

Surgical Correction of With-the-Rule Astigmatism

Scleral Recession

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Astigmatism reduction during cataract surgery “wound revision”

- **Controlling Astigmatism in Cataract Surgery** Koch/Lindstrom
Seminars in Ophthalmology Vol 7 pg 224-233 1992
- **Astigmatism control for the Cataract surgeon: a comprehensive review of surgically tailored astigmatism reduction.** William Maloney et al. J Cat Ref Surg Vol 15 1989
- **Astigmatic keratotomy to correct astigmatism in cataract patients.**
William Maloney et al. J Cat Ref Surg Vol 16 May 1990

Wound Revision to reliably reduce 1.5-3.0D WTR astigmatism 1.5D or greater

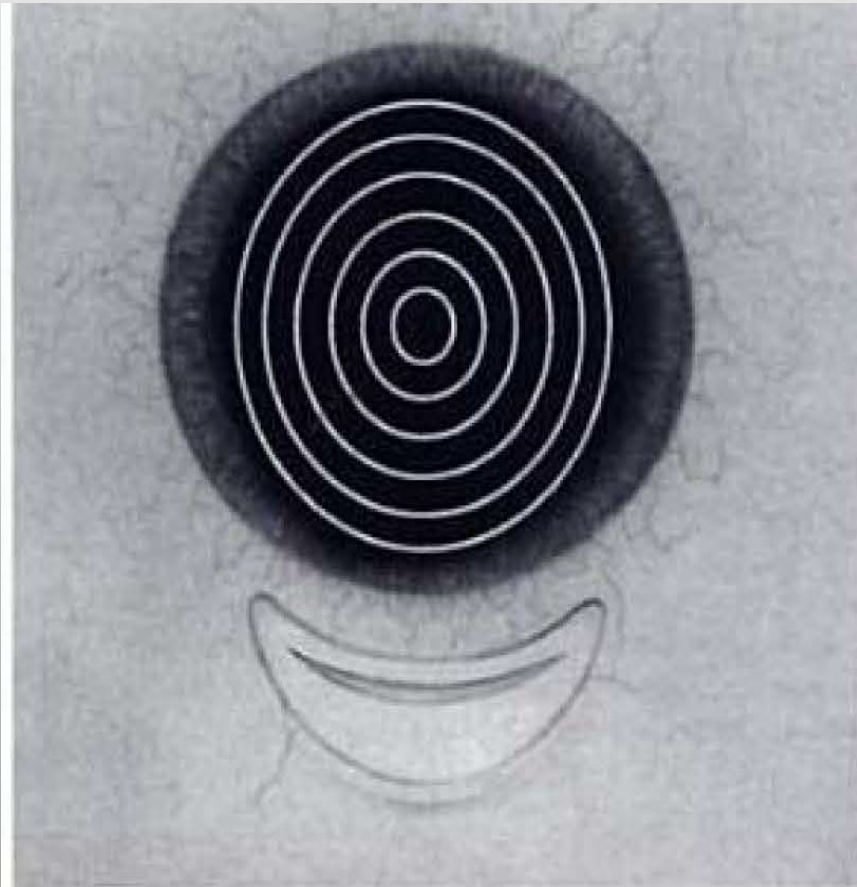


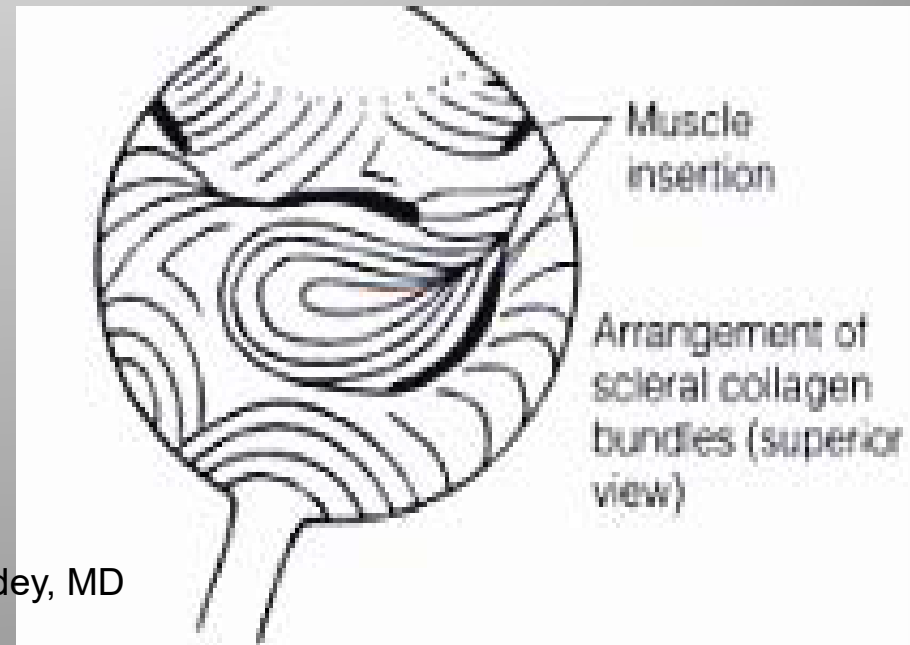
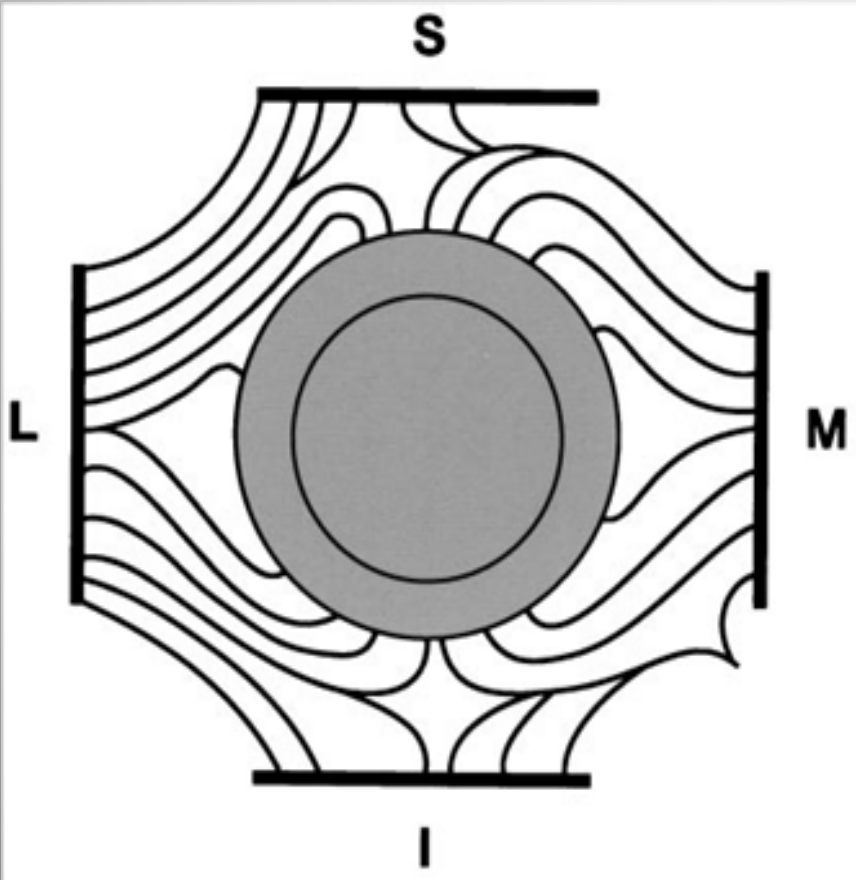
FIGURE 22-2 Following a limbal incision, tissue gape produces flattening along the meridian of the incision and steepening 90 degrees away. (From Koch DD, Lindstrom RL: Controlling astigmatism in cataract surgery, *Semin Ophthalmol* 7:224-233, 1992.)

1992

Techniques of Five Surgeons

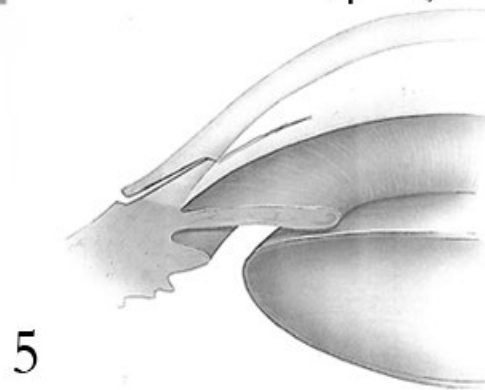
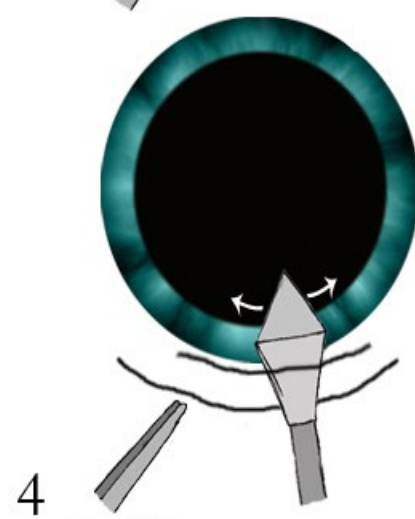
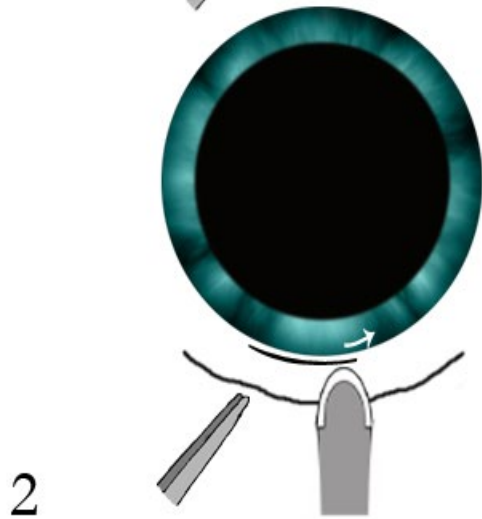
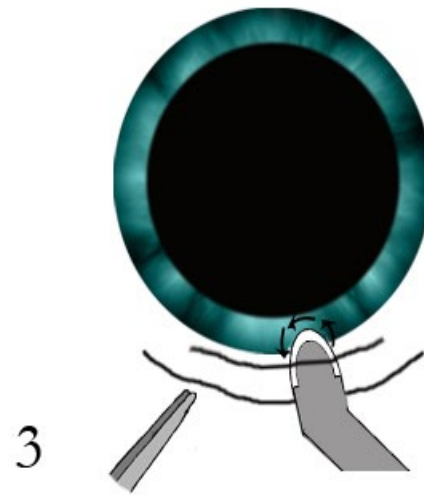
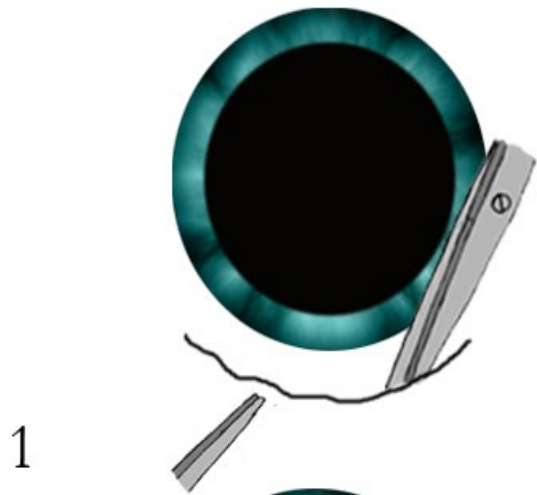
	For with the rule/oblique	For against the rule	Optical zone	Knife setting	Configuration	Incision lengths	Timing
Shepherd	AK	AK	7mm	90%	T	1mm/D	prior to phaco
Maloney	AK (poor results)	AK	7mm, 8mm	60%	T	1.5mm, 3.0mm	after phaco
Nordan	wound manipulation	AK	7mm	100%	T	3.5mm, 4.5mm	prior to phaco
Lindstrom	wound manipulation	AK	7mm	100%	Arc	30°, 45°, 60°, 90° arcs	after phaco
Greene	wound manipulation	AK	7mm	100%	T	3.5mm, 4.5mm	after phaco

Scleral bundle orientation – superior / inferior insert perpendicular to limbus – when cut (scleral tunnel), relaxes. Much less effect if incise (scleral tunnel) at nasal or temporal sclera at the limbus



