Ocular Manifestations of Systemic Disease
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Ocular ER: Big 5 Do Not Miss

- Herpes simplex keratitis
- Intraocular foreign bodies
- Orbital blow-out fracture
- Endophthalmitis
- Temporal arteritis
The Herpes Virus Family

- Herpes Simplex
  - HSV-1: Orofacial and ocular infections
  - HSV-2: Genital infections

- Herpes Zoster
- Epstein Barr
- Cytomegalovirus

What are the Triggers?

Herpes Simplex Virus

- Primary vs. recurrent infections
- More common as a recurrent HSV
- Remain dormant in the sensory ganglia
- More than 90% carry the latent virus
- Active phase can lead to destructive inflammatory phase

HSV Ocular Signs and Symptoms

- Symptoms
  - Pain
  - Photophobia
  - Blurred VA
  - Tearing
  - Redness
  - FB sensation

- Signs
  - Recurrent
  - Unilateral
  - Eyelid vesicles
  - Epithelial dendrites
  - Decreased K sensitivity
  - K edema
  - KPs
  - Iris stroma / sphincter
  - High IOP
  - Viritis
  - Retinitis
  - Papillitis
Primary Ocular HSV Infection

- Unilateral blepharoconjunctivitis
  - Follicular conjunctivitis
  - Palpable preauricular lymphadenopathy
- Skin or eyelid vesicles
- Epithelial keratitis
- Stromal keratitis / uveitis are rare

Recurrent Ocular Infection

- Reactivation of virus in latently infected sensory ganglion
- Can occur in almost any ocular tissue
  - Blepharoconjunctivitis
  - Epithelial keratitis – lowest risk
  - Stromal keratitis – highest risk
  - Iridocyclitis

Case Example

- 71YOWF
- OS has a film over it, red, blurry
  - Started 3 days ago
  - Onset was sudden with constant irritation
  - May have gotten eye cream in the eye
- Used Pred Forte and Acuvail last night
- Was out in the garden working on her bushes

Initial Presentation

- BCVA
  - OD: 20/20
  - OS: 20/40
- OS Findings:
  - 2+ Injection
  - Peripheral scars but doesn't recall previous episodes
- IOP:
  - OD: 14
  - OS Not taken
Considerations

• Dendrites vs. Pseudodendrites
• Can present as marginal keratitis
• Decreased corneal sensitivity
• Neurotrophic keratopathy

Treatment for HSV Epithelial Keratitis

• Dendritic keratitis usually resolves within 3 weeks
• Goal to minimize stromal damage and scarring
• Consider epithelial debridement
• Topical / Oral antivirals
• Topical steroids??

Diagnosis

• HSV Dendritic Keratitis OS

• Treatment:
  • Zirgan 5x daily

• Zirgan 0.15% ganciclovir ophthalmic gel
  • Approved for treatment of acute herpetic keratitis
  • Dosage – One drop 5 times a day until healed, then one drop 3 times a day for 7 days
  • Supplied in 5 gm tube

Ganciclovir Mechanism of Action

• Penetrates cell infected with the virus
• Phosphorylated within the cell to ganciclovir monophosphate by a viral thymidine-kinase
• Activation continues due to several cell kinases leading to formulation of ganciclovir triphosphate
• Inhibits viral DNA polymerase
• Incorporates into viral DNA
• Prevents replication by chain termination
**HSV Stromal Keratitis**
- Interstitial – Non-necrotizing
  - Type III Hypersensitivity
  - Unifocal or multifocal stromal haze
    - With or without neovascularization
  - Disciform
    - Endotheliitis
    - Stromal and epithelial edema
    - Intralimbal keratic precipitates
- Necrotizing
  - Dense area of stromal inflammation with epithelial defect
  - Difficult to distinguish from bacterial and fungal infections
  - Consider cultures and stains

**Treatment for HSV Stromal Keratitis**
- Topical corticosteroids
  - Prednisolone acetate 1% q2h with taper over 1-2 weeks
  - Difluprednate qid
- Topical / oral antiviral
  - Trifluridine QID OR
  - Acyclovir 400 mg BID OR
  - Valacyclovir 500 mg QD
  - Use concurrently until patient off steroids

**Herpes and Bell’s Palsy**
- HSV or HZV has been shown to cause Bell’s Facial Nerve Palsy
- Main concern is dry eye secondary to poor lid function

**Complications of Herpetic Eye Disease**
- Epitheliopathy
- Neurotrophic keratopathy
- Severe / chronic recurrent disease
  - Bullous keratopathy
  - Corneal scarring / vascularization
  - Irregular astigmatism
- Penetrating keratoplasty
Oral Antivirals

- Inhibit viral DNA polymerase without inhibiting normal cellular activity
- Works best if treatment initiated within 72 hours
- Pregnancy category B
- Caution in patients with renal disease

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<td>500 mg TID for 1 week</td>
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Herpetic Eye Disease Study I

- Herpes Stromal Keratitis, Not on Steroid Trial
  - Pred Phosphate faster resolution and fewer treatment failures
  - Delaying treatment did not affect outcome
- Herpes Stromal Keratitis, on Steroid Treatment
  - No apparent benefit in the addition of oral acyclovir to the treatment of topical corticosteroid and topical antiviral
  - *HSV Iridocyclitis, Receiving Topical Steroids*
    - Trend in the results suggests benefit in adding oral acyclovir

