

OCT Workshop

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This OCT workshop will be a great follow up to the March Madness series occurring at Vision Expo East (VEE) 2024.

- This workshop will include a brief introduction about OCT technology, different types of scan protocols, and image interpretation.
- Attendees will be able to gain experience with the various imaging devices including SD-OCT, SS-OCT, OCT-Angiography.
- Attendees will also be exposed to image management software during the hands on portion of the workshop
- The workshop also allows attendees to gain more knowledge and skills related to reviewing OCT images and various reports

Objectives

- 1) Discussion regarding the new technologies and features associated with OCT current imaging.
- 2) Provide an opportunity to work with and use the various SD OCT devices from Topcon, Zeiss, and Visionix
- 3) Provide an opportunity to learn about and to gain experience with OCT angiography (OCT-A)
- 4) Learn about the unique differences between the various OCT devices
- 5) Gain hands-on experience using the various imaging devices

Outline

Introduction of the various imaging technologies which will include SD-OCT, SS-OCT, OCT-Angiography, **45-60 minutes**

- a. Introduction to OCT technology will include:
 - i. Fundamentals of OCT imaging
 - ii. Differences between SD-OCT and SS-OCT
 - iii. Features associated with OCT devices from different manufacturers
 - iv. Types of scans offered by devices
 - v. Ocular diseases that can be more easily diagnosed through OCT
 - vi. Cases highlighting the use of OCT imaging in diagnosis of ocular conditions

- 1) Introduction

- a. Non-contact, in vivo 3D imaging of the vitreous, retina, choroid, and sclera
- b. Basic principle is low coherence interferometry

- 2) Different Instruments

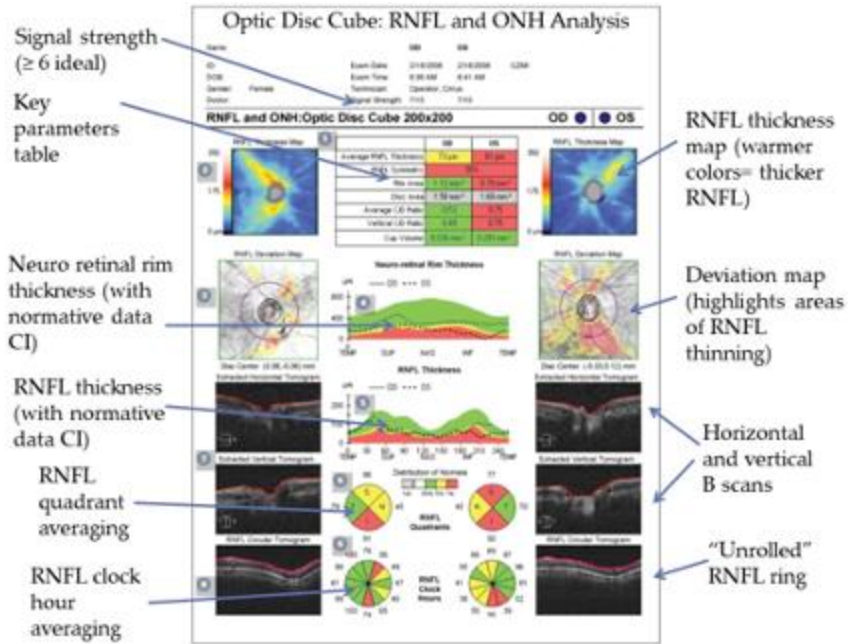
3) Scan options

- a) ONH Cube 200 x 200
 - i) Once 3 scans are done Guided Progression Analysis (GPA)[®] can be done to look for progression
- b) Macular Cube 512 x 200
 - i) Review on macular thickness
 - ii) Review of ganglion cell layer (GCL+, GCL++)
 - iii) How to display macular thickness ganglion cell layer thickness and conduct change analysis between visits
- c) 21 line raster
- d) 1 line raster
 - i) Maximizes image averaging by overlay 100 B-scan images of the same retinal location
 - ii) Cancels out random noise (“speckle”, “static”)
 - iii) Good for imaging the vitreous or choroid (for choroid imaging also use EDI)