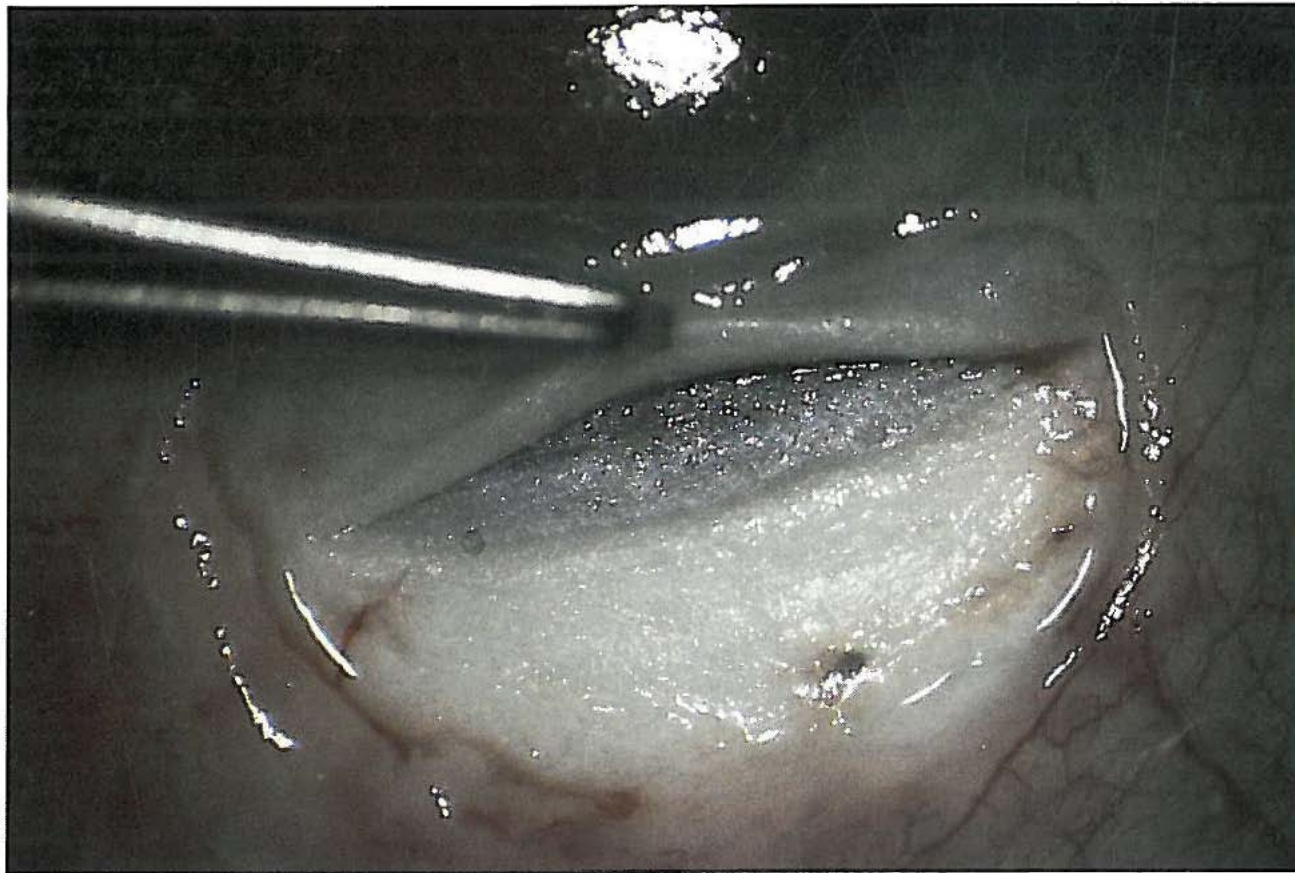
Accurate axis marking pre-op





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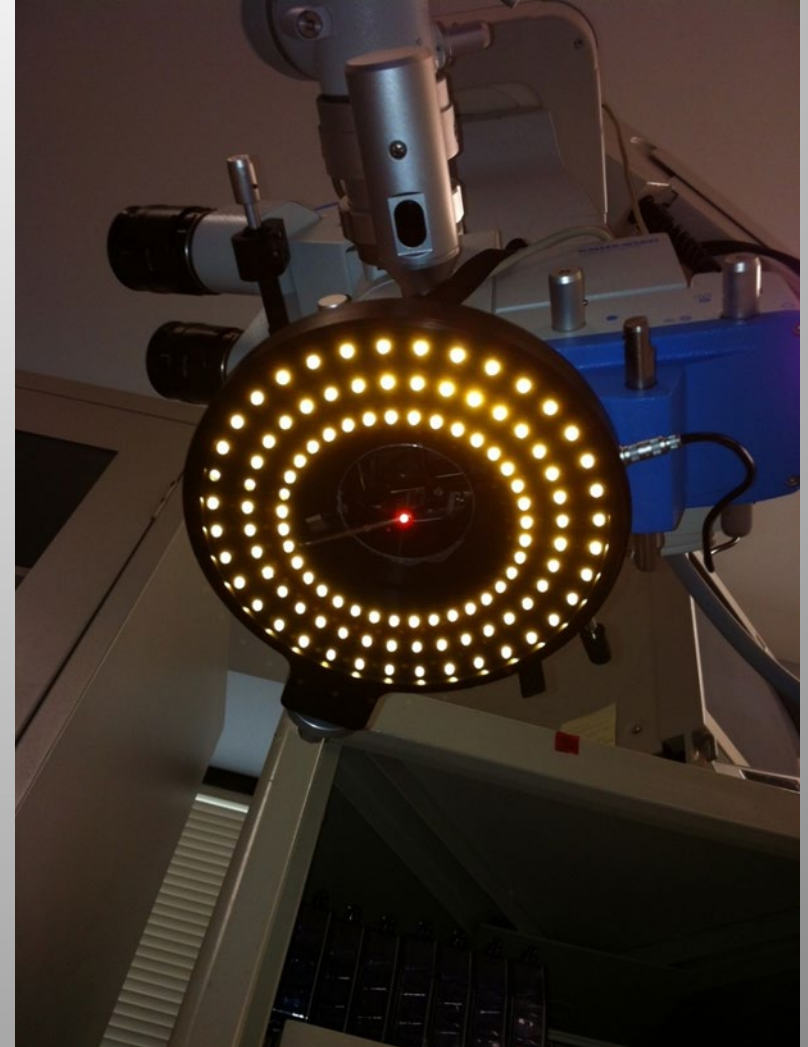
The Incision



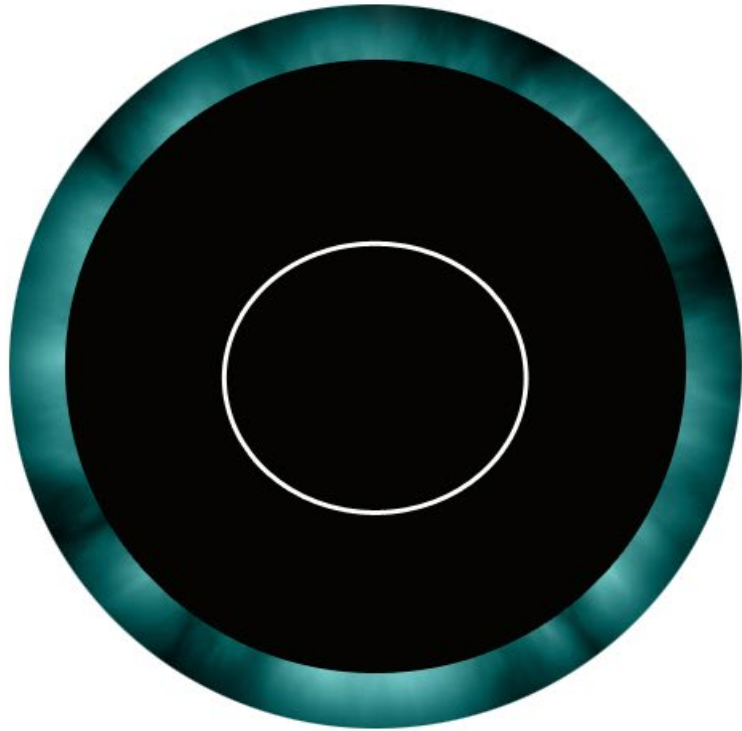
3-7. Shelf of the incision. The shelf portion of the incision holds the iris back and helps prevent iris prolapse.

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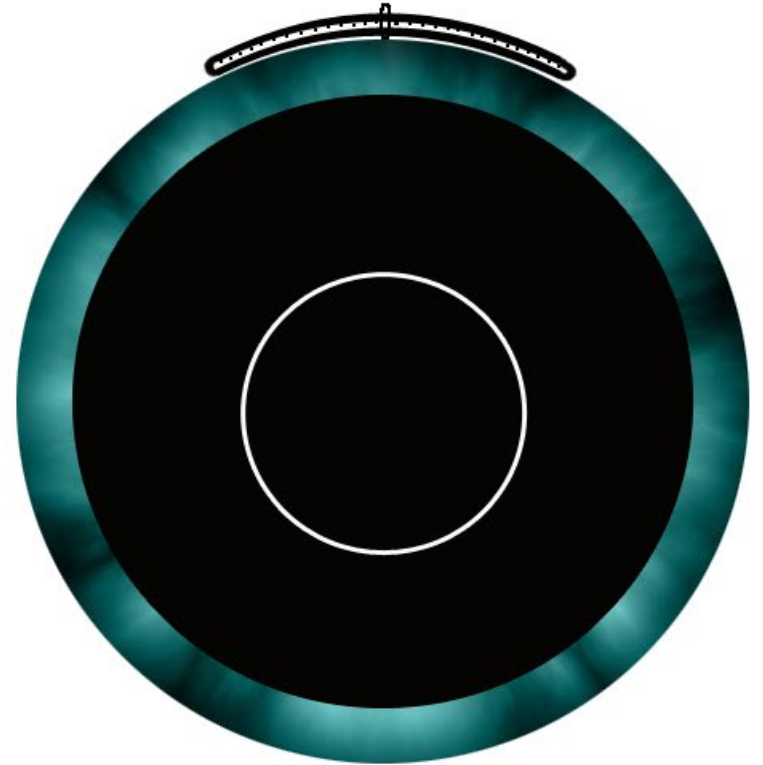
Intraoperative Keratometer



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Astigmatism. Steep at 90°



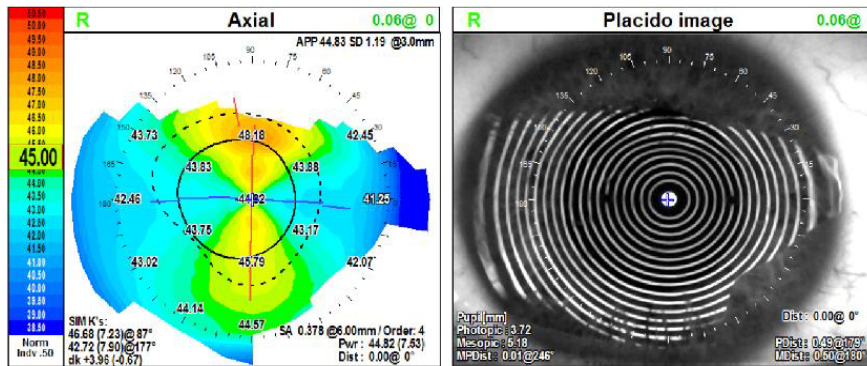
After Scleral Astigmatism Neutralized

Scleral tunnel in phakic 28 yo to reduce with the rule astigmatism

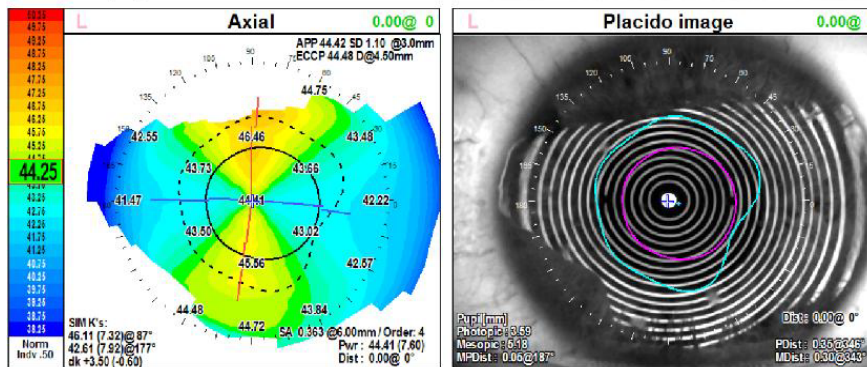
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Pre-operative