Herpetic Eye Disease Study II

- HSV Epithelial Keratitis Trial
  - No benefit from oral ACV with topical trifluridine in preventing the development of stromal keratitis / iritis
- *Acyclovir Prevention Trial*
  - *Reduced by 41% the probability of recurrence*
  - *50% reduction in the rate of return of the more severe form*
- Ocular HSV Recurrence Factor Study
  - No results available

Orals for Simplex???
Case Example - BL

- 63YOWM Referred by PCP for sudden decrease VA OD and swelling of eyelids OD>OS for 1 week
- Pressure from forehead to cheek
- Worse in evenings
- Mild seasonal allergies
- Some tearing and redness OD

Examination

- Non-healing scab on R forehead
- Conjunctiva: 2+ injection OD
- K: 2+ SPK, 2+ MCE, 1+ KP, No dendrites OD
- AC: 2+ Cells OD
- Lens: 2+ NS OD / 1+ NS OS
- IOP: 31/13

Diagnosis???

- Considerations:
  - PCP told him he had an infection not shingles
  - Episode started 3 weeks prior

- Treatment
  - Valacyclovir 1000mg TID PO
  - Difluprednate QID OD
  - Timolol 0.5% QAM OD
  - F/u 1 week

Herpes Varicella-Zoster Virus

- Primary infections: Chicken pox
  - Remains latent in dorsal root or other sensory ganglia after primary infection
  - May lie dormant for years to decades

- Later infections: Shingles
  - Virus specific cell-mediated immune responses decline
  - Localized cutaneous rash erupting in a single dermatome
  - HZO accounts for 10-25% of all cases of shingles
Herpes Zoster Ophthalmicus

- 90% of U.S. population infected with VZV by adolescence
- 100% of U.S. population by 60 years of age
- 1.5-3.4 cases per 1,000 individuals

http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/783223-overview#aw2aab6b4

Herpes Zoster Ophthalmicus

- Conjunctivitis
- Scleritis
- Pseudodendrites
- Keratic precipitates
- Iritis
- Synechiae
- Neurotrophic keratitis
- Elevated IOP
- Potential vascular occlusion
- Nerve palsies
- Glaucoma (longer-term)

HZO: Signs and Symptoms

- Prodromal phase: fatigue, malaise, low-grade fever
- Unilateral rash over the forehead, upper eyelid, and nose
  - 60% of patient have dermatomal pain prior to rash
  - Erythematous macules to papules to vesicles to pustules to crusts
  - Other symptoms: eye pain, conjunctivitis, tearing, decrease VA, eyelid rash
  - Hutchinson’s sign
- Post-herpetic neuralgia: >12 months for 50%

HZO: Treatment

- Local wound care
- Analgesia
- Antivirals
  - Valtrex 1g TID
- Antibiotics??
- Oral corticosteroids
- Post-herpetic neuralgia
- Tricyclic antidepressants
- Topical capsaicin ung
- Gabapentin
Vaccines for HZO - Zostavax

- Zostavax is live attenuated herpes zoster (HZ) virus
  - >50% reduction in the incidence of HZ
  - >60% reduction in symptom severity in patients who developed HZ
  - 66.5% reduction in postherpetic neuralgia.
- Must have chicken pox as a child
- May help patients who’ve had HZO already


“The Common Eyeritis”

- 32YOWM, Red, Painful Eye OD, Photophobic, No discharge
- No previous episodes
- Ocular/Medical Hx: unremarkable
- No other associated symptoms
- SLE: 2+ injection / 2+ cells

Case Example - AM

- 44yo Asian American c/o blurred VA, redness, tearing, periorbital edema starting 2-3 days prior
- Med Hx: Uncontrolled DM (Dx in 1998)
- Vasc: OD 20/60  PH 20/30
  OS 20/80 PH 20/40
- IOP: 21 / 18

Uveitis

- Classic Symptoms
  - Acute onset
  - Decreased vision
  - Redness
  - Photophobia
  - Pain
  - Excessive tearing

Clinical Signs

• VA
• Conjunctiva
• Cornea
• Anterior chamber
• Iris
• Pupil
• IOP
• Lens
• Vitreous
• Disc edema
• Macular edema

What is Your Treatment?

• Prednisolone acetate 1% vs. difluprednate 0.05% vs. loteprednol etabonate .5%

• Homatropine 5% vs. Scopolamine 0.25% vs. Atropine 1%

• Would you prescribe an oral medication?

• Would you consider lab testing?

Case Example

• Acute, non-granulomatous, anterior uveitis OS
• Cause???

