

OCTA in Retinal and Glaucoma Diagnostics

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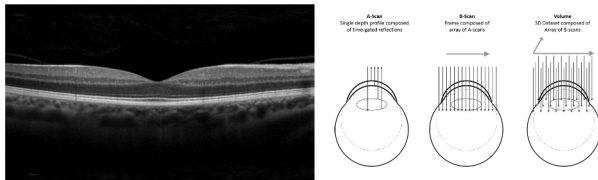
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- Glaucoma
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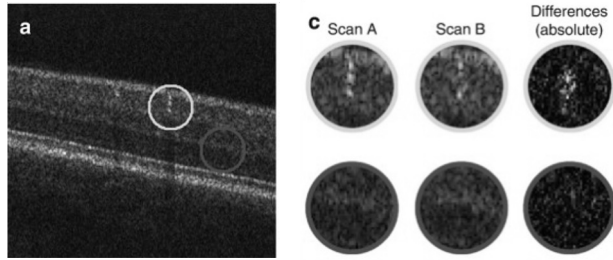
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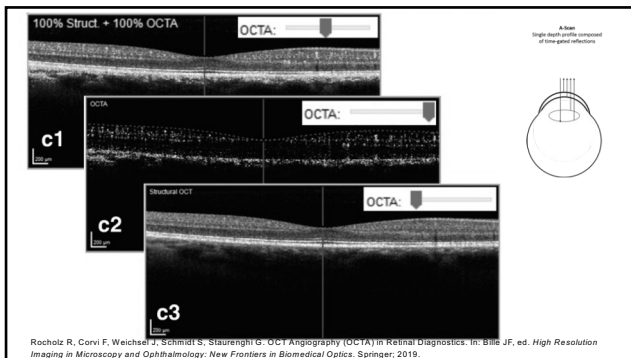


