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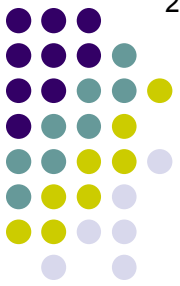
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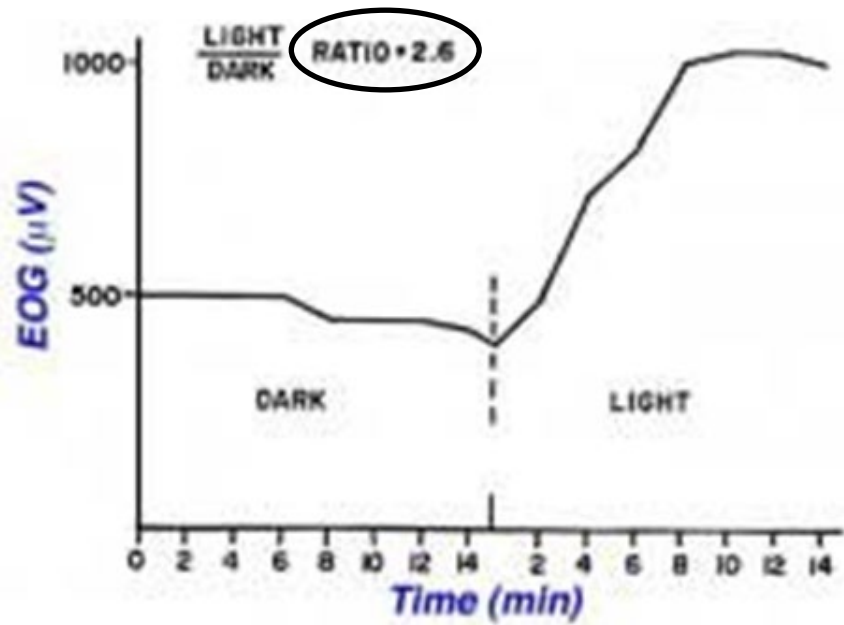
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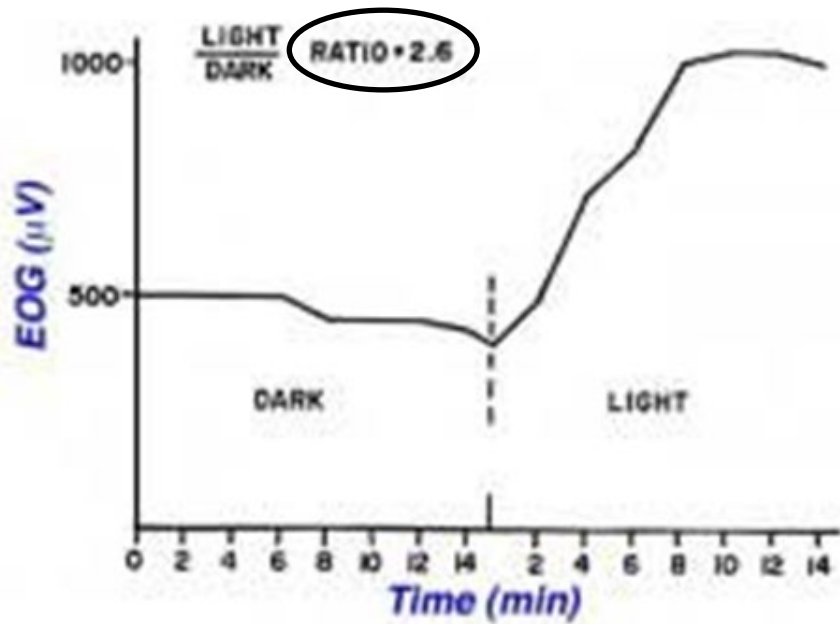
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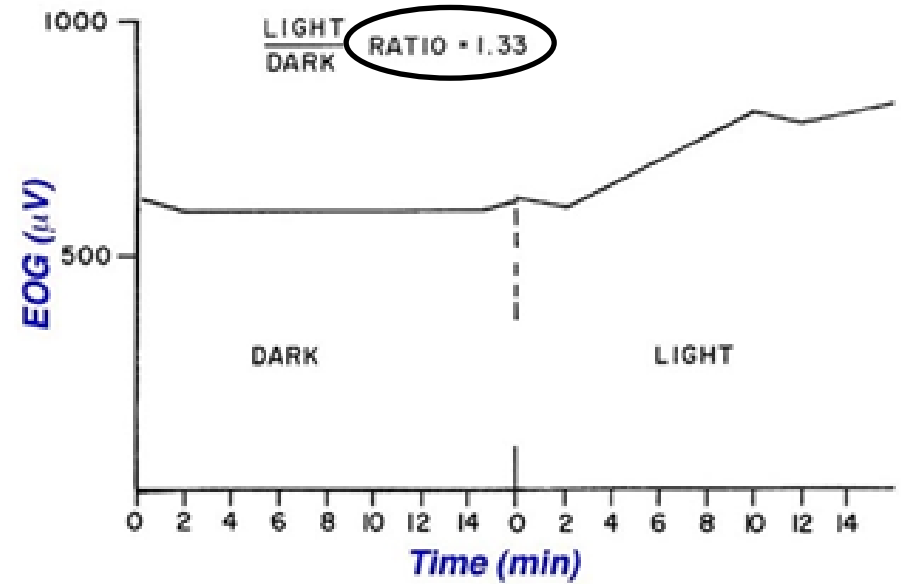
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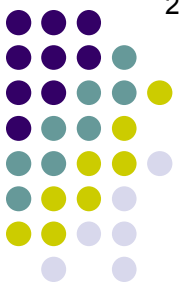


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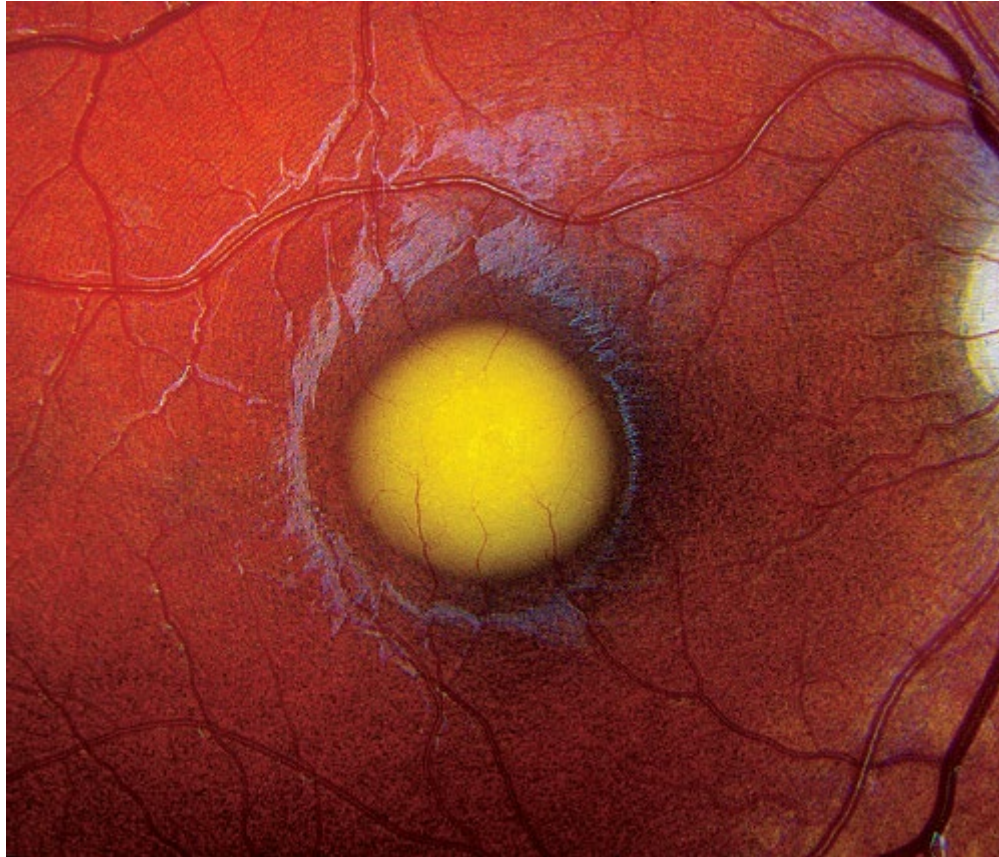
