

Keratoconus



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Introduction

- Onset in adolescence
- Progressive thinning and protrusion of the cornea
- Inflammation likely plays an important role
- Genetic predisposition with environmental triggers
- In SA F>M, due to association with VKC
- Bilateral but asymmetrical
- Arrests in 3-4th decade



Associations

Systemic

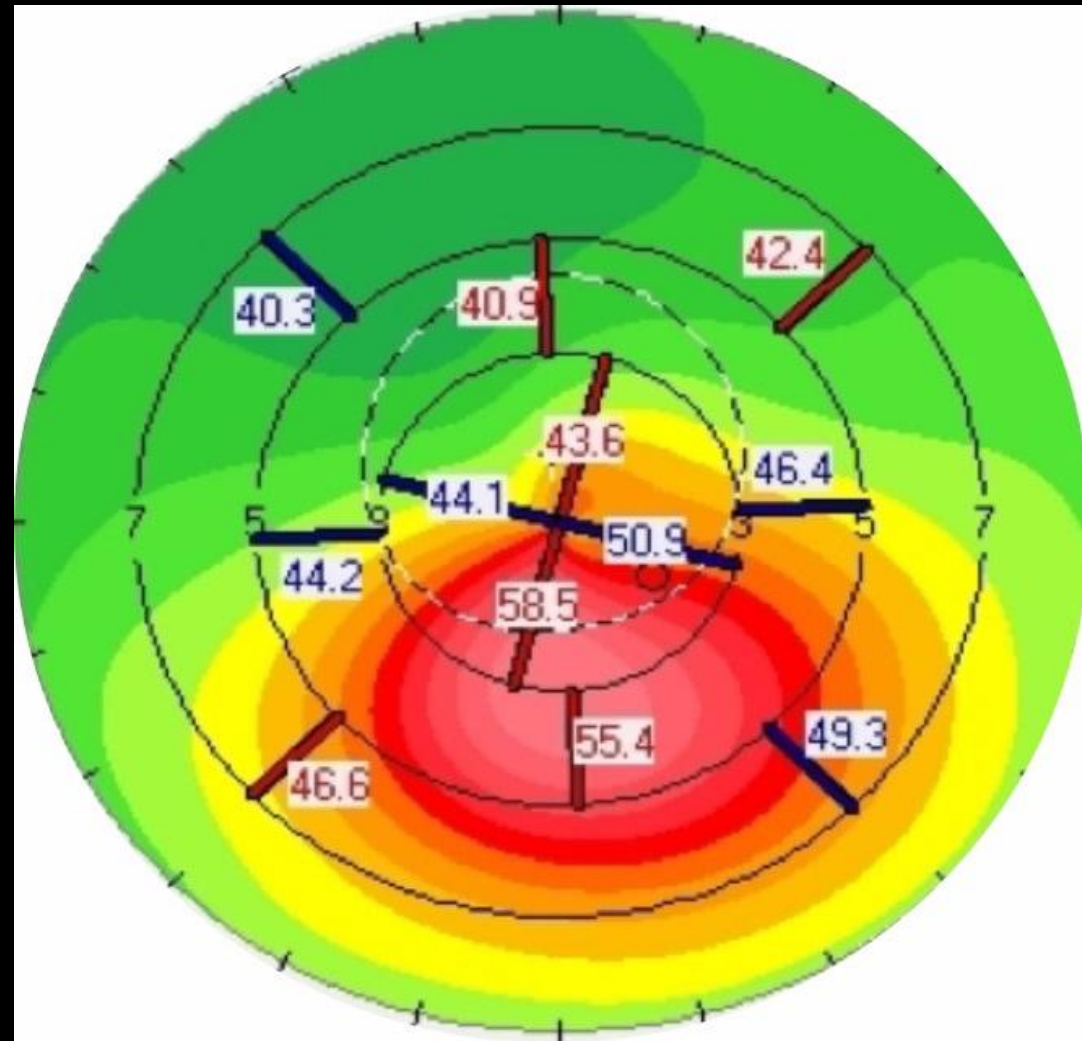
- Atopic disease
- Down's Syndrome
- CT diseases (Ehlers, Marfans etc)
- Thyroid disease (hyper and hypo)

Ocular

- Retinitis pigmentosa
- Lebers congenital amurosis
- Allergic eye disease
- Dystrophies
 - PPCD
 - FECD
- ROP

Diagnosis

- History
- Clinical
- Tomography
- Epithelial maps
- Biomechanics



Diagnosis: history

- Teens to 20s
- Unilateral decreasing vision
- Photophobia and glare
- Frequently changing glasses script



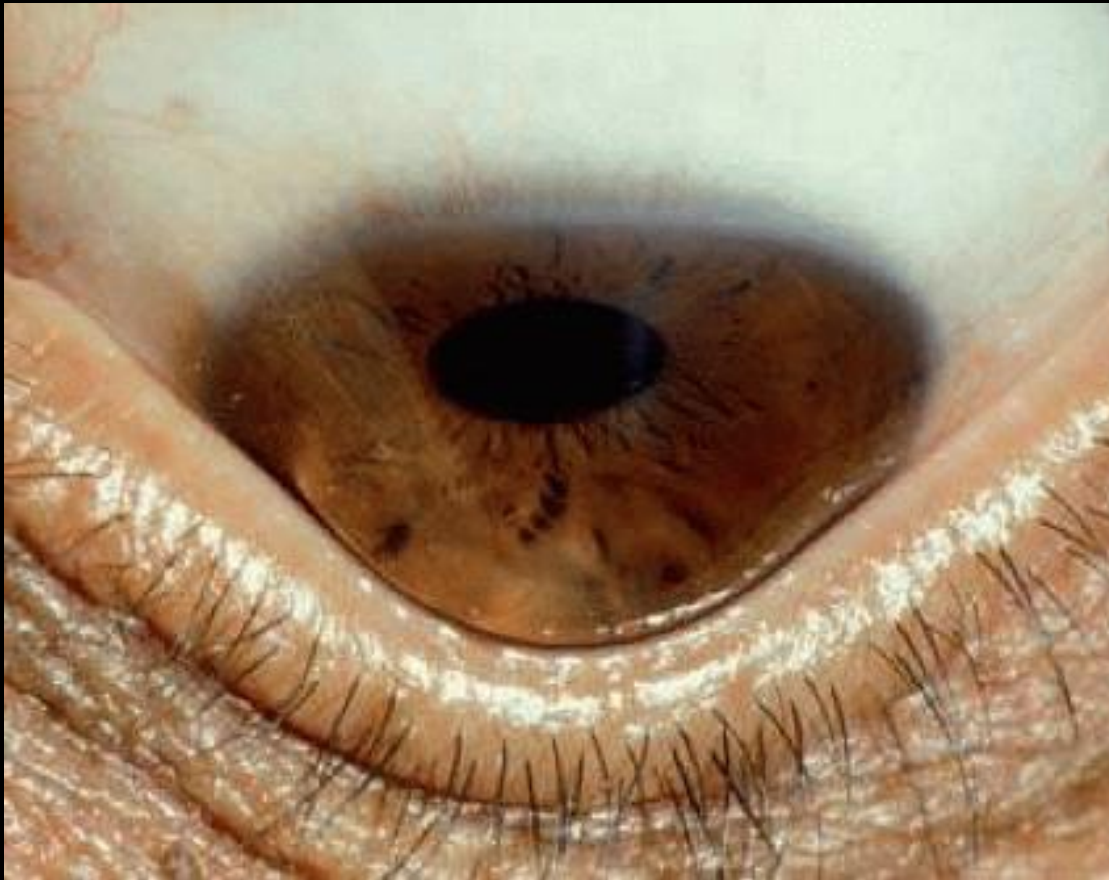
Diagnosis: clinical

- Refractive error
 - Myopic with irregular astigmatism
 - Typically with inferior steepening
 - HOA, especially coma

