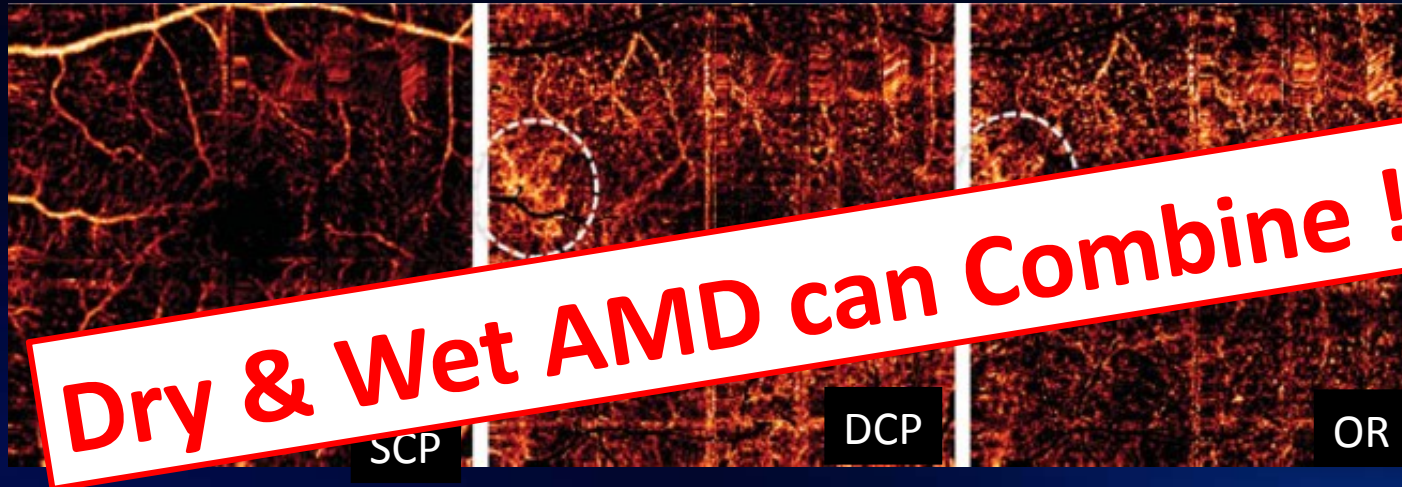
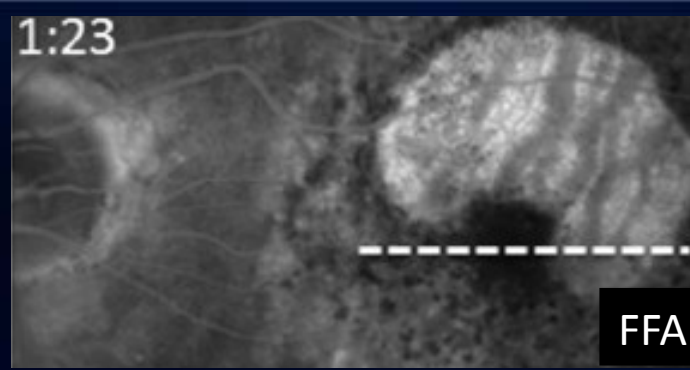


"Dry" and "Wet"  
can Combine



"Dry" but potentially "Wet"

"Wet" but actually "Dry"

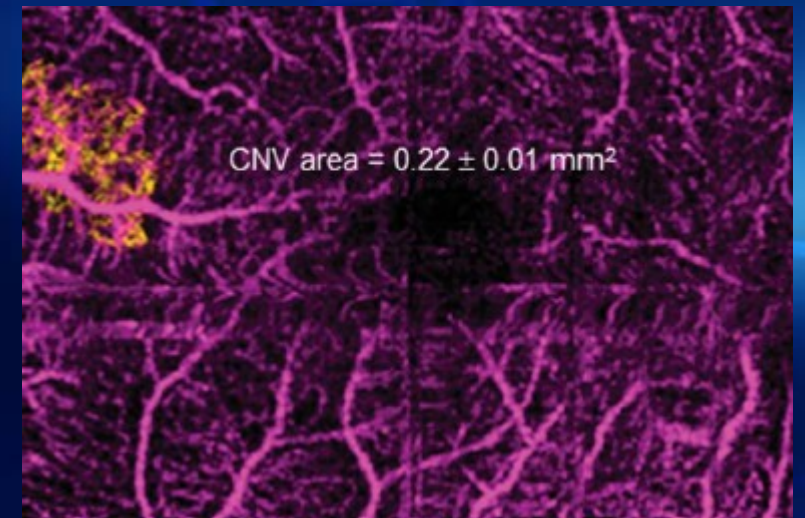


68-years old man .

PH : defective vision and central scotoma

Recent metamorphopsia

BCVA : 0.5.

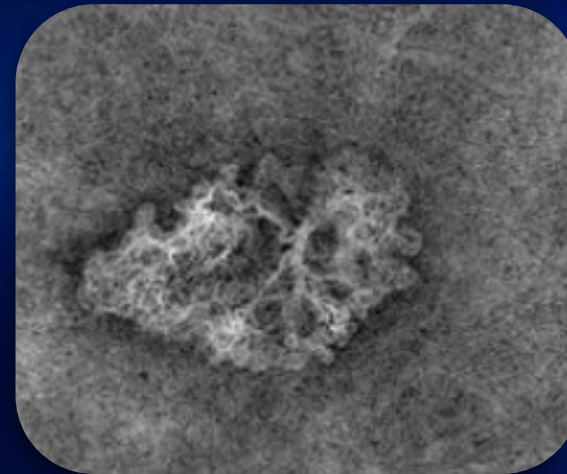
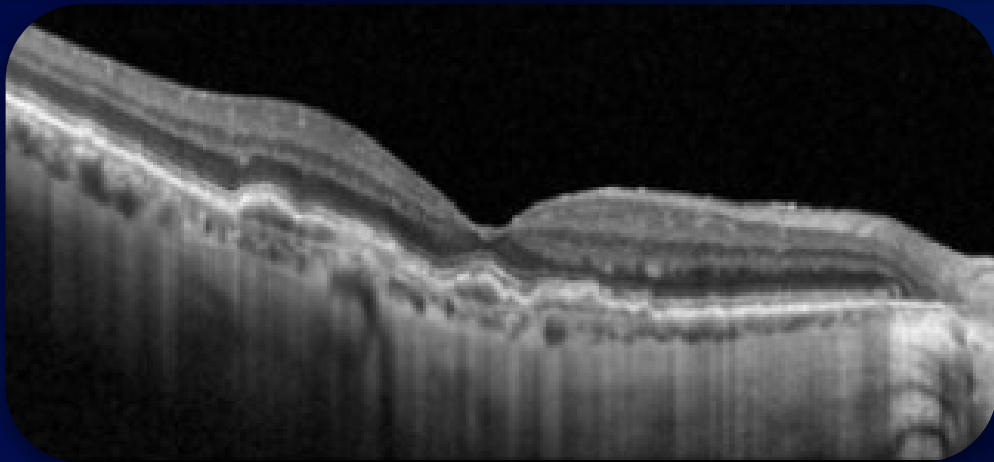


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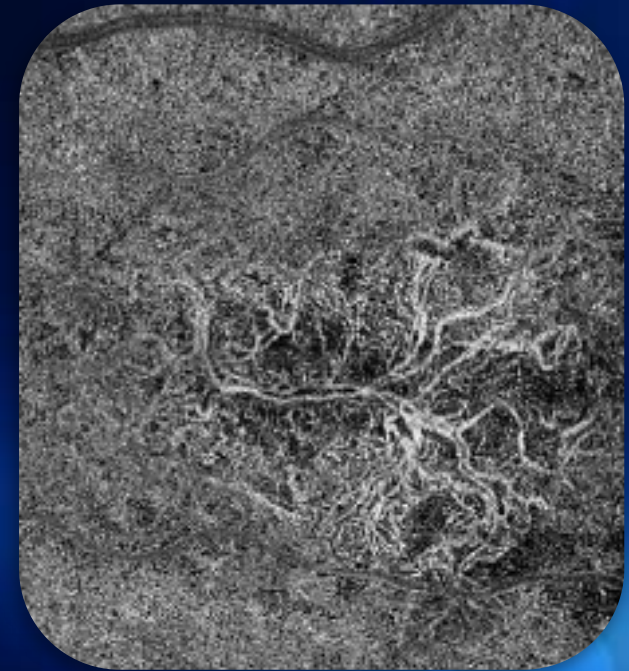
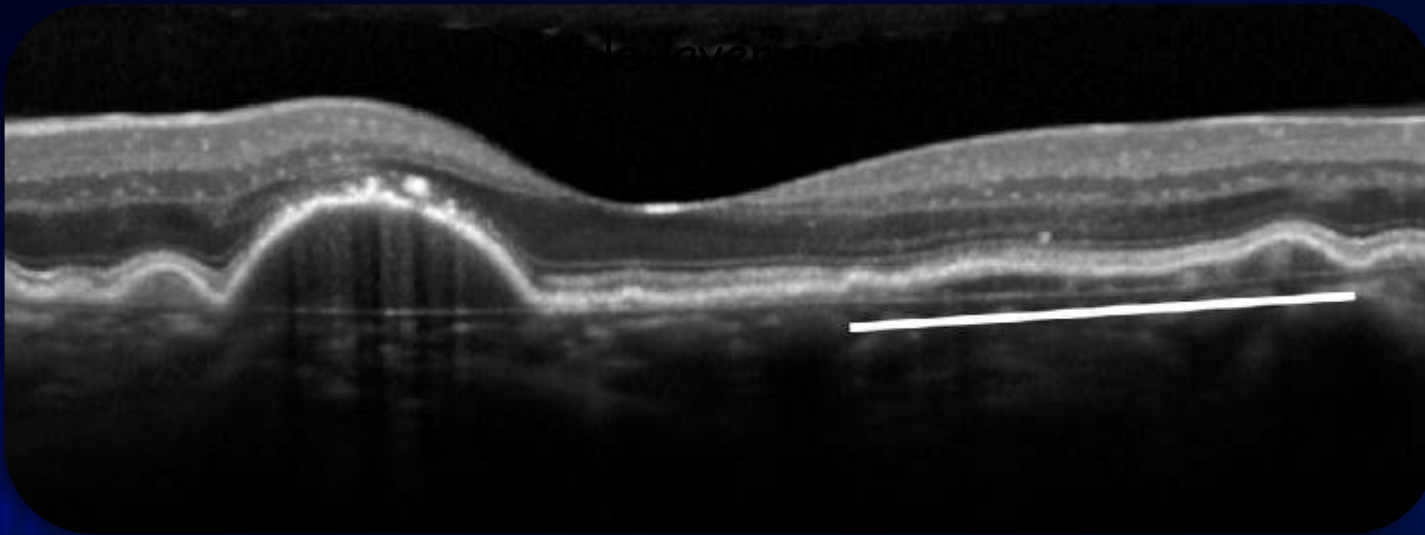
# Non-exudative MNV