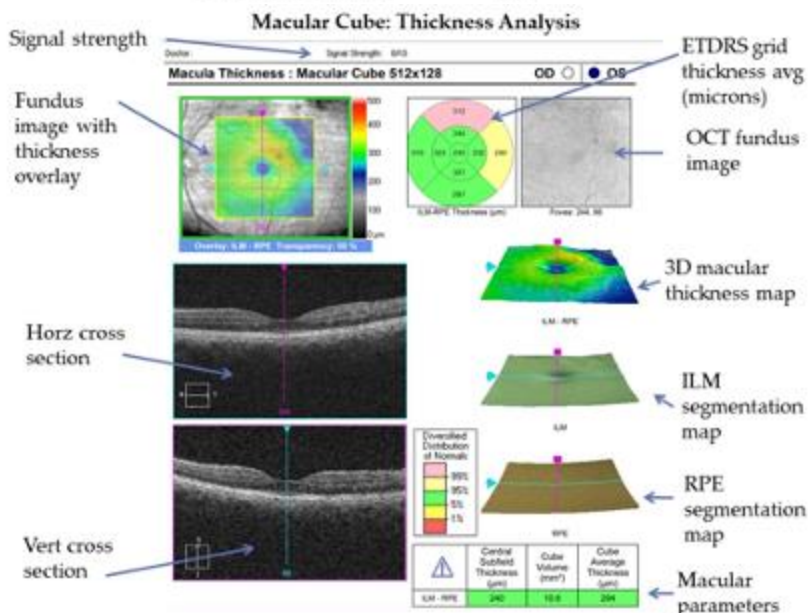
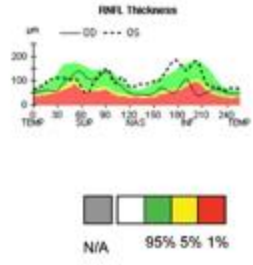
4) Display/Analysis

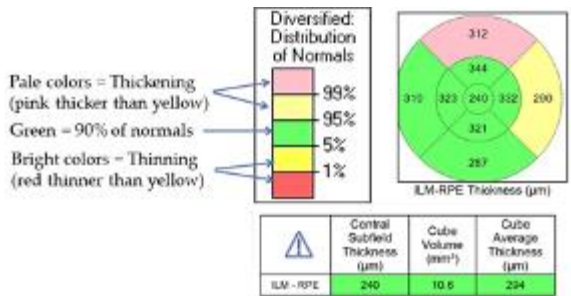
- a) Enface analysis
 - i) An en face image represents a slab of data, typically including several retinal layers, that are compressed down into a 2D plane
 - ii) Can be used to view both structural and angiography OCT data
 - iii) Vitreoretinal interface (ERM), Mid-retina (CME), IS/OS Junction (hydroxychloroquine toxicity, geographic atrophy)
 - iii) How to improve depth imaging to acquire better images of the choroid, sclera, lamina cribrosa (pachychoroid disease, choroidal tumors)

5) Printout/Interpretation

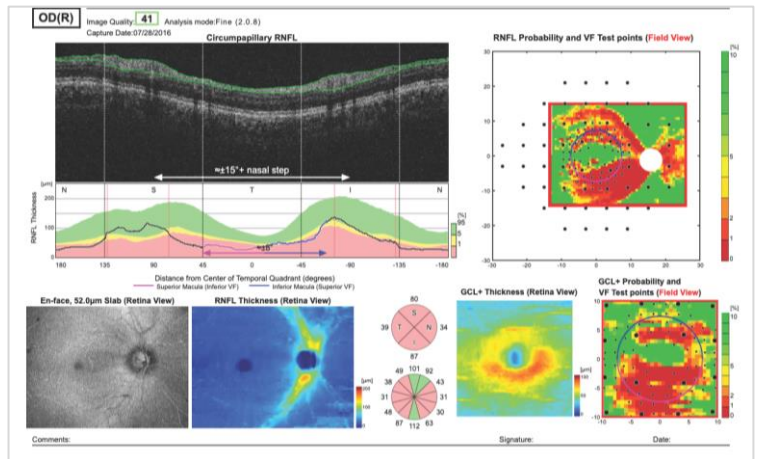
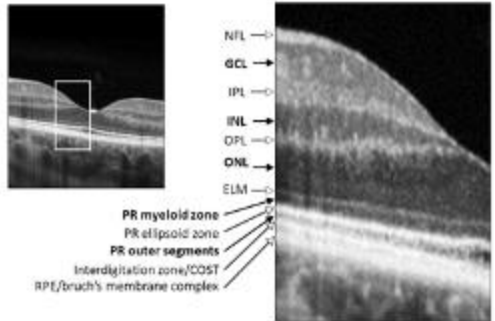