OD Uncorrected VA 20/50
-1.25+3.0x93 20/20



OS Uncorrected VA 20/50
-1.0+3.0x80 20/20



SimK Steep	SimK Flat	dK	e(Q)	SA@6.0mm	Pupil
46.11(7.32)@87°	42.81(7.52)@177°	-3.55(-0.80)	-0.18(-0.01)	0+0.02 C+0.38	3.59 5.18
46.68(7.23)@87°	42.72(7.50)@177°	+3.96(+0.67)	0.82(+0.75)	0+0.13 C+0.38	3.72 5.18

Cornea Index: n=1.3375 (Ax), n=1.3760 (Refl), OPD: 0m 0.0mm 1.5576

Scleral tunnel in phakic 28 yo uncut surgical video

- https://youtu.be/_crT2MQm4s4

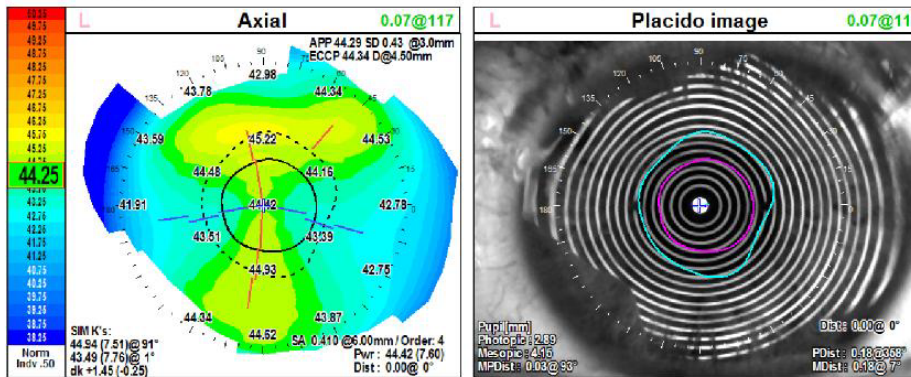
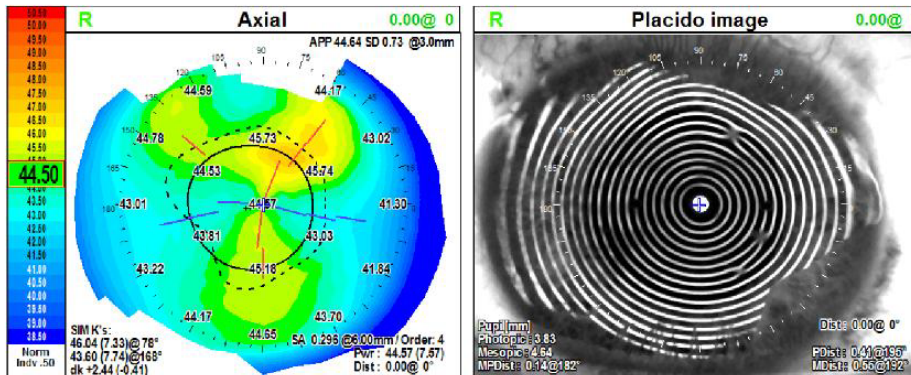
Scleral tunnel in phakic 28 yo

Post-operative

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OD Uncorrected VA 20/25
-1.0+1.50x87 20/20

OS Uncorrected VA 20/25
-1.0+1.75x78 20/20



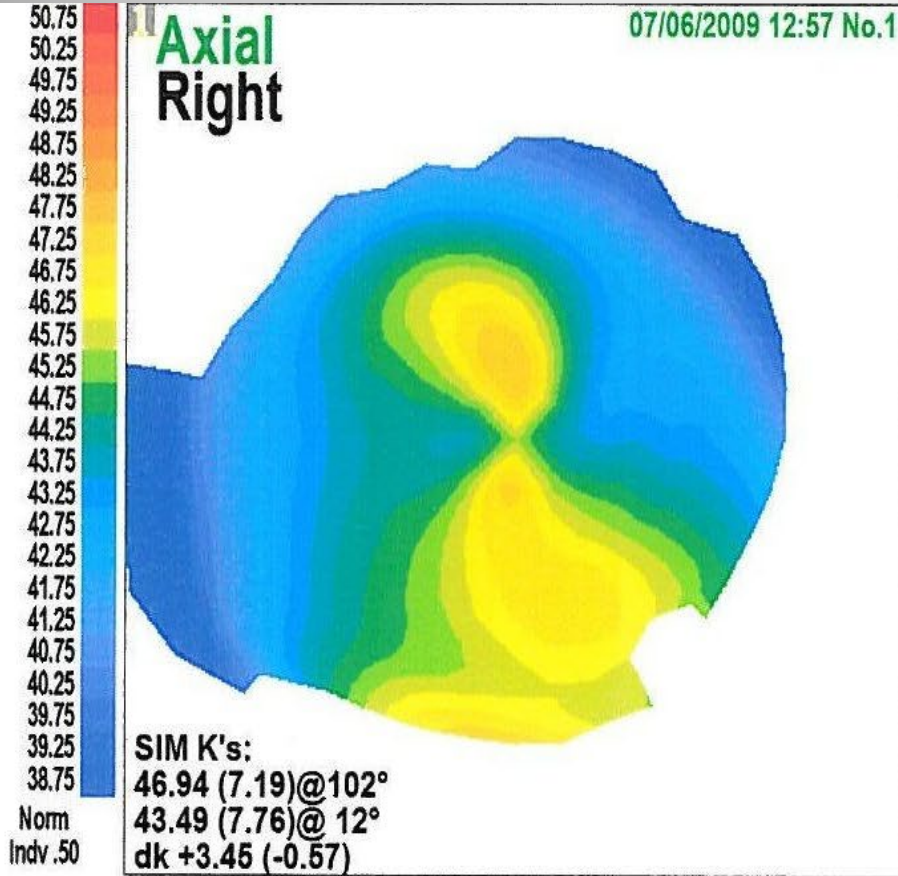
SimK Steep	SimK Flat	dk	e(Q)	SA@6.0mm	Pupil
44.04 (7.51) @ 91°	43.40 (7.78) @ 1°	+1.45 (-0.25)	0.14 (-0.02)	0 -0.03 C-0.41	2.89 4.15
46.04 (7.33) @ 78°	43.60 (7.74) @ 168°	+2.44 (-0.41)	0.41 (-0.17)	0+0.17 C+0.30	3.83 4.64

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Scleral Tunnel incision to reduce with the rule astigmatism during cataract surgery

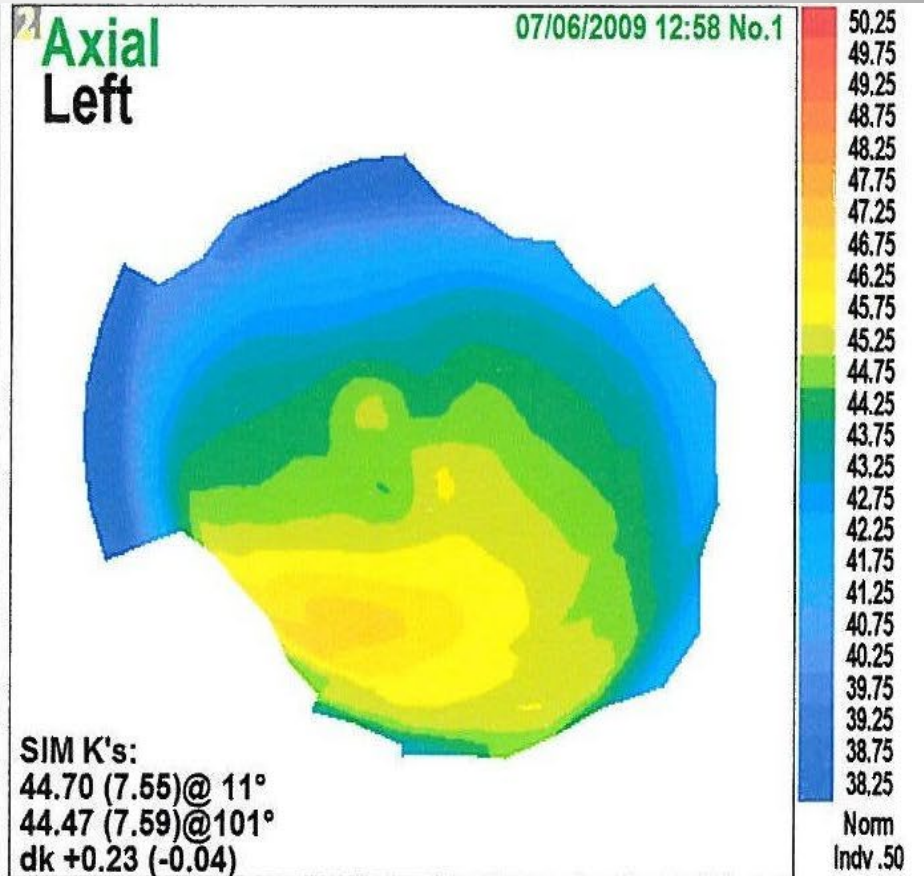
www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVp0YHUqPjs&feature=youtu.be

59 yo female with cataract OU



Offsets: 0.06@180

-2.75 + 3.00 x 106
 20/50

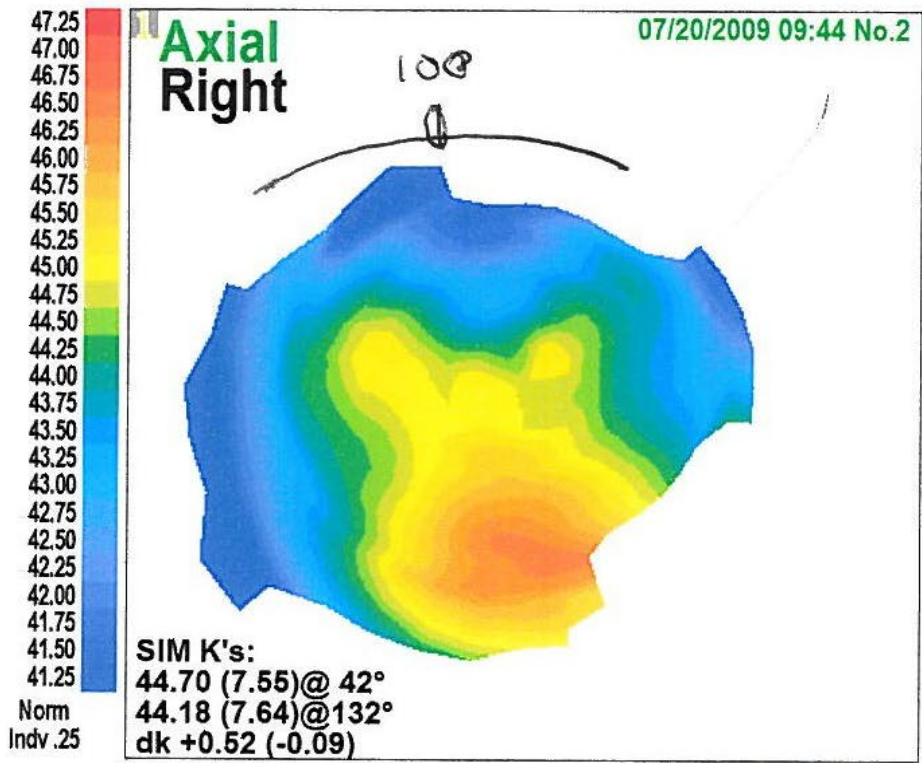


Offsets: 0.02@ 90

+1.50 20/40

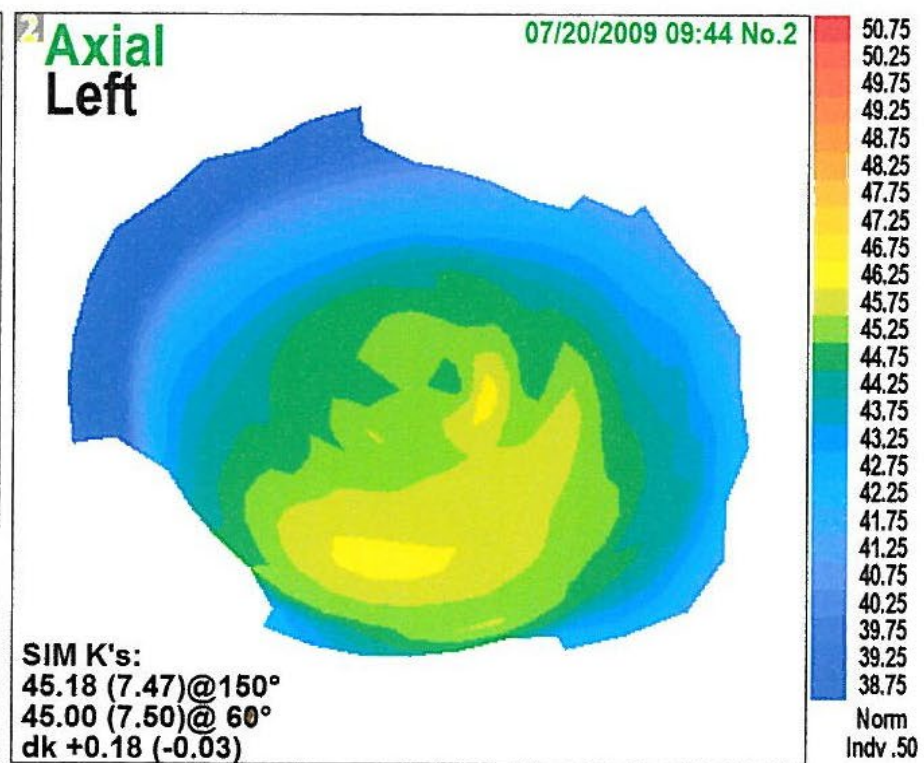
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3 wks after PEIOL with Crystalens OU Scleral Recession OD