- Treatment-naïve type-1 NV in the absence of signs of exudation  
( No detectable macular fluid on structural OCT , No leakage on FFA ).
- Synonymous : Non-exudative , Pre-clinical , Silent , Quiescent NV .



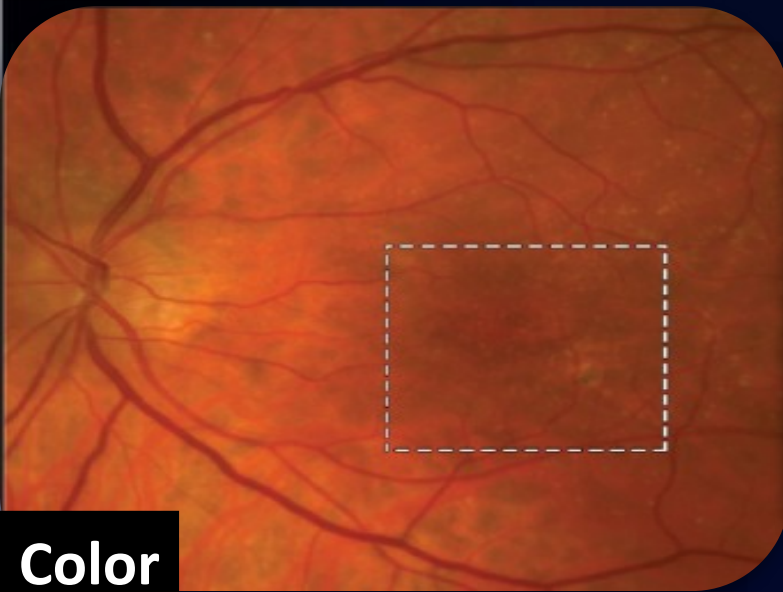
# Shallow Irregular RPE Elevation ( SIRE)

25% : quiescent ,  
non-exudative  
type 1 MNV

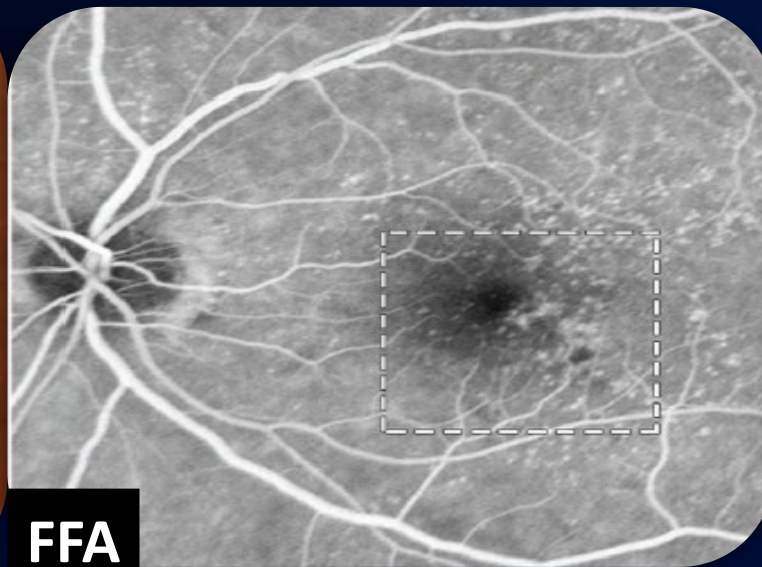


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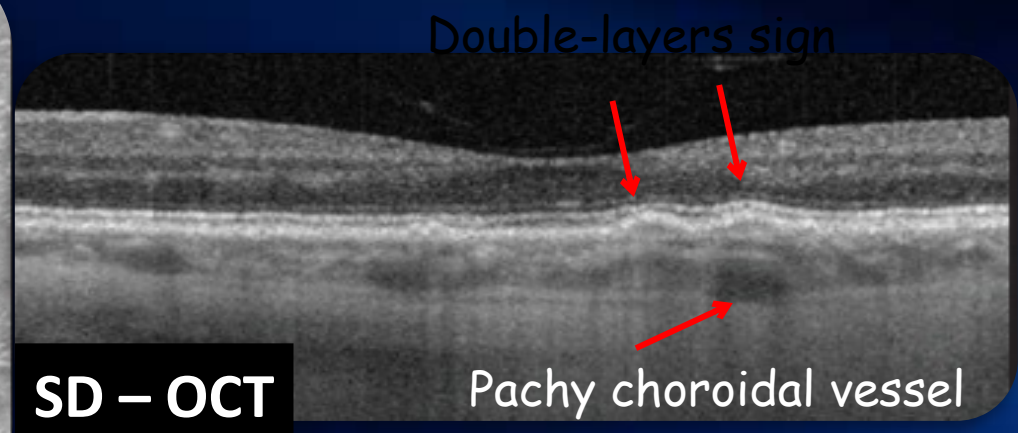
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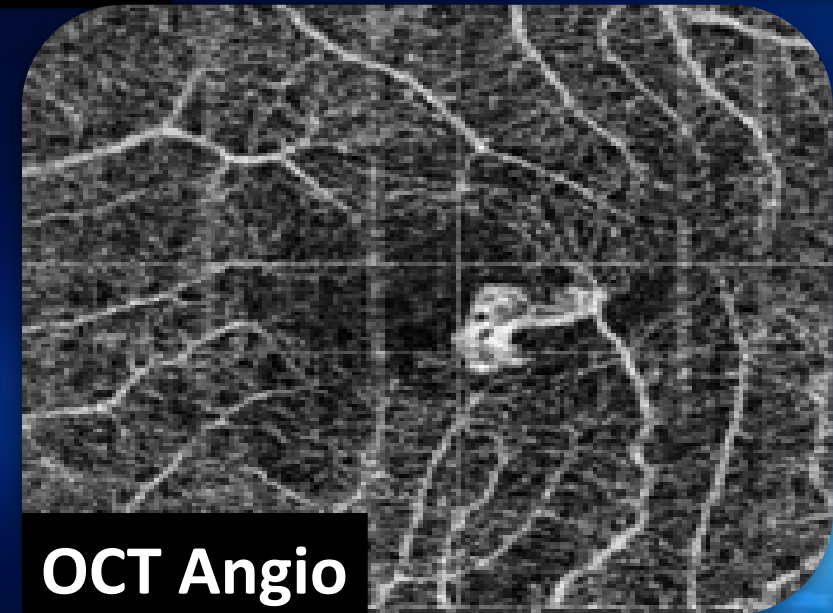
Color



FFA



SD – OCT



OCT Angio

**C/O Metamorphopsia**  
**65-years-old man**  
**BCVA 0.5**  
**Intermediate AMD !!**

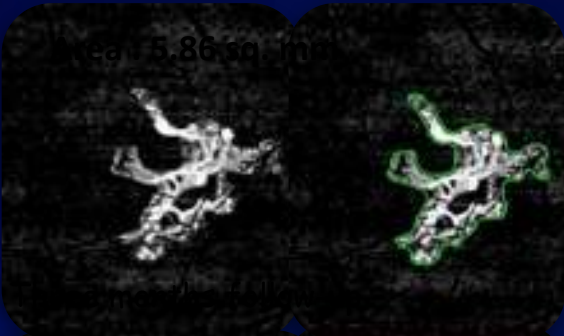


Prevalence : 11 - 27 %  
 Cases of Early and  
 Intermediate AMD.