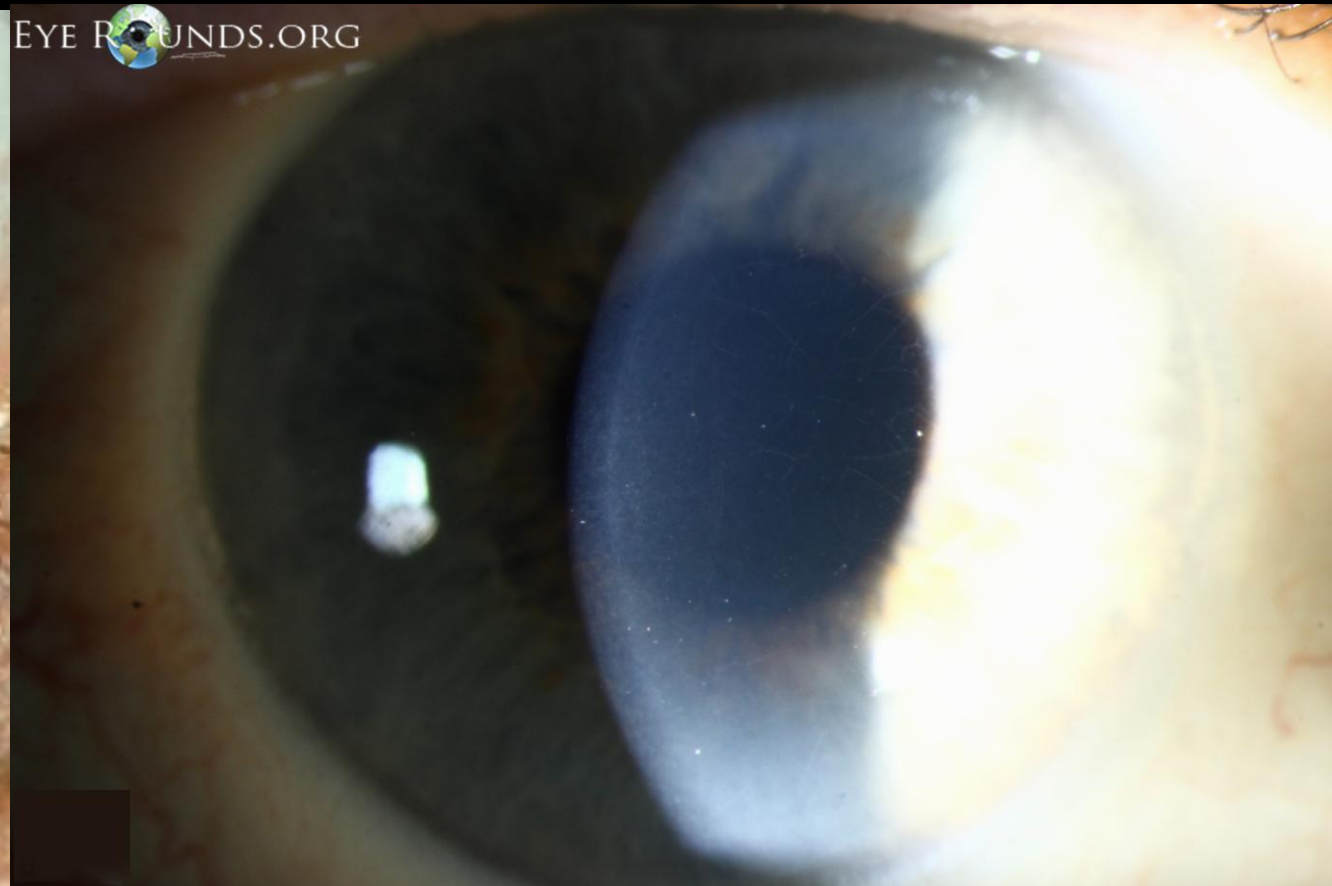
Diagnosis: retinoscopy



Diagnosis: clinical



Munson's Sign

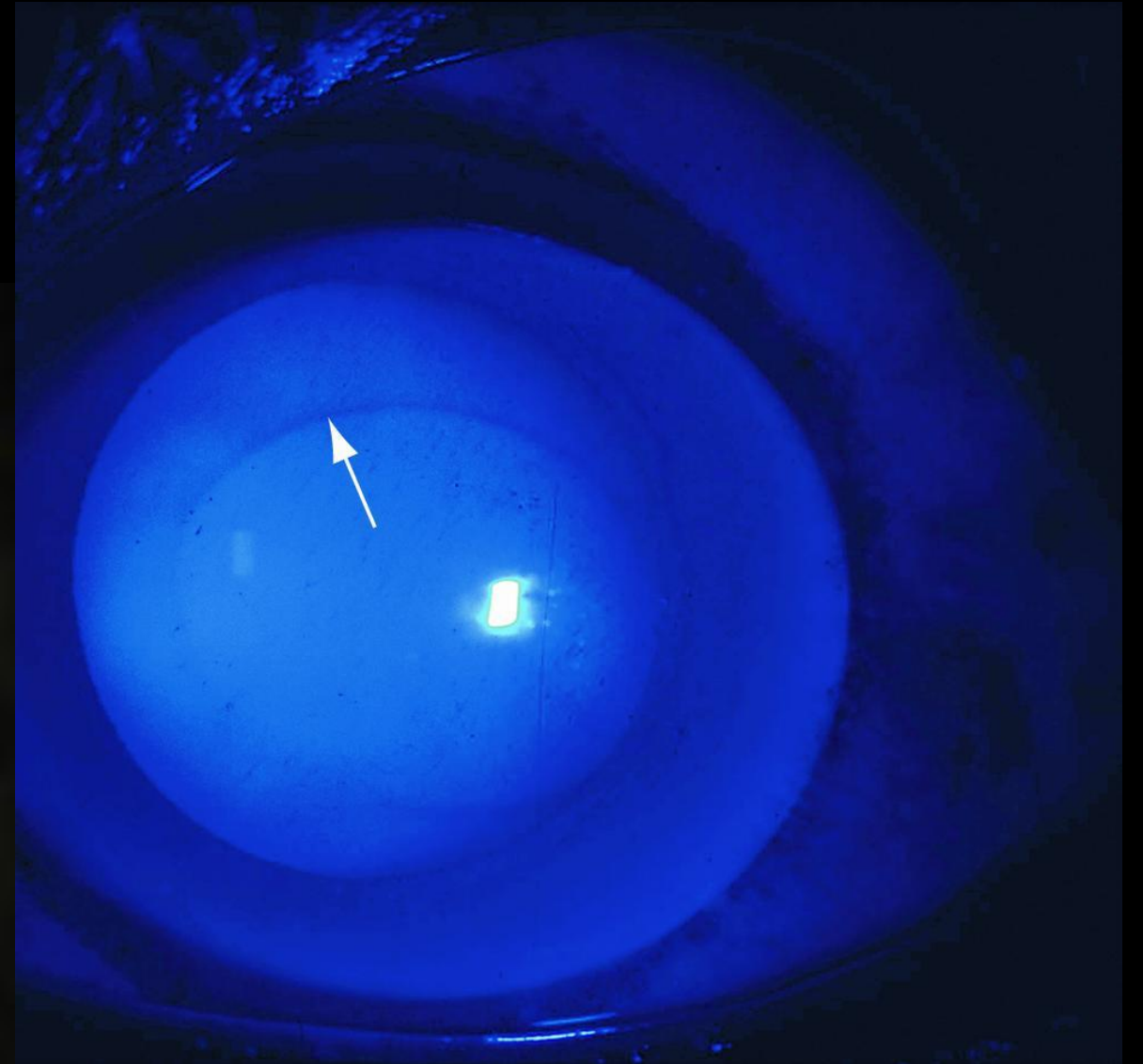


Prominent Corneal Nerves

Diagnosis: clinical

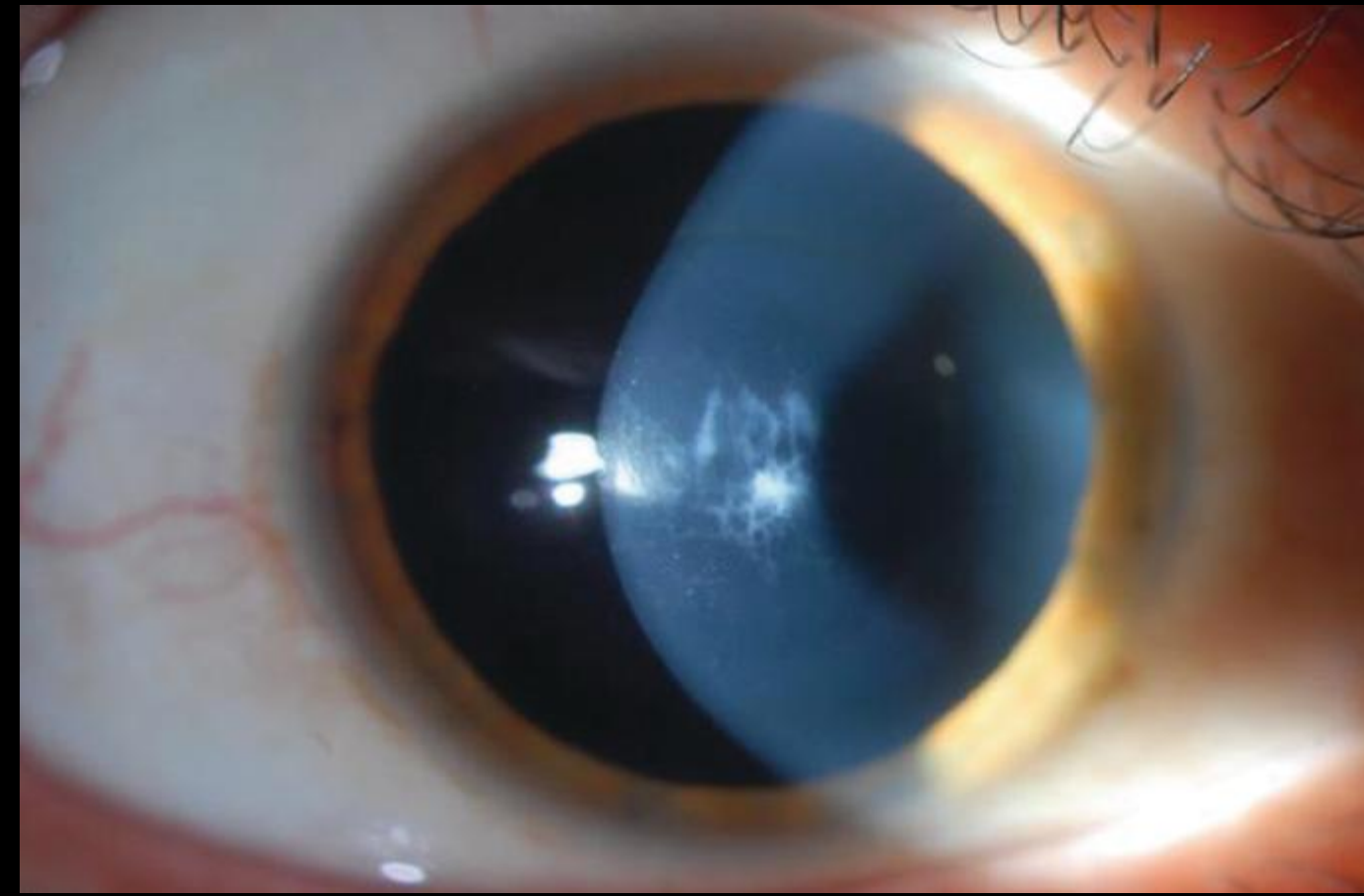