Offsets: 0.11@ 90

UCDVA 20/20 =
 UCNVA J₂

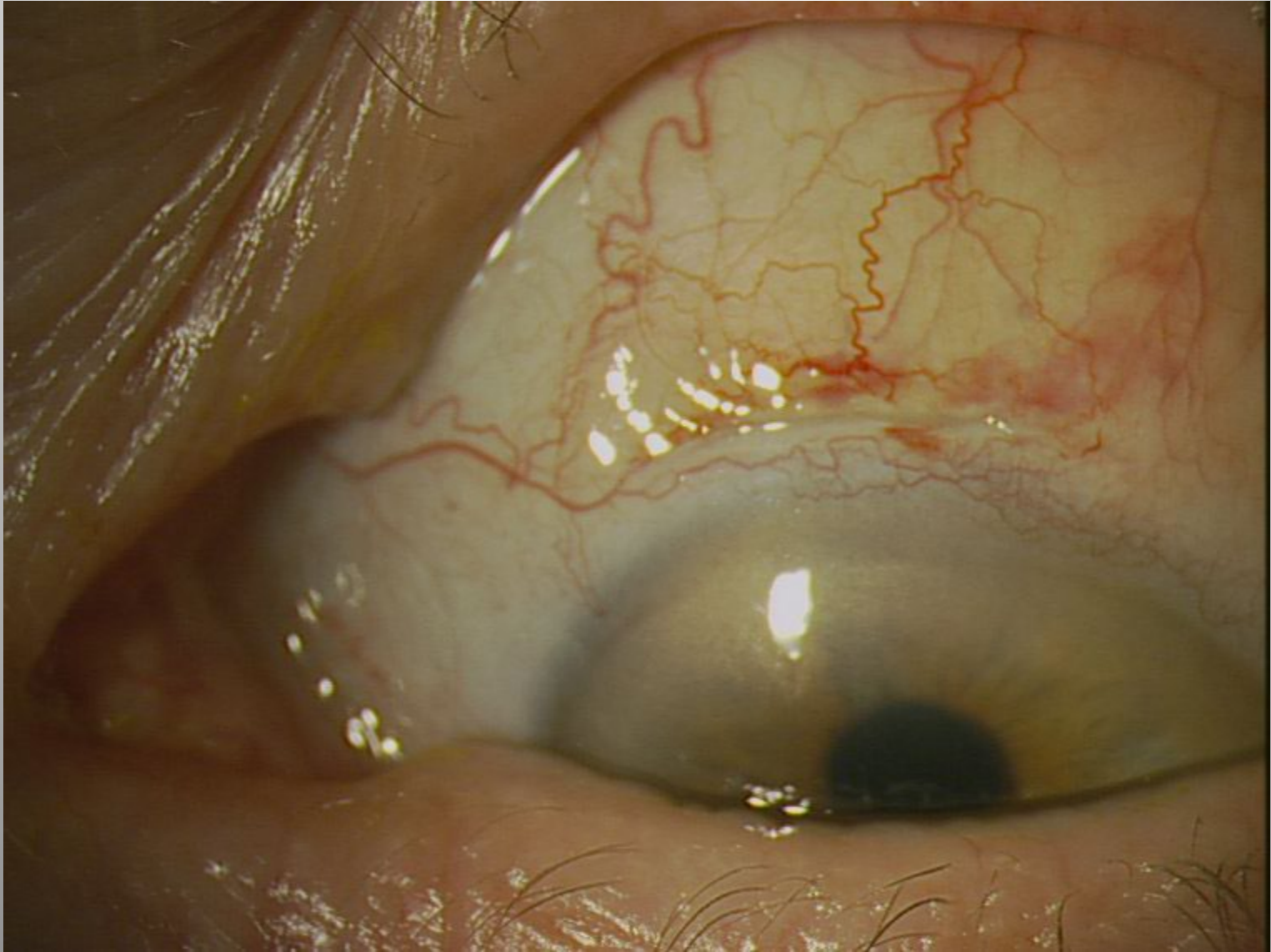


Offsets: 0.11@143

UCDVA 20/20 =
 UCNVA J₁

BILAT UCNVA J₁ OU

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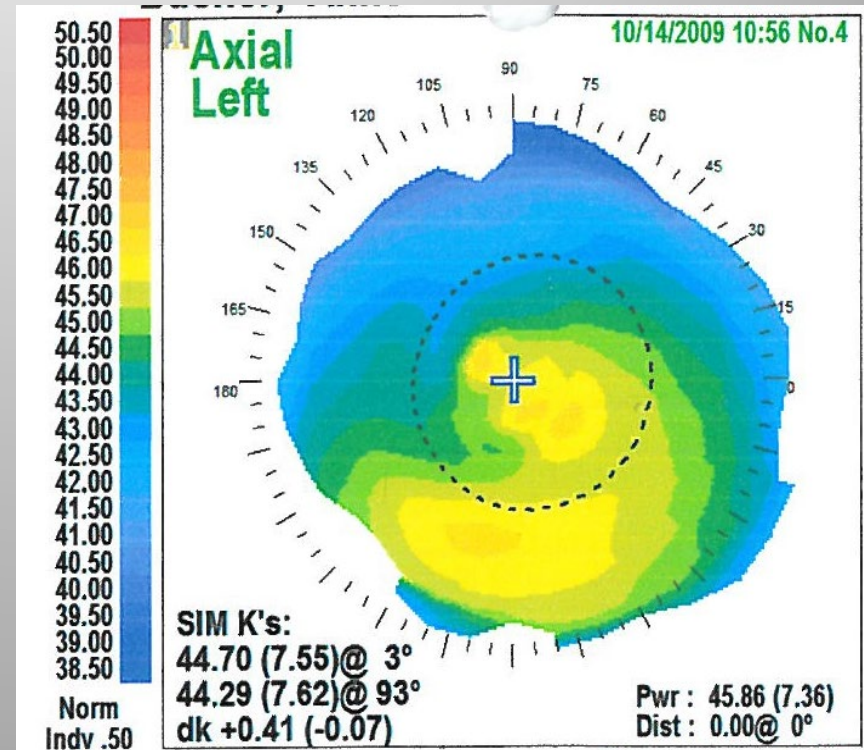
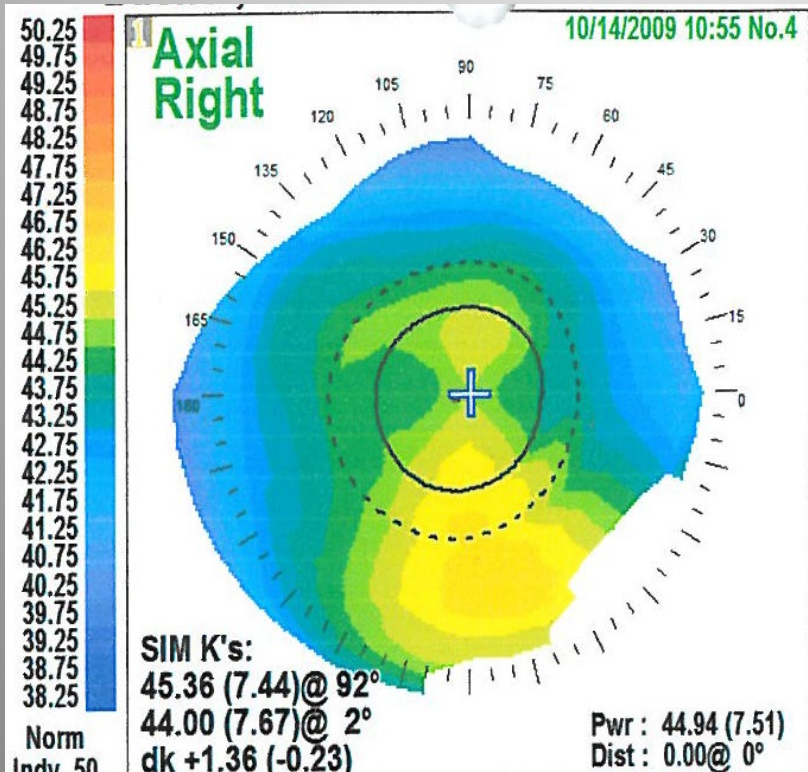