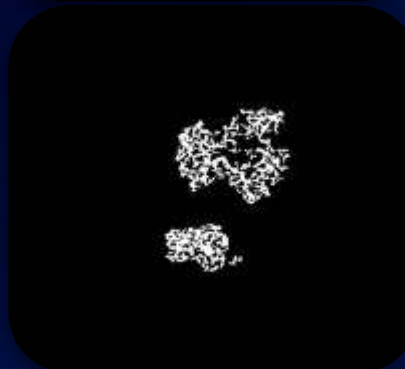
# To Treat or Not to treat ?!



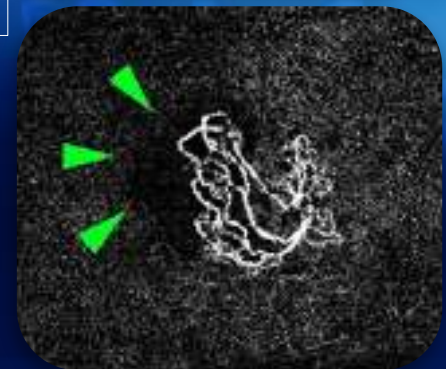
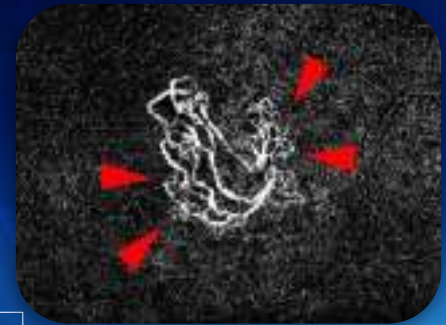
- Non-exudative MNV : X14 2-year risk of exudation.
- Prophylactic Anti-VEGF : NO benefit in preventing exudation or vision loss.
- Grow in size but don't exude.
- **VAD , CC perfusion : if *DECREASED !!* ; risk of near-term exudation.**
- Rationale : nutritionally - deprived RPE : VEGF upregulation.



Grow but Not Exude

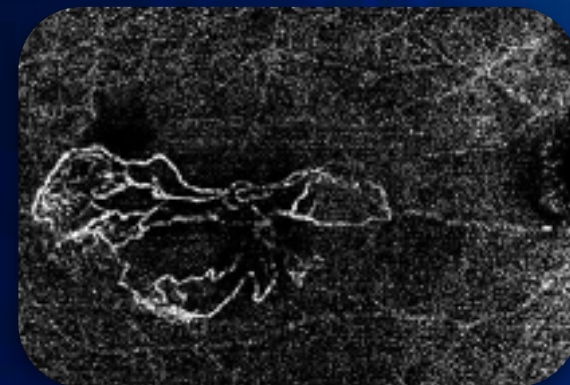
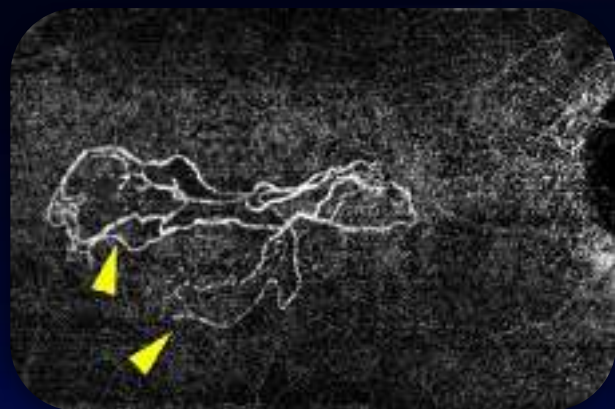


Two months follow-up



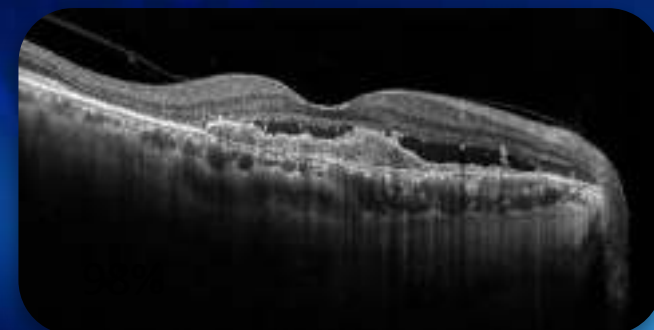
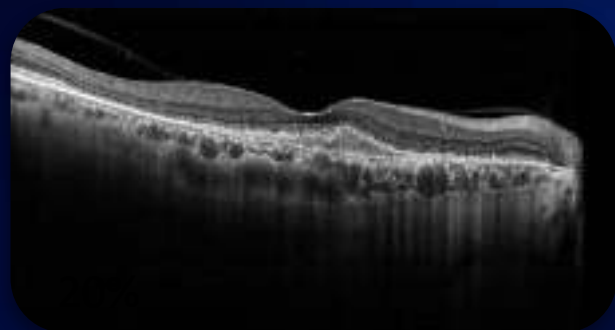
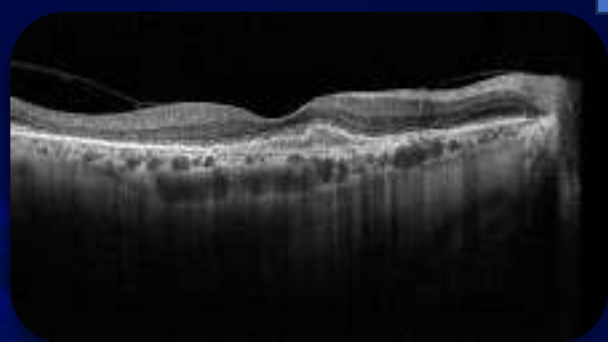
# OCTA Biomarkers

Warrants Anti-VEGF to avoid  
IRF (poorer visual outcome)



