Preventing & Treating Diabetes-Related Blindness

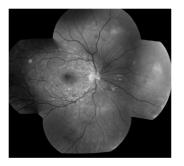
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Everything You Wanted to Know About Diabetic Retinopathy





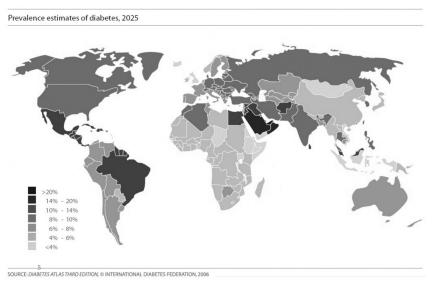


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Prevalence of Diabetes

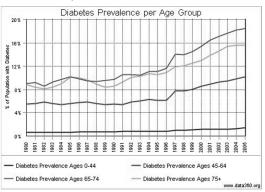


World wide impact of diabetes



Diabetes Facts

- · Diabetes affects 25.8 million people of all ages in the US
 - This is 8.3% of the population
- · Among people 65 years and older, 26.9% have diabetes
 - · 50% are considered pre-diabetic





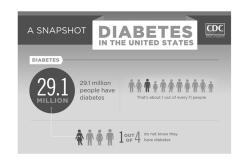
http://diabetes.niddk.nih.gov/dm/pubs/statistics/

Age-adjusted prevalence of diagnosed diabetes in US adults^{1,2}



Staggering Numbers – thanks Apple, Pepsi, Chipotle!

- 29 MILLION in USA have Diabetes
- 86 MILLION in USA have Pre-Diabetes !!!
- 1 in 4 Don't KNOW they have it!
- · 250 BILLION DOLLARS annual healthcare costs





CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

The Burden of Diabetes in

Colorado



Diabetes is growing at an epidemic rate in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 30 million Americans have diabetes and face its devastating consequences. What's true nationwide is also true in Colorado.

Colorado's diabetes epidemic:

Approximately **416,301 people in Colorado**, or 9.8% of the adult population, **have diabetes**.

- Of these, an estimated 118,000 have diabetes but don't know it, greatly increasing their health risk.
- In addition, 1,342,000 people in Colorado, 34.8% of the adult population, have prediabetes with blood glucose levels higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes.

Diabetes costs an estimated \$3.6 billion in Colorado each year.

The serious complications include heart disease, stroke, amputation, end-stage kidney disease, blindness – and death.

44% of Coloradans are Diabetic or Pre-Diabetic



Diabetes is Associated with Serious Systemic Comorbidities

Diabetic Retinopathy

28.5% of adults with diabetes ≥40 years of age have DR¹

~13% of DR patients have DME²

Diabetic Nephropathy

~33% of selfreported diabetics have chronic renal disease³

Diabetic Neuropathy

60%-70% of people with diabetes have some form of nervous system damage¹

Whatever is observed in the retinal blood vessels, is also taking place in all of the other major organs- brain, heart, kidneys.

roke

ME patients are ~2 times ore likely to have a roke compared with abetes patients without MF4

pronary Heart

ME patients are 2.5 hes more likely to ave a heart attack compared with diabetes patients without DME⁴

Prevalence of Microvascular and Macrovascular Complications in Patients

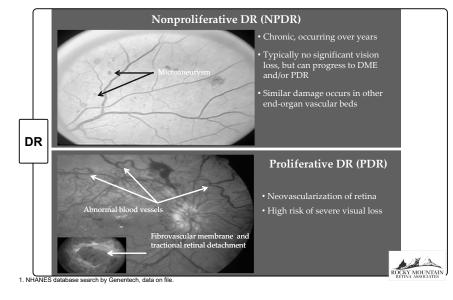
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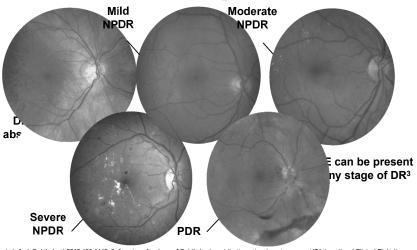
nonproliferative & proliferative diabetic retinopathy

Diabetic Retinopathy



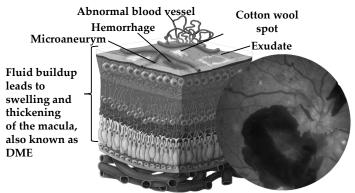


What are the different stages of diabetic retinopathy?^{1,2}



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DR is a complication of diabetes that causes damage to retinal blood vessels¹

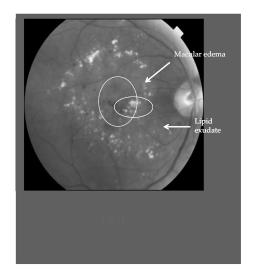


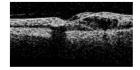
What are Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) and Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)?