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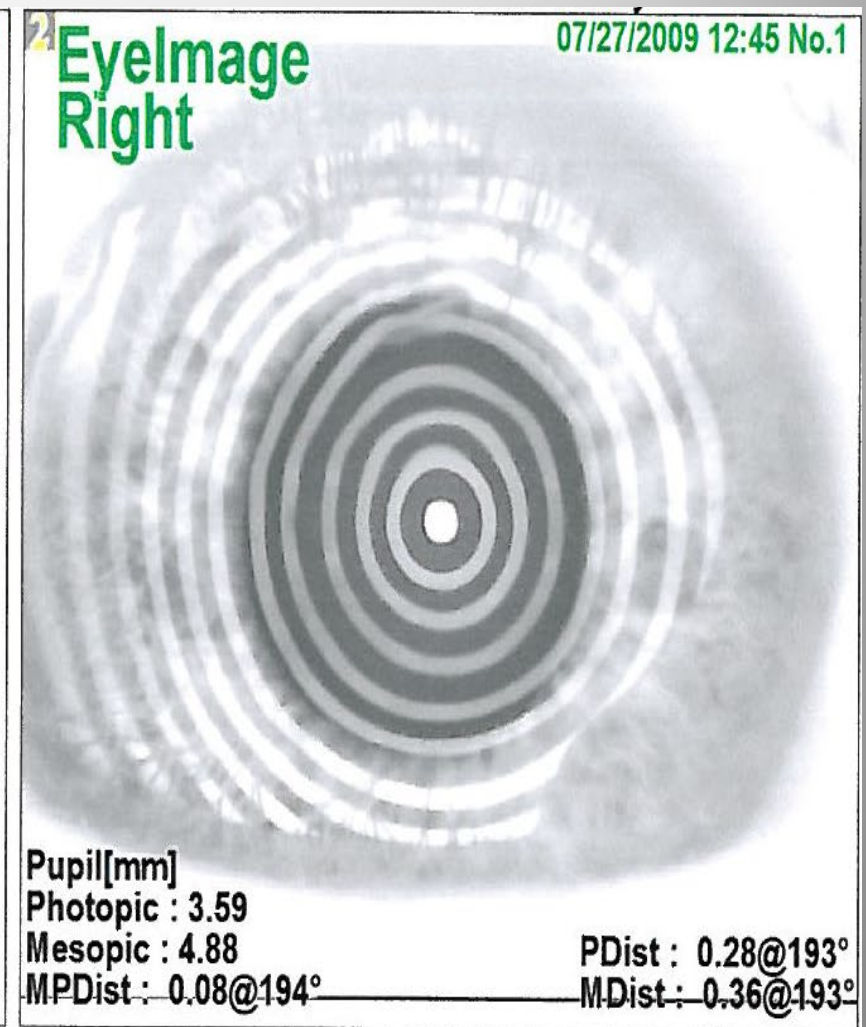
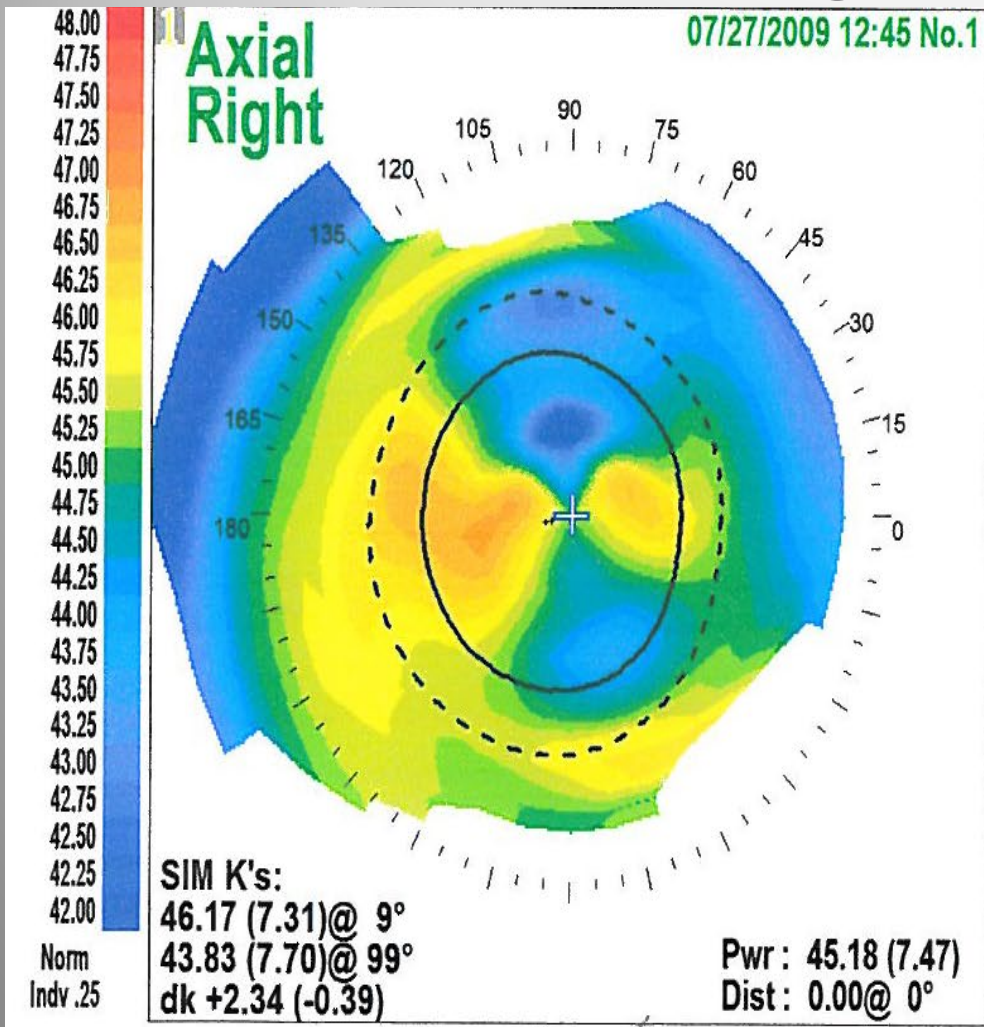
5 mos after PEIOL with Crystalens OU Scleral Recession OD

UCDVA 20/20- UCNVA J3

UCDVA 20/20 UCNVA J1



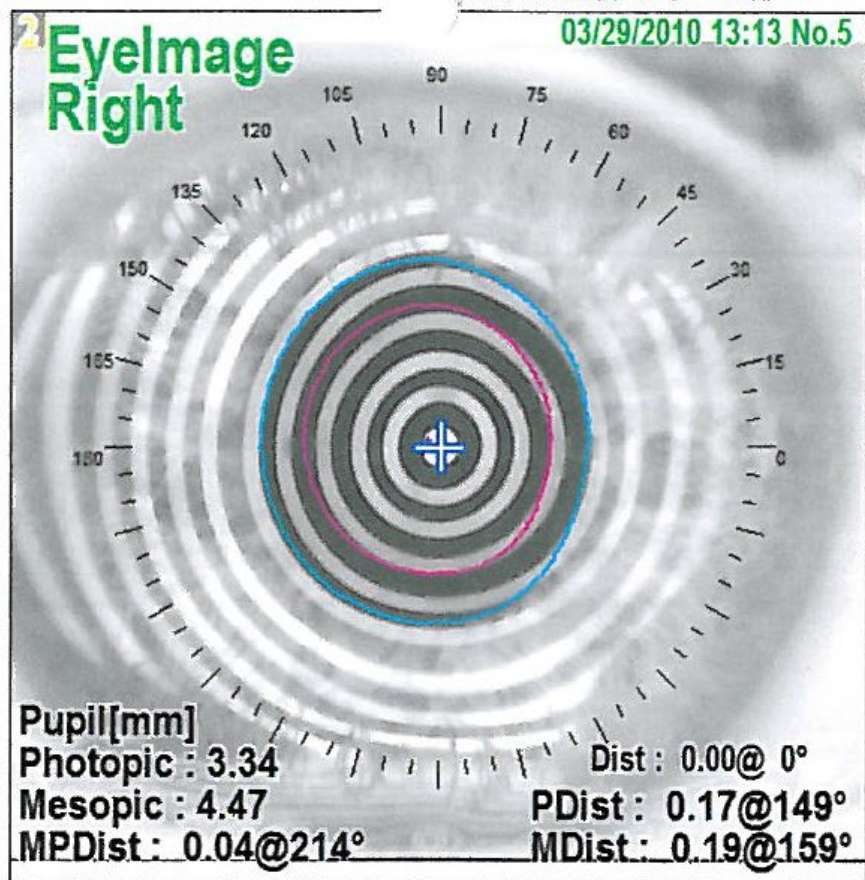
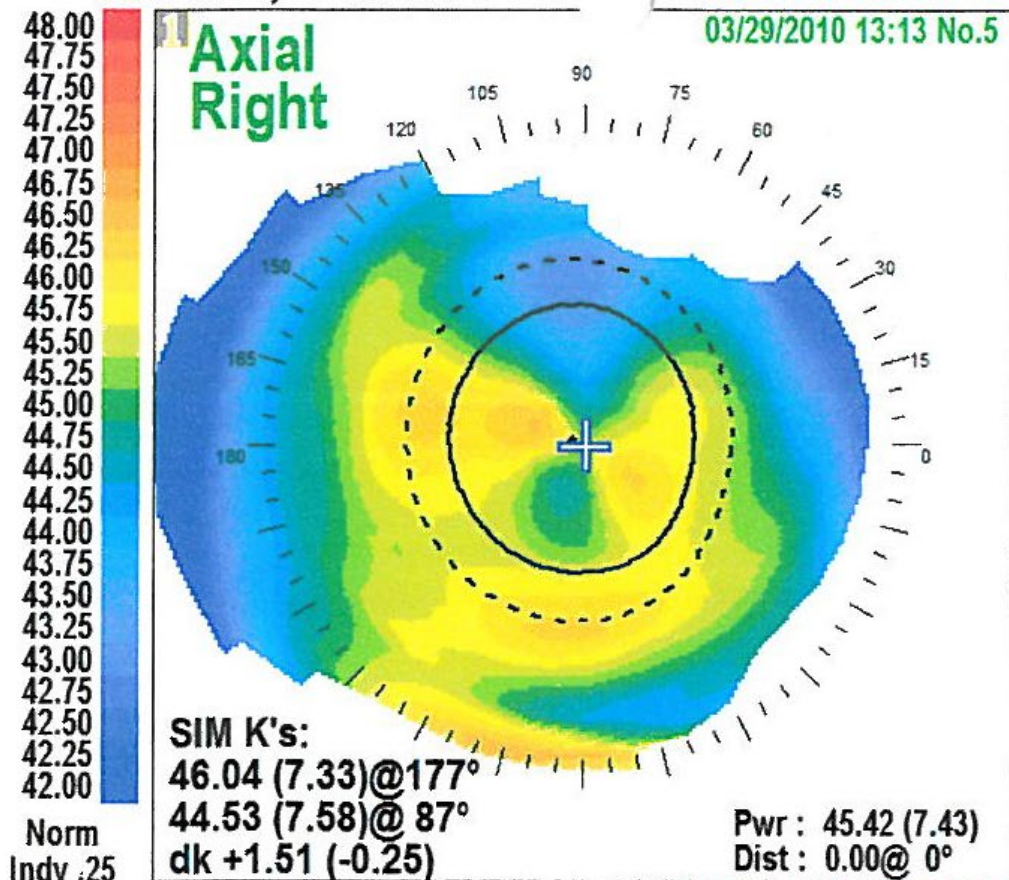
Case: A-T-R Astigmatism with cataract



+1.75 +2.75 x 15 20/50
 CATARACT
 Offsets: 0.21@192

Offsets: 0.21@192

ATR cylinder Scleral Recession – temporal incision 7.5mos post-op.
 Conclusion: not indicated for ATR astigmatism due to undercorrection and possible induction of irregular astigmatism,

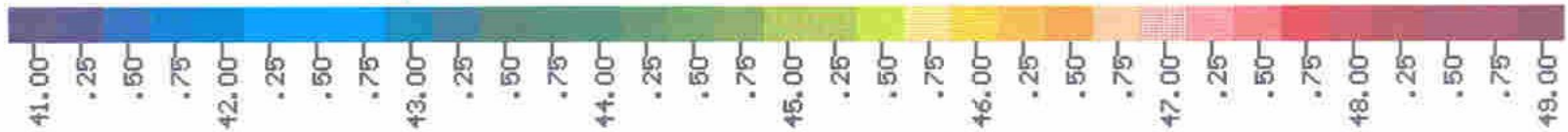
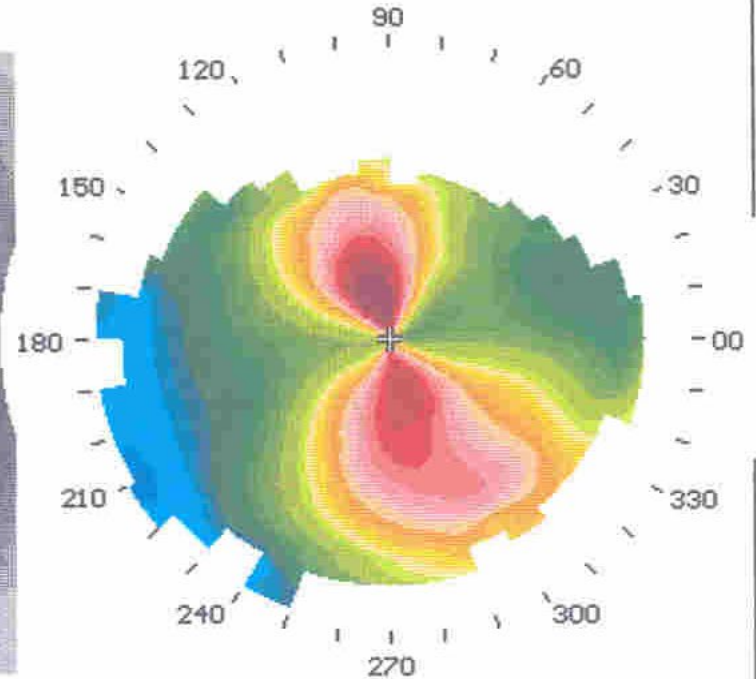
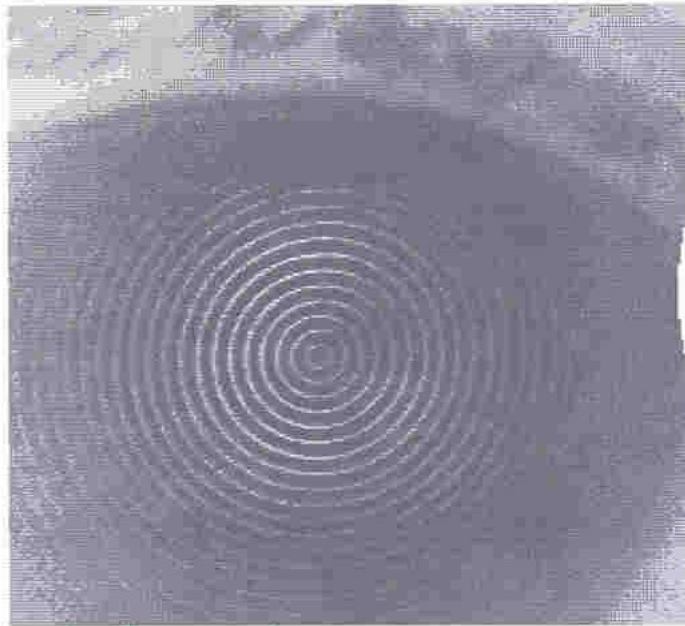


