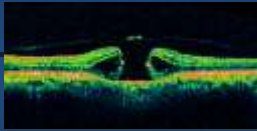


OCT - Anatomy of a Scan



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OCT - Anatomy of a Scan

- A systematic approach to understanding what we see in retinal OCT images including descriptive features such as:
 - Retinal landmarks
 - Contour/thickness
 - Reflectivity/shadowing
 - Artifacts
 - Common pathologic features

OCT Imaging

- Super luminescent diode light source
- Near-infrared wavelength: 820-850nm
- Analogous to ultrasound
- Time-of-flight delay (light echoes)
- Real time cross-sectional imaging
- Non-invasive

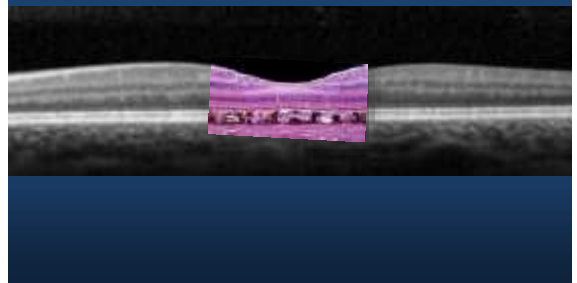
OCT Imaging

- SLD light source is directed into the eye
- OCT device records backscattered light
- Compares data with reference beam
- Generates an interference pattern
- Software converts that data into OCT image

Cross-Sectional Imaging

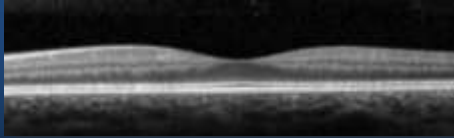


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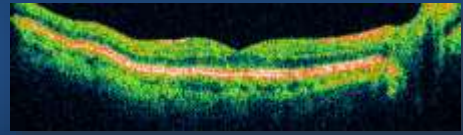


Cross-Sectional Imaging

- Measures both depth/distance and intensity of reflectivity.



False Color vs. Grayscale

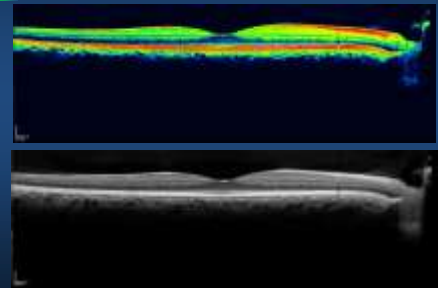


Eye Tracking/Sampling

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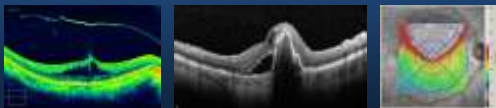
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False Color vs. Grayscale



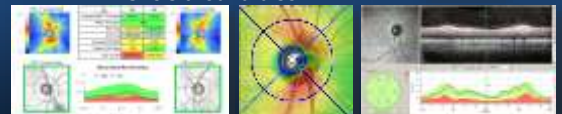
Common/Practical Use

- Line scans for structural changes
- Line scans for detection of subretinal or intraretinal fluid
- Volume scans for quantification of thickness or edema



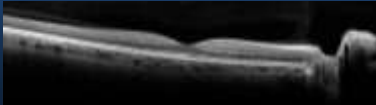
Common/Practical Use

- Optic nerve volume scan
 - Radial lines centered on cup
 - Cube Scan centered on disc
- RNFL scan
 - Circle around disc



What Defines a Quality Scan?

- Centered on target anatomy/pathology.
- Good edge-to-edge reflectivity.
- Good saturation/signal strength.
- As horizontally level as possible.
- Free from artifacts.

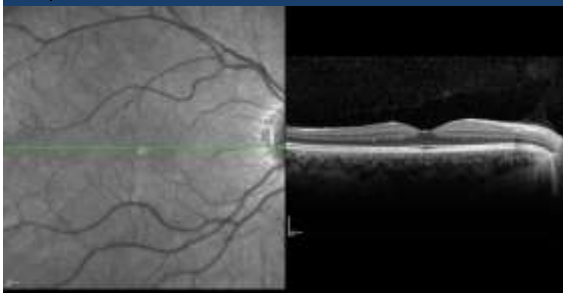


Anatomical Landmarks

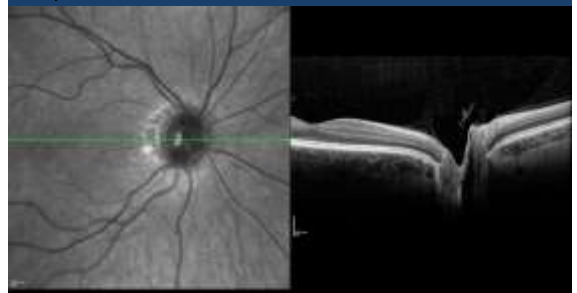
- Fovea
- Optic Disc



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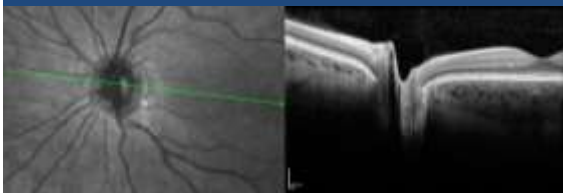


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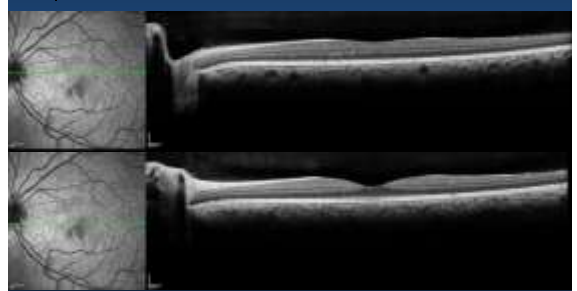