• Treatment
  • Ordered labs – CBC w/diff, ESR, SMA-12, HLA-B27, Urinalysis, FTA-ABS, HgA1c, FBS, RPR, Lyme Western Blot
  • Difluprednate q2h OS
  • Homatropine 0.5% TID OS
  • Doxycycline 100 mg BID po

Pulse Therapy

• QID to Q 1 Hour for 7 to 10 Days
• Zero Tolerance for AC Cells
• Avoids Surface Toxicity
• Quick & Dirty
• Hit It Hard and Fast: Aggressive
Lab Testing

- Minimum lab testing
  - CBC with differential
  - Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)
  - Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE)
  - Venereal disease research laboratory (VDRL)
  - Fluorescent treponemal antibody absorption (FTA-ABS)
  - Lyme titers in endemic areas***
  - HLA-B27
  - Antinuclear antibody (ANA)
  - Urinalysis
  - Chest X-ray
  - PPD***

Considerations

- Joint pain??
- Breathing problems??
- Retrobulbar eye pain??
- Skin lesions??
- Retinal scars??

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<td>Ulcerative colitis, diarrhea, abdominal cramps</td>
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<td>African Americans, females, vasculitis, vitiligo</td>
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<td>Syphilis</td>
<td>Illness of sexual contact with infected person; rash, fever, malaise, headache, joint pain</td>
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<td>Toxoplasmosis</td>
<td>Immunocompromised status; exposure to cats, risk of eating raw meat, punched out retinal lesions</td>
<td>Toxoplasma IgG or IgM for acute acquired cases</td>
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<td>Lyme disease</td>
<td>Recent tick bite</td>
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Name:
Address:

RX:
- CBC/Diff 06/17/17
- ESR
- CRP
- SMA 1/2
- HLA-B27
- ACE
- RF
- RHEUMATOID FACTOR
- CS SO
- ANA 06/17/17
- Lyme Western Blot IgG & IgM 06/17/17
- Toxoplasma IgG

Unsities
- Pain
- Ankle
- Arthritis
- Drills
- Severe Atrophic Disease
- Rambow
- Sclerosis
Uveitis: Common Systemic Associations

• Most common cause
  • Idiopathic: 38-70%

• Other systemic causes
  • HLA-B27 related disease
  • Ankylosing spondylitis
  • Reactive arthritis
  • Psoriatic arthritis
  • Inflammatory bowel disease
  • Sarcoidosis
  • Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
  • Rheumatoid Arthritis
  • Behcets Disease

Lyme Titer

• Ordered based on suspicion

• Erythema migrans is the only manifestation of Lyme disease in the United States for which clinical diagnosis should be made in the absence of laboratory confirmation

• A patient with a significantly characteristic symptom with the appropriate history of possible exposure should be started on antibiotics after appropriate laboratory studies have been drawn

Tx for Lyme Disease

• Early infection or nonspecific symptoms with positive Lyme titers in the adult may be treated with oral doxycycline (100 mg twice daily for 4 to 6 weeks) or tetracycline (500 mg four times a day for 4 to 6 weeks).

• Severe infection in adults with definitive ocular, neuroophthalmic, neurological, or cardiac involvement may be treated with penicillin G (24 million units, intravenous, daily in four divided doses for 21 days) or intravenous ceftriaxone (2 g/day in two divided doses for 21 days).

Case Example - You’ve Got to be Kidding Me!

• 27yowm presents with red, painful, blurry VA OS. Started 10 days ago after returning from a trip to Italy. Taking 500mg Naprosyn for HA.

• Health – Unremarkable
• Allergy to PCN
• Vax: OD 20/20-3 OS 20/25-3 with NI
• IOP: 9 / 10
• SLE:
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• Would you consider lab testing?
• Would you prescribe an oral medication?

Case Example
• Acute, bilateral non-granulomatous, anterior uveitis OU
• Cause???
• Treatment
• Difluprednate qid OS, q2h OS
• Cyclopentolate 2% TID OU
• Labs???

Screening Tests for Syphilis
• Venereal Disease Research Lab (VDRL)
  • VDRL may become non-reactive in latent syphilis or after successful treatment
  • False positives may occur in:
    • Pregnancy
    • Infectious mononucleosis
    • Systemic lupus erythematosus
• Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR)
  • Alternative to VDRL

Fluorescent Treponemal Antibody Absorption (FTA-ABS)
• Detects specific antibodies against T pallidum
• Confirms diagnosis of syphilis
  • More specific than VDRL
  • More sensitive in primary syphilis
• Test may remain positive for life
• Reactive:
  • Primary syphilis 95%
  • Secondary 100%
  • Late latent 100%
  • Tertiary 96%
  • False positives may occur in pregnancy and SLE
Syphilis

- STD caused by T pallidum / great imitator / any tissue and organ
- Sexually active / multiple partners
- Systemic Sx – Depends on stage – primary painless ulcer / secondary skin rash palms, soles, trunk / tertiary neurosyphilis
- All types of ocular inflammation
- Labs
  - VDRL / RPR
  - FTA – ABS
  - ESR elevated
- Tx – penicillin therapy
- Good prognosis if treated early

So He Has an Allergy to PCN?

- Tetracycline, erythromycin, and ceftriaxone have shown antitreponemal activity in clinical trial
- Slow taper of steroid
- Lost to follow up

Uveitis - Take Home Pearls

- Be a detective and find the cause
- Be aggressive with treatment
- Don’t taper too soon
- Treat and follow

Case Example - SD

- 38 year old, African American, Female presents with red, painful, and photophobic OS
- Started 3 weeks ago / similar episode 10 years ago
- Tried dexamethasone 0.1% but no relief
- BCVA OD 20/25 OS 20/20
- IOP: 17 mmHg
Differentials

• Conjunctivitis
• Episcleritis
• Scleritis
• Uveitis

When Should Lab Tests Be Ordered?

