

## Interpretation OCT A-Z (From the Advance technique to the eaZy basics)

### Abstract

Spectral domain and OCTA technology have aided in the diagnosis and management of retinal disease. Using a fast pace case presentation, this lecture will provide interpretation of SDOCT and OCTA analysis.

### Objectives

1. Have an understanding on OCT interpretation
2. Have an understanding on OCTA interpretation
3. Emphasize the value of OCT/OCTA technology in cases presented

### Outline

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Principles

1. Quantitative measurements:
  - a. looking at the bscan
  - b. line interpretation
  - c. changes from the norm
2. Qualitative measurements
  - a. Hypo-reflectivity
  - b. Hyper-reflectivity
  - c. Factors affecting reflectivity
  - d. Attenuation vs shadowing
3. Variation in line scan
  - a. Radial: use in Macular hole
  - b. HD 21: typical use
  - c. HD 1: highest resolution
  - d. Cross sections
4. PIL (photoreceptor integrity line): IS/OS and EZ line(ellipsoid zone): anatomic landmark on a macular OCT provides the most useful information about visual function
5. EDI
  - a. Enhance depth imaging
  - b. Valuable in disease of the choroid like small melanomas

#### II. Cases

##### A. *Epi-retinal membrane (ERM)*: Fibrotic membrane on the retinal surface

1. OCT findings
  - (a) highly reflective tugging membrane on retinal surface
  - (b) increase retinal thickness and associated retinal distortion
  - (c) loss of normal foveal contour
2. The value of OCT
  - (a) may help to evaluate presence of associated complications

- (b) helps evaluate thickness, location, density and type of ERM
- (c) quantitative measurements are used for monitoring
- (d) aids in differential diagnosis (DDx)

**B. Central Serous Detachment (CSC):** Serous detachment of the neurosensory retina

1. OCT findings
  - (a) elevated retina with shallow margins
  - (b) optically clear center
2. What is pachychoroid?
3. The value of OCT
  - (a) may help in DDx
  - (b) monitoring the course of the disease

**C. DME**

1. OCT findings
  - (a) increase retinal thickness
  - (b) hyporeflective "spongy-like" retinal appearance; resulting in irregular hollow spaces
  - (c) retinal cystic changes
  - (d) loss of foveal depression
  - (e) what is true edema vs mild thickness changes
2. The value of OCT
  - (a) precise location of edema may be observed using the retinal map
  - (b) monitor post-surgical progress or complications
  - (c) may help to validate particular treatment options
  - (d) center vs non-centered involve

**D. RD vs Retinoschisis**

1. what does a RD look like?
2. Value of OCT in RD evaluation
3. Retinoschisis
  - a. split between inner and outer later
  - b. OCT findings: Stretching of muller cells

**E. Choroidal neovascular membrane**

1. Diseases
2. OCT characteristic
  - a. Hyperreflective area location
  - b. Presence of Fluid
  - c. Increase retinal thickness
  - d. Abnormalities in the RPE
  - e. NS or RPE detachment

F. Idiopathic Macular Telangiectasia (IMT)

- 1.Characteristics of Type 1 vs 2: type 2 has a draping of ILM
- 2.OCT findings associated with type 2

G. Lamellar hole

- 1.Fundus characteristics
- 2.OCT findings

H.Myopic fovealschisis

- 1.Characteristics
2. OCT findings

**II. OCTA**

A. Principles: newest OCT able to look at microvascular changes

B. Uses: DR, IMT, AMD, occlusive disease, others

C. Case samples

D. Slabs

- 1.vitreoretinal interface (VRI): superficial neo
2. superficial
3. deep: MAs
4. avascular zone: CNV
5. choroicapilaries: CNV
6. choroid