-1.0 +1.0 x 175 20/25+ Offsets: 0.12@180 UC/DVA 20/25 = UC/DVA II Offsets: 0.12@180

Cataract with astigmatism pre-op OD

AICON
EyeMap™

- 3.25 + 3.50 x 95 20/40 - CAT 20/200



KS: 47.95 @100
KF: 44.61 @ 10
KD: 3.34

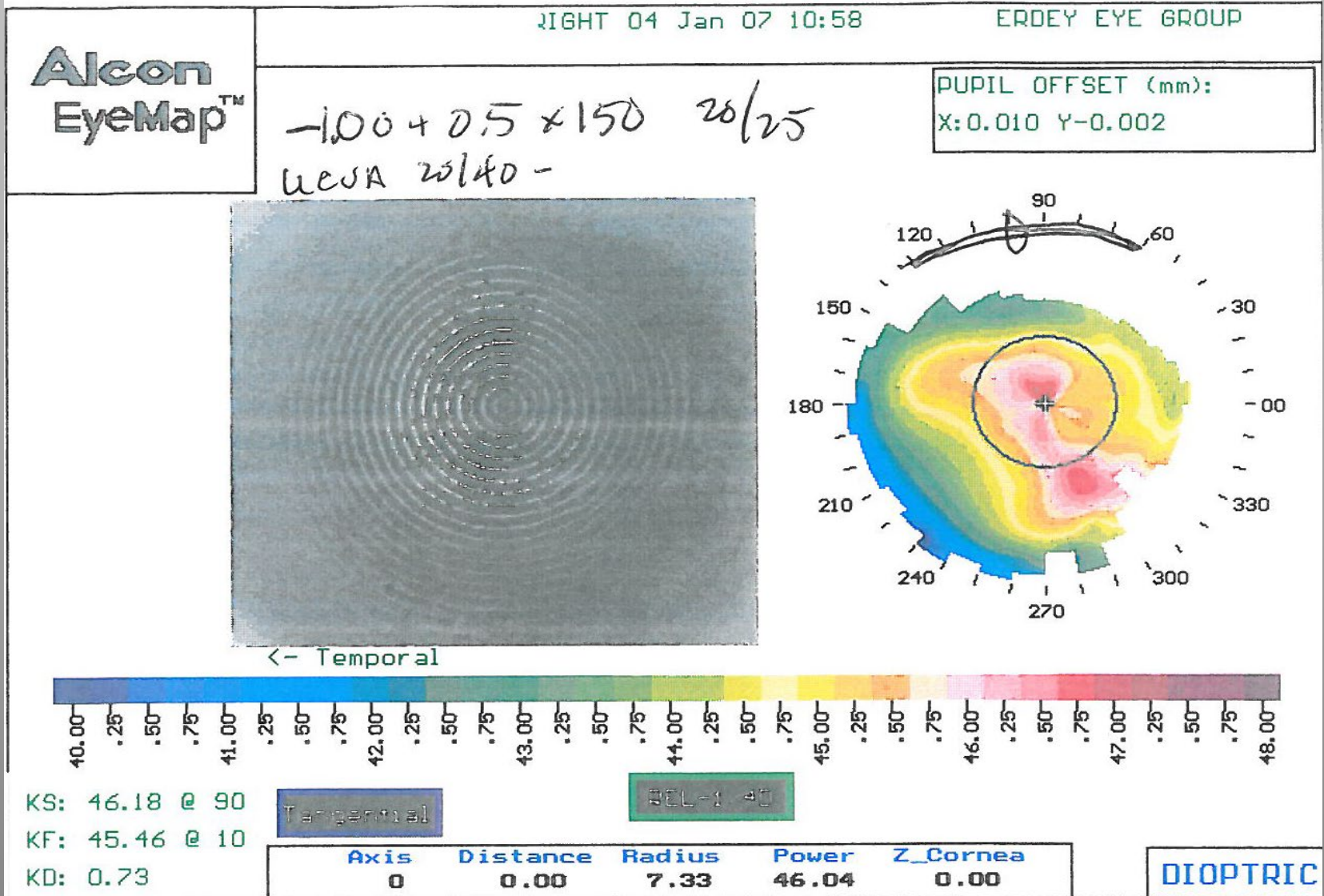
Tangential

REL-1/40

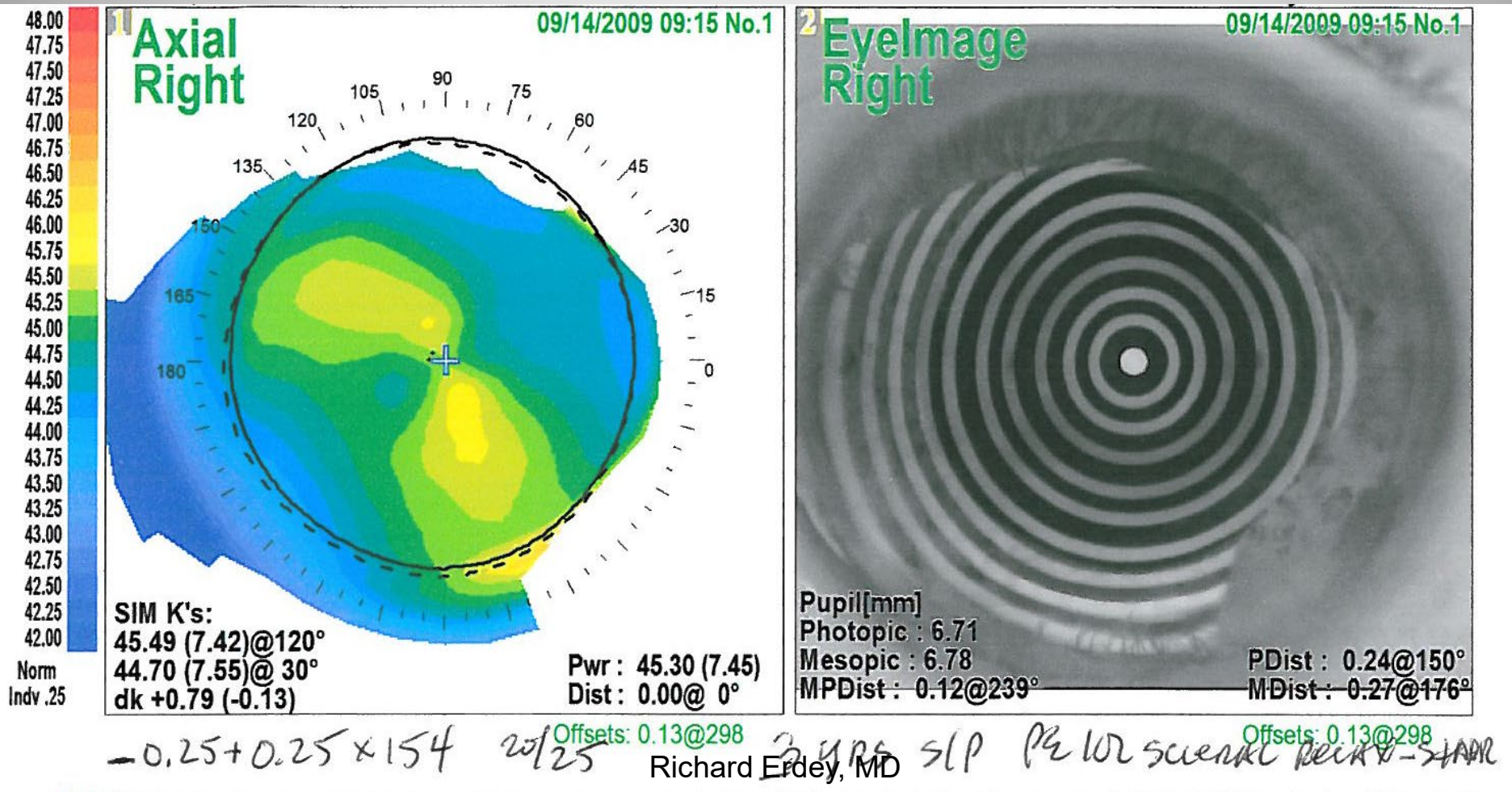
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0	0.00	7.34	45.97	0.00