• Bilateral cases
• Atypical age group
• Recurrent uveitis
• Scleritis
• Recalcitrant cases
• Hyperacute cases
• Worsens with tapering
• VA worsens
• Immunosuppressed

Treatment for Scleritis

• NSAIDS
• Systemic steroids
• Immunosuppressive therapy
• Topical steroids???

Rheumatoid Arthritis

• Middle aged women
• Arthritis affecting both sides equally
• Morning stiffness
• Inflammation of joints and tissue
• Diagnostic Testing
  • Positive rheumatoid factor
  • Anti-CCP present
  • Elevated CBC
  • Joint X-ray

Photo accessed from:
**Rheumatoid Arthritis**

- 25% RA patients have ocular manifestations
  - Keratoconjunctivitis sicca - 15-25% patients
  - Sjogren's frequently accompanies RA
  - Episcleritis
  - Most common systemic condition associated with scleritis
  - Uveitis

**Rheumatoid Factor (RF)**

- Differentiates RA from other chronic arthritides
- Positive values (titters > 1:80) occur in approximately 70% of patients with rheumatoid arthritis
- Positive in only 5% of patients with JRA
- Can be positive in the following
  - Sjogren's
  - SLE
  - Syphilis
  - Chronic infections
  - Sarcoidosis
  - Liver disease

**Rheumatoid Arthritis Treatment**

- NSAIDs
- Steroids
- Disease Modifying Anti-rheumatic Drugs
  - Methotrexate
  - Sulfasalazine
  - Hydroxychloroquine

**Plaquenil (hydroxychloroquine sulfate)**

- Indicated for the treatment of discoid and systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, and malaria
- Dosage: 200mg to 400mg per day
- Primary risk factors
  - Duration > 5 years
  - Cumulative dose > 1000g
  - Age
  - Systemic – High BMI, liver, kidney dysfunction
  - Ocular – retina or macular changes
**Plaque Examinations**

- Complete dilated examination
- Color vision / Amsler??
- Central visual field testing 10-2
- Fundus photography for co-existing retinal disease
- Spectral domain OCT, FAF, mfERG (if available)


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**Sjögren's Is More than Dry Eye**

[Image: http://www.sjogrens.org/home/about-sjogrens-syndrome/symptoms]

**Recent Clinical Findings for Sjögren's Diagnostics**

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<td>- Combined serology sensitivity &amp; specificity is around 40-60%</td>
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<td>- None of the serology test diagnose SS early</td>
<td>- Approximately 50% of the early &amp; new cases are identified (Ro and La Negative)</td>
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<td>- Misses approximately 25-35% cases</td>
<td>- Picks up additional cases</td>
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<td>- All serology test identifies are non-organ specific auto-antibodies and could occur in other autoimmune diseases</td>
<td>- Comprises of both organ/non-organ specific auto-antibodies</td>
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Sarcoidosis

- Systemic inflammatory disease forming granulomas in organs (lungs, lymph nodes, skin, eyes)
- Often young, African American females
- Enlarged lymph nodes
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue

Diagnostic Testing
- Chest X-ray
- Elevated ACE
- PPD: TB vs. Sarcoid
- Biopsy of nodule

Ocular manifestations
- Redness, pain, swelling of lids or lacrimal gland
- Painless subcutaneous nodular mass of eyelids
- Ptosis
- Diplopia
- Cicatrizng conjunctival inflammation
- Conjunctival nodules
- Keratoconjunctivitis sicca
- Band keratopathy
- Granulomatous anterior or posterior uveitis
- Cataract
- Chorioretinitis
- Retinal periphlebitis or neovascularization
- Optic nerve disease or glaucoma

Purified Protein Derivative (PPD)

- Skin test to screen for tuberculosis

- Intradermal injection of 0.1ml of soluble antigen from a given TB organism in forearm
  - Positive test – 5 – 15 induration in 2-3 days

- Specificity increased with chest x-ray

- False positives include prior exposure to TB
QuantiFeron TB Gold (QTF-G)

- An alternative to skin testing of cell-mediated immune response to antigens simulating the mycobacterial proteins ESAT-6, CFP-10, and TB7.7
- < 12 hours
- A positive result indicates that Mycobacterium tuberculosis infection is likely
  - Positive tests should be followed by further medical and diagnostic evaluation for tuberculosis disease (eg, acid-fast bacilli smear and culture, chest x-ray).
- QuantiFERON-TB Gold is usually negative in individuals vaccinated with Mycobacterium bovis bacille Calmette-Guerin

Tuberculosis

- Poverty is the primary risk factor
- Lungs most commonly affected
- Uveitis is the most common eye complication
- Immune suppression
- Fever, Night Sweats, Fatigue
- Posterior and Pan-uveitis most common

Angiotensin Converting Enzyme (ACE)