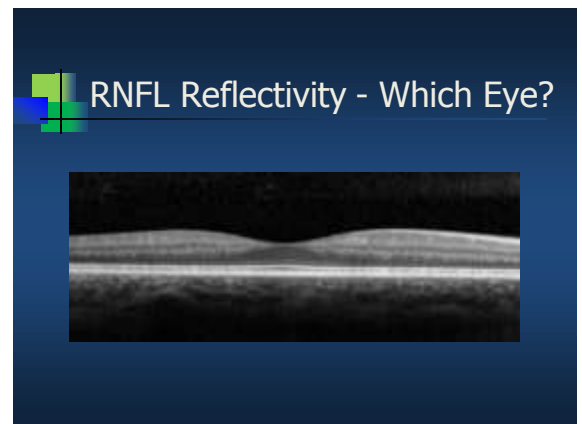
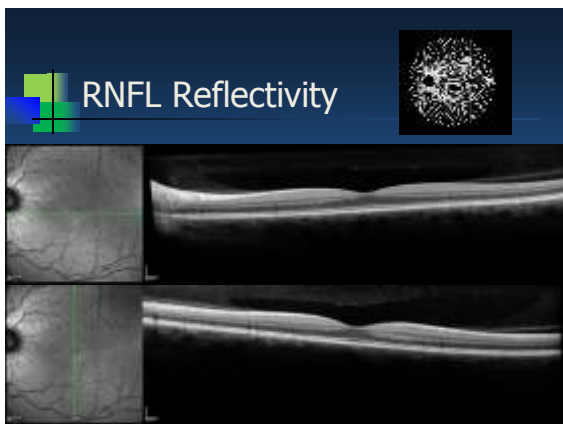
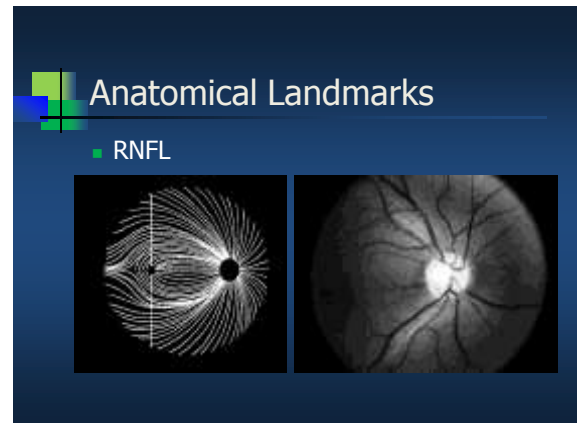
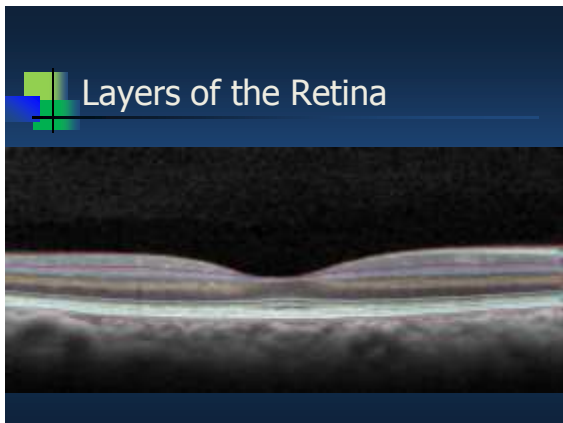
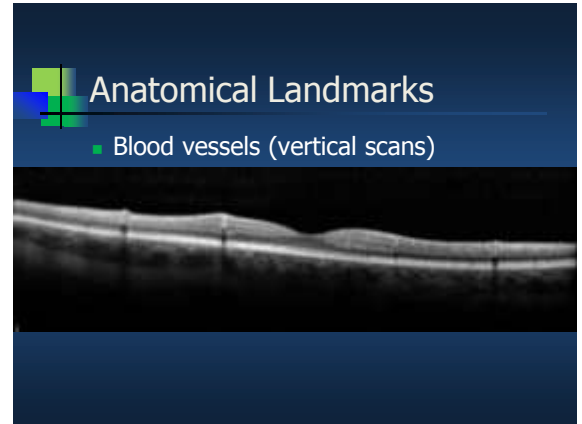
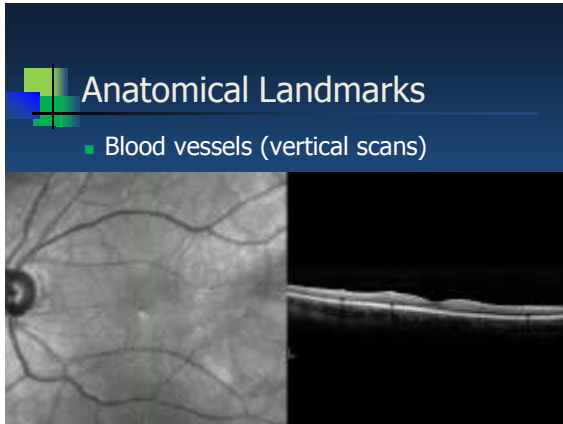
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- Anatomically, the fovea sits 5-7 degrees below the midpoint of the disc.

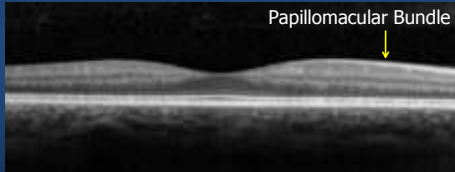


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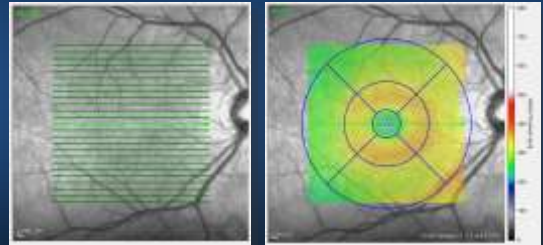


RNFL Reflectivity - Which Eye?

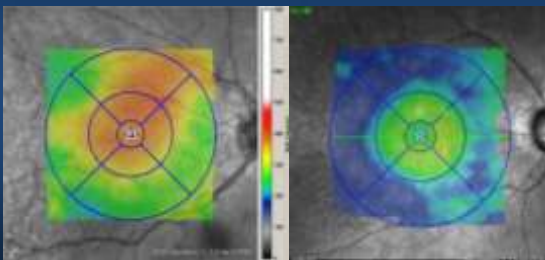


Right Eye

Topographic Anatomy



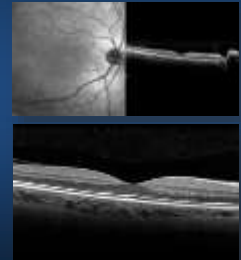
Topographic Anatomy



Relative Reflectivity: Normal

Reflective/bright:

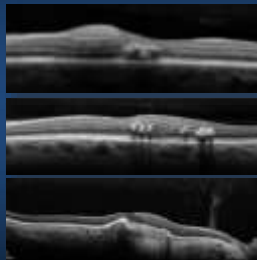
- RNFL
- RPE
- Blood vessels
- Optic Nerve



Relative Reflectivity: Abnormal

Reflective/bright:

- Hemorrhage
- Exudate
- Scar tissue
- Drusen
- Pigment
- ERM



Relative Reflectivity: Normal

Transparent/dark

- Vitreous
- Deep Choroid
- Inner nuclear layer
- Outer nuclear layer



Relative Reflectivity: Abnormal

- Transparent/dark
 - Fluid
 - Cysts
 - Shadowing from reflective structures, blood, or vitreous opacities



What to look for in Line Scans

- Contour
 - Is the ILM smooth?
 - Is the foveal depression visible?
 - Is the RPE smooth/intact?
- Thickness
 - Does the retina seem thin or thick?

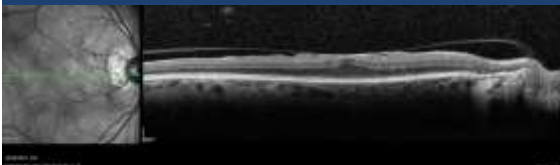
What to look for in Line Scans

- Brightness/reflectivity
 - Are there any unusual bright spots?
 - Are there any unusual dark spots?
- Shadowing
 - Are there reflective structures causing shadows in deeper layers?