4 Weeks

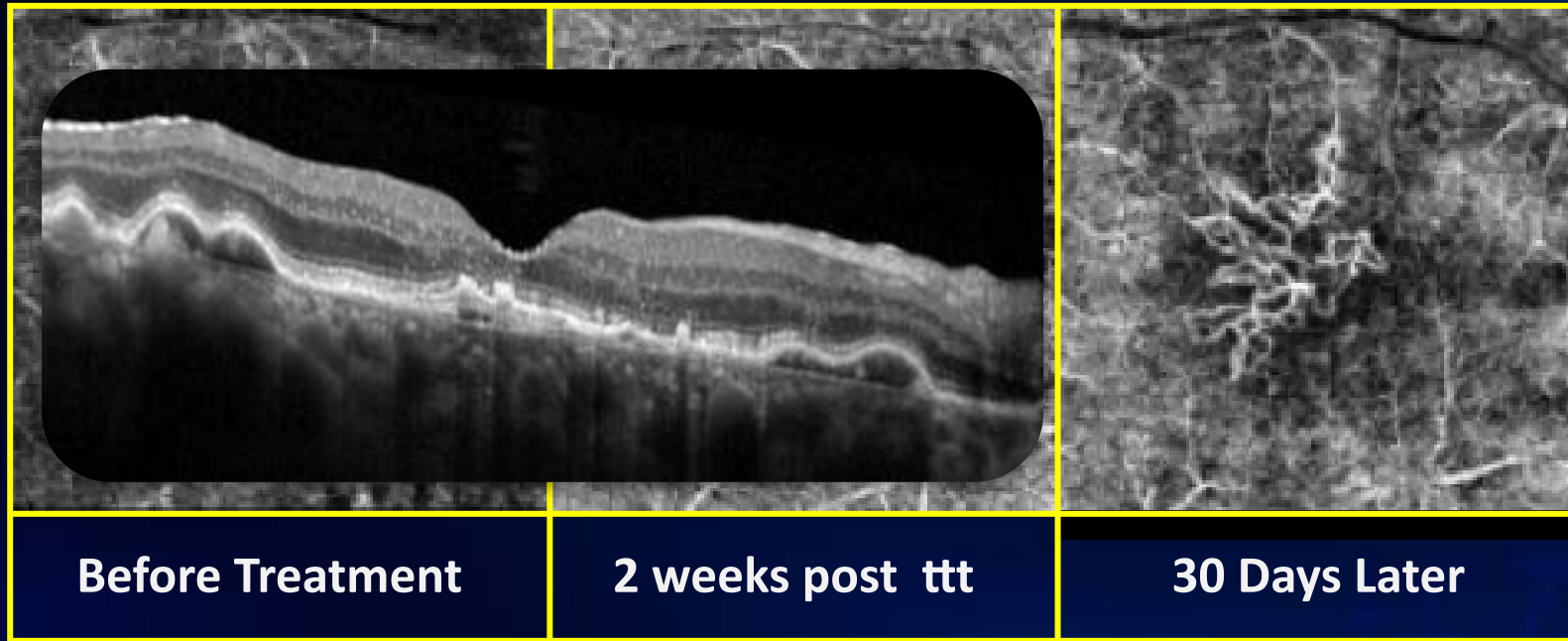
9 Weeks



Asymptomatic , exudation-  
free growth

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**Rapid  
Regression**

**Re-growth**

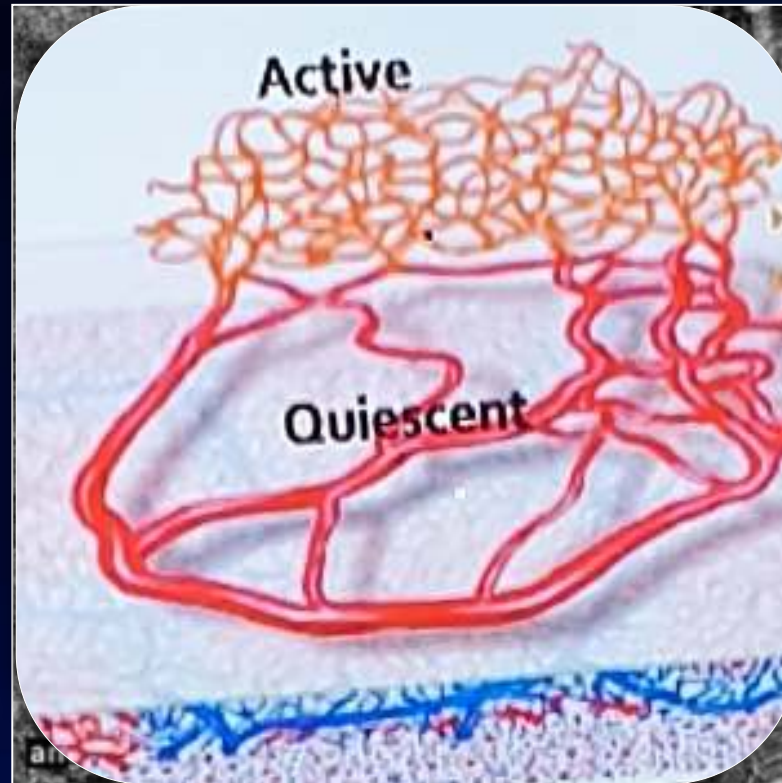
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# Vascular Anatomy of CNV

## *Peripheral vessels*

- Tiny , anastemosis
- Immature vessels ( NO pericytes surrounding endothelial cells).
- Responsive to Anti-VEGF

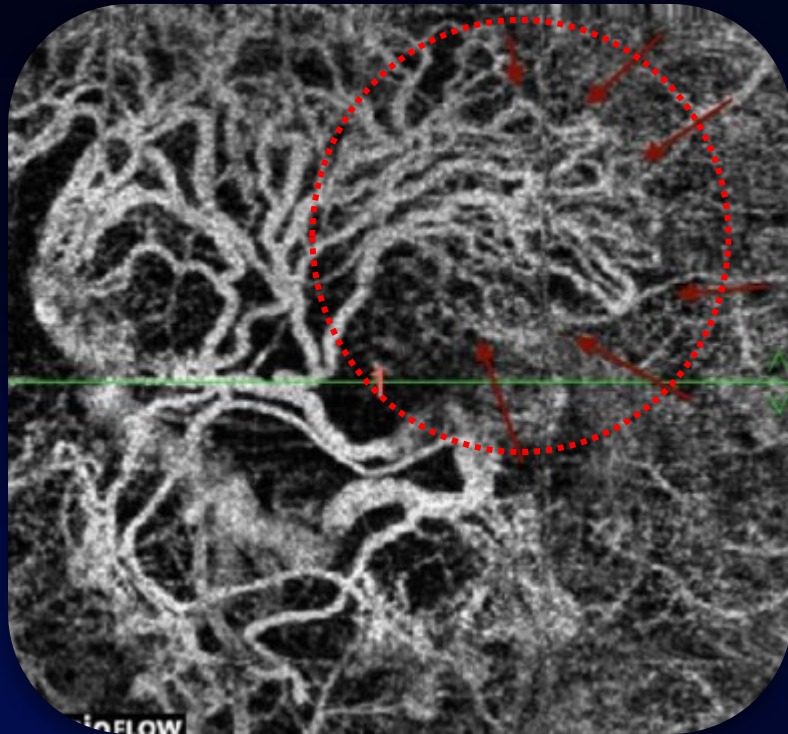


## *Trunk vessels*

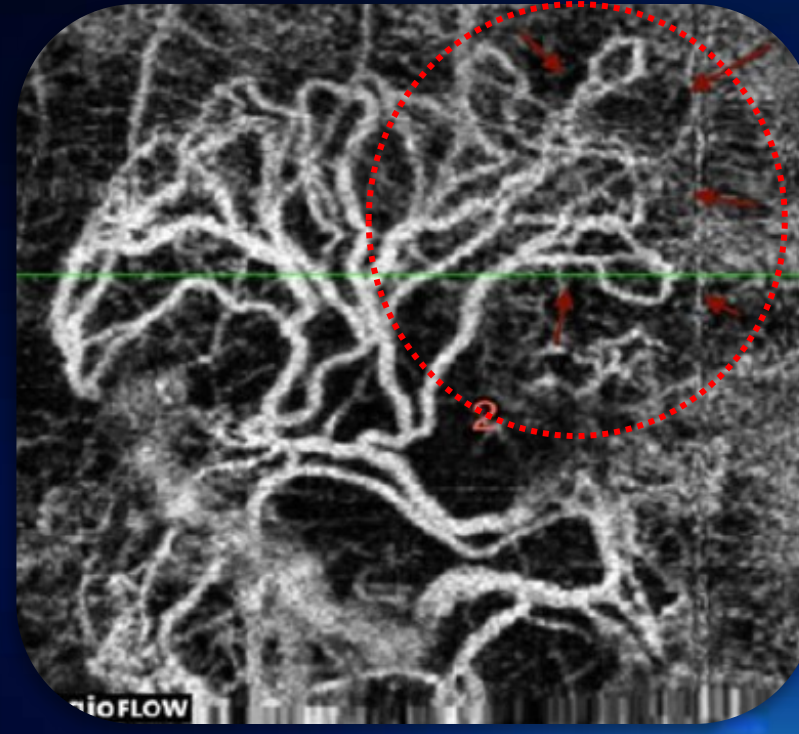
- Large
- Mature vessels ( pericytes surrounding endothelial cells)
- Resistant to Anti-VEGF

Pericytes are indicator of vessel maturation

# Anti - VEGF Therapy



Baseline



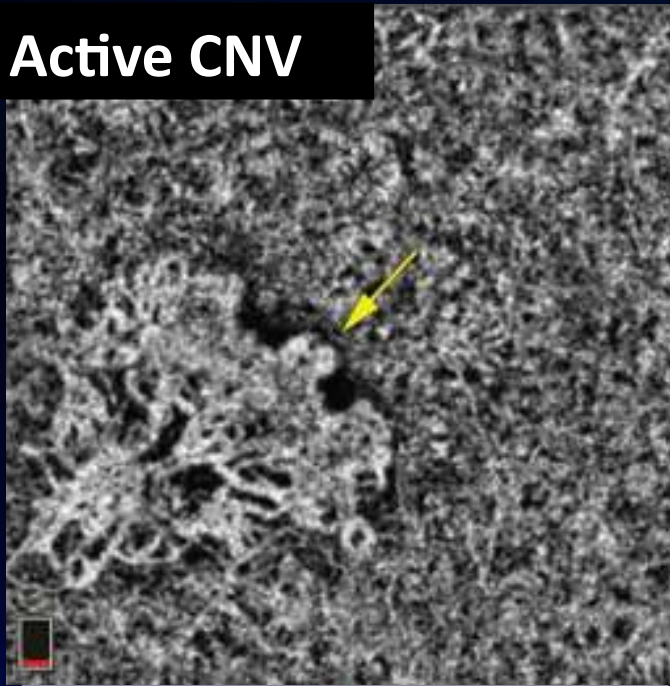
Post IV Injection

## Regression of Anastemosis

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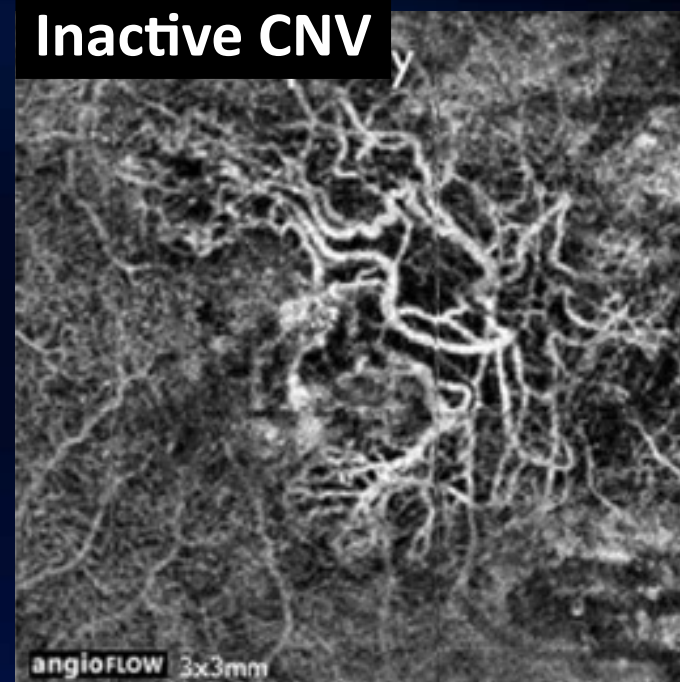
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Active CNV