- Produced by a variety of cells including granulomatous cells
- Serum ACE levels reflect the total amount of granulomatous tissue in the body
- Screen for sarcoidosis
  - 75% sensitive
  - 95% specific
- False positives include:
  - TB
  - Lymphomas
  - Leprosy
- Consider serum lysozyme / calcium assay

Sarcoidosis

- Treatment
  - Aforementioned blood work
  - Uveitis topical and possible oral steroids
  - Dacryoadentitis treated with systemic steroids
  - Consult with PCP
The 1999 Gallup Study of Allergies and Allergic Symptoms Affecting the Nose, Throat, Eyes, and Skin

6 out of 10 allergy patients suffer ocular allergy symptoms

### Incidence of Allergic Symptoms

Eye Symptoms Are the Second Most Common Allergy Presentation

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### Graded Pharmacotherapy

#### Stepwise Treatment Strategies for Allergic Conjunctivitis

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### Specific Allergy Therapy

- Preventive
- Palliative
- Alternative
- Immunotherapy
- Pharmacologic
  - Topical, Nasal, Inhaled
  - Dermatologic
  - Systemic
Singulair (montelukast sodium)

- Leukotriene receptor antagonist
- Indications:
  - Prophylaxis and chronic treatment for asthma
  - Acute prevention of exercise-induced brochoconstriction
  - Relief of symptoms of allergic rhinitis
- 10 mg tablet qd
- Side effects
  - Behavior or mood changes, URI, fever, headache, sore throat, cough, stomach pain, diarrhea, ear ache or ear infection, flu, runny nose, and sinus infection

12 Patient Allergy Tips

- Never rub your eyes
- Wash your hands
- Use allergy free pillows
- Stay indoors
- Use drops for eyes, sprays for nose
- Avoid “get the red” out vasoconstrictors
- Chill your drops
- Use cool compresses
- Apply allergy drops proactively
- Pets out of the house or bedroom
- Know and avoid your personal antigens

Cataract / Refractive Surgery Complications

- Operative Complications
  - Surgeon makes the call

- Post-operative Complications
  - Co-managing doctor makes the call

- Successful cataract surgery is the result of continuous communication!!

Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia

- Histologic diagnosis characterized by proliferation of the cellular elements of the prostate

- An estimated 50% of men demonstrate histopathologic BPH by age 60 years. This number increases to 90% by age 85 years

- Symptoms: Urinary frequency and urgency, Hesitancy, Incomplete bladder emptying, Straining, Decreased force of stream
Flomax (tamsulosin)

• Indication for the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia

• Intraoperative floppy iris syndrome

• Importance to communicate prior to cataract surgery

Omidria™
(phenylephrine and ketorolac injection) 1% / 0.3%

• Omidria™ is an α1-adrenergic receptor agonist and nonselective cyclooxygenase inhibitor indicated for:
  - Maintaining pupil size by preventing intraoperative miosis
  - Reducing postoperative ocular pain
  - Omidria is added to an irrigation solution used during cataract surgery or intraocular lens replacement.

Neuropathy is end stage organ damage

• Diabetics know this first hand
• All diabetics get dry eye, few complain about it.
Epidemiology

- Systemic, microvascular disease affecting (not limited to) the liver, kidneys, and eyes.
  - Type I caused by destruction of the Islets of Langerhans in the Pancreas.
  - Type II caused by the body’s developed resistance to insulin.
- It is the most common cause of blindness in the 20-70 year old population.
  - Diabetic retinopathy is prevalent in 30% of the diabetic population.

Eye Care Disease Prevalence

What You Might Not Know

People with diabetes do have a higher risk of prominent eye conditions and blindness than people without diabetes. Prevalent diseases include:

- People with diabetes are 40% more likely to suffer from glaucoma than people without diabetes. The longer someone has had diabetes, the more common glaucoma is. Risk also increases with age. [5]
- Many people without diabetes get cataracts, but people with diabetes are 60% more likely to develop this eye condition. People with diabetes also tend to get cataracts at a younger age and have them progress faster. [6]
- Diabetic retinopathy accounts for approximately 12% of all new cases of blindness each year. It can cause vision loss in two ways: Macular Edema and Proliferative Retinopathy and Vitreous Hemorrhage. [7]

Eye Disease Management

A Key Component of Diabetes Care

Diabetic Retinopathy

- Occurs due to a breakdown in the retina’s ability to auto regulate its blood supply properly.
  - Hyperglycemia increases retinal blood flow and therefore causes “capillary hypertension.”
- This hypoxic environment causes an up-regulation of the angiogenic factor VEGF.
  - VEGF stimulates the growth of new blood vessels to meet the needs of the starving retina.
Risk factors for developing DR

- Duration of DM
- Control of DM will not prevent but delays
  - Fasting BS <126 and A1C <7%
- Hypertension/Hyperlipidaemia
- Renal Disease
- Pregnancy
- Sleep apnea
- Obesity
- Smoking
- Anaemia

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New Treatments Diabetic Retinopathy

- Proliferative Disease:
  - Pan Retinal Photocoagulation or Focal Laser
  - Ranivizumab (Lucentis) and Aflibercept (Eylea)-anti-VEGF