What to look for in Line Scans

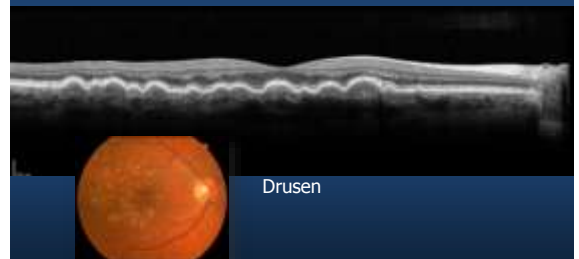
- At what level are the significant findings?
 - Vitreous
 - Pre-retinal
 - Intra-retinal
 - Subretinal
 - Sub RPE
 - Choroid

Contour

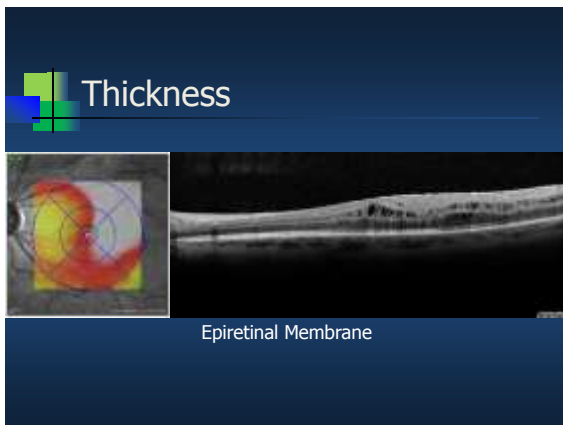
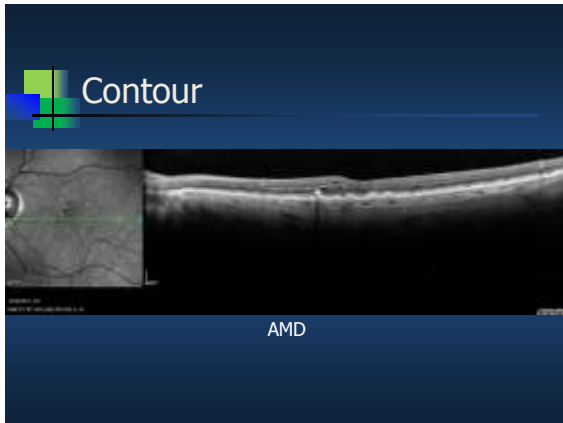
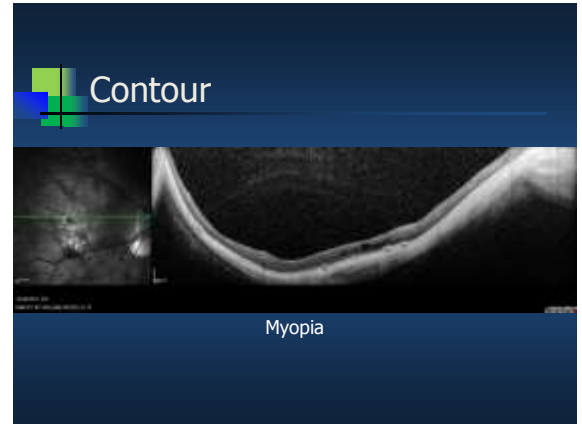
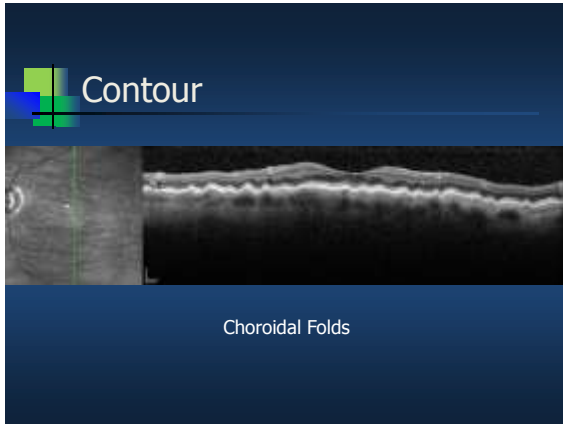