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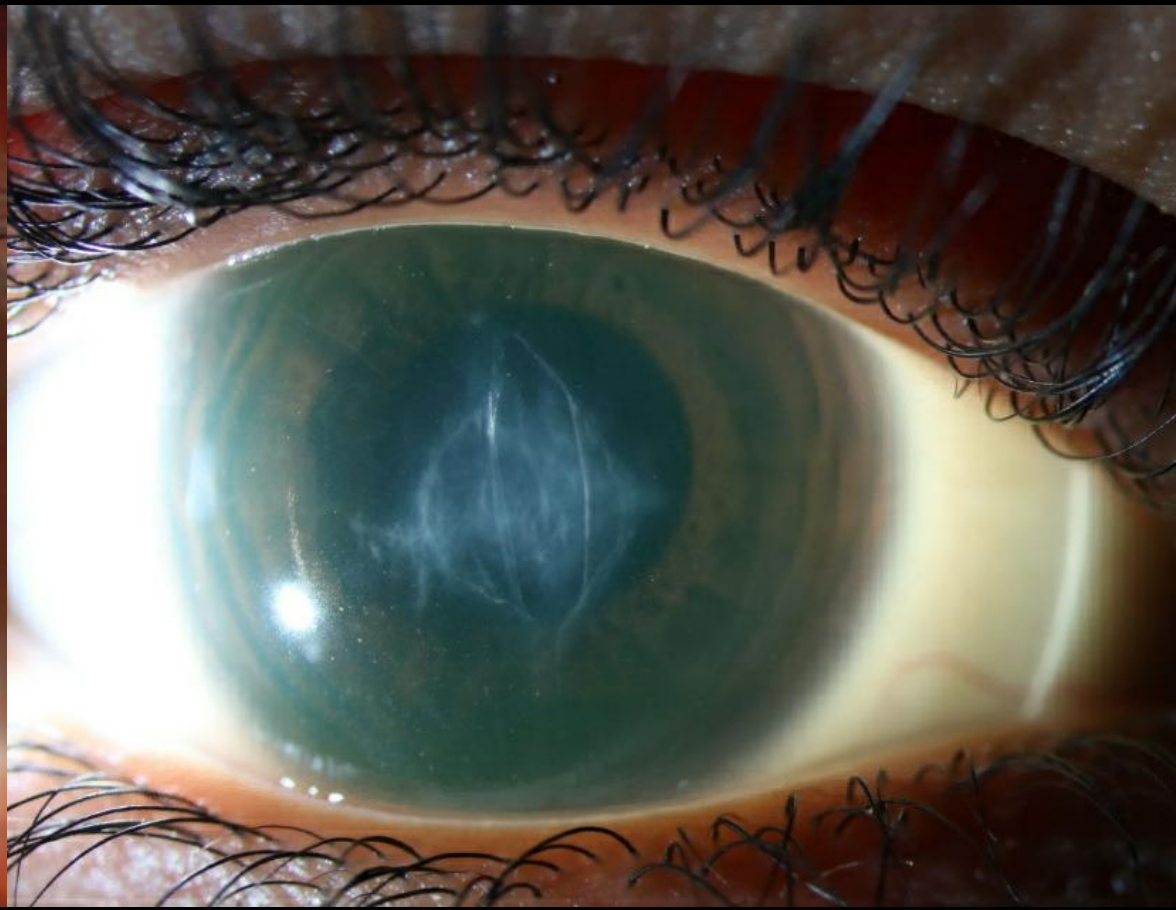


Fleischer Ring

Diagnosis: clinical



Apical Scarring

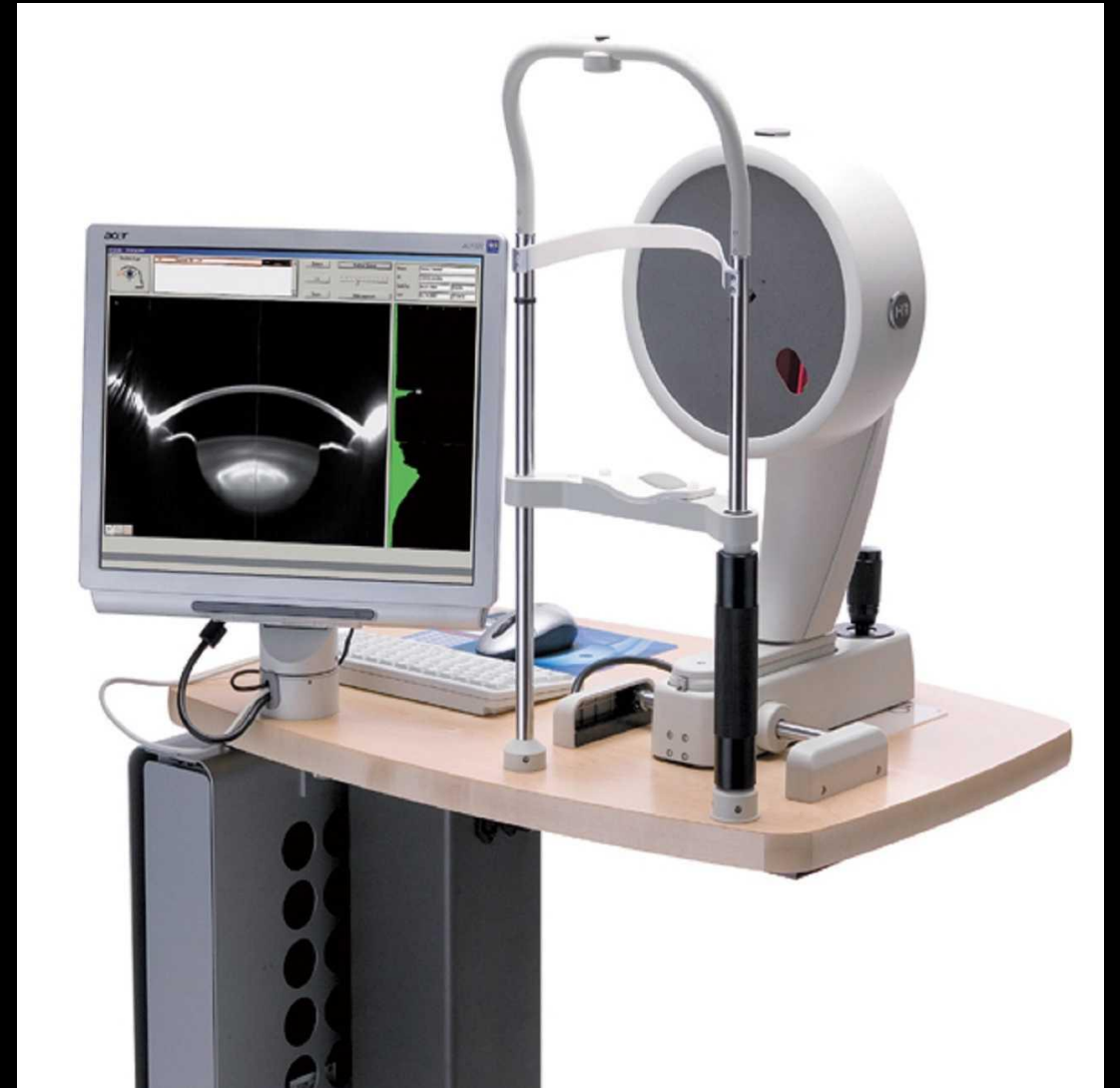


Old Hydrops

Diagnosis: tomography

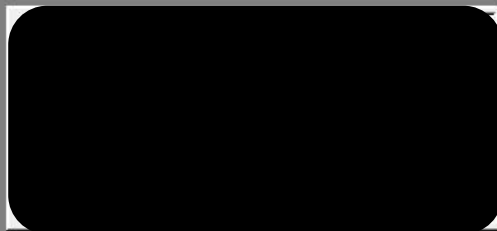
Characteristics

- High astigmatism
- Asymmetrical bowtie
- Skewed radial axis
- Abnormal elevations
 - Anterior >15
 - Posterior >20
- Abnormal pachymetric progression