- Diabetic Macular Edema:
  - Dexamethasone (Ozurdex), Fluocinolone acetonide (Iluvien)
  - Anti-VEGF (above)

- RISE/RIDE studies showed a 3 line VA improvement in diabetic eyes treated with anti-VEGF

ETDRS PDR

- Presence of Neovascularization with/without pre-retinal hemes.
- Early/Low-risk PDR:
  - Any size NVE without vitreous heme.
  - NVD <1/4 in size without vitreous heme.
- High-Risk PDR - 1 or more of the following
  - NVD approximately 1/4DD- 1/3DD or more in size
  - NVD less than ⅓ DD in size when fresh VH or PRH is present
  - NVE greater than or equal to 1/2DD in size when fresh VH or PRH is present
  - If a patient is at this stage, severe vision loss is likely if no treatment initiated.
PDR Treatment

- LASER: Light Amplification by the Stimulated Emission of Radiation
  - Focal
  - Grid
  - Panretinal photocoagulation
  - Anti-VEGF ocular injections

Treatment for PDR: Vitrectomy

- Indicated after weeks to months of blood not clearing from vitreous heme
- Best results if done within 6 months of heme (DRVS)
- Usually done at 6 weeks
- Alleviate retinal traction, ERM
- When PRP is not enough
- Cataracts!

Diabetic Macular Edema

- DME incidence based on duration and type of diabetes
  - IDDM
    - <8 years rare
    - 10 years 7-10% incidence DME
    - 20 years 25-30% incidence DME
  - NIDDM
    - 10 years 5% incidence DME
    - 20 years 15% incidence DME
    - NIDDM w/ insulin use
      - 10 years 10% incidence DME
      - 20 years 30-35% incidence DME

DME

- DME is also closely associated with degree of DR present
  - Mild NPDR ~ 3% incidence
  - Moderate-Severe NPDR ~ 40% incidence
  - PDR ~ 71% incidence
DME

- Signs: circinate ring of exudates, retinal thickening, retinal elevation.
- Clinically Significant Macular Edema:
  - Thickening of retina at or within 500 microns of the center of the macula
  - Hard exudates at or within 500 microns of the center of the macula
  - A zone or zones of retinal thickening 1 disc area or larger in size that is within 1 disc diameter of the center of the macula.

Current Treatment

- New mainstay treatment: Intravitreal Injections
  - Lucentis (FDA)
  - Eyelenvia (recent FDA)
  - Ozurdex (recent FDA)
  - Avastin
  - Triamcinolone
- Focal laser with intravitreal injection

Case Study

- 2/13 ROV: 52 YO Asian Female / Follow up 4 month dry eye check. Intermittent foreign body sensation and fogged vision over 1 year
- Ocular Hx: DES, LASIK 12.08.11
  - Ocular Medications: Restasis BID OU
- Medical Hx: Allergies, Borderline Diabetes, Acid Reflux
  - Systemic Medications: Multivitamin, Iron
### Slit Lamp Examination

- **BCVA**
  - OD 20/25
  - OS 20/20
- **MR**
  - OD pl – 0.75 x 005
  - OS -0.50 DS

- **External:** normal OU
- **Conjunctiva:** 2+ injection
- **Cornea:** 1+ diffuse SPK OU
- **Tear Eval:**
  - 4 sec NIBUT
  - Schirmer 6/9
  - Iris: flat OU
  - A/C: deep & quiet OU
  - Lens: clear OU

### Diagnostic Testing

- **Screening questionnaire**
- **Blink rate**
- **Tear meniscus**
- **Tear film osmolarity**
- **Tear film break up time**
- **Ocular surface staining**
- **Schirmer / Red Thread Test**
- **Lid Evaluation**
  - Lid and MG morphology
  - MG Expression
  - Tear interferometry
  - Presence of MMP-9

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### Superior Limbic Keratitis

- **Definition**
  - Uncommon chronic disease
  - Superior bulbar and tarsal conjunctiva and limbus
  - Bilateral
  - Middle aged women
  - Abnormal thyroid function
  - Symptoms worse than signs
  - Remission occurs spontaneously

- **Pathogenesis**
  - Blink-related trauma
  - Tear film insufficiency
  - Excess of lax conjunctival tissue
  - Inflammatory process
  - Self-perpetuating cycle

### SLK and Treatment

- **Lubrication**
- **Acetylcysteine**
- **Mast cell stabilizers**
- **Steroids**
- **Cyclosporin A**
- **Soft contact lens**
- **Silver nitrate**
- **Autologous serum**

- **Botulinum toxin**
- **Supratarsal steroid injection**
- **Resection**
- **Conjunctival ablation**
- **Consider thyroid evaluation**
**Thyroid Disease Causes**

- Hypothyroidism
  - Hashimoto Disease
  - Thyroid removal
  - Pituitary gland malfunctions (TSH)
  - Low iodine intake*
  - Lithium exposure
- Hyperthyroidism
  - Autoimmune (Grave’s Disease)
  - Toxic adenomas
  - Subacute thyroiditis
  - Pituitary gland malfunctions (TSH)
  - Cancerous growths in thyroid