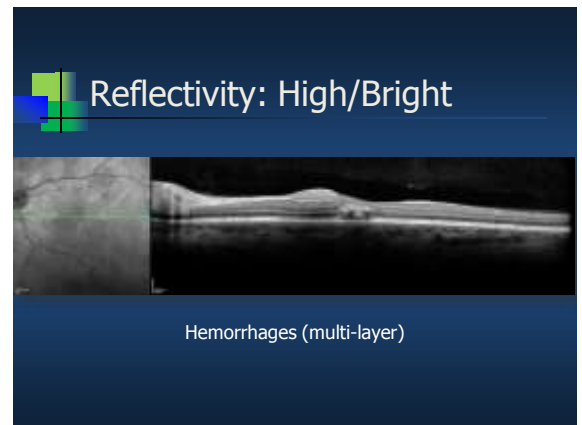
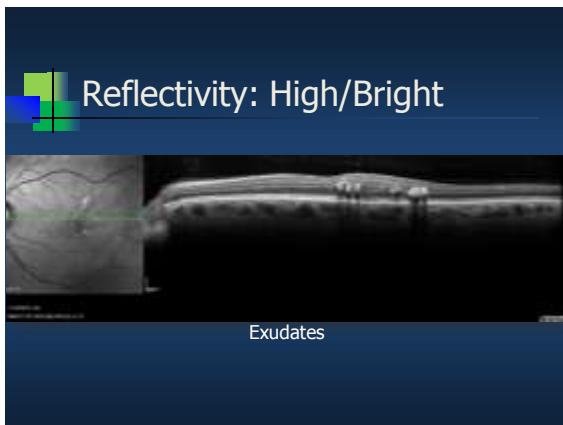
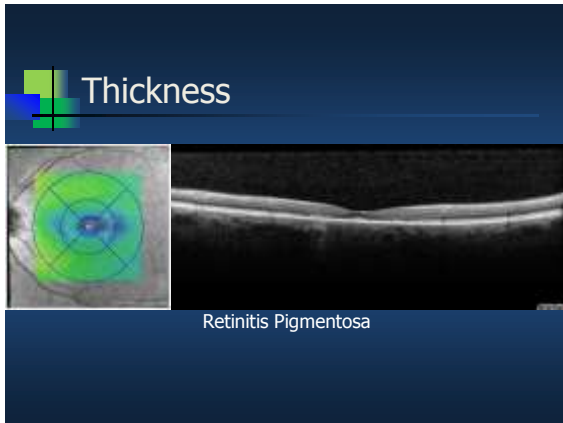
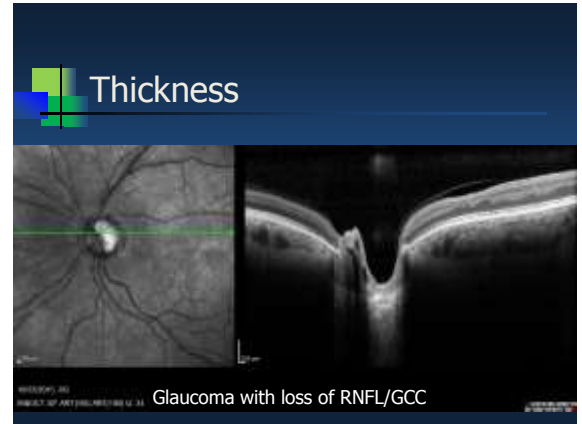
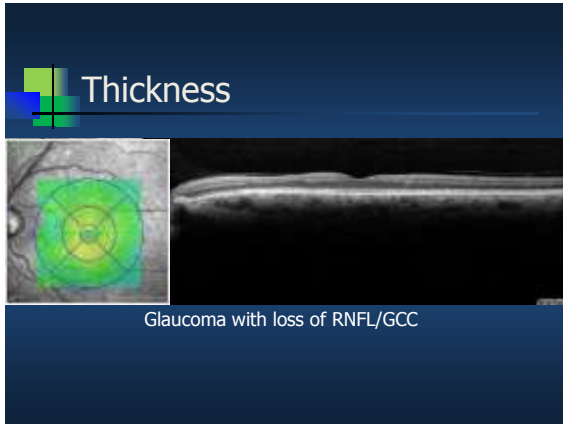
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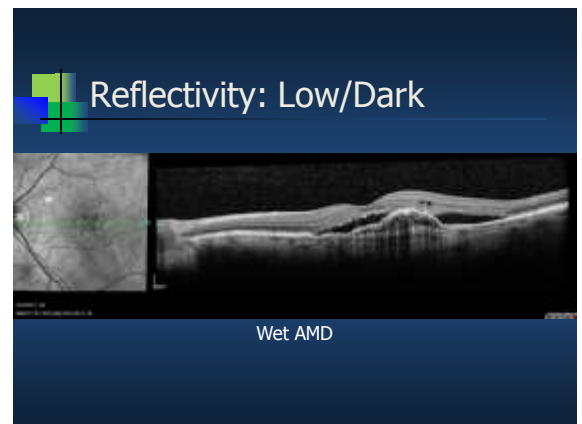
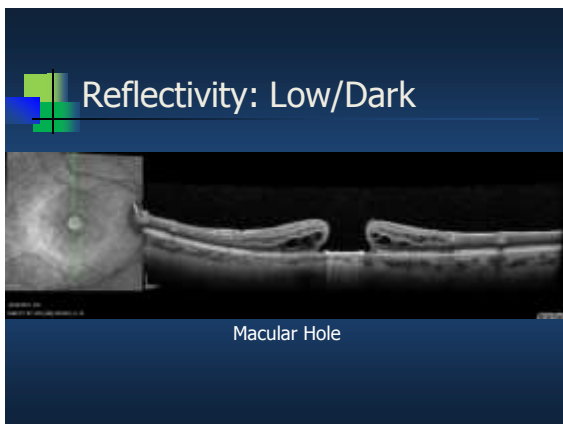
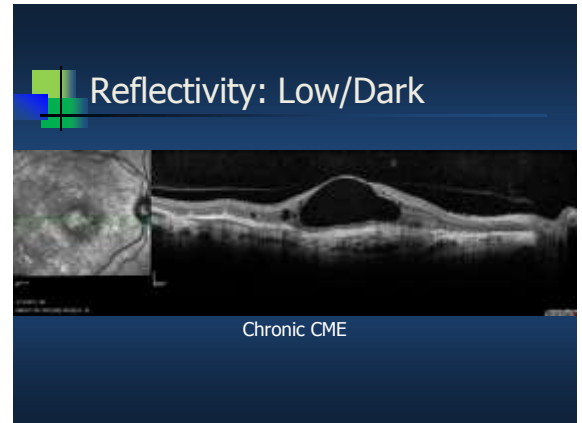
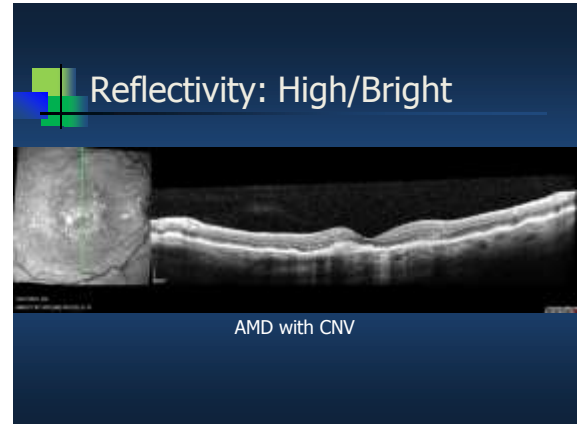
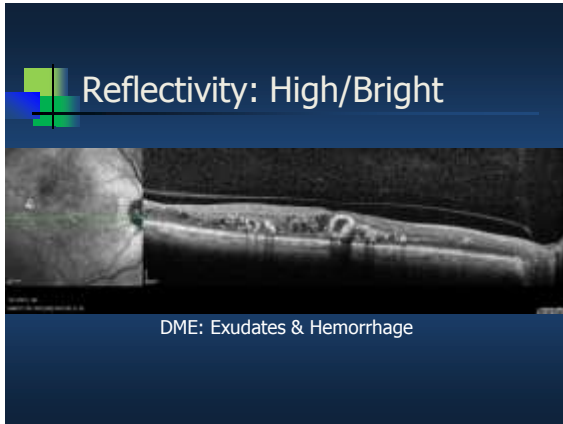
Contour

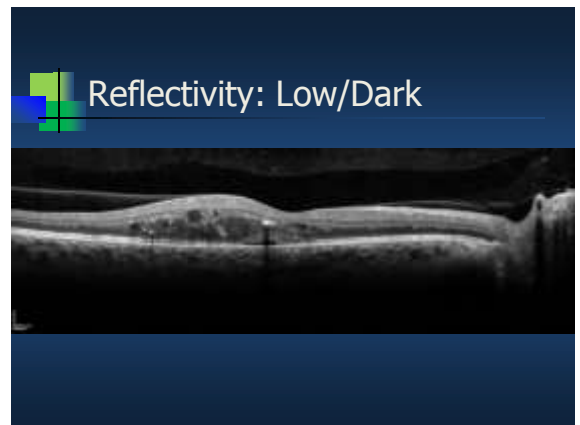
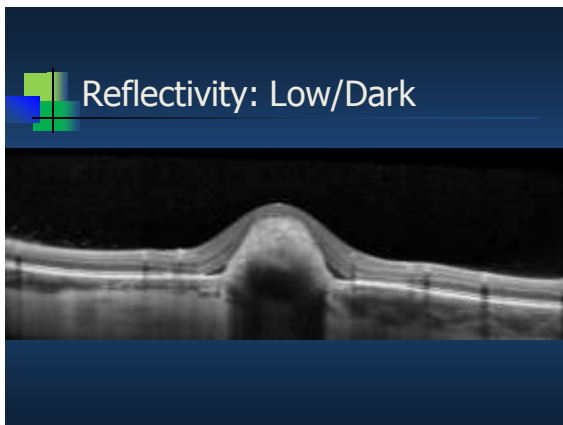
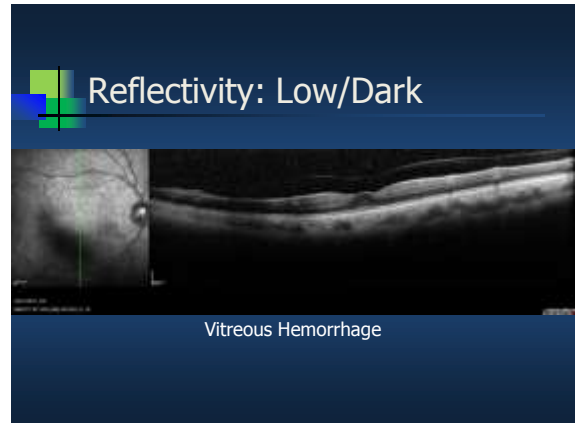
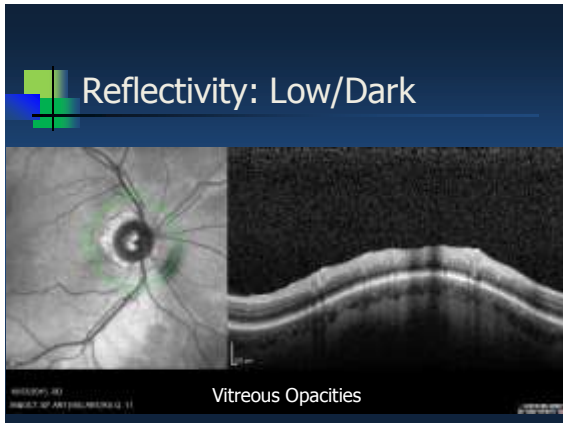
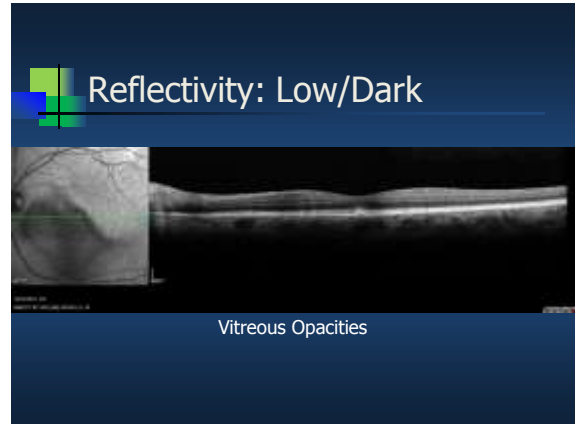
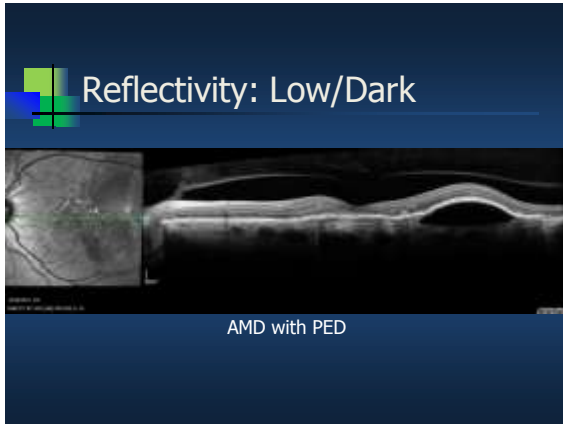