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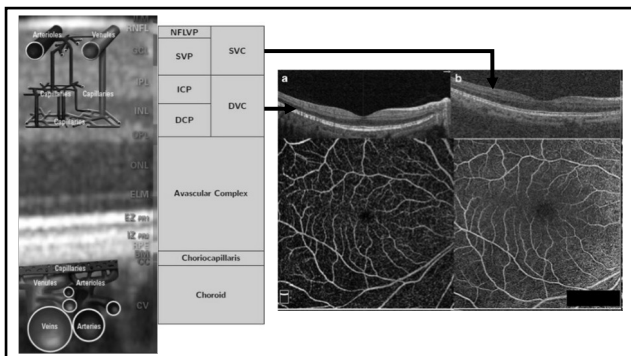
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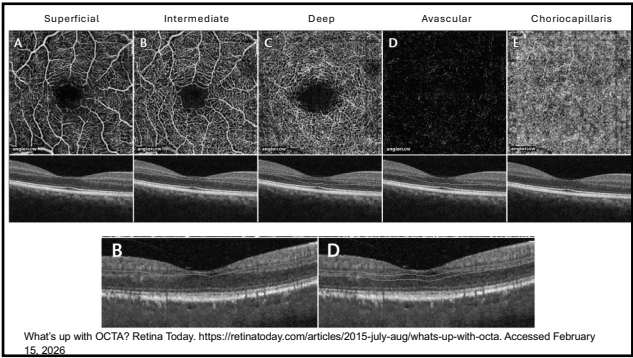
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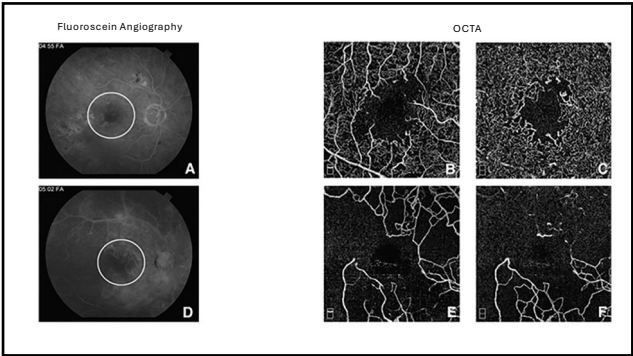
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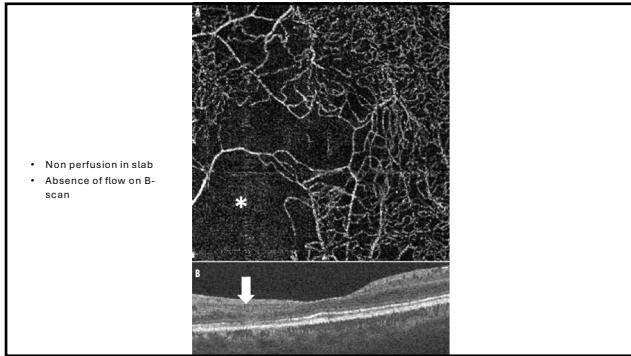
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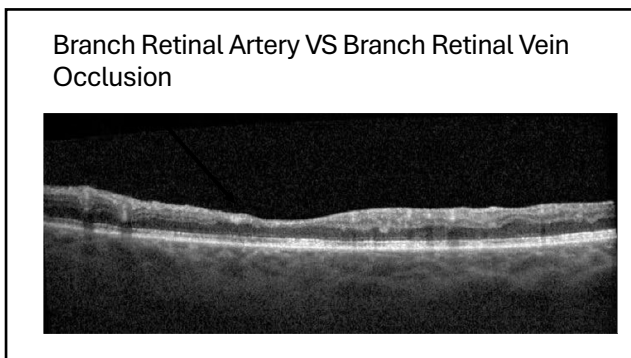
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Unilateral	Bilateral
Intravenous	Non-invasive
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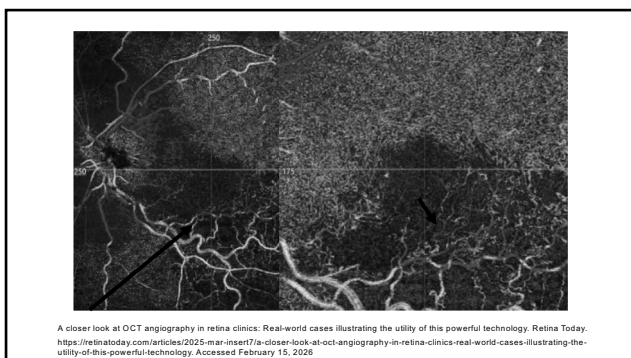
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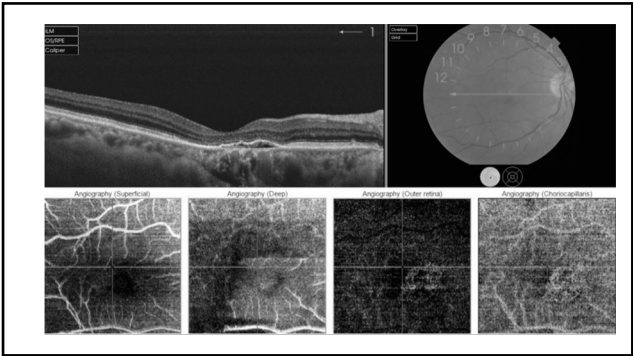
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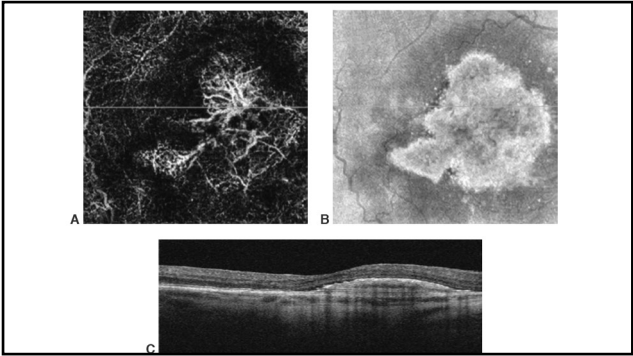
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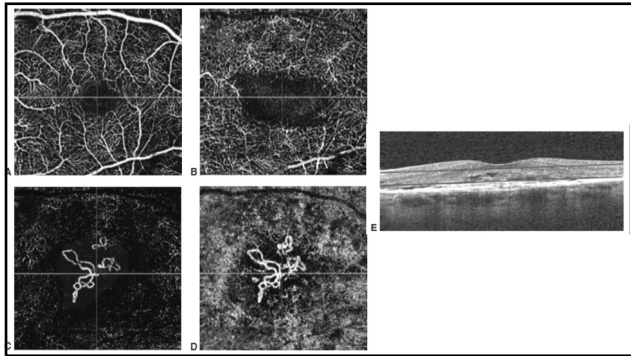
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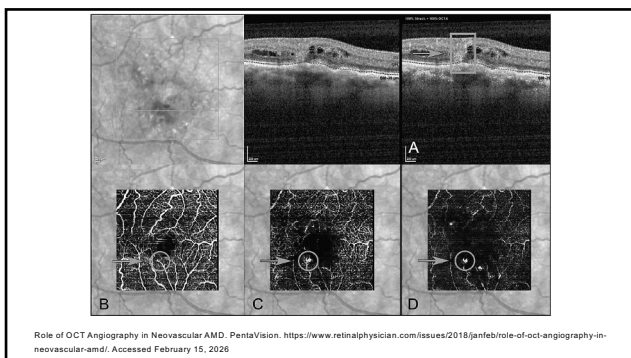
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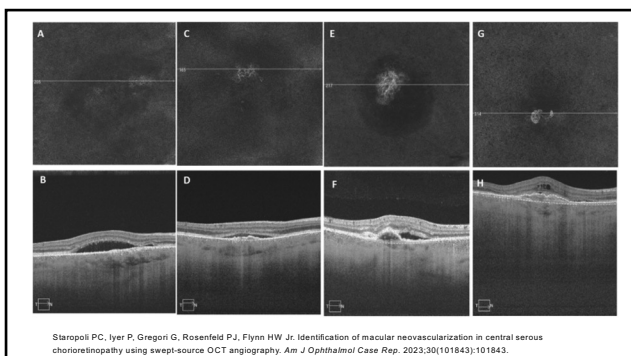
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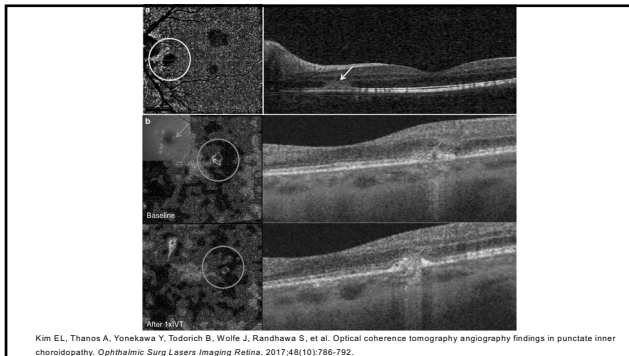
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OCTA in Retina