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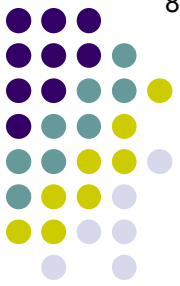


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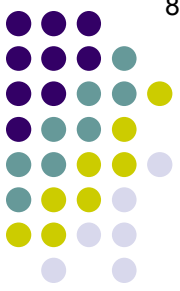
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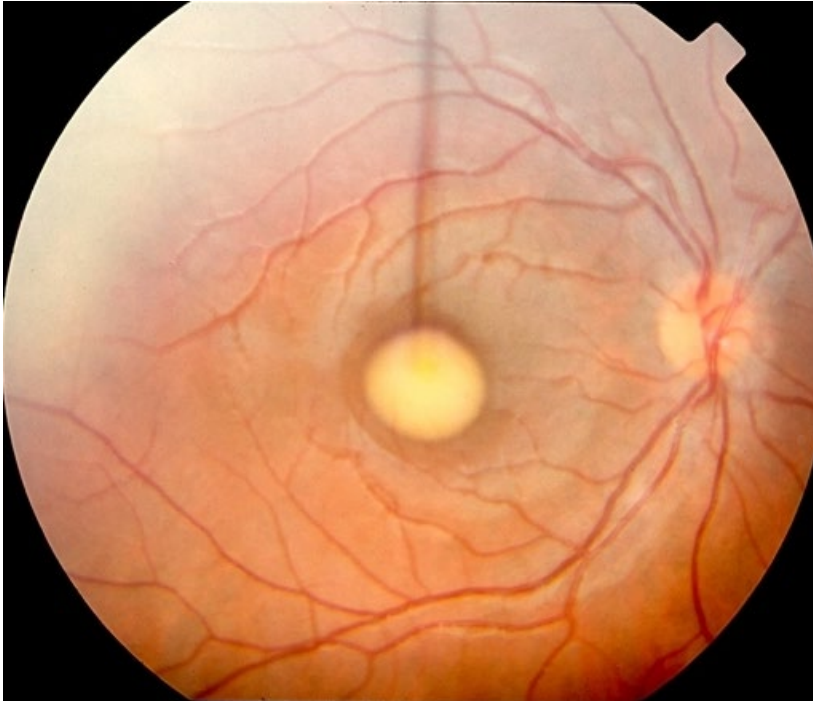
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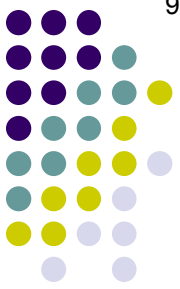
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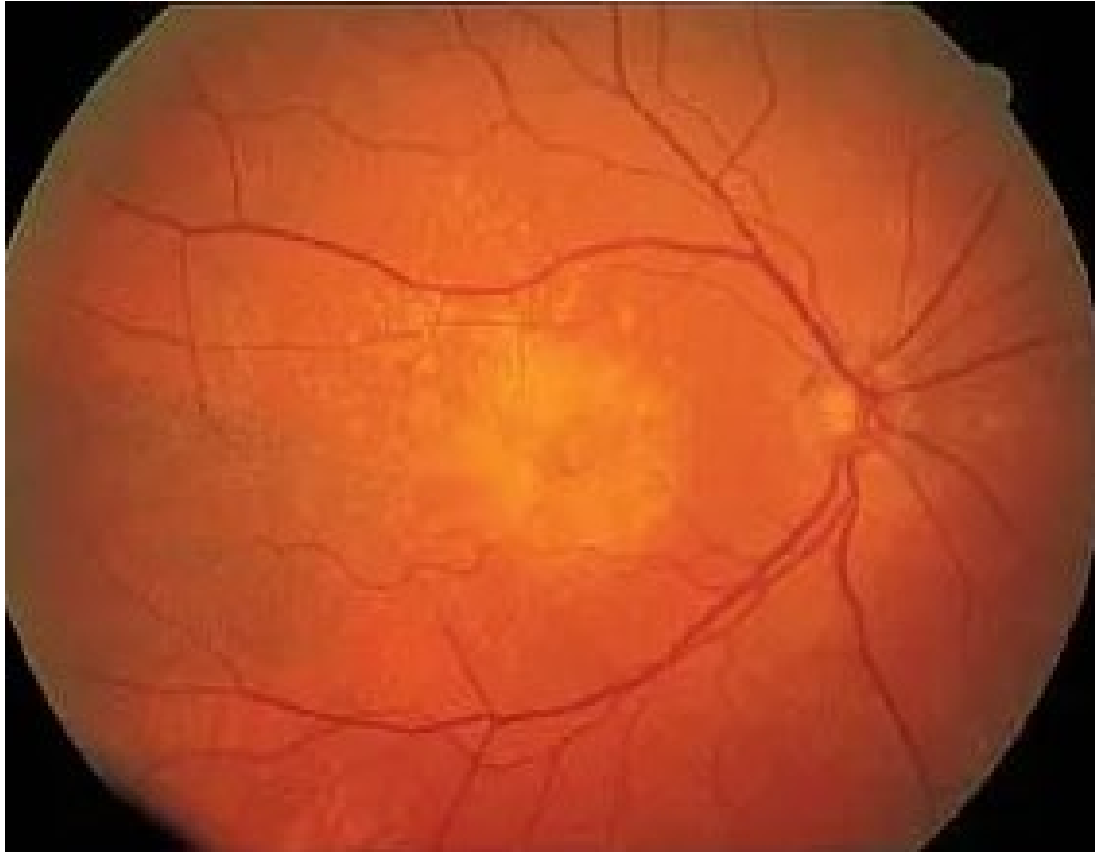