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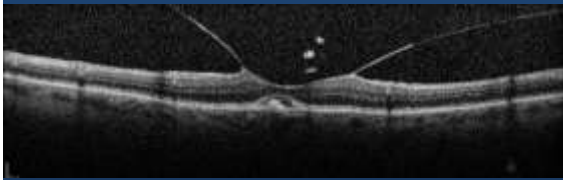
What to look for in Line Scans

- Contour
- Thickness
- Reflectivity: Bright/Dark
- Shadowing
- Layers/Location

Location of Findings

- Vitreous
- Preretinal
- Intraretinal
- Subretinal
- Sub RPE
- Choroid

Location: Vitreous



Location: Preretinal



Location: Intraretinal



Location: Subretinal






What to look for in Line Scans

- Contour
- Thickness
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- Artifacts


Identifying Artifacts

- Scan artifacts
 - Movement
 - Inversion
 - Sampling
- Analysis /algorithm artifacts
 - Misidentified tissue boundaries

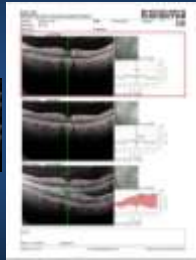


Identifying Artifacts

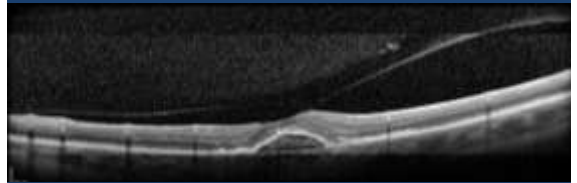
- Repetitive lines or shapes
- Mirrored images
- Upside down images
- Sharp lines on volume maps



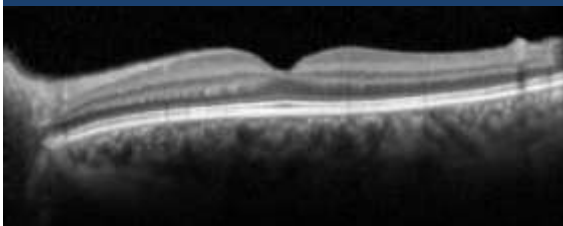

Movement Artifacts



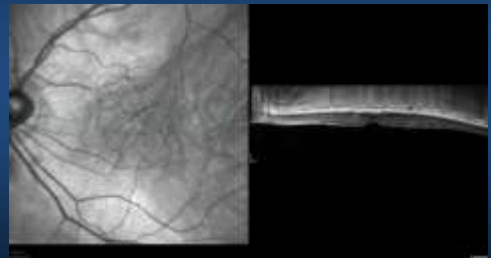
Sampling Artifacts



Sampling Artifacts



SD Inversion



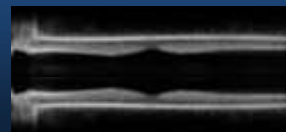
Zero-Delay Line

- OCT works on the principle of time-of-flight delay.
- Signal is strongest close to the zero time-delay line.
- Sensitivity falls off as image gets farther from zero-delay line.



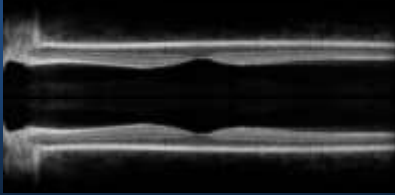
SD Inversion

- SD instruments cannot distinguish between positive and negative time delays.
- Produce mirror images near the 0-delay line.



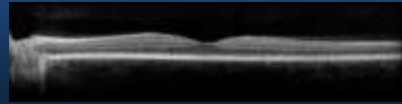
SD Inversion

- "Negative" mirror image is truncated, or cropped during processing to remove it.



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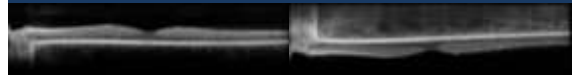
Zero-Delay Line

- The zero-delay is near the top of the window in SD-OCT, so we push close to the top to get the best signal.



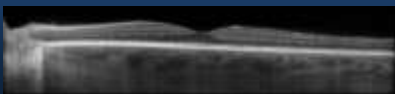
SD Inversion/EDI

- Moving the instrument forward moves the choroid of the inverted image closer to the zero-delay line and improves signal strength in choroid.



SD Inversion/EDI

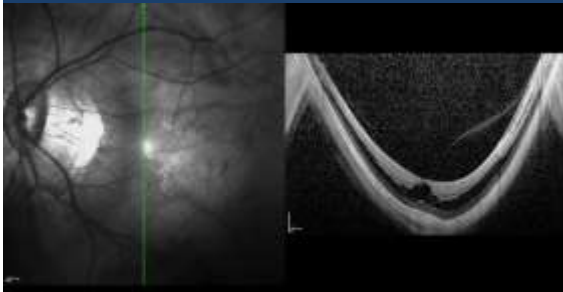
- Moving the instrument forward moves the choroid of the inverted image closer to the zero-delay line and improves signal strength in choroid.
- The EDI feature places the zero point closer to the choroid without inversion.



