

**TABLE A6-1 CLASSIFICATION OF DIABETIC RETINOPATHY IN THE EARLY TREATMENT OF DIABETIC RETINOPATHY STUDY**

Disease Severity Level	Findings Observable upon Dilated Ophthalmoscopy
Mild nonproliferative retinopathy	At least one microaneurysm, and definition not met for moderate nonproliferative retinopathy, severe nonproliferative retinopathy, early proliferative retinopathy, or high-risk proliferative retinopathy (see below)
Moderate nonproliferative retinopathy	Hemorrhages and/or microaneurysms $\geq$ standard photograph 2A*; and/or soft exudates, venous beading, or intraretinal microvascular abnormalities definitely present; and definition not met for severe nonproliferative retinopathy, early proliferative retinopathy, or high-risk proliferative retinopathy (see below)
Severe nonproliferative retinopathy	Cotton-wool spots, venous beading, and intraretinal microvascular abnormalities all definitely present in at least two of fields four through seven; or two of the preceding three lesions present in at least two of fields four through seven and hemorrhages and microaneurysms present in these four fields, $\geq$ standard photo 2A in at least one of them; or intraretinal microvascular abnormalities present in each of fields four through seven and $\geq$ standard photograph 8A in at least two of them; and definition not met for early proliferative retinopathy or high-risk proliferative retinopathy (see below)
Early proliferative retinopathy (i.e., proliferative retinopathy without Diabetic Retinopathy Study high-risk characteristics) (see Glossary)	New vessels; and definition not met for high-risk proliferative retinopathy (see below)
High-risk proliferative retinopathy (i.e., proliferative retinopathy with Diabetic Retinopathy Study high-risk characteristics) (see Glossary)	New vessels on or within one disc diameter of the optic disc (NVD) $\geq$ standard photograph 10A* (about one-quarter to one-third disc area), with or without vitreous or preretinal hemorrhage; or vitreous and/or preretinal hemorrhage accompanied by new vessels, either NVD $<$ standard photograph 10A or new vessels elsewhere (NVE) $\geq$ one-quarter disc area

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**TABLE A6-2 DIABETIC MACULAR EDEMA DISEASE DEFINITIONS IN THE EARLY TREATMENT OF DIABETIC RETINOPATHY STUDY**

Disease Severity Level	Findings Observable upon Dilated Ophthalmoscopy
Diabetic macular edema apparently absent	No apparent retinal thickening or hard exudates in posterior pole
Diabetic macular edema apparently present	Thickening of retina within one disc diameter of the center of the macula; and/or hard exudates $\geq$ standard photograph 3* in a standard 30° photographic field centered on the macula (field 2), with some hard exudates within one disc diameter of the center of the macula
Clinically significant macular edema	Retinal thickening at or within 500 $\mu$ m of the center of the macula; and/or hard exudates at or within 500 $\mu$ m of the center of the macula, if associated with thickening of the adjacent retina; and/or a zone or zones of retinal thickening one disc area in size at least part of which was within one disc diameter of the center

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