Extensive Arborization,  
Tiny capillaries , Halo  
Looping , Anastomoses

Inactive CNV



Large linear vessels  
Dark spaces , No anastomoses  
Decreased density



Blooming Tree

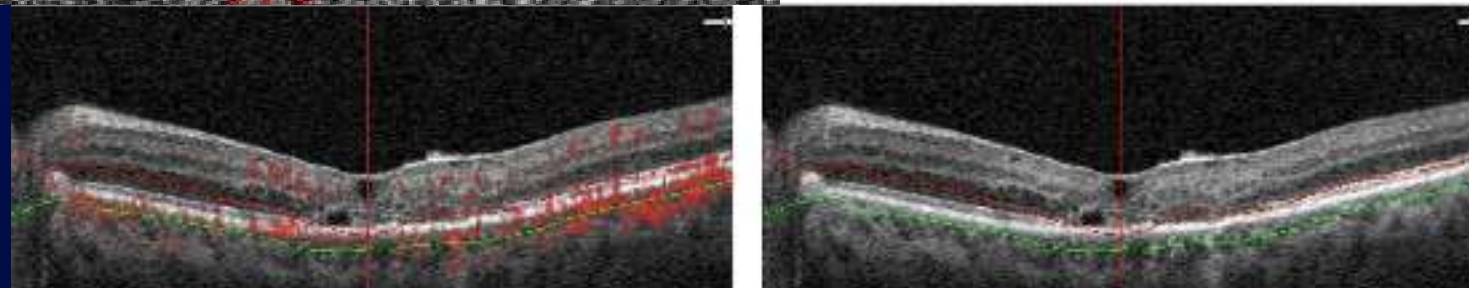
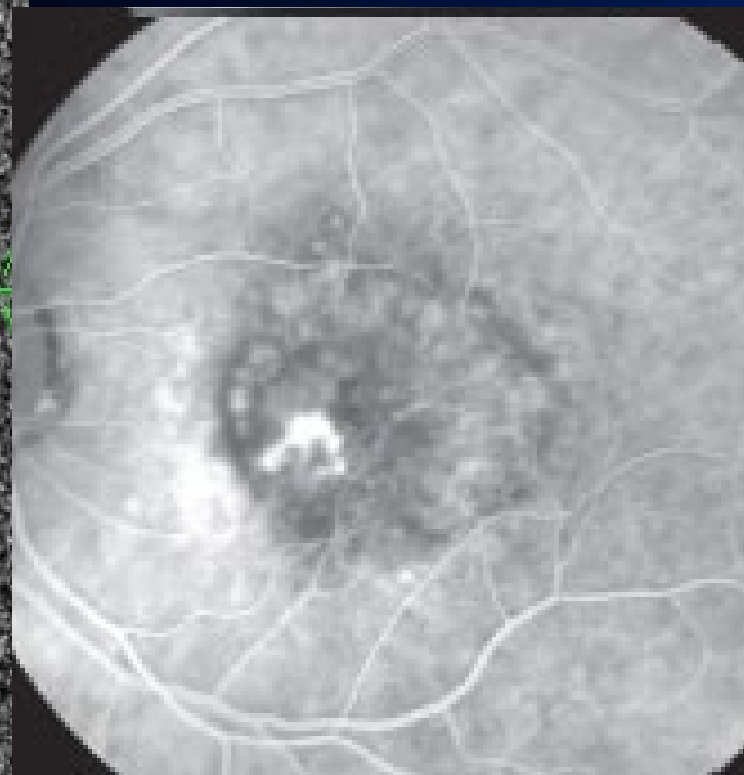
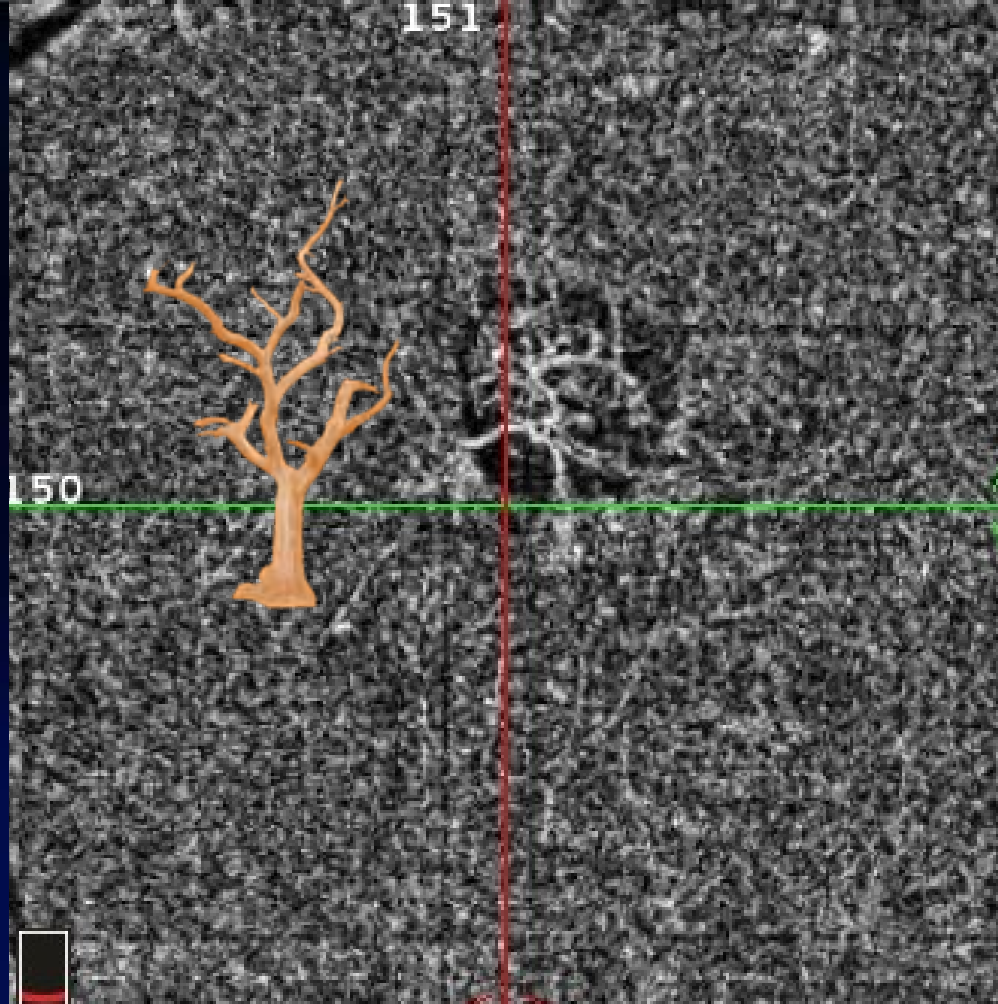
Dead Tree



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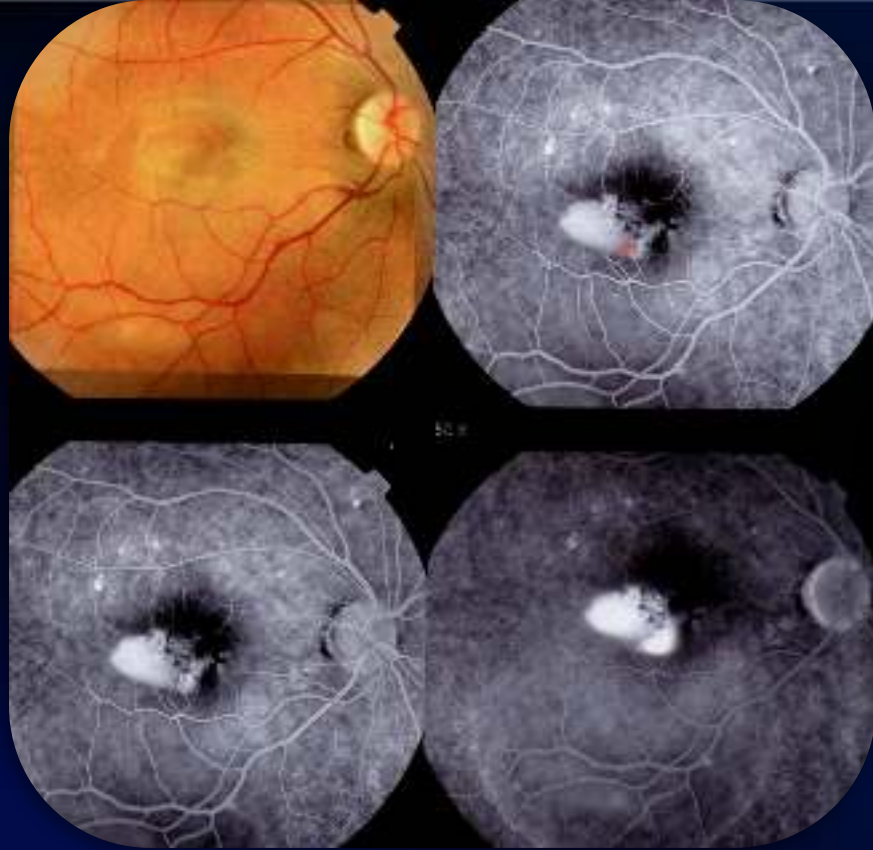
Following repeated IVR ( X6 )