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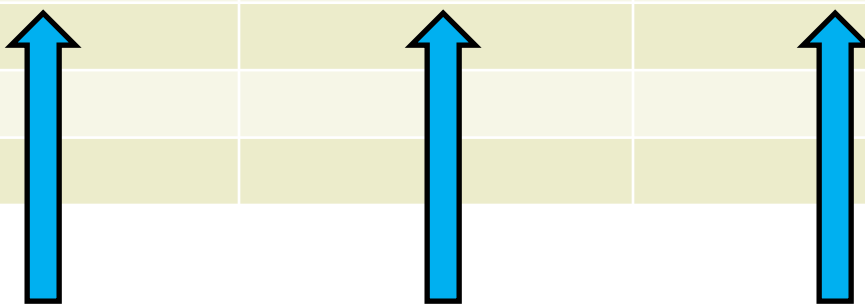
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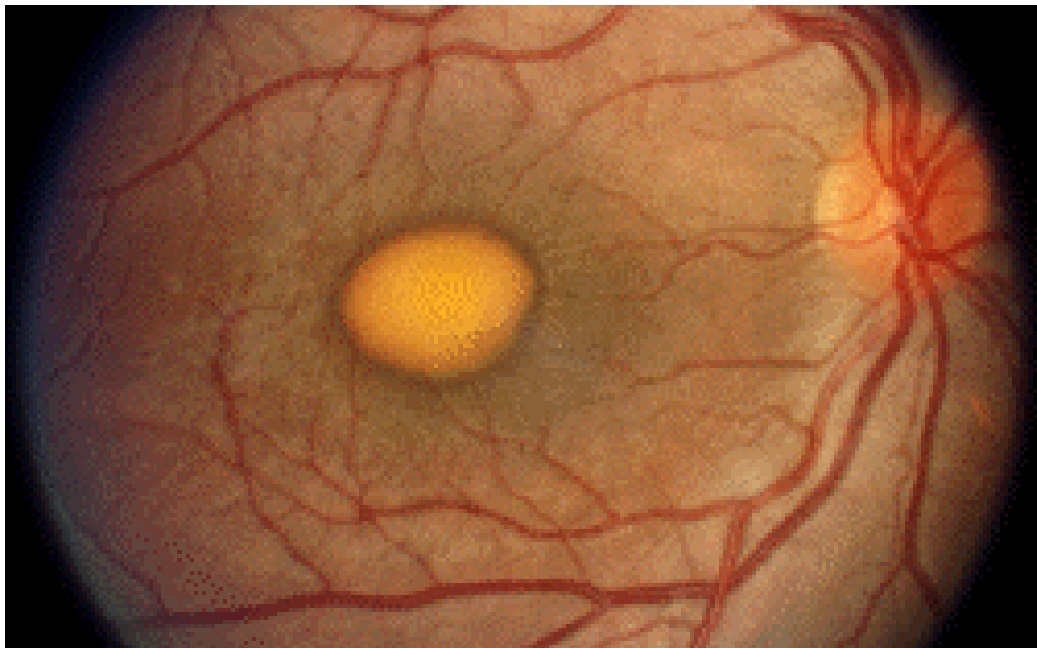
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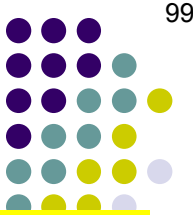
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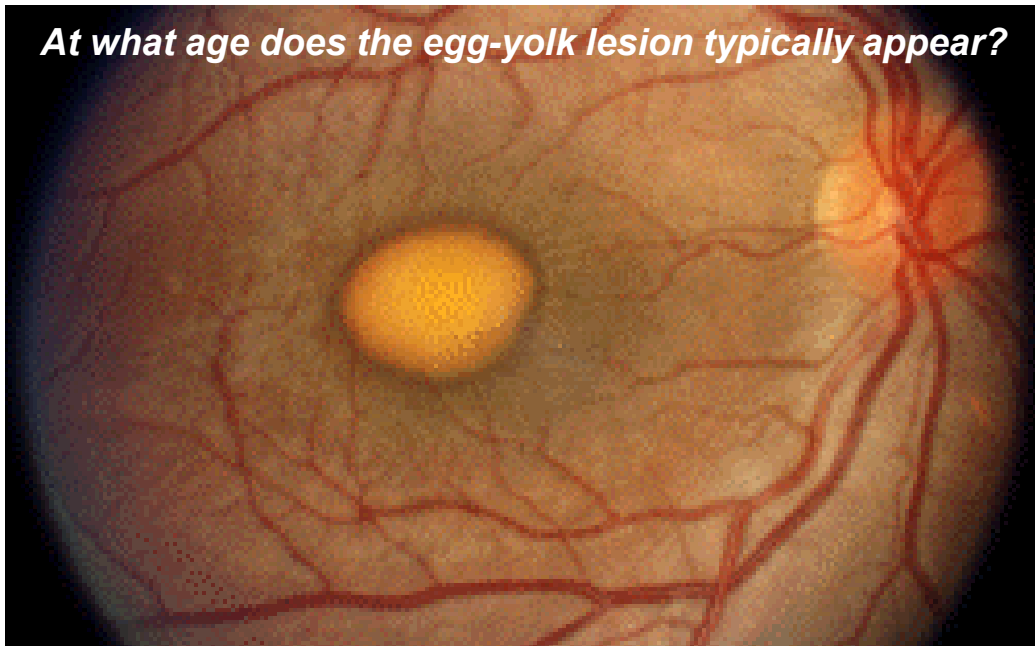
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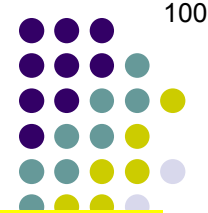
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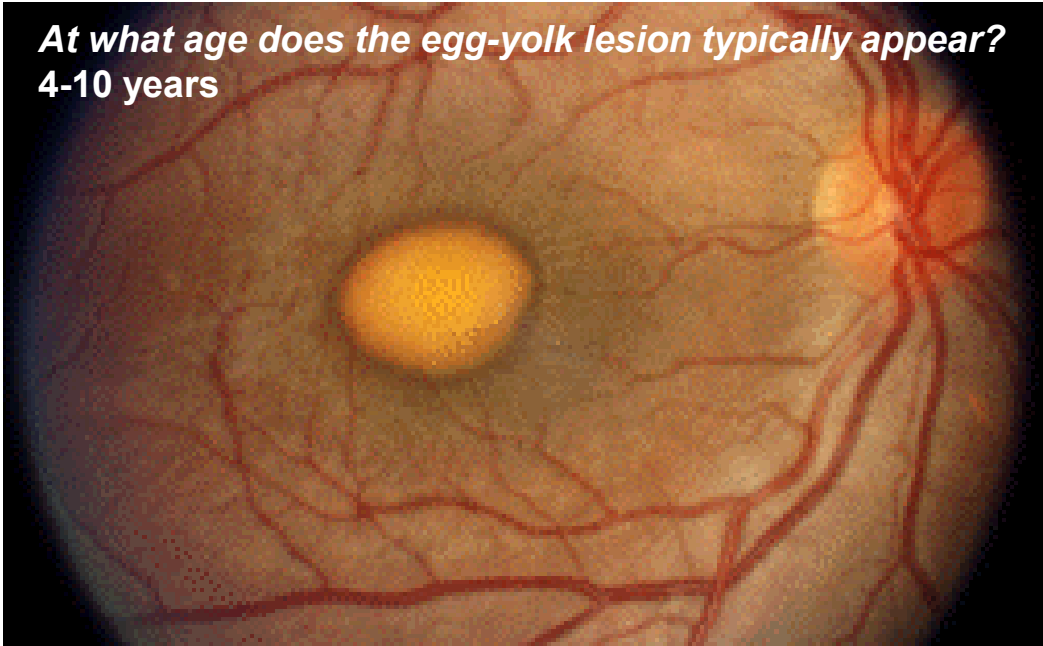