- Can examine provide angiographic data in 3D
- Best for evaluation of choroidal neovascularization in the macula
- Advantages over FA in some cases

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Glaucoma

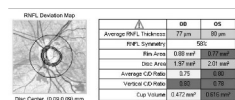


Figure 2: Optic Nerve Head Analysis

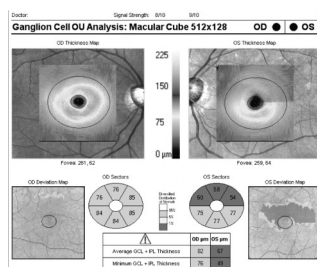
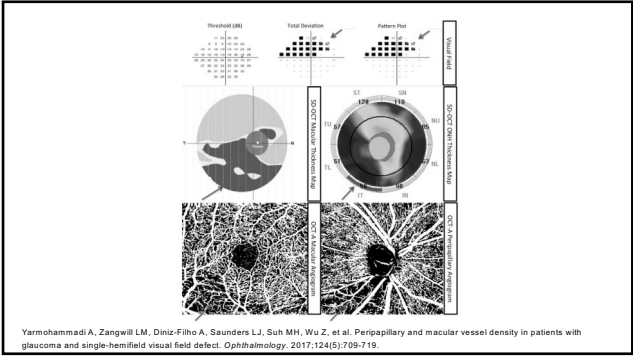
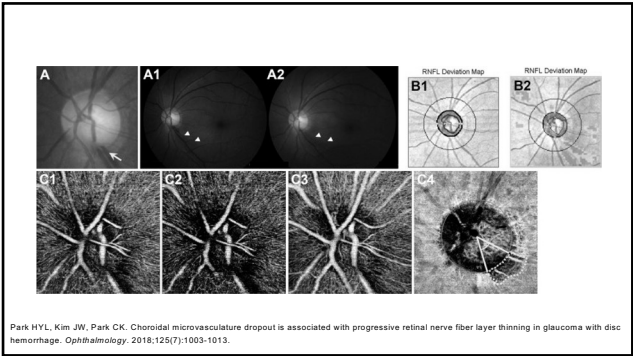