DIOPTRIC

3 mos after cat ext with IOL scleral recession

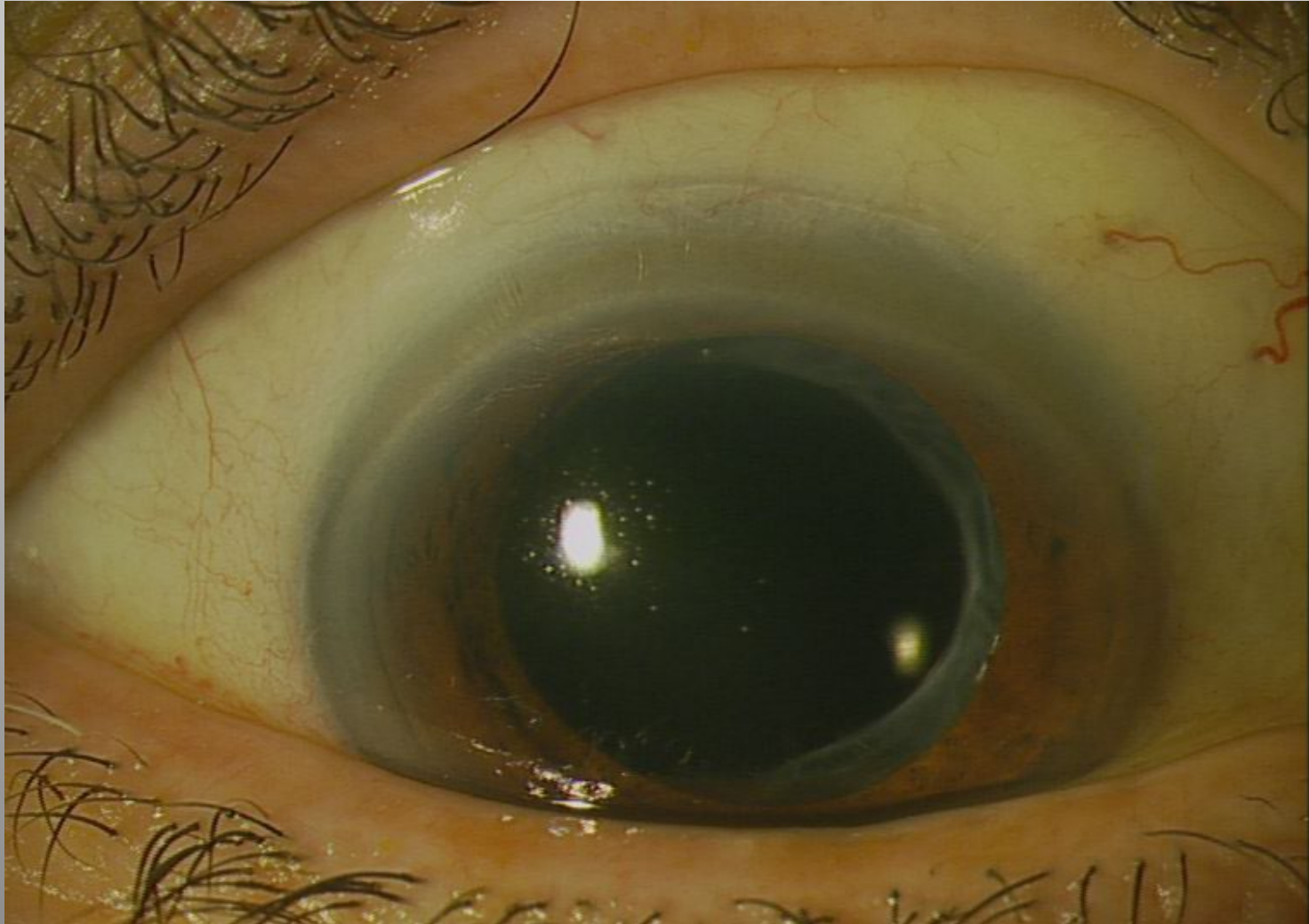


3 yrs post-op



3 yrs after scleral recession

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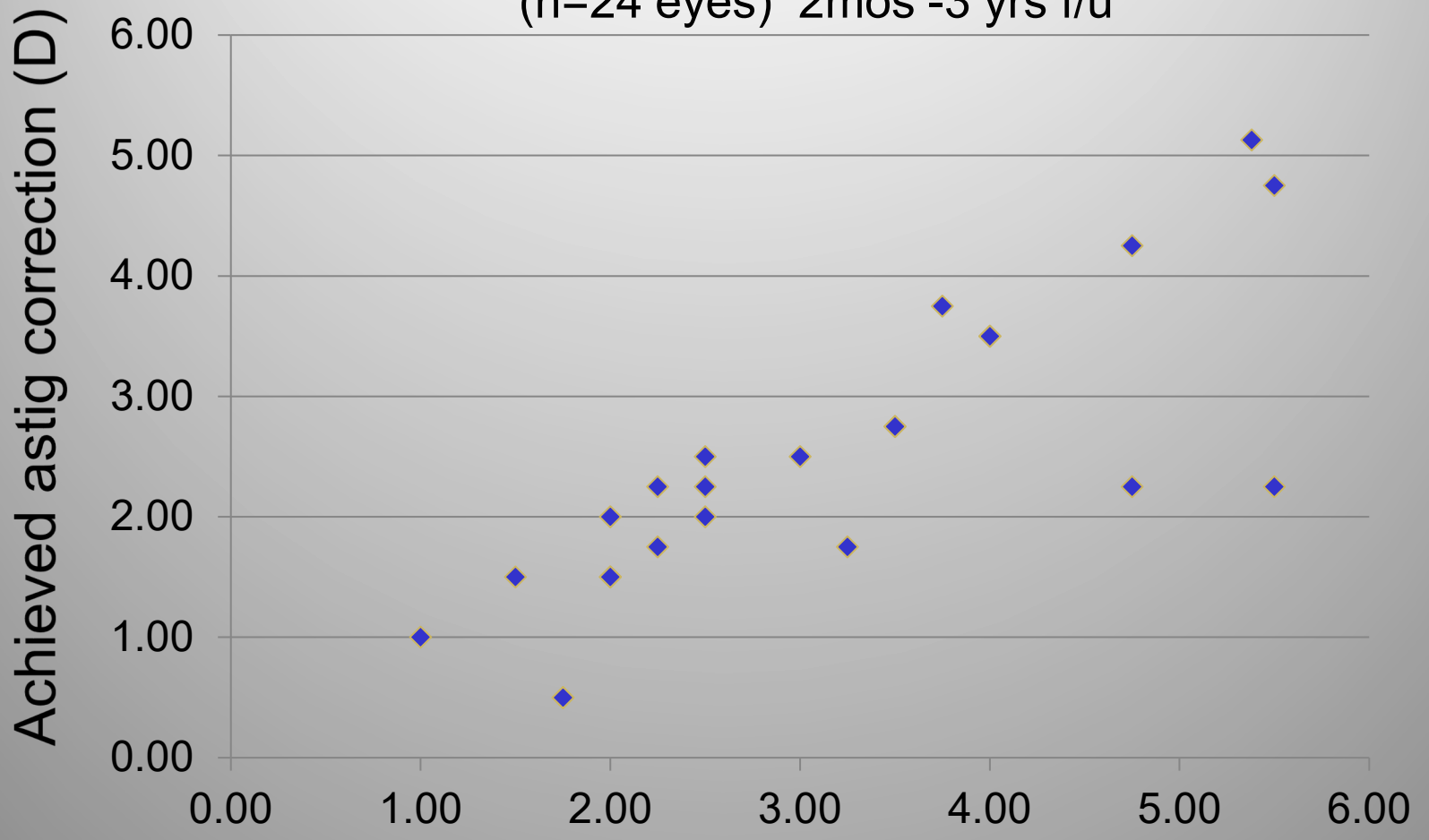


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Scleral Recession combined with cataract surgery

Pre-op vs post-op residual astigmatism

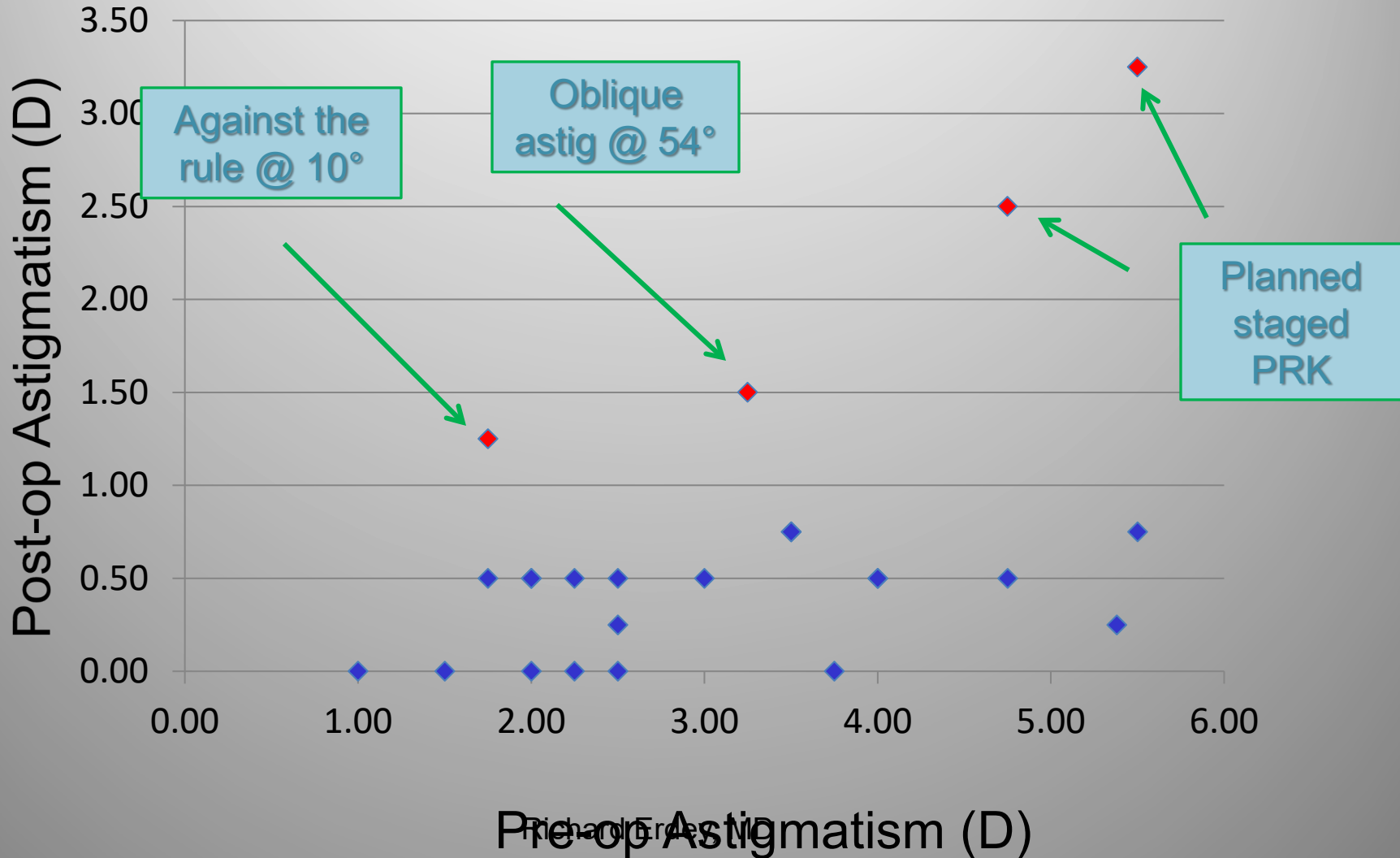
(n=24 eyes) 2mos -3 yrs f/u



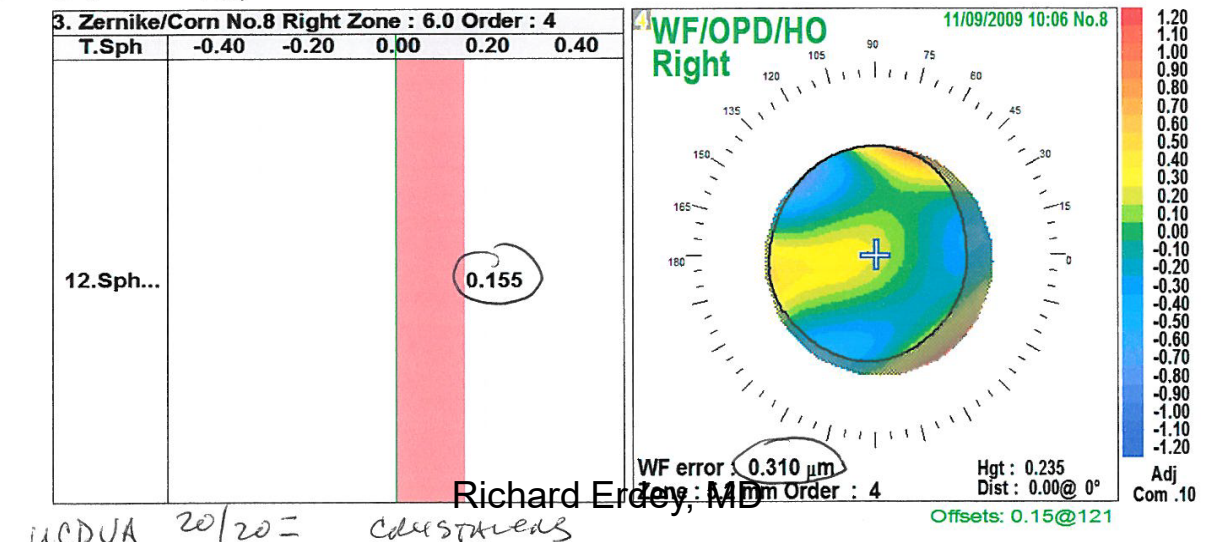
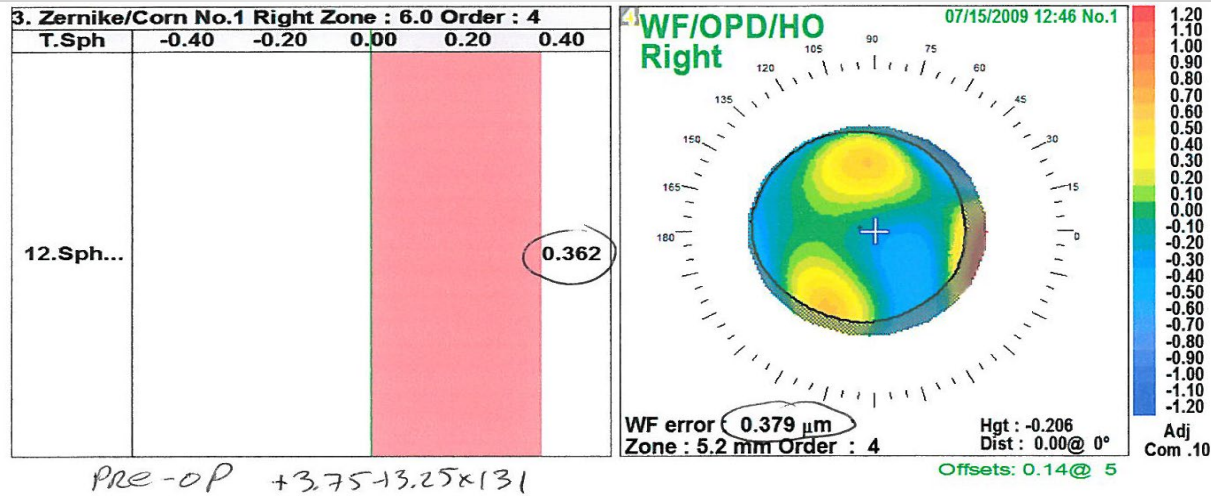
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Attempted Astigmatism correction (D)