OCULUS - PENTACAM 4 Maps Refractive

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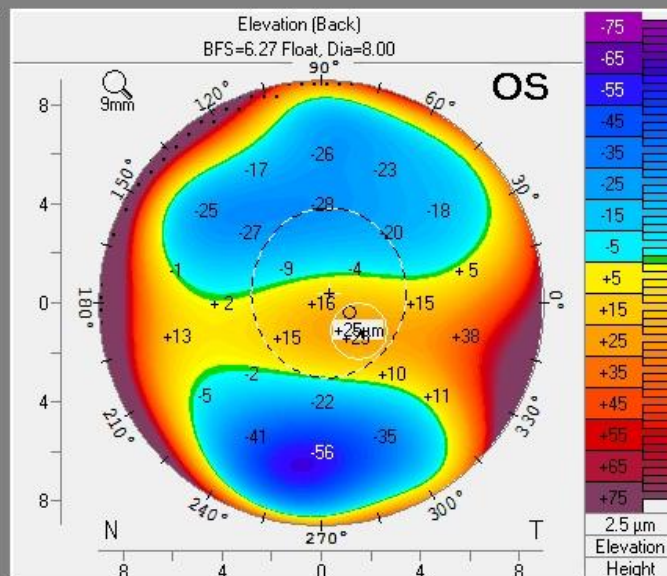
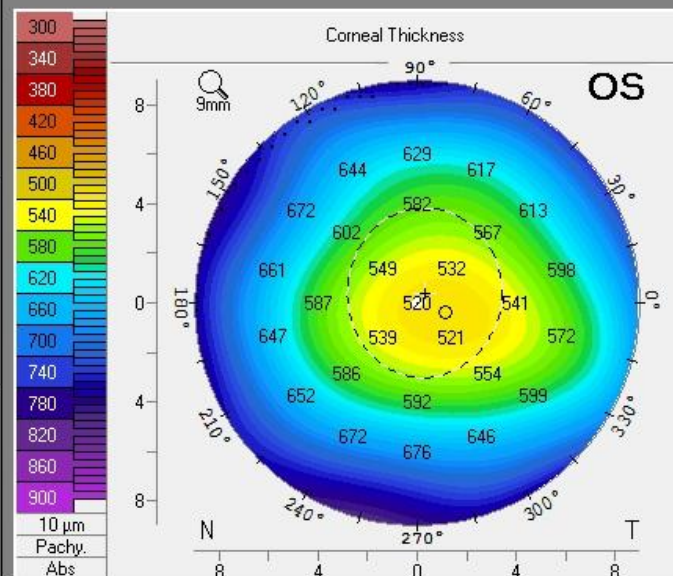
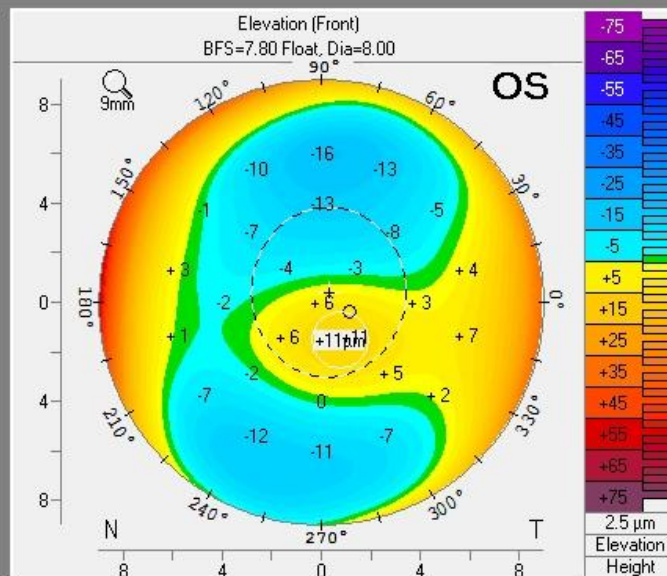
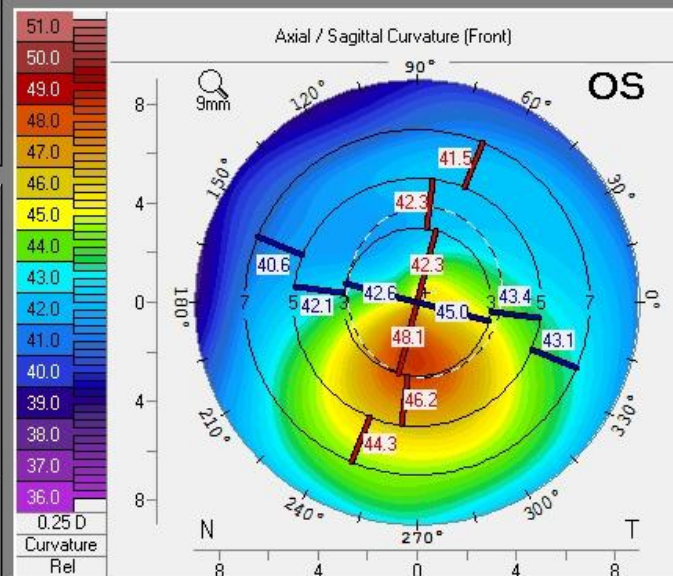
Cornea Front			
Rf:	7.69 mm	K1:	43.9 D
Rs:	7.48 mm	K2:	45.1 D
Rm:	7.58 mm	Km:	44.5 D
Q-val. (8mm):	-0.61	Rper:	8.13 mm
Axis: (steep):	73.5°	Astig:	1.2 D
Rmin:	6.96 mm		

Cornea Back			
Rf:	6.16 mm	K1:	-6.5 D
Rs:	5.70 mm	K2:	-7.0 D
Rm:	5.93 mm	Km:	-6.7 D
Q-val. (8mm):	-0.82	Rper:	6.80 mm
Axis: (steep):	86.2°	Astig:	0.5 D
Rmin:	4.89 mm		

	Pachy:	x[mm]	y[mm]
Pupil Center:	+ 520 μm	+0.15	+0.20
Pachy Vertex N.:	- 520 μm	0.00	0.00
Thinnest Locat.:	○ 515 μm	+0.57	-0.19
K Max. (Front):	• 48.5 D	0.00	-1.21

Cornea Volume:	61.0 mm ³	HWTW:	11.2 mm
Chamber Volume:	144 mm ³	Angle:	36.2°
A. C. Depth (Int.):	2.83 mm	Pupil Dia:	3.27 mm
Enter IOP IOP(Sum):	+1.2 mmHg	Lens Th.:	