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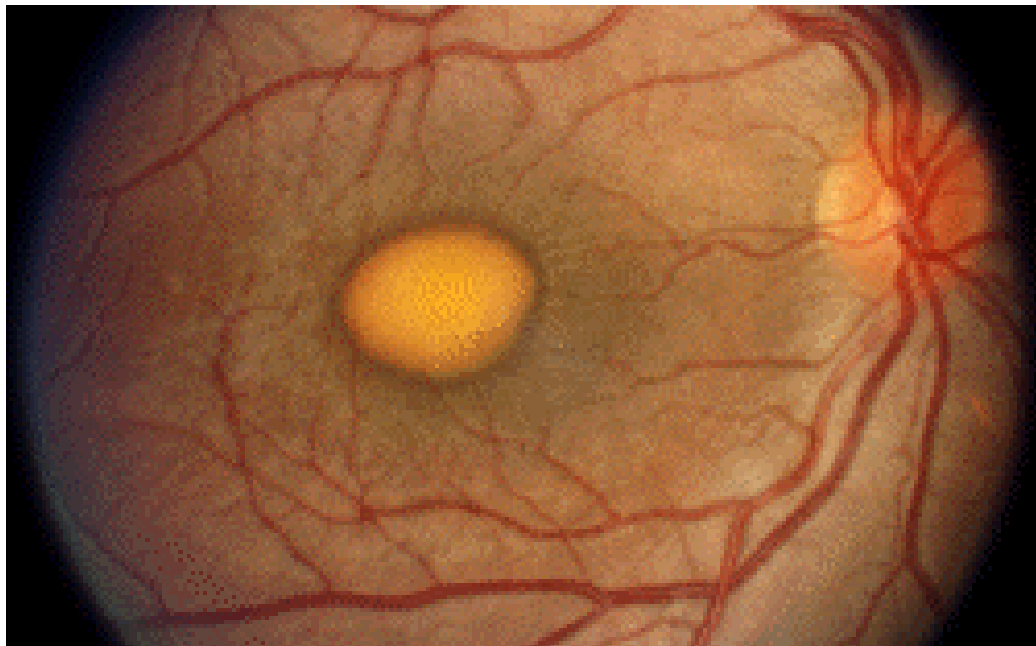
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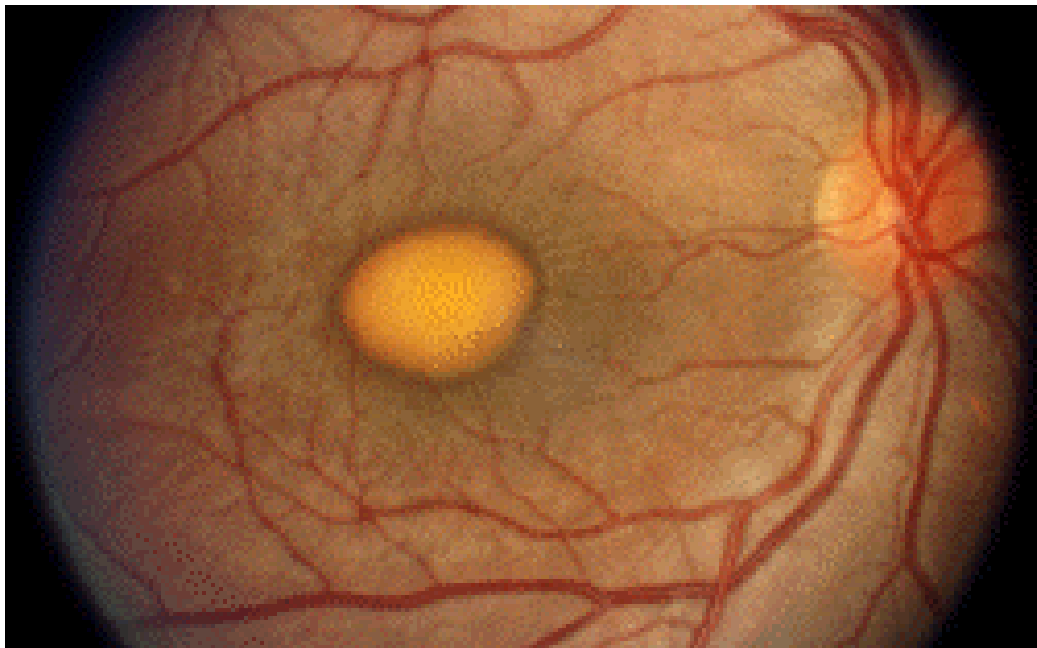
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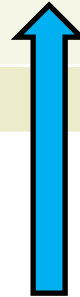
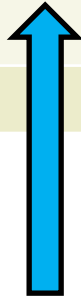
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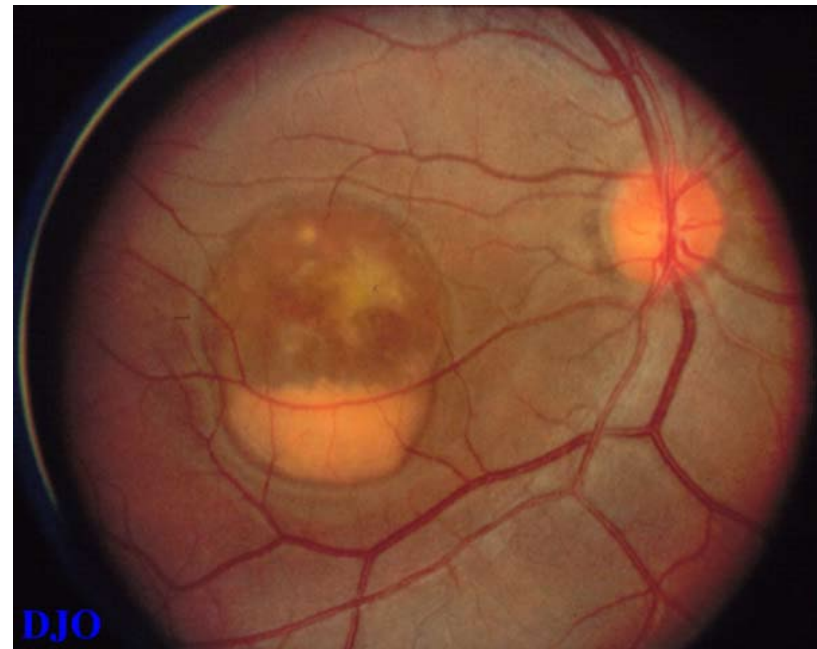
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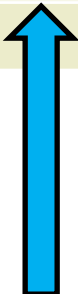