- Normative data distribution**
- White=thickest 5% of normals
 - Green=90% of normals
 - Yellow=thinnest 5% of normals
 - Red= thinnest 1% of normals
 - Gray= [no normative comparison available]





OCT NORMAL RETINAL ANATOMY

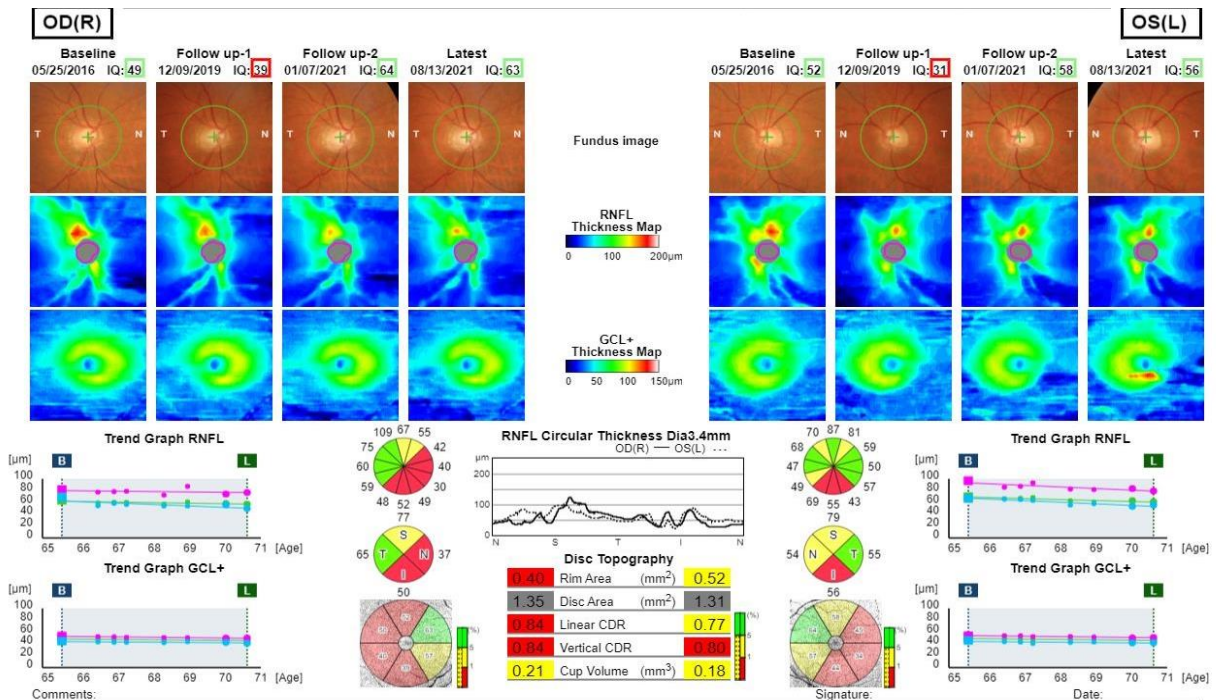


(Hood reports for glaucoma analysis will be reviewed)

7) OCT Angiography

- a) Non-invasive optical coherence tomography (OCT) technology that provides 3D volumetric data regarding retinal and choroidal vasculature and blood flow
- b) Co-registration of vascular and structural data allows for precise localization of vascular abnormalities
- c) Scan options for OCT-A technology with specific devices
 - i) 3x3mm- provides greatest resolution but smallest FOV, use to look for macular ischemia and subclinical diabetic retinopathy
 - ii) 6x6mm