Figure 3: Ganglion cell complex analysis

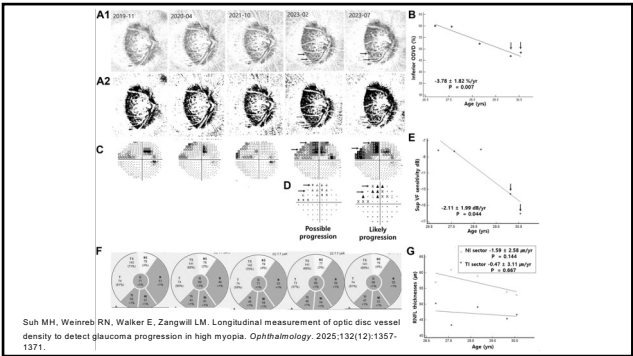
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OCTA in Glaucoma

- Microvascular changes within the ganglion cell and nerve fiber layer and choroid correspond to glaucomatous damage observed on other functional and structural tests
- Research is showing promise but not commonly used clinically yet

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Pitfalls

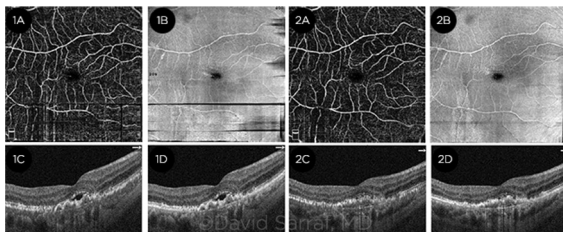
Prevalence of Artifacts

- Eye movement 93.1%
- Defocus 74.9%
- Shadow 62.3%
- Tilt 50.5%
- Z-offset 43.8%
- Refraction shift 31.8%
- Segmentation error 24.6%
- Decentration 21.4%
- Projection 6.7%

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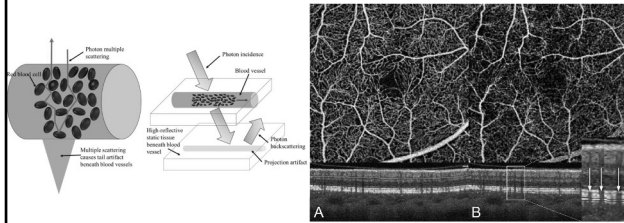
Motion Artifacts



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Projection Artifacts



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Optimization

- Move eye to get vitreous opacities out of the way
- Inability to fixate will make it difficult (GA, AMD)
- Optimize ocular surface with tears
- Redo if there are significant motion artifacts or poor signal

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Billing and Coding

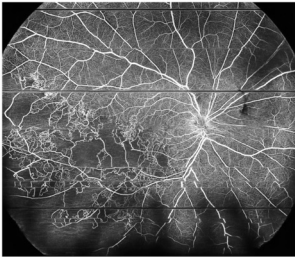
- 2025 CMS approved new CPT code 92137 for OCTA
- Cannot bill 92134 and 92137 in same encounter

CPT Code	Procedure	2025 Total RVU	2025 MPFS National Average
92134	OCT of retina	0.97	\$31.38*
92137	OCTA of retina	1.76	\$56.93*
92235	FA	4.72	\$152.68*

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Future Directions

- Wide field OCTA to evaluate for neovascularization without FA
- Not commercially available



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Summary

- OCTA allows to non-invasively image the retinal microvasculature
- Retina: non-perfusion and neovascularization
- Glaucoma: future structural test
- Increasingly used clinically

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