**Symptoms: Hypo vs. Hyper**

- Hypothyroidism
  - Fatigue, sleepiness
  - Weight gain (decreased appetite)
  - Cold intolerance
  - Depression
  - Menstrual disturbances
  - Hair loss
  - Dry skin
- Hyperthyroidism
  - Nervousness
  - Anxiety
  - Increased perspiration
  - Heat intolerance
  - Hyperactivity
  - Palpitations
  - Weight loss

**Ocular Manifestations**

- Anterior segment
  - Evaporative DES
  - SLK (65% have thyroid dysfunction)*
  - Lid retraction (Dalymples sign)
  - Lid lag
  - Exophthalmos
- Posterior Segment
  - Optic nerve hypoplasia
  - Optic nerve swelling/compression
  - Chorionetinal striae
- Intra-Orbital
  - EOM restriction (IM SLO)
  - EOM enlargement
  - Optic nerve compression

**Thyroid Eye Disease**

- **No signs or symptoms**
- **Only signs** (limited to upper lid retraction and stare, with or without lid lag)
- **Soft tissue involvement** (conjunctiva, lids, etc.)
- **Proptosis**
- **Extraocular muscle involvement** (diplopia)
- **Corneal involvement** (lagophthalmos)
- **Sight loss** (due to optic nerve involvement)
Thyroid ED

- Autoimmune Disease
- Women > Men (3-10 times)
- Occurs in 4th – 5th decade of life
- When men are affected, symptoms are worse
- Ocular manifestation generally appear 2.5 years after onset of disease
- 25-50% Grave’s dz patients develop ocular manifestations.
- Most common in Hyperthyroid, but can occur with hypothyroidism


Diagnosis/Testing

- Tonometry (primary gaze and up gaze)
- Exophthalmometer
- Appearance
- Thyroid panel/ Autoimmune markers
- Imaging (CT and MRI)
- Forced duction/motility

Thyroid Eye Disease

- Optic nerve compression
  - Visual field defects
  - Contrast abnormalities
  - Color vision defects
  - RAPD
  - Decreased visual acuity
  - Pale atrophic optic disc
  - Rare: Occurs in 10%.
  - 40-50% of patients with compression have normal appearing fundus.

Treatment options

- Self Limiting: Graves' disease usually runs a progressive course for 3–5 years and then stabilizes.)*
- Concern is patient comfort and treatment of Dry eye concerns.
- Lid weights/taping/tarsorrhaphy may be required to decrease exposure

Transient Vision Loss

- 78 yo F
- Noted 5-8 seconds of fluctuating vision
- Qualify vision loss

Similar Case
78 yo Male with headache (of any shape or form)

- What three questions should come to mind?

82 yowf Sudden Loss of VA

- Ocular history:
  - Primary open angle glaucoma OU
  - Epithelial basement membrane dystrophy OU
  - Pseudophakia OU
  - Early Dry ARMD OU
- Medical history:
  - Arthritis
  - Hypertension
  - High Cholesterol
  - Peripheral Neuropathy
  - Restless leg Syndrome
  - GERD
Case Example

- VAOC:
  - OD: LP
  - OS: 20/50 +2

- Pupils
  - OD: 1+ APD
  - OS: round and reactive

- EOM
  - Full OU

- CVF
  - OD: constricted inferior 180
  - OS: Full to finger counting

- IOP: 18mmHg/18mmHg by Goldmann

Assessment

- Ischemic Optic Neuropathy OD
  - Pt denied any jaw pain, headaches, shoulder or hip pain, change in weight and malaise

Plan

- Labs ordered: ESR, CRP, CBC w/diff
- Medication: Prednisone 20mg 3 PO QD and Ranitidine 150mg BID PO
- Meds are not to be started before having blood drawn
- Follow up in 1 week pending lab results

Lab Results:

- ESR: 95 (High)
- CRP: 7.09 (High)
- Platelet: 465 (High)

- Temporal artery biopsy scheduled in 2 weeks

Ocular Medication
- Combigan BID OS
- Travatan Z QHS OU

Systemic Medication
- Crestor 5mg
- Amiodipine-Benazepril S/10mg
- Pramipexole 0.125mg
- Tramadol HCL
- Nexium 40mg
- Lidoderm patch
- Gabapentin 300mg
- Celebrex 200mg
- Iron supplement
- Krill oil supplement

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Giant Cell Arteritis

- Temporal Artery Biopsy Result
  - Active arteritis with rare giant cells, consistent with temporal arteritis
  - Mild arteriosclerosis
  - Disruption and focal loss of internal elastic lamina

- Informed the patient that her PCP will monitor her labs from now on and adjust her oral prednisone dose accordingly. She is to continue on the 60mg/day dosing for right now until he instructs her otherwise

- Follow up in 1 month

Giant Cell Arteritis

- The most common vasculitis in >50 years old
- Incidence increases with age, peaking in the 8th decade
- More common in females and in those of northern European descent/Scandinavians
- Large autopsy studies strongly suggest that the true prevalence of GCA may be ~1% of the population

Giant Cell Arteritis

- Any elderly pt with headache
- Any elderly pt with diplopia
- Any elderly pt with transient vision loss