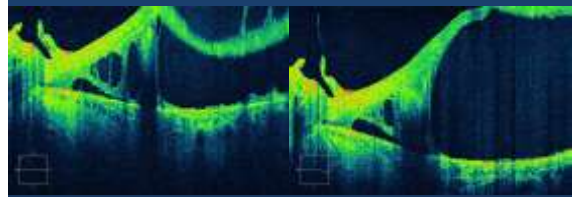
Inversion Artifacts

- Pathology is "too tall" for scan window
 - > 2mm
 - High myope, RD, traction, etc.
- Too close to eye/top of scan window.
- Only part of image inverts.
- Image may partially or completely flip for a few frames during sampling.

Inversion Artifacts



Inversion Artifacts

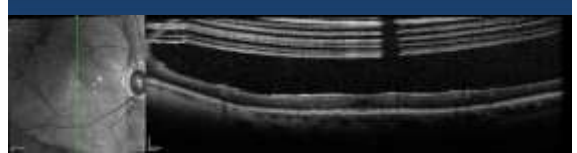


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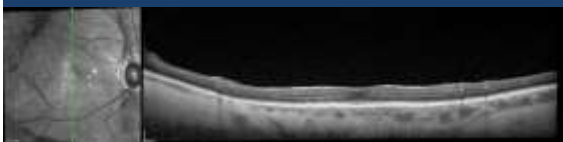
Inversion Artifacts



EDI to Eliminate Inversion

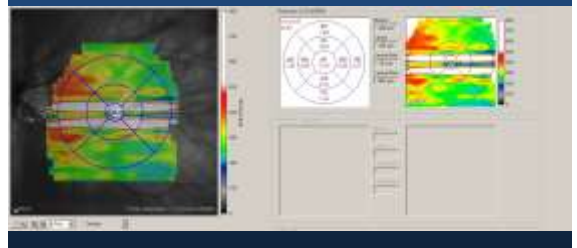


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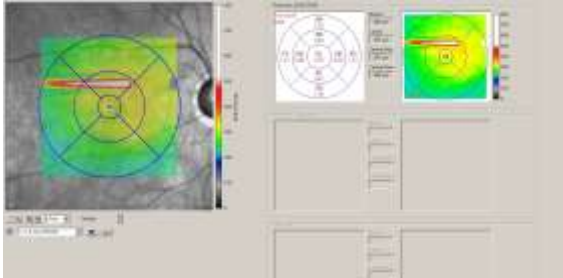


Analysis Artifacts

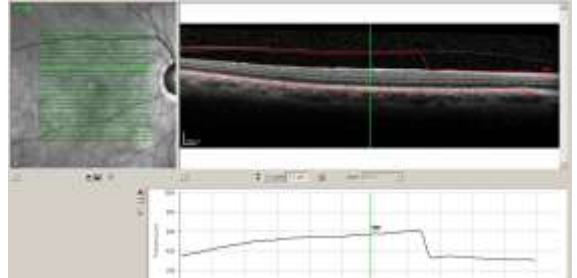
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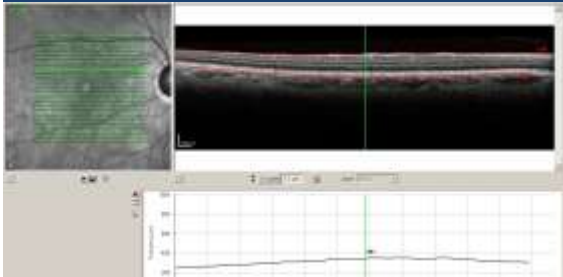
Boundary Line Artifacts



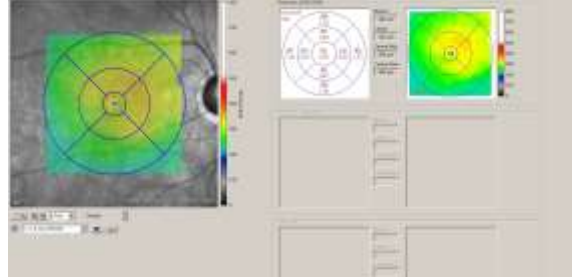
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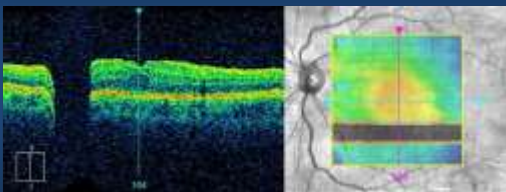
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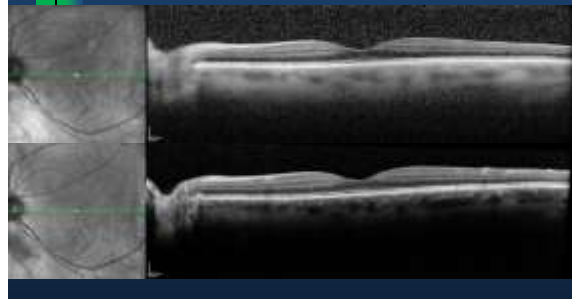
Boundary Line Artifacts



Artifact: Blinking



Artifact: Tear Film



Boundary Line Artifacts

- Push scan higher in window (SD-OCT) to move anterior pathology out of view.
- Beware of inversion artifact.