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Diabetic Macular Edema Is a Major Cause of Vision Loss





Risk Factors for DME¹⁻⁴

Medical Conditions

Duration of diabetes

 Patients who have had diabetes for ≥10 years are 11 times more likely to have DME¹

Elevated hemoglobin A_{1C} (HbA_{1c})¹⁻³

Every 1% increase in HbA_{1C} levels corresponds to a 50% increased risk of DME¹

Uncontrolled hypertension¹

Hyperlipidemia3

- 1.NHANES database search by Genentech, data on file
- 2.Klein et al. Ophthalmology. 2009;116:497.
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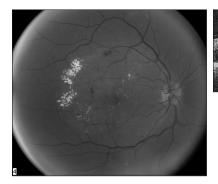


DME

- OCT (Optical coherance tomography)
- Fluorescein Angiography
- OCT A

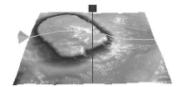


OCT- DME

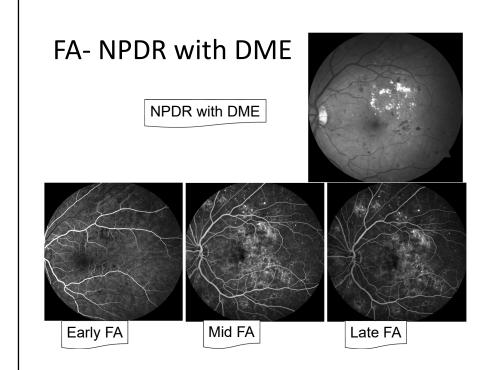


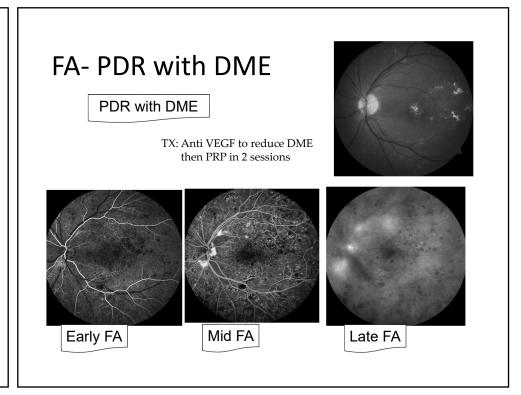
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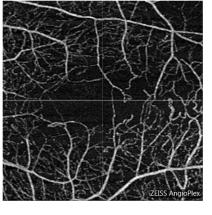






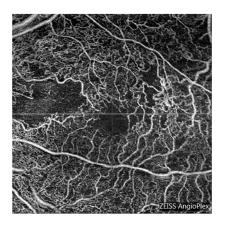
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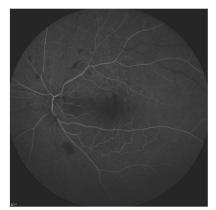






OCT- DR with nonperfusion





OCT-A

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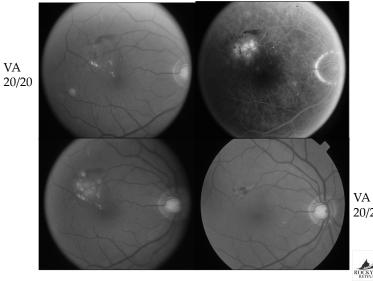


Macular edema treatment

- 1. Laser
 - · Formerly the gold standard
- 2. Injections of steroid
 - SubTenons kenalog
 - · Intravitreal triamcinolone
 - Ozurdex
- 3. Anti VEGF treatment
 - Avastin (Bevicizumab)
 - · Lucentis (Ranibizumab)
 - · Eylea (Aflibercept)



Clinically Significant Macular Edema



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ETDRS Focal/Grid Laser Shortcomings

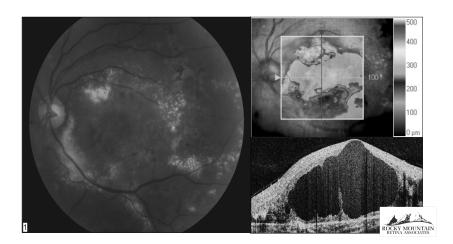
- 1. Relatively heavy treatment
 - Blind spots
 - · Aggravate macular edema
- 2. Goal: stable vision
 - · Only modest visual gains
 - · Less effect with diffuse edema
 - · More commonly used with focal edema
 - Less effect with advanced diabetic retinopathy