- Ask
  - Temporal tenderness
  - Pain with combing hair, wearing glasses, hats
  - Pain with chewing, swallowing

Giant Cell Arteritis

- Ischemic symptoms
  - Headache
  - Scalp pain
  - Jaw Claudication

- Systemic inflammation symptoms
  - Polymyalgia rheumatica
  - Fatigue
  - Malaise
  - Fever
  - Anorexia/weight loss
  - Night sweats
GCA – Ocular Manifestations

- **Anterior Ischemic Optic Neuropathy**
  - Rapid, profound vision loss
  - (+) APD
  - A swollen optic nerve with a chalky white appearance
  - VF defect varies

- **Central Retinal Artery Occlusion**
  - ~ 10% of CRAO’s are caused by GCA

- **Cranial Nerve Palsy**
  - Rare and usually CN 6

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**Now what?**

- Differentials for unilateral swollen nerves
  - Anterior Ischemic Optic Neuropathy
  - NAION
  - AAION
  - Optic Neuritis
  - CRVO
  - Compression (Mass/lesion, Thyroid)
  - Inflammation
  - Infection

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GCA - Testing

- **Blood Work**
  - ESR, CRP, CBC w/diff

- **TA Biopsy**

- Simultaneous color Doppler and duplex ultrasonography

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AAION Treatment

- **Standard of care: Corticosteroids**
  - In acute cases of AAION (same day) patients should be started on IV methylprednisolone 250-1000mg x 3 days
  - Possible vision recovery, most importantly save the other eye

- Oral Prednisone 80-100mg/day if vision loss is not acute

- Referral to internist / rheumatology
  - Will taper steroids to the lowest required dose
  - Usually GCA patients require treatment for 2 or more years
  - Recurrences can happen
Oral Corticosteroid Considerations

- Accurate diagnosis is essential
- Indicated for acute inflammatory eye, orbital and eyelid conditions
- Pregnancy category C
- Dosepaks available
  - 24 mg, 30 mg, 60 mg with taper
- Best taken with meals
- Short term rarely has ocular side effects

Ranitidine

- Histamine-2 blockers
- Works by reducing the amount of acid your stomach produces
- 150 mg BID po
- Generally well tolerated
- HA

Viagra (sildenafil citrate)

- Selective inhibitor of phosphodiesterase type 5
- Impairment of color discrimination (B/G)
- Non-arteritic ischemic optic neuropathy

Side effects of long term steroids use:
- Bone fractures
- Infections
- GI bleeding/perfusion
- Hypertension
- Diabetes mellitus

New Alternatives
- Methotrexate
  - can be useful as steroid-sparing agents in patients who require prolonged treatment with high doses of steroids (more than 5-10 mg/d) and those who experience significant steroid-related complications
**NAION**

- Vascular insufficiency from small vessel disease
- There is insufficient perfusion of the optic nerve head which causes infarction of the prelaminar region
- Occurs usually between ages 40-60
- Loss of vision occurs upon waking in majority of cases
- More common in Caucasians

- Risk factors:
  - Diabetes (1st)
  - Hypertension
  - Ischemic heart disease
  - Nocturnal hypotension
  - Hypotensive agents taken at night
  - Sleep Apnea
  - Smoking
  - Viagra or other ED medication
  - Recent surgery (cardiac or neck sx, any ocular surgery)

**Can Anything be Done?**


- Initial VA 20/70 or worse, treated within 2 weeks of onset of symptoms
  - Visual outcome at 6 mo
    - Treated eyes 70% improved
    - Untreated eyes 41%.
  - Visual Fields
    - Treated – 40.1% improvement
    - Untreated – 24.5% improvement

**Remember!**

- **AAION**
  - >60 years
  - VA loss is profound, often 20/200 or worse
  - Proptosis symptoms
  - Chalky white swollen disc
  - ONH c/d can be any size
  - Cup enlarges when edema resolves
  - FA shows patchy choroidal perfusion and late disc leakage
  - Risk of fellow eye involvement is high and can occur in days

- **NAION**
  - 40-60 years
  - VA can be as good or better than 20/60
  - Hyperemic swollen disc
  - Disc at risk
  - Pallor’d cup when edema resolves
  - FA will show delayed filling and late disc leakage
  - Fellow eye may occur years later

**Cordarone (amiodorone)**

- Indicated for the treatment of life-threatening recurrent ventricular arrhythmia
- Side Effects
  - Halos
  - Photosensitivity
  - Optic neuropathy
  - Optic neuritis
  - Disc swelling
Differentials for Vortex Keratopathy

• Drug induced
  • Amiodarone
  • Chloroquine
  • Tamoxifen
  • Ibuprofen
  • Indomethacin
• Stem cell deficiency
• Fabry's disease

Fabry Disease

• X-linked disorder due to a deficiency of alpha-galactosidase resulting in the buildup of globotriaosylceramide
• Signs and symptoms include:
  • Severe pain in the extremities
  • Exercise intolerance
  • Renal involvement
  • Skin lesions – angokeratoma corporis disciformis consists of clusters of superficial cutaneous dark-red angokeratomas
  • Tortuosity of conjunctival and retinal vessels

THANK YOU

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