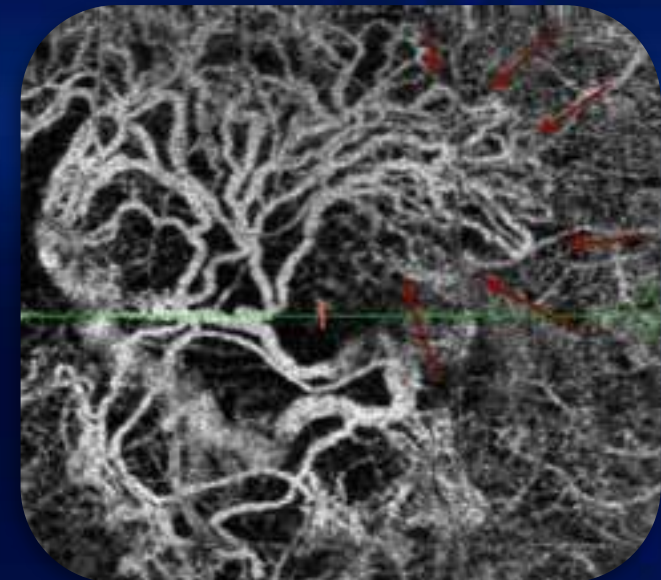
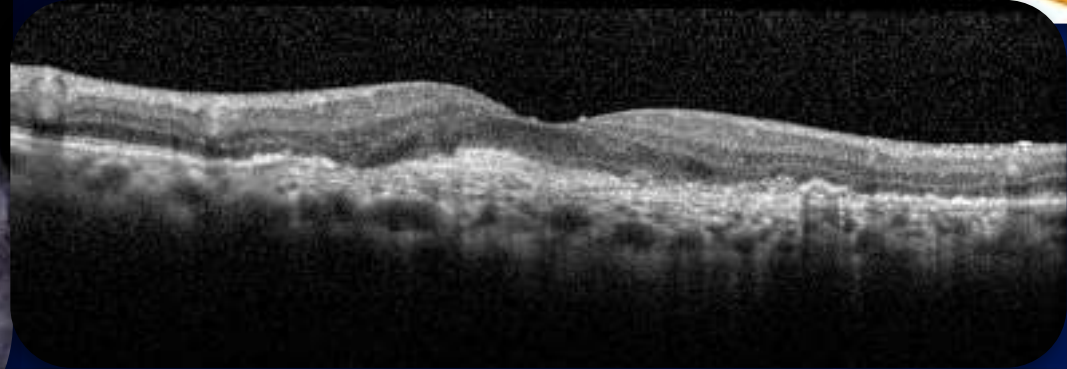
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To inject or not to inject ??



Male 76 years old  
Anti-VEGF X5  
BCVA 0.1



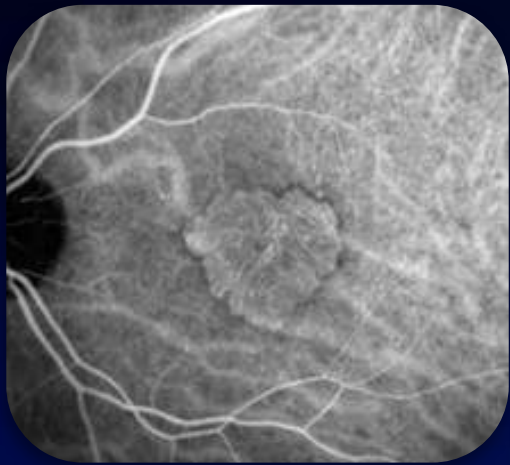
- RPE pump removes fluid as quickly as it leaks.
- Tight outer BRB prevents leakage from type 1 CNV from diffusing through the RPE layer.

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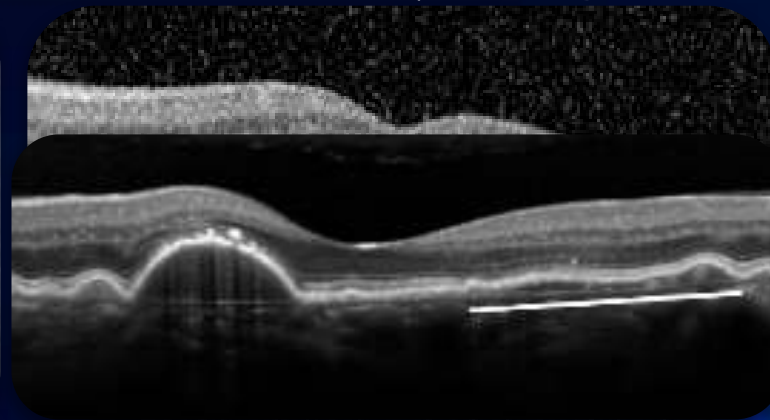
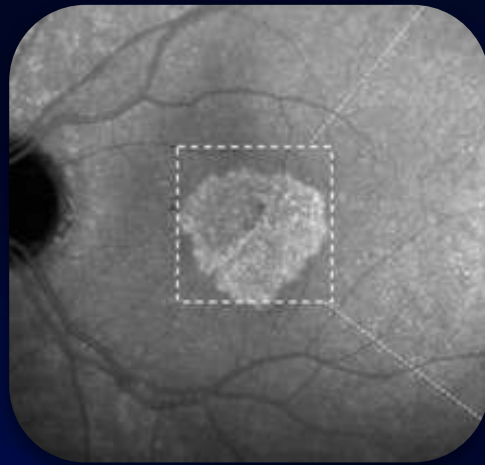
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# NON-EXUDATIVE MNV

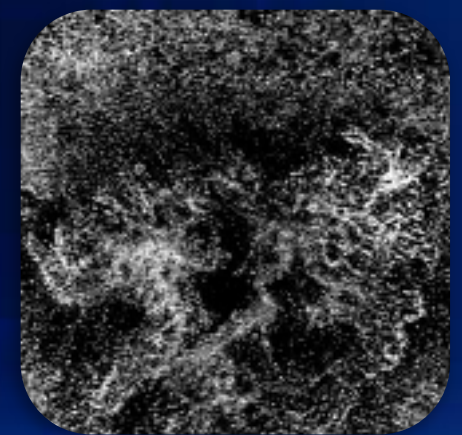
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ICGA