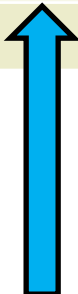
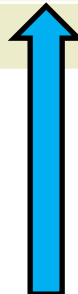
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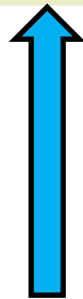
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*What dreaded complication occurs in ~20% of Best pts, and is sometimes referred to as Stage VI disease?*

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| VI    | CNVM            | Wet-ARMD-like      | <20/200        |

*What dreaded complication occurs in ~20% of Best pts, and is sometimes referred to as Stage VI disease?*

**CNVM**



## Best Disease: T/F

- Best disease is AD (<sup>unlike</sup> ~~like~~ most inherited retinal diseases) F
- EOG is normal in adult vitelliform disease <sup>but not</sup> and in Best carriers F

- Best vitelliform macular dystrophy** is transmitted in an AD fashion (unlike the AR transmission of the majority of inherited retinal diseases). It progresses through a number of well-described stages. In the *pre-vitelliform stage* the fundus appearance is normal, but the **EOG is abnormal (as it is in all stages, and carriers)**. The *vitelliform stage* is marked by the appearance of the classic 'egg yolk' lesion in the macula. A single lesion 1/3 -1/2 DD is typical, but multifocal lesions can occur. Despite all appearances, acuity is usually only minimally affected at this stage. In the *pseudohypopyon stage*, the yellow contents of the egg yolk sink inferiorly and layer out. The *vitelliruptive* (or 'scrambled egg') stage is marked by the onset of significant decline in acuity. *End-stage* Best disease is characterized by a disciform scar often similar in appearance to that of late ARMD.

Because EOG is specific for Best disease, it is a useful adjunct in the work-up for central macular lesions of uncertain etiology.

**Adult-onset foveomacular vitelliform dystrophy** is also AD. Onset typically occurs in the fourth or fifth decades. Lesions are smaller than those of Best disease and do not evolve. **EOG is normal throughout.** Acuity tends to remain quite good.