- iii) 8x8mm
- iv) 12 x 12mm
- v) 4.5mm ONH- use to detect NVD and radial peripapillary capillary dropout in glaucoma & other optic neuropathies
- vi) Montage
- vii) 6mm montage- knits together six 6mm scans to produce a 10x14mm
- viii) 8mm montage- knits together five 8x8mm scans to produce a 14x14mm montage image



(Trend analysis report review for glaucoma management)

8) Image Management Review Software

- a) Data management solution that enables a fully electronic workflow
- b) Glaucoma & retinal image review
 - i) Retina and Glaucoma Workplace on Zeiss Forum
- c) Event based versus tend based analysis

Workshop: 60-75 minutes

- a. Attendees will be broken up into small groups evenly to utilize the various OCT devices and their image review software
 - i. They will rotate through various instruments from different manufacturers, while having an opportunity to better understand features associated with each particular device.

- b. Each attendee receives instruction on hands-on opportunities to use the various technologies which include:
 - a. Noninvasive, noncontact transpupillary imaging technology
 - b. Analogous to ultrasound B-wave imaging or radar except light is used instead of acoustic or radio waves
 - c. Can image retinal structures in vivo with a resolution of 10 μ
 - d. The retinal detail provided is consistent with an "optical biopsy" providing a 2- and 3-dimensional cross-sectional images of tissue microstructure. This is done by collecting backscattering of light reflected from the fundus and related structures
 - e. Provides cross-sectional images of retinal structures
 - i. Allows for clinical correlation
 - ii. Better anatomic perspective
 - iii. Diagnosis of ocular conditions
 - iv. Supplements other diagnostic testing
 - f. OCT has changed how clinicians look at the retina
 - i. The assessment of retinal abnormalities based on OCT imaging has advanced eye care
 - ii. OCT in Optometry practices ~ 40-70%
 - iii. As the technology has evolved -> price points for the devices continue to come down
 - g. Provides better understanding of vitreomacular interactions and related diseases
 - i. This has redefined our understanding of the pathogenesis of full thickness macular holes.
 - h. SS-OCT has improved our understanding of the retinal-choroidal interface
 - i. Glaucoma Management
 - i. RNFL analysis & print outs
 - ii. Ganglion Cell analysis & print outs
 - j. Retinal disease management
 - i. Review of all the scans that can be applied
 - ii. Macular cube vs. Raster lines
 - k. Current SD-OCT Available
 - i. Cirrus SD-OCT
 - ii. Heidelberg Spectralis
 - iii. Optovue Avantis
 - iv. Optovue iVue
 - l. Hardware is relatively similar between devices. The main differences revolved around software
 - i. Software will be demonstrated as a part of the workshop
 - ii. Some OCT's are combination units that include fundus camera

- m. All have normative data base - More important in glaucoma management
- ii. OCT Angiography (OCT-A)
 - a. Faster scanning speed so able to capture motion
 - i. Scans at 68,000 to 100,000 A-scans per second
 - ii. Traditional SD OCT scan at 28,000 to 40,000 A- scans per second
 - iii.. Compares repeat scans acquired at the same position in the retina to look for changes
 - b. Able capture movement of the RBC's as it moves through the blood vessels
 - i. Capillaries are clearly delineated from another
 - ii. Branching points are more visible
 - iii. Even small loops are revealed
 - c. OCT-A is beneficial for the diagnosis of CNV and retinal vascular disease
 - i. Case examples of CNV
 - ii. Case examples of OCTA in DR
 - iii. Motion artifacts
- vii. Swept Source OCT (SS-OCT)
 - a. Utilizes a swept cavity laser
 - b. Swept-source light source has a wavelength centered at $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$ that sweeps across a narrow band of wavelengths, while spectral-domain devices utilize a broadband light source
 - c. Scanning speeds up to a million A-scans per second achieved
 - d. Faster speeds yield a high-density scan with high resolution en face OCT images, but at the expense of worse signal-to-noise ratio.
 - e. Current commercially available SS-OCT devices operating at a speed of 100,000 A-scans/second
 - f. Disadvantages of Swept Source OCT
 - i. Lower axial resolution
 - ii. Image averaging (noise reduction) is higher
 - iii. Worse signal-to-noise ratio
 - iv. Worse motion artifact
 - v. No normative databases
 - vi. Higher cost