Putting it all Together

- Contour
- Thickness
- Brightness
- Shadowing
- Layers
- Artifacts

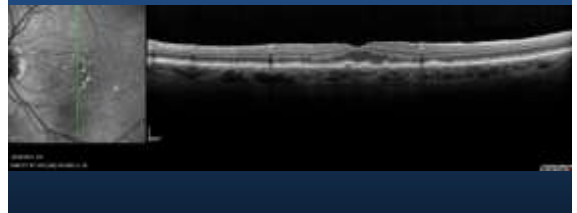
Descriptive Interpretation

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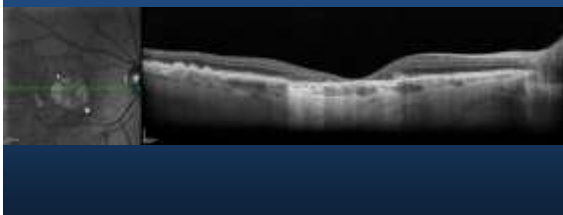
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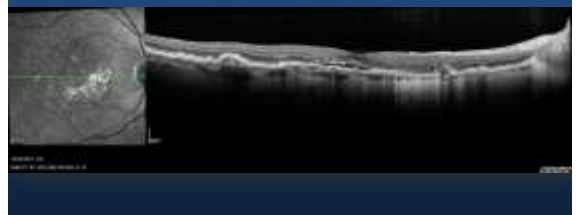
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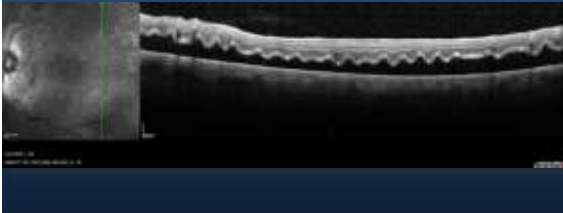
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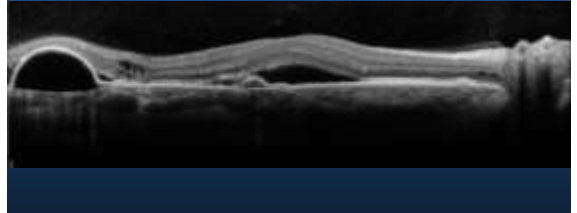
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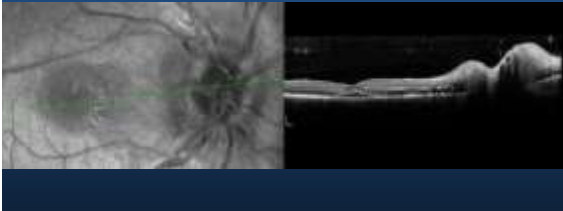
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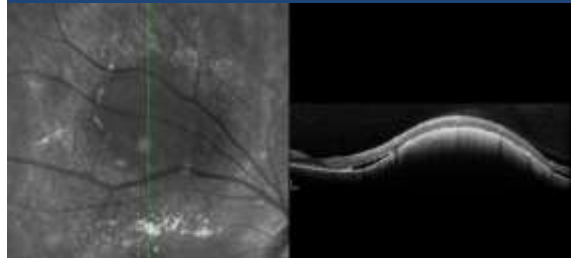
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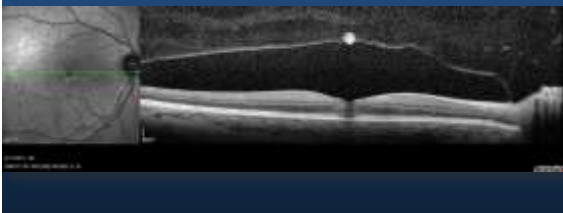
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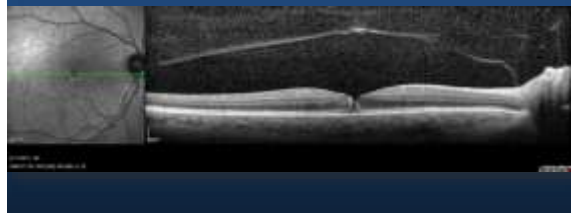
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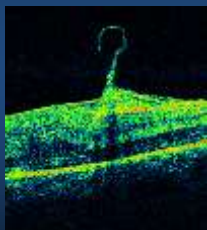


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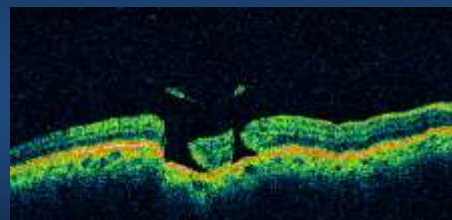
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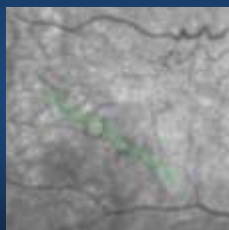
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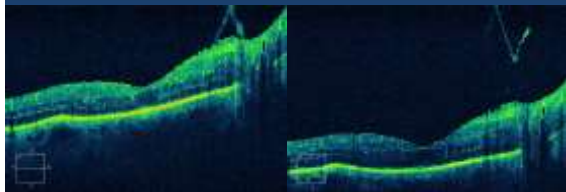
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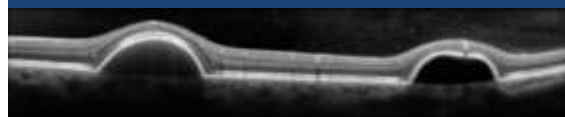
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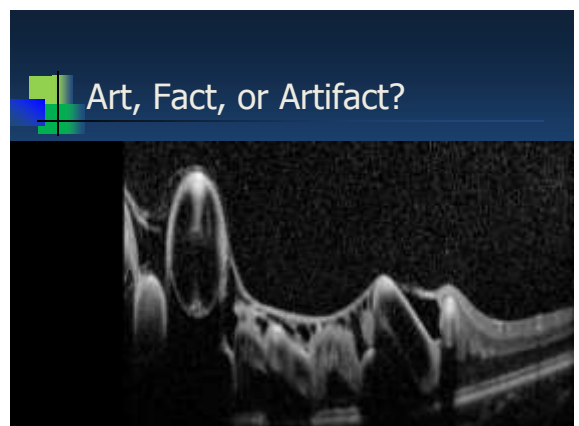
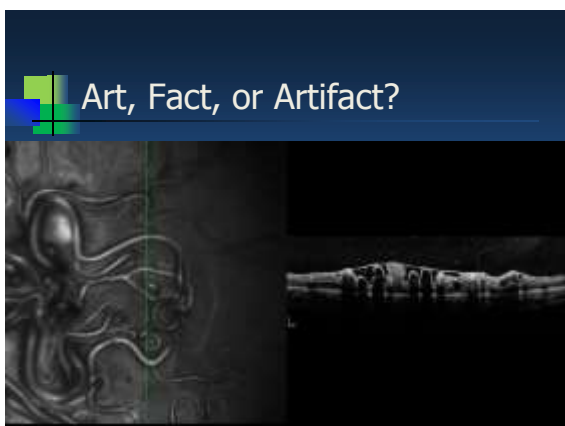
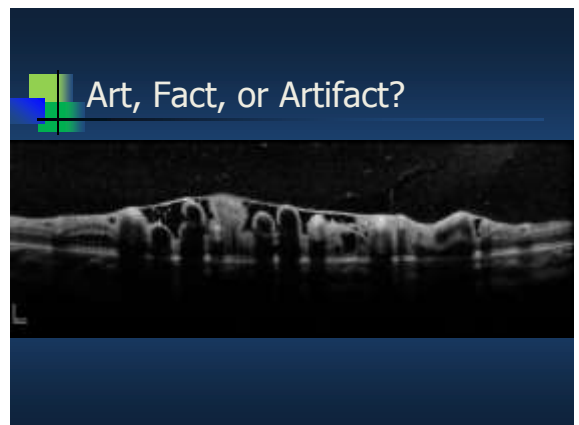
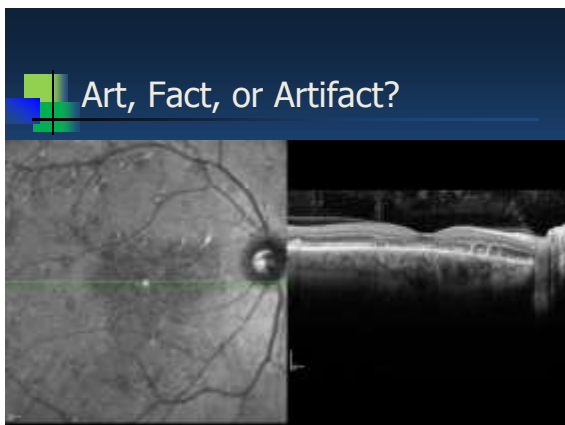
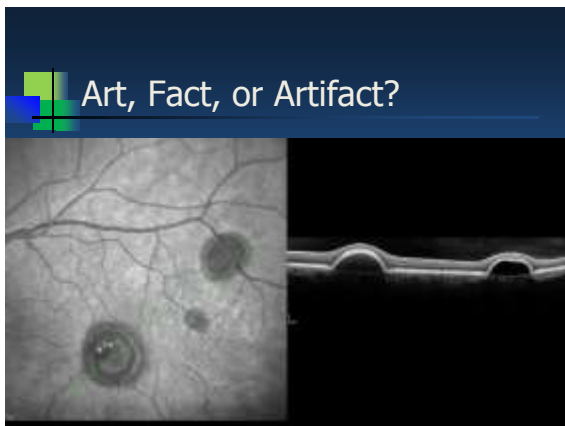


