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An Introduction to Biomicroscopy in the Clinical Examination of the Vitreous

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The Normal Anatomy of the Vitreous (DVD 1)

1. Schematic Description

The anatomical landmarks of the vitreous are:

- the **central vitreous** with the funnel shaped **vitreous tracts** inserting at their corresponding zonular ligaments and at the ora serrata;
- the **preretinal zone** with the **lacunae** correlated with specific locations at the retinal surface.



Figure 1: Tractus and lacunae of the vitreous

Central Vitreous

- 1 retrolental tract
- 2 anterior ciliary tract
- 3 posterior ciliary tract
- 4 preretinal tract

Preretinal zone

- a prefoveal lacuna
- b prepapillary lacuna
- c prevascular lacuna
- d lacuna at equatorial degeneration
- e lacuna at peripheral anomaly
- f lacuna at retinal scar

2. Slitlamp Examination of Autopsy Specimens

Autopsy Specimens in Transversal and Longitudinal Optical Sections





Figure 2: Autopsy specimens in transversal (a, b, c) and longitudinal (d) optical sections

Stereograms of the Vitreous in Unfixed Autopsy Eyes

The photographs show eyes from persons of age group 30-60 years. Taken with diffuse illumination they reveal fewer details than photographs made with a slitlamp. Even so they convey an impression of the great variety of patterns within the general blueprint.

Prints for Use with a Stereoviewer













3. Development and Aging



Figure 3: Development and aging, slit lamp photographs

- Premature newborn: infantile radial striation hyaloid channel with hyaloid artery
- 2. Infant: infantile radial striation regression of hyaloid artery
- 3. Adolescent: reorganisation into vitreous tracts anteriorly persistence of infantile radial striation posteriorly
- 4. Adult: regression of infantile radial striation extension of vitreous tracts throughout the cavity
- 5. Adult: disorganisation of vitreous tracts
- 6. Old age: rhegmatogenous posterior vitreous detachment



Figure 4: Development and aging, schemata

4. Slitlamp Examination of Living Eyes

The Anterior Limiting Lamina and the Vitreous Tracts at the Vitreous Base



Figure 5: View of the vitreous base with scleral depression

- 1. retrolental tract
- 2. anterior ciliary tract
- 3. posterior ciliary tract
- 4. accessory tract
- 5. preretinal tract
- 6. retrolental circular zonular ligament
- anterior ciliary ligament not visible in this schema
- posterior ciliary ligament
 accessory circular zonular ligament
- 9. anterior limiting lamina in the perilental space
- 10. anterior limiting lamina at the pars plana

The Vitreous Tracts in Mid-Cavity



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Figure 6: View of the central vitreous

- 1 retrolental tract
- 2 ciliary tracts

Pathology of the Vitreous (DVD 2)

1. Posterior Vitreous Detachments

	Rhegmatogenous PVD	non-rhegmatogenous PVD
Schema	Figure 7:	Figure 8:
Aspect	typical	variable
Etiology	physiological	pathological
Detaching Process	collapsing	shrinking
Endpoint of Detaching Process	predictable	unpredictable
Traction	rapid	slow
Resulting Retinal Lesions	tears	folds
Resulting Retinal Detachments	rhegmatogenous	non-rhegmatogenous



Figure 9: Decision tree in case of PVD





Figure 11: Collapsing bag

2. Invasion of the Vitreous

Invasion of Soluble Proteins









Sedimentation of Cells in the Vitreous Framework



Figure 14: Sedimentation in the infant

Sedimentation of Cells in the Retrovitreal Space

Rhegmatogenous PVD



Figure 16: Sedimentation after rheg. PVD



Figure 15: Sedimentation in the adult

Non-Rhegmatogenous PVD



Figure 17: Sedimentation after non-rheg. PVD



Figure 19: Massive infiltration of retrovitreal space after non-rheg. PVD



Figure 18: Massive infiltration of retrovitreal space after rheg. PVD

3. Semiology of the Posterior Limiting Lamina

Deformations of the Posterior Limiting Lamina ("Omega-Folds")

Signs of Complete Disjunction



Figure 20: Complete disjunction: straight insertion line



Figure 21: Complete disjunction: absence of folds

Signs of Incomplete Disjunction in the Superior Periphery



Figure 22: Incomplete disjunction in the superior periphery: irregular insertion line