Refractive

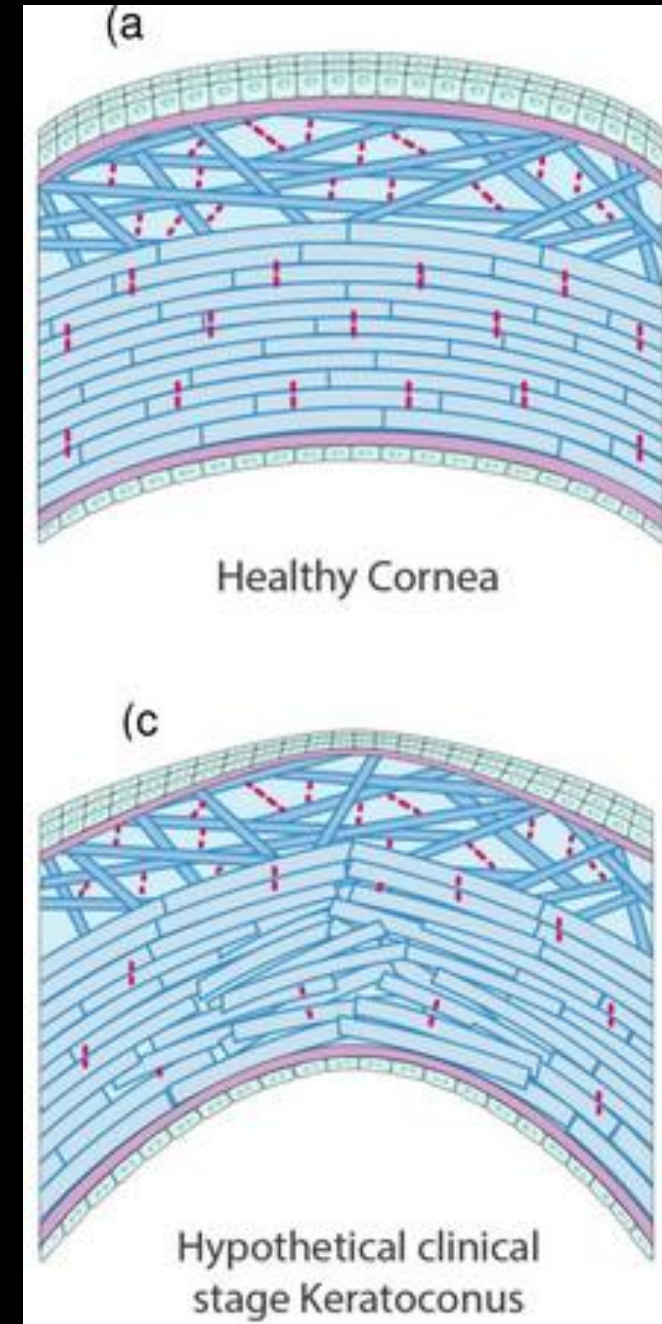


Diagnosis: epithelial maps

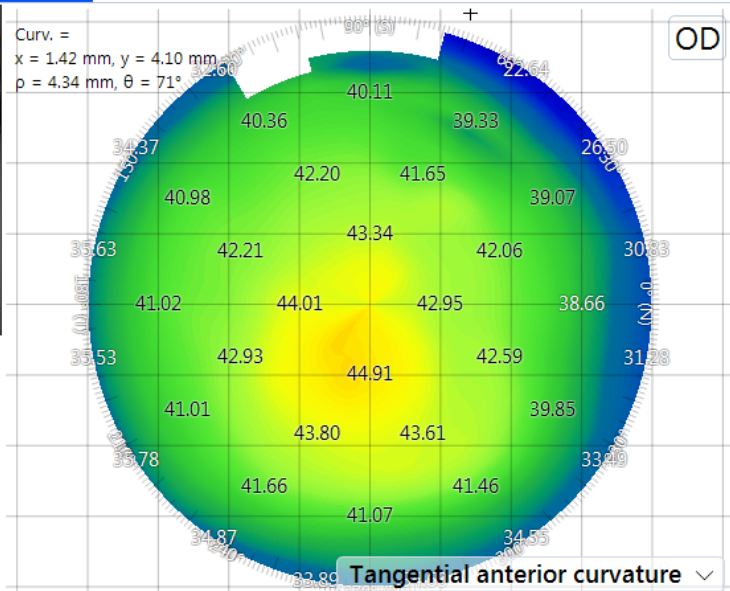
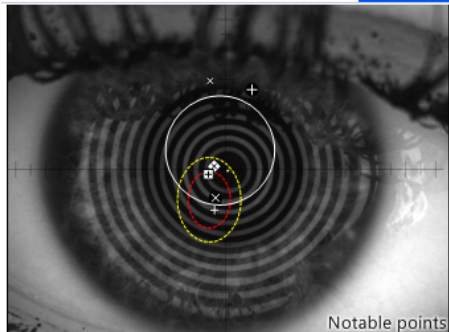
Characteristics

- Epithelial profile is created by the movement of the upper lid over the eye
- Thinnest superior
- Thickest inferior and nasal
- Difference of 15 μ m between thickest and thinnest significant
- Keratoconus has thin island over cone

Reinstein, D.Z., Archer, T.J. and Gobbe, M., 2009. Corneal epithelial thickness profile in the diagnosis of keratoconus. *Journal of refractive surgery*, 25(7), pp.604-610.



OD OS Enantiomorphism **Bilateral summary**



Notable points

Epi-Thk_{MIN} = 50 μm ⬠: (-0.39; 0.11) mm
 Str-Thk_{MIN} = 479 μm ⬠: (-0.58; -0.16) mm
 Thk_{MIN} = 530 μm ⬠: (-0.58; -0.15) mm
 K_{MAX}^F = 44.85 D (7.53 mm) ⬠: (-0.34; -0.94) mm
 K_{MAX}^B = -10.68 D (3.74 mm) ⬠: (0.88; 2.66) mm
 Δz_{MAX}^F = 8.7 μm ⬠: (-0.37; -1.35) mm
 Δz_{MAX}^B = 93.8 μm ⬠: (-0.51; 2.96) mm

NPS = 1.82 mm

Curvatures:

SI^F = 0.97 D

CSI^F = 1.08 D

SI^B = 0.17 D

CSI^B = 0.28 D

Elevations:

E^F = 8.69 μm @ 255°

E^B = 5.18 μm @ 100°

Corneal thickness:

Thk_{MIN} = 530 μm

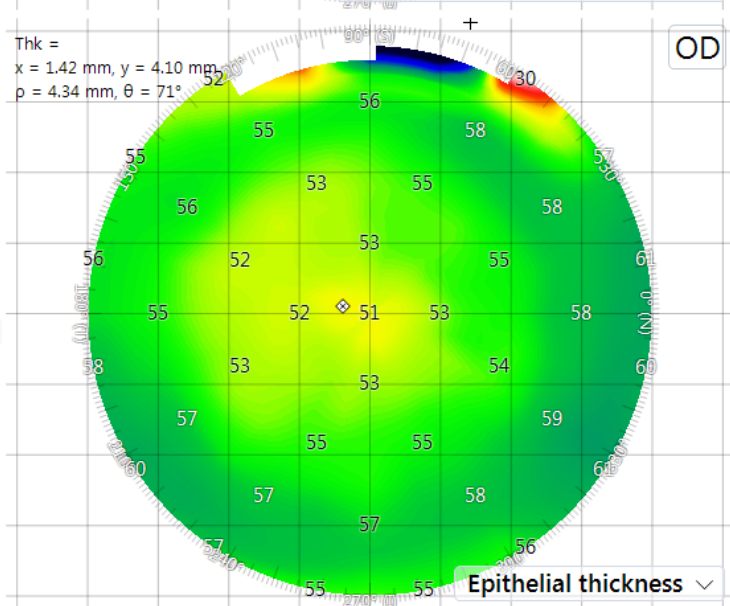
TSI = 9.06 μm

TI_{MAX} = -0.01

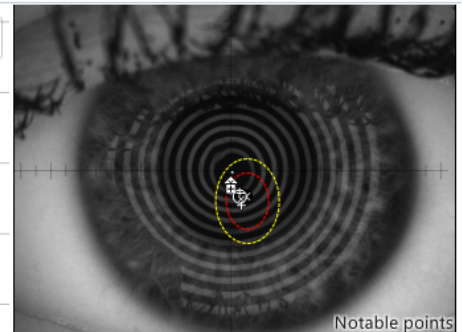
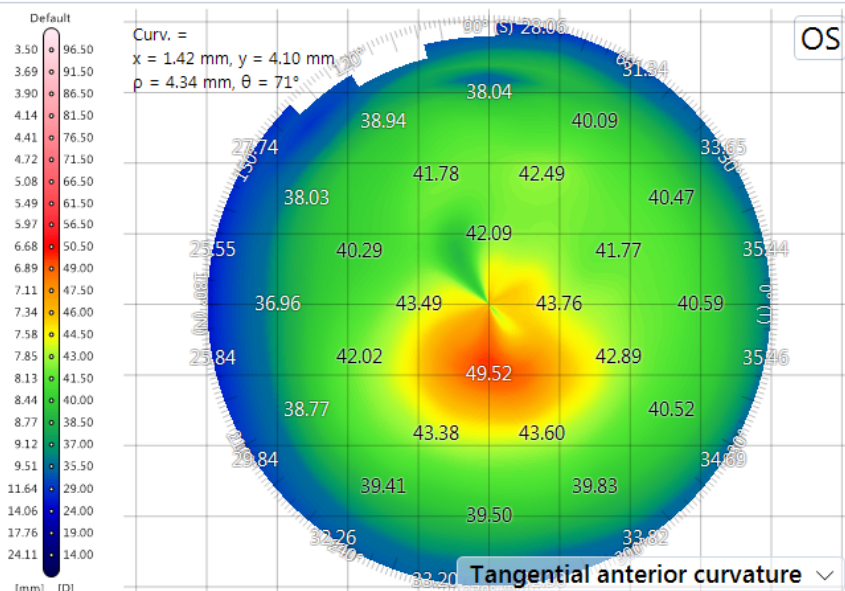
Epithelial thickness:

Epi-TI = 13.07

Classification: Other



Epithelial thickness



Notable points

Epi-Thk_{MIN} = 44 μm ⬠: (0.00; -0.40) mm
 Str-Thk_{MIN} = 463 μm ⬠: (0.00; -0.60) mm
 Thk_{MIN} = 508 μm ⬠: (0.00; -0.60) mm
 K_{MAX}^F = 48.08 D (7.02 mm) ⬠: (0.51; -0.86) mm
 K_{MAX}^B = -8.74 D (4.57 mm) ⬠: (0.29; -0.75) mm
 Δz_{MAX}^F = 13.1 μm ⬠: (0.35; -1.15) mm
 Δz_{MAX}^B = 38.1 μm ⬠: (0.34; -0.94) mm

NPS = 0.22 mm

Curvatures:

SI^F = 2.47 D

CSI^F = 1.95 D

SI^B = 0.85 D

CSI^B = 0.66 D

Elevations:

E^F = 13.11 μm @ 287°

E^B = 38.06 μm @ 290°

Corneal thickness:

Thk_{MIN} = 508 μm

TSI = 24.94 μm

TI_{MAX} = 4.68

Epithelial thickness:

Epi-TI = 31.90

Classification: Keratoconus

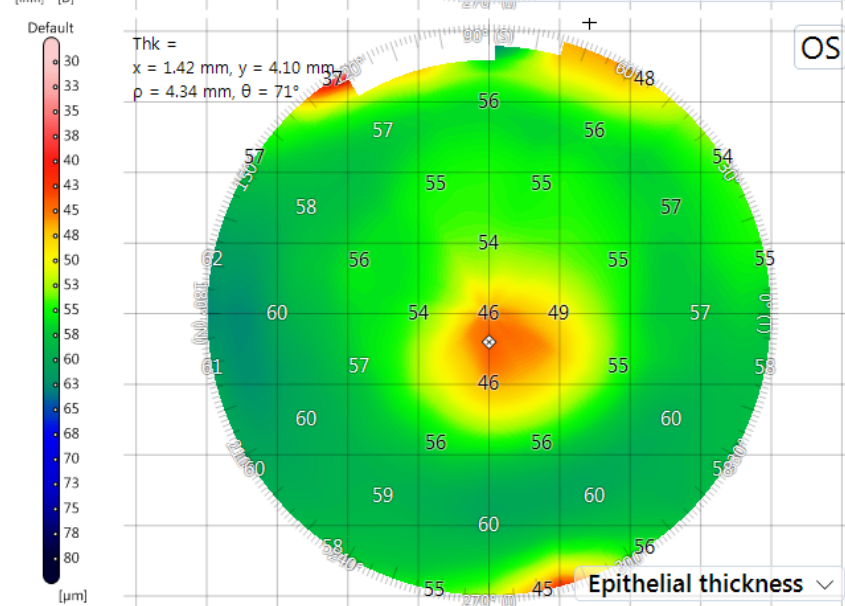
Keratoconus morphology:

- Grading (ABCD): A0 B2 C0 D*
- JF Alfonso Phenotype: Duck

Keratoconus center: (0.30; -0.86) mm

Keratoconus axis: 289°

K_{FLAT} @ 168° K_{STEEP} @ 258°



Epithelial thickness

Diagnosis: biomechanics

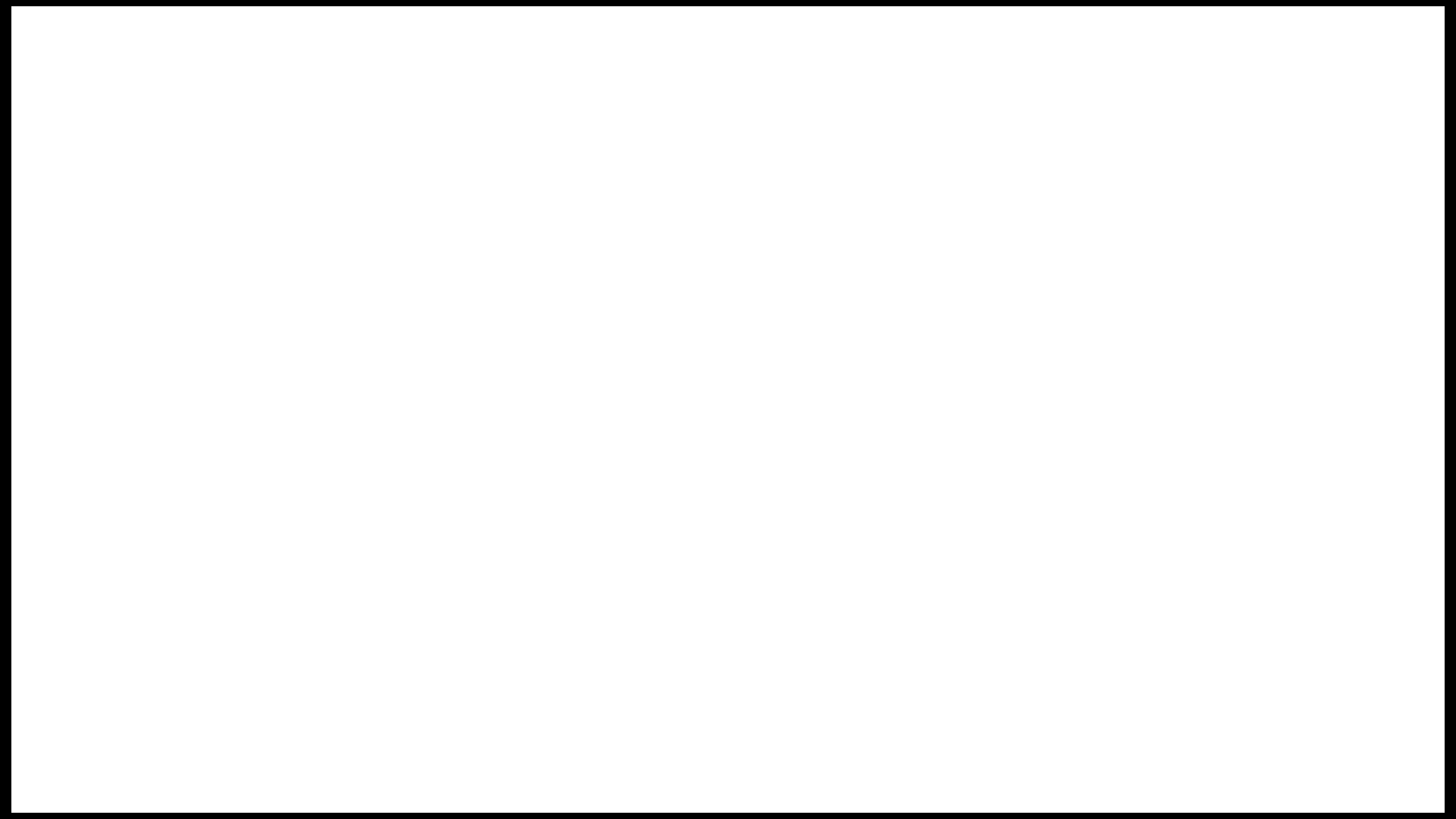
Characteristics

- Uses an air puff to measure biomechanical properties
- Corneal biomechanical index
 - >0.5 , identifies 98.2% KC
 - 94% sensitivity, 100% specificity
- Total biomechanical index V2
 - <0.29 is normal
 - >0.79 , 100% sensitivity and specificity
- Total biomechanical index V3
 - Low risk <0.35
 - Moderate risk $0.35 - 0.75$
 - High risk >0.75



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Management

Risks

Progression

Vision

Management: Risks

- Allergic eye disease
 - Anti-histamines
 - Mast cell stabilisers
 - Steroids/cyclosporine/tacrolimus
- Lubricants
 - Reduces inflammatory and allergic agents
- Eye rubbing
 - Most important



Management: Progression

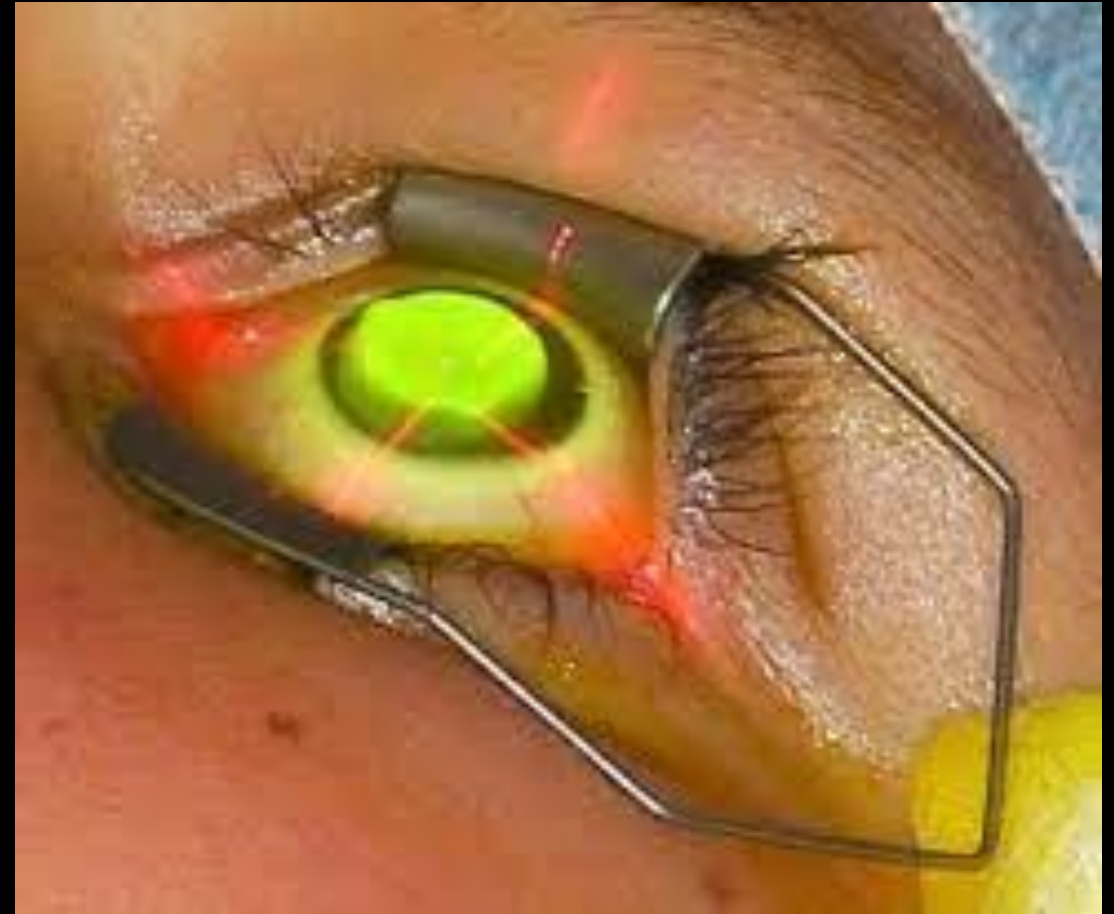
Progression is defined as a change in 2 of these 3 parameters:

- Steepening of the anterior surface
- Steepening of the posterior surface
- Corneal thinning

Kmax has been used in the past, but is a poor measure of progression

Management: Collagen cross linking

- Increases the strength of the cornea by increasing the covalent bonds within the collagen
- Not aimed at improving vision
- Traditionally need to have >400um corneal thickness
- New protocols for thinner corneas
- Monitor for progression after 1 year



Management: Vision

Stepwise approach

- Spectacles
- Soft contact lenses
- Hard contact lenses
- Corneal ring segments
 - Kerarings/Intacs/Ferrara rings
 - Corneal allograft intrastromal rings segments
- Corneal transplant



Corneal Hydrops

Pathogenesis

- Break in descemet's membrane
- Abnormal stroma

Management

- Hypertonic saline
- Aqueous suppressant
- Topical steroid
- Topical anti-biotic
- Other: gas, sutures, PK



Thank you