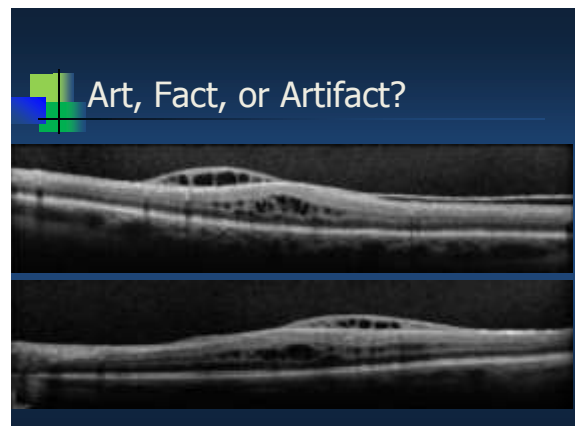
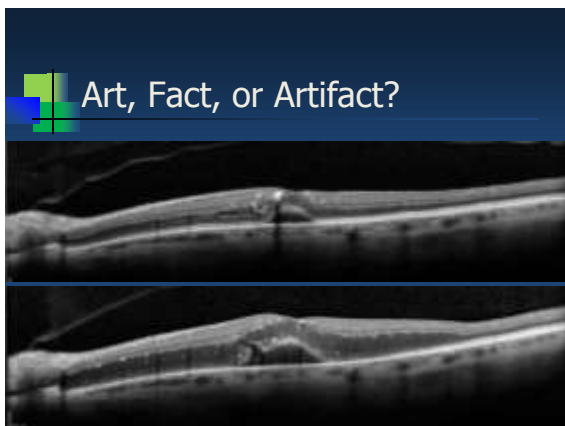
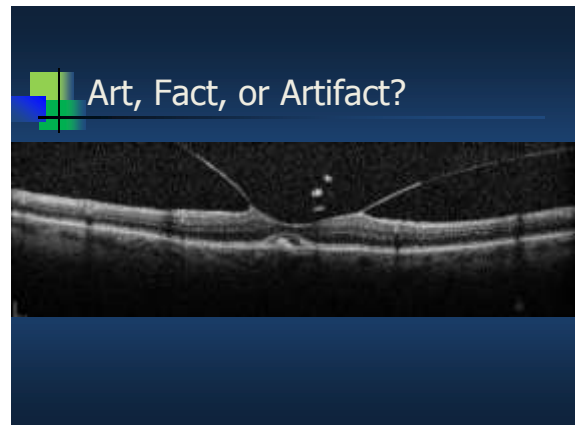
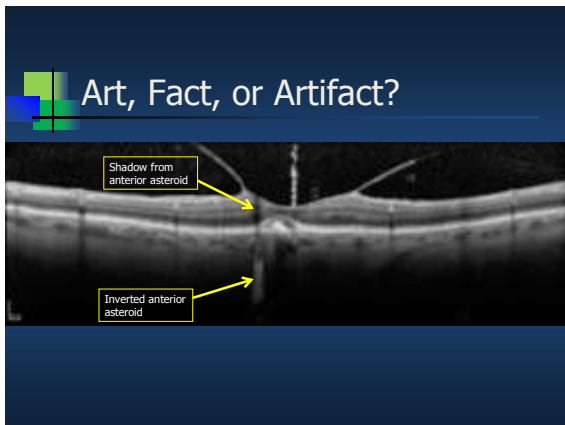
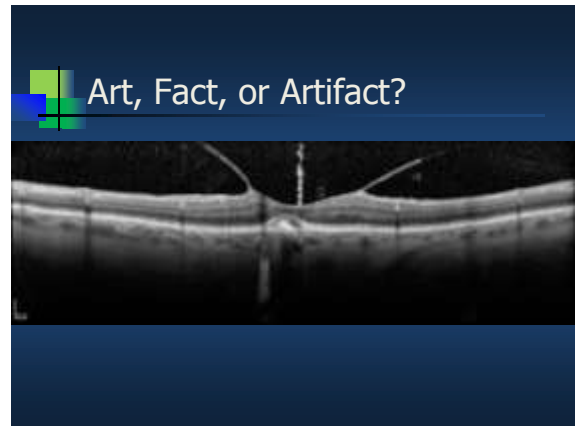
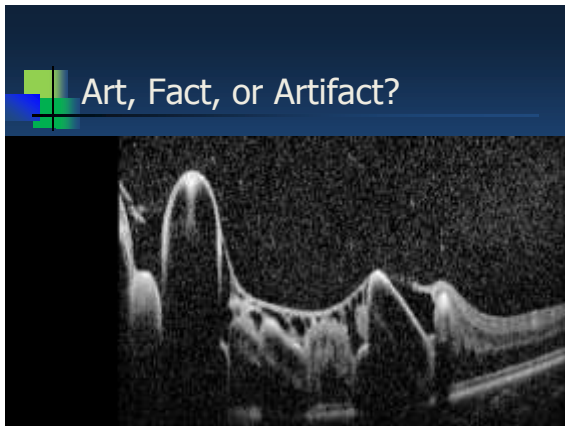
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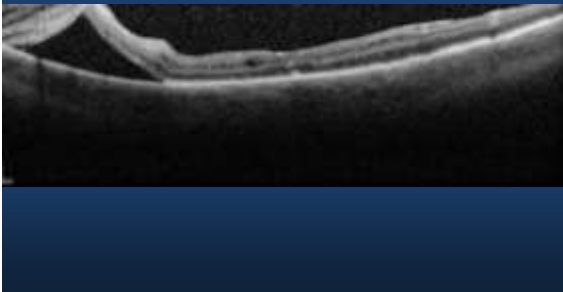
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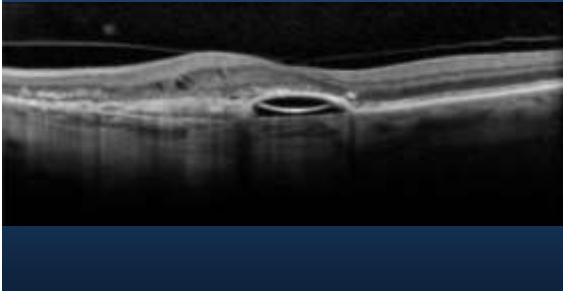
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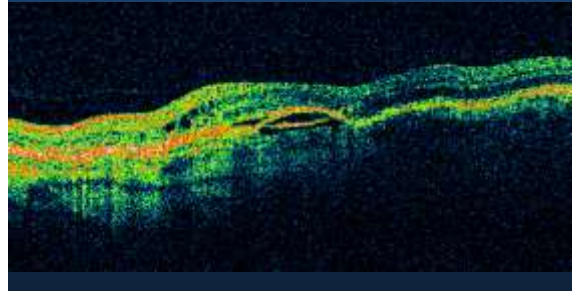
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