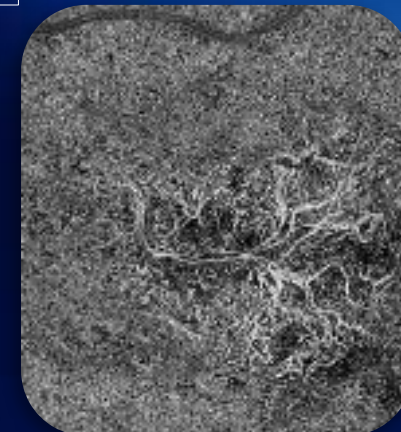


OCT



OCTA

25% : quiescent ,  
non-exudative  
type 1 MNV



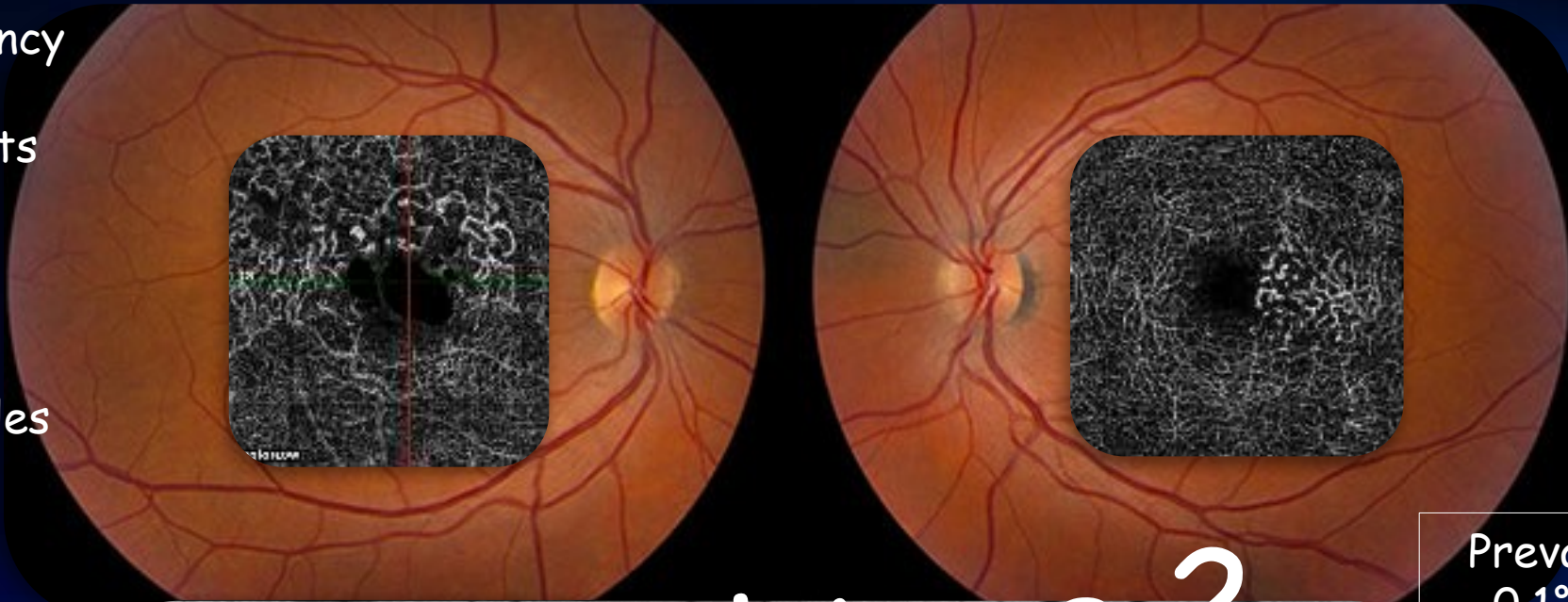
Loss of transparency

Crystalline deposits

RPE hyperplasia &  
migration

Right-angles venules

Blunted venules



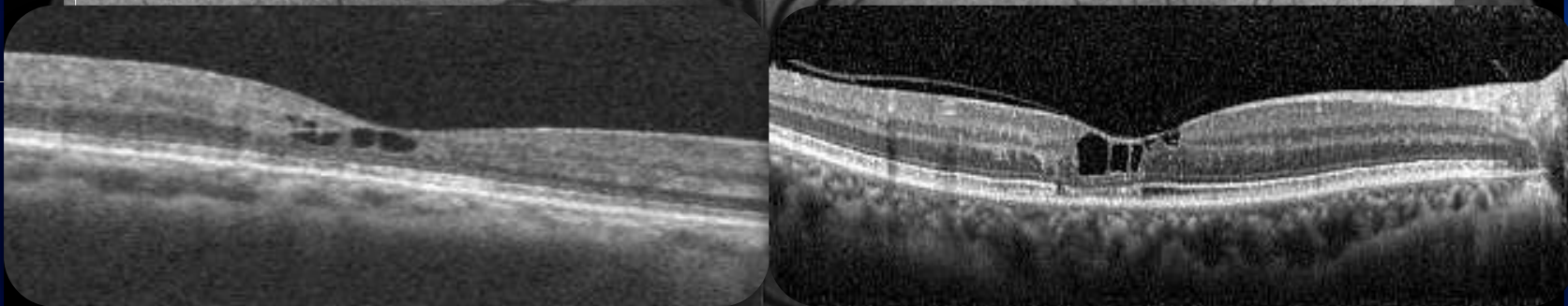
Prevalence :  
0.1% , > 40 years

FAF

MacTel type 2

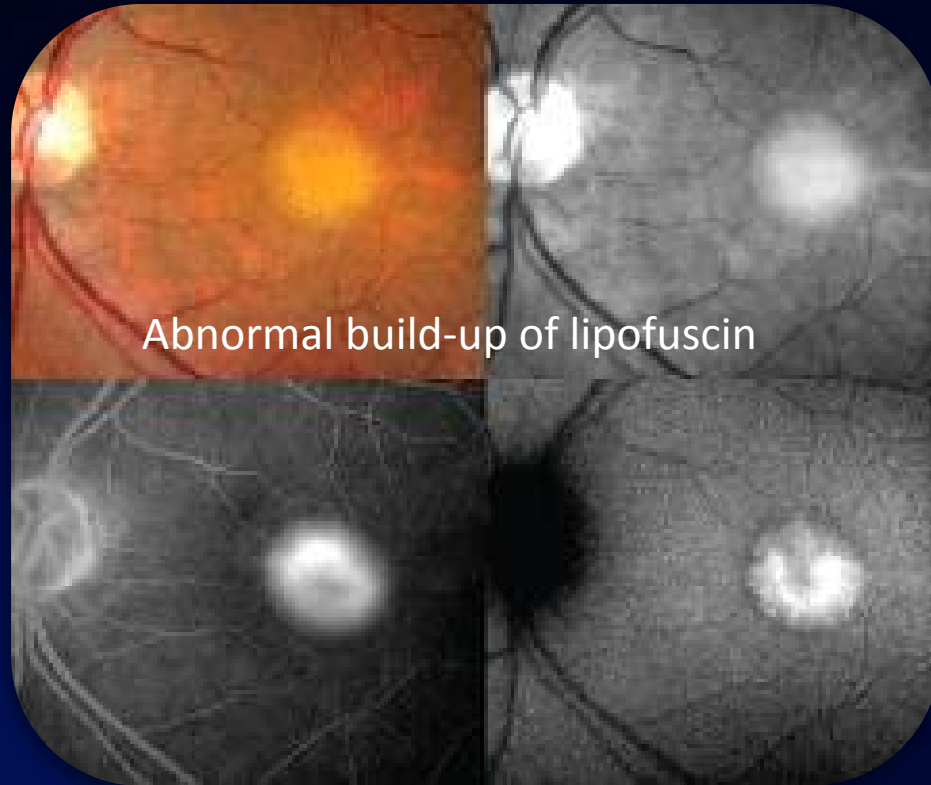
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Depletion of macular  
Pigment ( Lutein &  
Zeaxanthin)

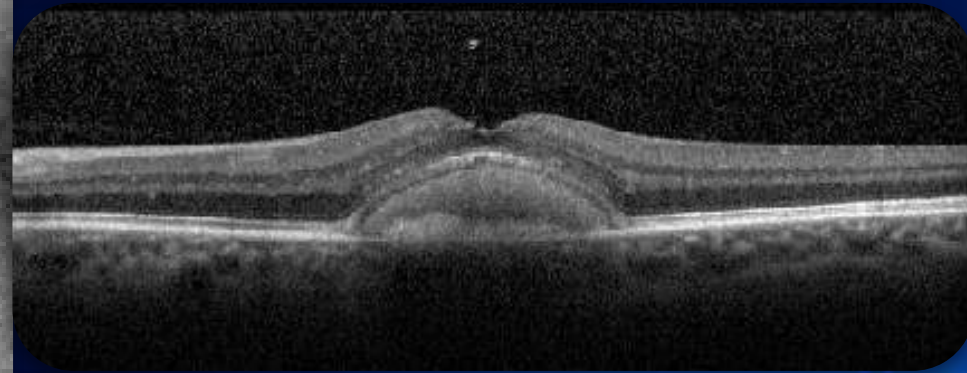


# Adult-onset Vitelliform Degeneration

## Foveo- macular Vitelliform Dystrophy

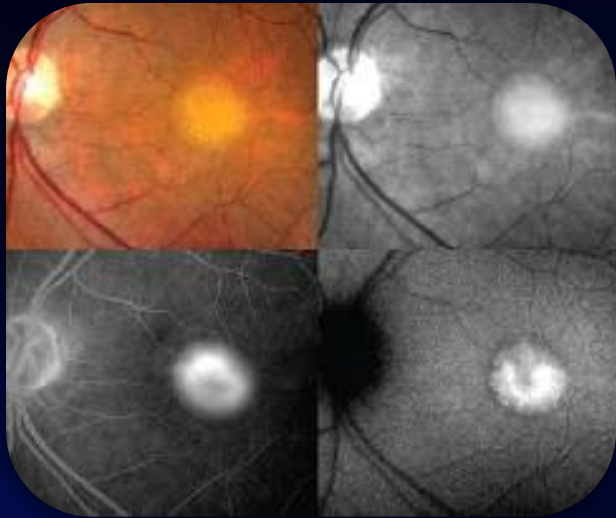


Gass 1974 ; Peculiar Macular Dystrophy  
Form of Pattern Dystrophy



Fourth – Sixth decades  
Asymptomatic or mild symptoms  
Drop of vision : secondary CNV  
Misdiagnosed as Wet AMD

# THE CHALLENGE



## Adult-onset Vitelliform Degeneration

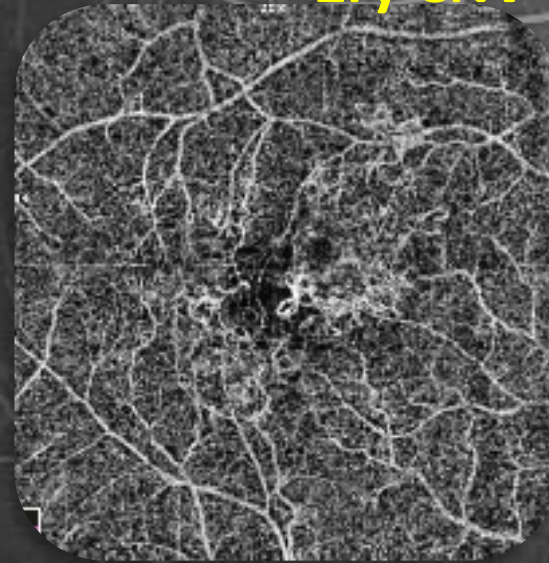
### Foveo- macular Vitelliform Dystrophy

Complicated by CNV : 12% in 6-years follow-up.  
Change course , management and prognosis .  
Diagnostic Challenge , both Vitelliform lesion and CNV are hyper-fluorescent .  
Early diagnosis , prompt treatment is mandatory