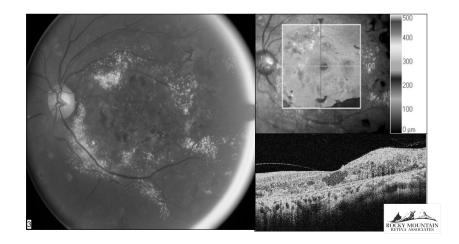
- Triamcinolone
- Ozurdex (dexamethasone implant)

Steroids for DME

43 yo man with DME VA 20/400



43 yo man with DME 6 weeks s/p Ozurdex VA 20/200



Steroid Injection Shortcomings

- 1. Side effect profile
 - Cataract formation
 - · Possible IOP rise
- 2. Limited Response
 - No difference noted in DRCR protocols when compared to laser
 - · Often need repeat therapy



Anti VEGF (vascular endothelial growth factor)

Treatment for DME

- Avastin
- Lucentis
- Eylea



Anti VEGF Injection for DME Shortcomings

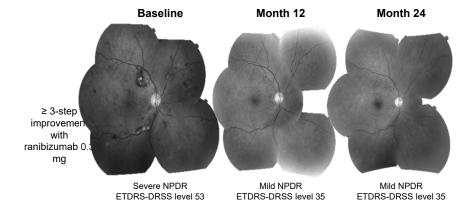
- 1. Need for continuous therapy
 - Not a cure
 - May be able to increase interval between injections after one year but still uncertain
 - · DME will typically return if untreated
- 2. Financial Impact
 - · Less cost effective than laser
 - · Burden of need to return for office visits



Treating Diabetic Retinopathy without DME present

- Unless DME is present, the vision is NOT affected.
- Crucial to be checked annually because DR can be very advanced even though the vision is not affected.

RIDE/RISE: DR Improvement With Ranibizumab



Wykoff et al. Ophthalmol Retina. 2018 (Publication Pending)
ETDRS-DRSS, Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study Diabetic Retinopathy Severity Scale; NPDR, nonproliferatie diabetic retinopathy Rocky MOUNT



Should we treat?

Anti VEGF Injection for Diabetic **Retinopathy Shortcomings**

- 1. Causes regression of the disease process
 - · Patients need to understand the limitations of treatment
- 2. Need For continuous therapy
 - · Not a cure
 - · May be able to increase interval between injections after one year but still uncertain
 - · Patients need to understand the pathology and their risk of recurrence without treatment
- 3. Financial Impact
 - Cost effective than laser
 - · Burden of need to return for office visits



PDR



Panretinal Photocoagulation Standard Technique (DRS/ETDRS):

Spot size: 500 micron (varies with contact lens)

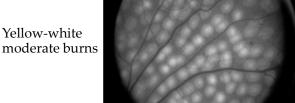
Duration:

0.05 to 0.1 seconds

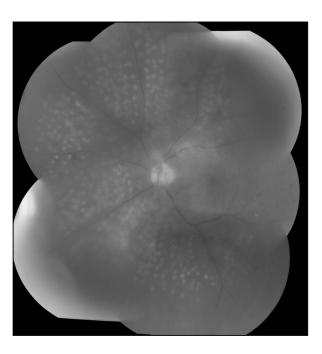
Power: milliwatts 200-700

Intensity:

Yellow-white

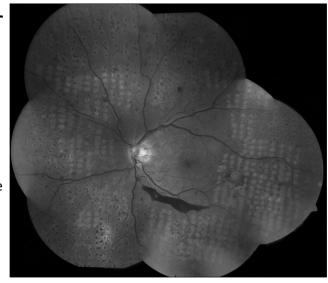


Laser **Applied**



s/p laser

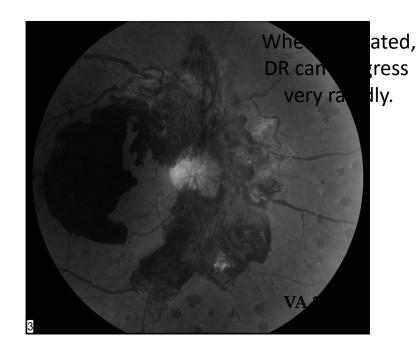
Laser is applied to prevent further growth of new blood vessels and retinal detachment, **NOT** to improve vision.



Anti VEGF therapy for PDR

- · Can regress disease significantly
- · Reduces loss of VF and night vision induced by panretinal photocoagulation (PRP)
- · High risk of progression in noncompliant patients
 - Need to assess patient understanding of the disease
 - · Consider for 'early" PDR patients





Reasons for surgery for PDR

- Bleeding in the retina prevents laser application
- · Traction from fibrosis is causing a retinal detachment
- Surgery involves removing blood/fibrosis and applying laser
- Sometimes the retina needs additional help remaining flat, so gas or silicone oil may be placed to keep the retina flat



The best treatment for diabetic retinopathy?

Routine eye evaluations to ensure that it is caught early

Prevention is key

Thank You!



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