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Figure 23: Incomplete disjunction in the superior periphery: a) Omega fold in horizontal light slit b) Multiple contours in vertical light slit

Signs of Incomplete Disjunction in Oblique Meridian



Figure 24: Incomplete disjunction in oblique meridian







Signs of Disjunction in Lower Periphery



Figure 26: Complete disjunction in lower periphery: evenly shaped hyphemia



Figure 27: Incomplete disjunction in lower periphery: split hyphemia

The Syndrome of the Pseudo-Posterior Limiting Lamina

Characteristics of the Pseudo-Posterior Limiting Lamina

The pseudo-posterior limiting lamina does not insert at

- the lens border (vs. retrolental tract)
- the circular zonular ligaments (vs. ciliary tracts)
- the ora serrata (vs. preretinal tract)
- behind the ora serrata (vs. posterior limiting lamina)



Figure 28: Pseudo-posterior limiting lamina in a non-detached vitreous

- 1 pseudo-posterior limiting lamina
- 2 retrolental tract
- 3 preretinal tract
- 4 posterior limiting lamina



Figure 29: Pseudo-posterior limiting lamina in a detached vitreous

The Thick Posterior Limiting Lamina

Levels of Separation of the Vitreo-Retinal Fibrillar Complex



Figure 30:

Intact vitreo-retinal fibrillar complex consisting of: 1 the inner limiting membrane of the retina

2 the posterior limiting layer of the vitreous



Figure 31: Preretinal separation: thick posterior limiting lamina



Figure 32a: Intrafibrillar separation



Figure 32b: Epivitreal separation

Deposits on the Posterior Limiting Lamina

Inflammatory Deposits



Figure 33: Inflammatory deposits acute phase



Figure 34: Inflammatory deposits late phase



Figure 35: Inflammatory deposits late phase

Hemorrhagic Deposits



Figure 36: Hemorrhagic deposits acute phase



Figure 37: Hemorrhagic deposits late phase



Figure 38: Hemorrhagic deposits late phase

Fibro-Glial Imprints



Figure 39: Fibro-glial imprints vascular casts



Figure 40: Fibro-glial imprints margins of lacunae



Figure 41: Fibro-glial imprints fibrotic veils

4. Semiology of the Vitreous Base

Classification of Lesions at the Retina



Figure 42: Classification of lesions at the retina

- a Extrabasal hole with operculum
- b Retrobasal tear incomplete
- c Retrobasal tear complete
- d Intrabasal hole



Figure 43: Extrabasal hole (a)







Figure 45: Intrabasal hole (d)

Classification of Lesions at the Ora Serrata



Figure 46: Classification of lesions at the ora serrata

- e) Retrobasal tear
- f) Intrabasal tear
- g) Prebasal tear
- h) Pars plana tear



Figure 47: Retrobasal tear (e)

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Figure 48: Intrabasal tear (f)



Figure 49: Prebasal tear (g)



Figure 50: Pars plana tear (h)



Figure 51: Avulsion of vitreous base

Disruptive and Non-Disruptive Lesions

Pseudo-Holes and Pseudo-Flaps at the Ora Serrata

Enclosed Ora Bays

Convergent Ora Teeth



Figure 52: Pseudo-hole **posterior** to ora serrata



Figure 53: Pseudo-hole **anterior** to ora serrata

Meridional Ridges and Patches



Figure 54: Pseudo-flaps at **axis** of bays and teeth



Figures 55, 56: Anomalies of the transition zone at the ora serrata (above) with the insertion of the preretinal tract at their borders (below)

Pseudo-Holes and Pseudo-Flaps at the Ora Serrata

Enclosed Ora Bay



Figure 57: Pseudo-hole: normal ciliary epithelium at **bottom**



Meridional Ridge

Figure 58: Pseudo-flap: ectopic ciliary epithelium on **surface**

Pseudo-Holes and Pseudo-Flaps behind the Ora Serrata



Figure 59: Lacuna **above** lesion

Operculum at Developmental Anomaly



Figure 60: Operculum at preretinal tract; lacuna **below** operculum

Avulsed Operculum in PVD



Figure 61: Operculum attached to the posterior limiting lamina; lacuna above operculum

Inflammation at the Vitreous Base

Differential Diagnosis of "Pars Planitis"



Figure 62: Inflammatory signs at vitreous base



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