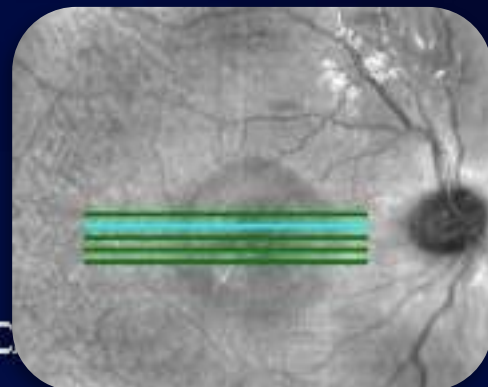
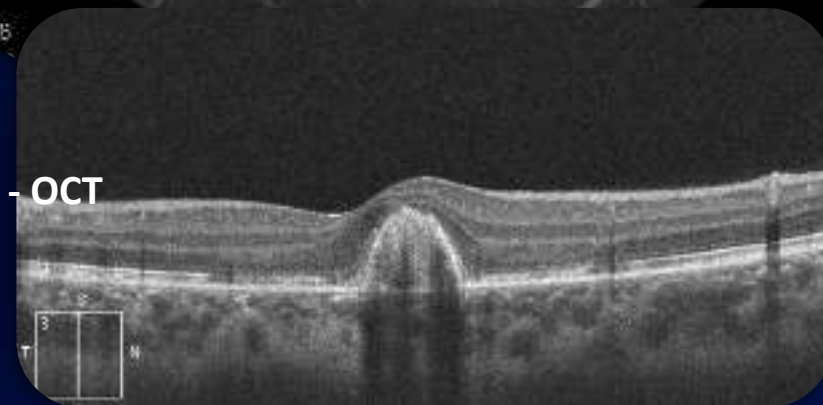
65 years old male , recent drop of vision



## Adult-onset Vitelliform Dystrophy Complicated by 2ry CNV

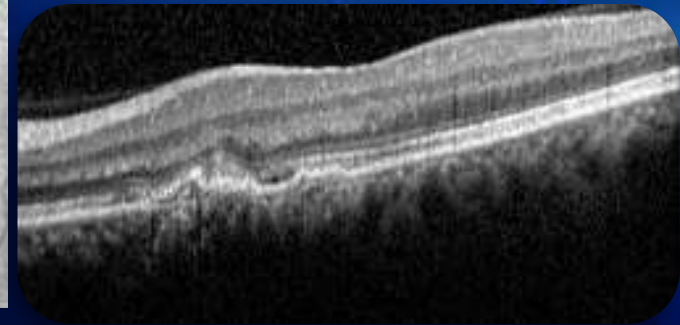
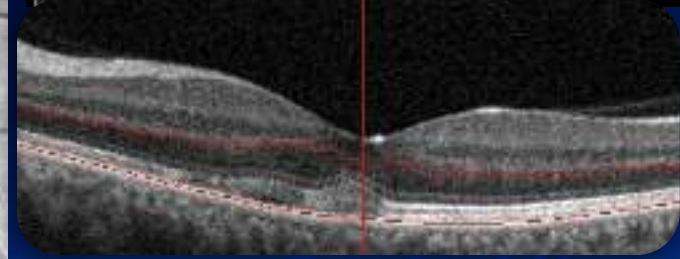
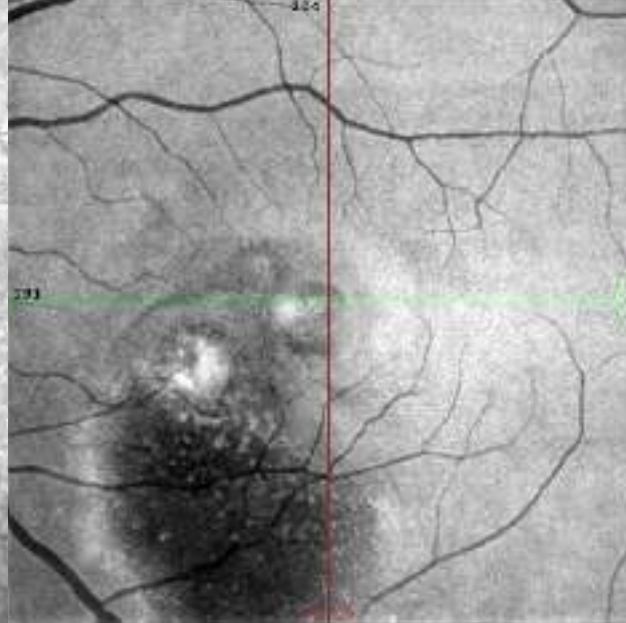
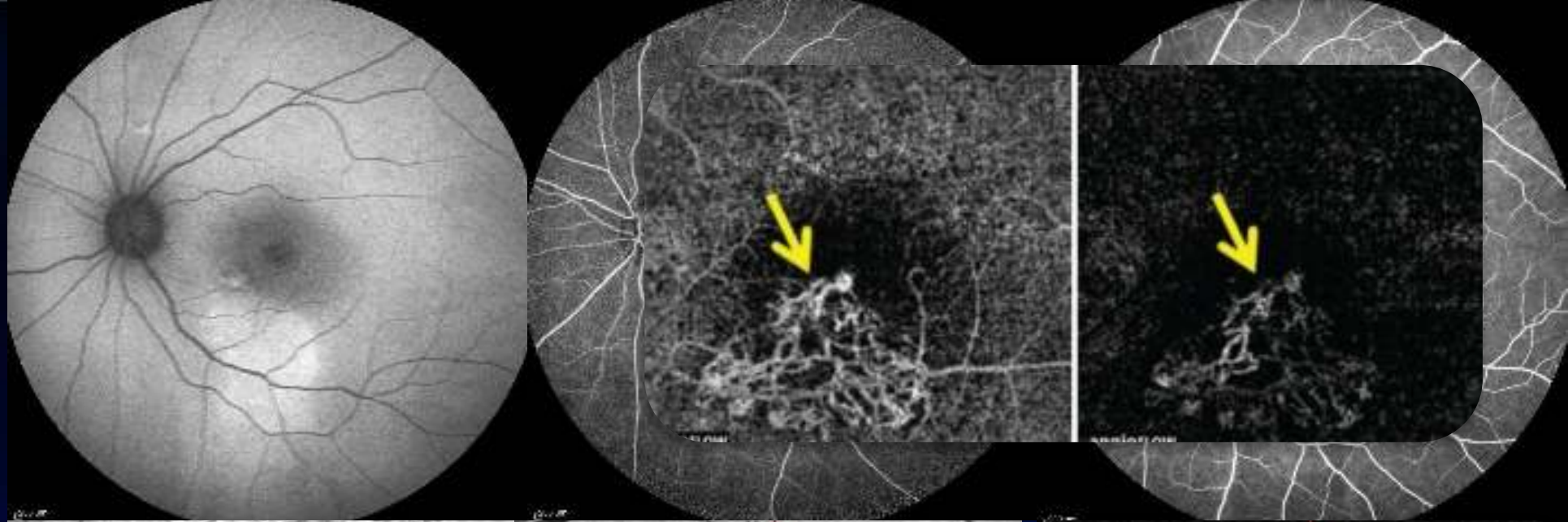


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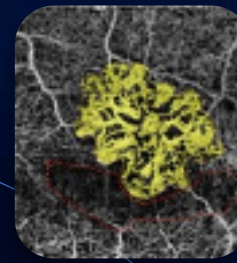
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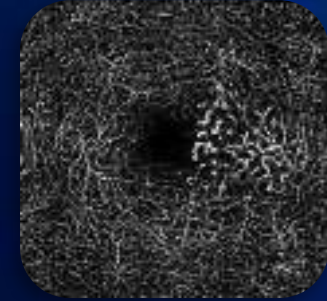
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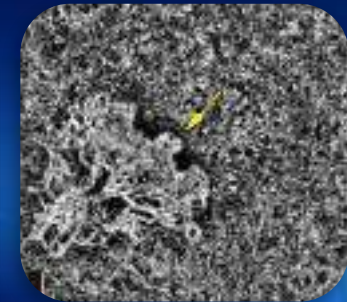
CNV Morphology  
Flow area and  
Segmentation



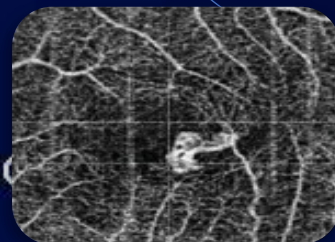
Mimicking  
Conditions



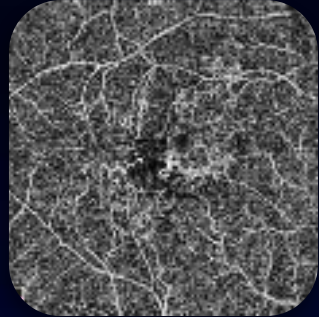
CNV Activity



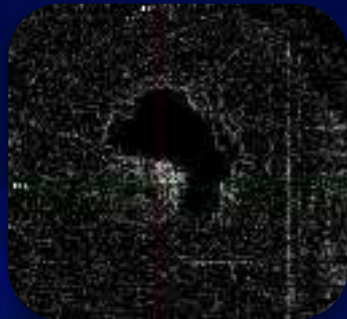
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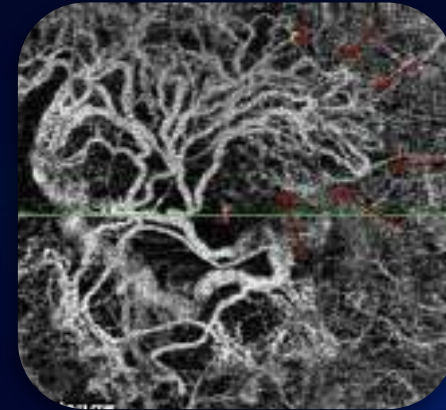
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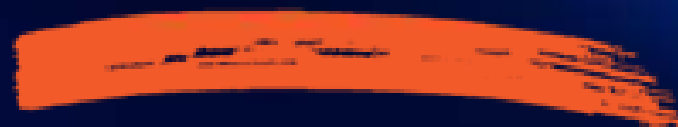
CNV at edge of  
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