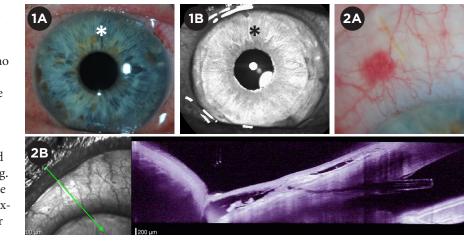
MYSTERY IMAGE



LAST MONTH'S BLINK

Anterior Segment OCT Image of a Xen Gel Stent for Glaucoma

73-year-old woman underwent routine and uneventful implantation of an ab interno Xen gel stent for primary open-angle glaucoma of the left eye. The next day, the 6-mm implant was noted to be in good position. The proximal end was visualized in the anterior chamber (Fig. 1A), and the distal end in the subconjunctival space, approximately 2 to 3 mm posterior to the limbus, with diffuse



bleb formation (Fig. 1B). Anterior segment optical coherence tomography (AS-OCT) imaging provided similar confirmation of appropriate implant positioning (Figs. 2A and 2B; green arrow depicts the course of the cross sectional image on the right).

In this patient with blue irides, AS-OCT provided clearer visualization of the implant in the anterior chamber than did slit-lamp examination. In the early postoperative phase, when gonioscopy is often deferred to avoid putting pressure on the eye, AS-OCT can—without contact—show the position of the stent, its course through the sclera, its location under the Tenon's tissue or conjunctiva, and the resultant bleb.

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