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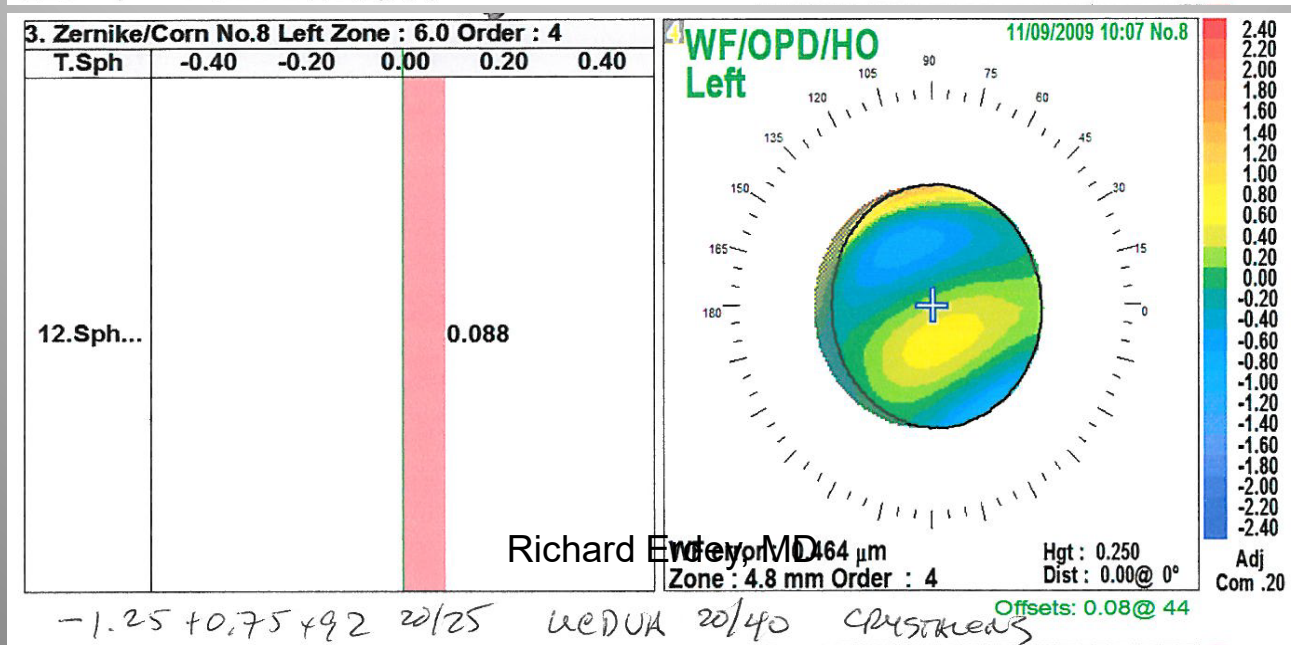
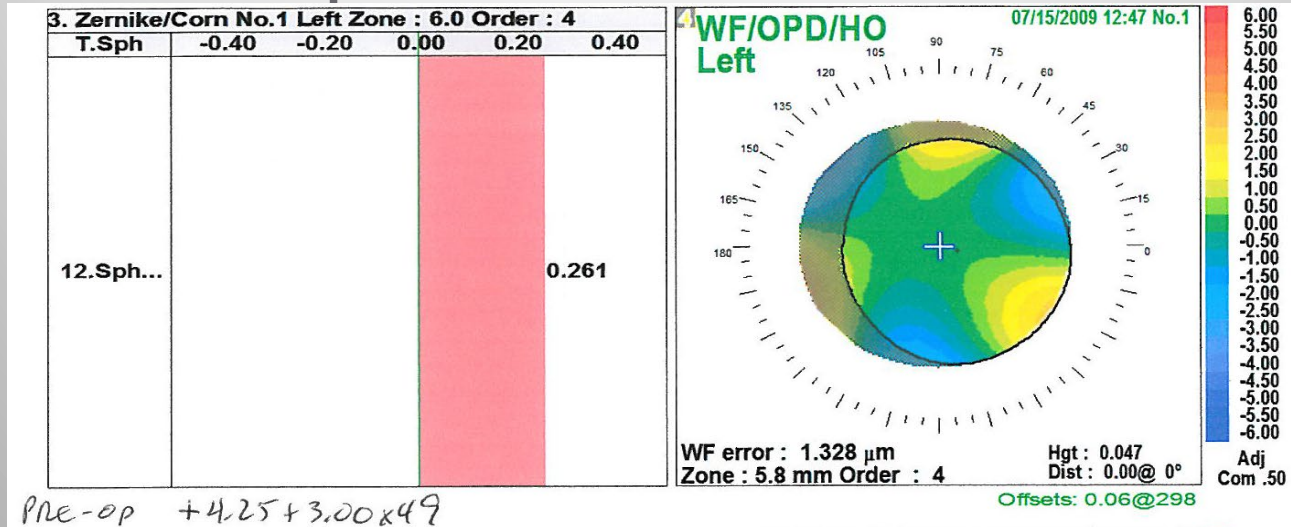
Pre-op vs. post-op residual astigmatism



3 mos after scleral recession OD Cornea spherical aberration vs HOA



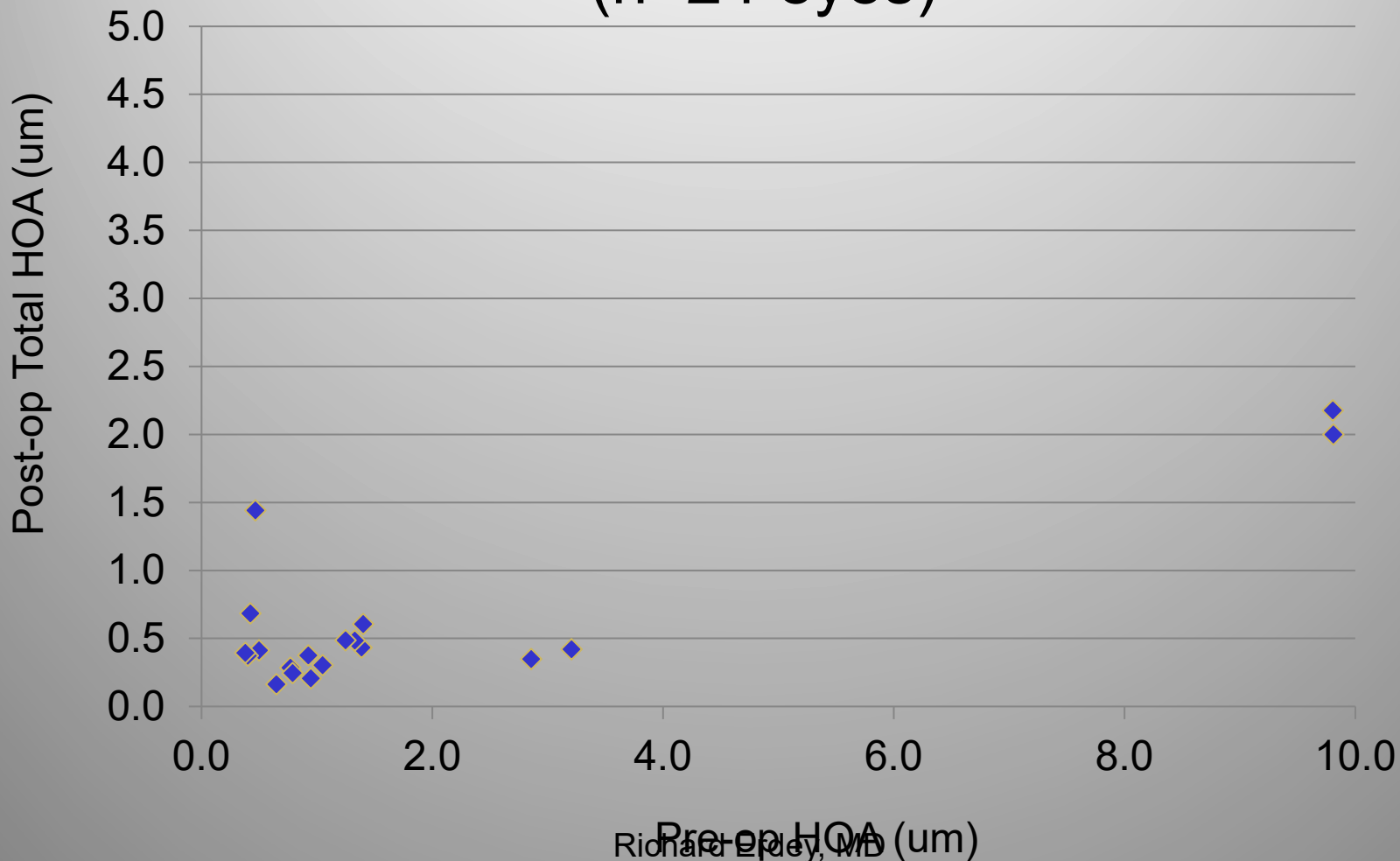
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Scleral Recession combined with cataract surgery

Pre-op vs post-op HOA

(n=24 eyes)



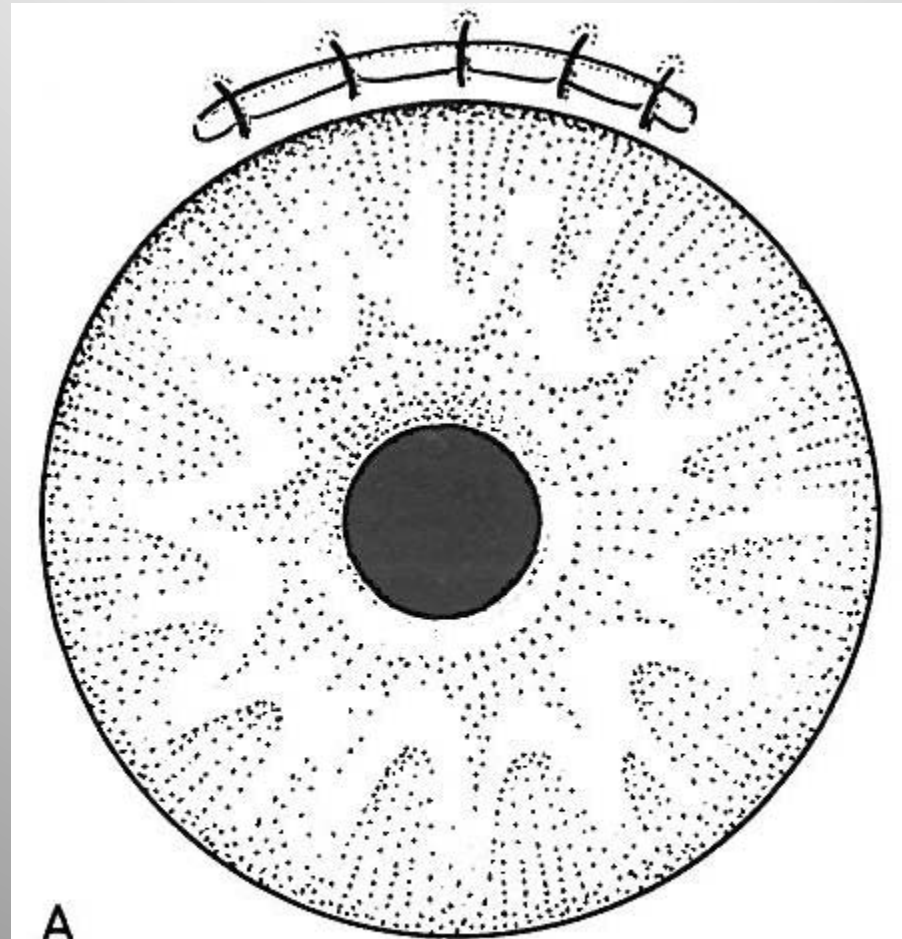
Scleral Recession combined with cataract surgery study: Results

- With the rule astigmatism 20/24 eyes
- Against the rule (4 eyes/24) undercorrects
- None had LVC/LRI enhancement
- One wearing toric soft cl on one eye
- higher order aberrations: much less
- Post-op topography more “natural”

Scleral Recession: risks

- Wound leak (0)
- Overcorrection (0)

Scleral Recession: potential advantage - reversible



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Recess wound with
fewer superficial sutures

Scleral Recession

Conclusion:

- Indications: Cataract, ICL, can be used successfully with cataract and mild keratoconus or prior PKP, DALK,
- 1-3.5 D cylinder (with the rule)
- Caution (against the rule)
- Consider personal nomogram incision size and location

Scleral Recession study

Conclusion:

- Safe
- Lamellar technique, spares cornea
- Efficacious (with the rule cylinder)
- Rapid results
- Reproducible with experience
- Does not regress
- Reversible

Scleral Recession study

Conclusion:

- Does not induce (and may decrease) Higher Order Aberration (HOA)
- Very Cost effective. Reduce dependence on toric IOL's (costly)

Scleral Recession: Barriers to wide adaptation

- Comfort constructing superior scleral tunnel incision
- Gain experience with qualitative keratometer
- Most US ophthalmology residencies teach temporal clear cornea incisions last decade