COMBINED PHACOEMULSIFICATION AND GLAUCOMA DRAINAGE IMPLANT SURGERY ,INDICATIONS AND TECHNIQUE.

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DEFINITION?

- Glaucoma can be appropriately defined as:
 - A group of pathological disorders
 - With different pathophysiological mechanisms of action
 - Causing ganglion cell damage and specific type of optic neuropathy, characterized by
 - A specific pattern(s) of optic disc and visual field changes
 - And is partly related to a relatively high intraocular pressure

GLAUCOMA RISK FACTORS

Good evidence:

- Glaucoma damage in the fellow eye
- Age
- O Black race
- O Positive family history
- O High IOP
- Myopia
- O Pseudoexfoliation , PD

Fair evidence

Large C/D ratio – DM, - Disc hemorrhage

O Weak evidence

 Peripapillary atrophy, migraine, hypothyroidism, sleep apnea, autoimmune disease, nocturnal hypotension

Refractory glaucoma

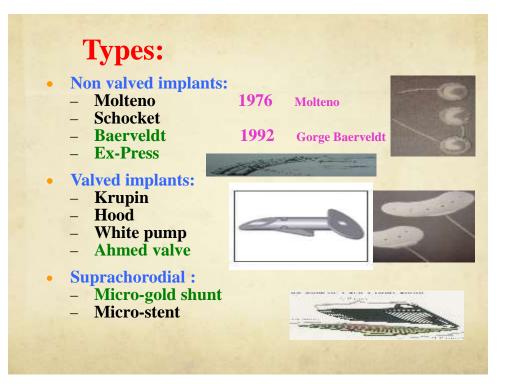
- was defined as glaucoma associated with a poor surgical prognosis after trabeculectomy, which remained uncontrolled despite previous filtration surgery or laser treatment or under maximum tolerated medical treatment.
- Glaucoma shunt devices are typically reserved for refractory glaucoma.

Shunt Devices:

- There are a variety of different types of drainage devices for management of difficult glaucoma cases.
- However, the only shunts with proven long-term efficacy are those that drain the aqueous externally to bleb under the conjunctiva.

Mechanism of Shunt Devices

- Depend on tube to shunt A. H. from A.C. or vitreous to an extraocular fluid reservoir through formation of fibrous capsule around a synthetic plate.
- Fluid diffuse passive diffusion through capsule and absorbed by orbital, episcleral blood vessels and lymphatic tissues.



Indications:

- NVG glaucoma
- Glaucoma with previous failed surgery.
- Aphakic and pseudophakic glaucoma
- Congenital glaucoma
- ICE syndrome
- Uveitic glaucoma
- Traumatic glaucoma
- Glaucoma post PKP
- Glaucoma post viteroretinal surgery.







The surgical decision depends on:

- 1. The stage of glaucoma .
- 2. The rate of deterioration of the disease).
- 3. Life expectancy of the patient.
- 4. Presence of risk factors: IOP, age, sex, race, F.H., myopia, corneal thickness, HTN, D.M, ...
- 5. Status of the other eye
- 6. Compliance for regular follow-up.

- 7. Response to previous lines of therapy.
- 8. Systemic workup of the patient and systemic medications.
- 9. The inconveniences of different lines of interventions.
- 10. The financial impact of treatment on the patient and the community.

NEOVASCULAR GLAUCOMA

Conditions associated with iris neovascularization (NVI)

- Proliferative diabetic retinopathy
- Central & branch retinal vein occlusion
- Central retinal artery occlusion
- Other retinal disorders
- Other ocular disorders
- Ocular surgery & radiation
- Systemic diseases
- Neoplastic diseases

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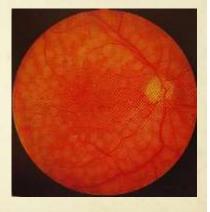
The IOP

- Usually high and not properly controlled by medications
- May be normal or low in NVG due to chronic retinal detachment or carotid artery occlusive disease
- In CAOD, IOP may be elevated after endarterectomy or bypass surgery

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Treatment of NVI:

Pan retinal photocoagulation
Intravitreal AVGF

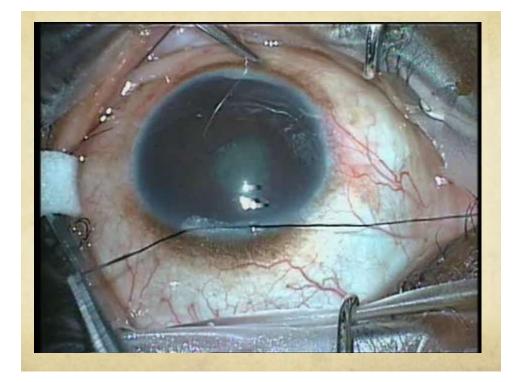


Neovascular Glaucoma Management:

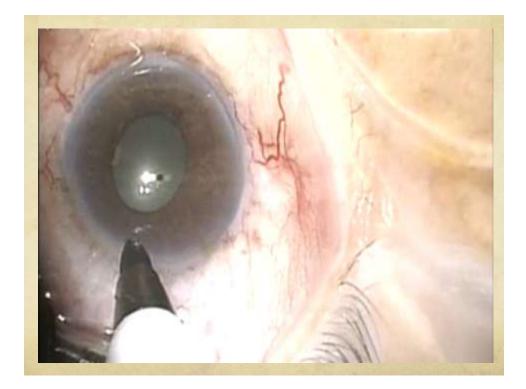
• Medical therapy:

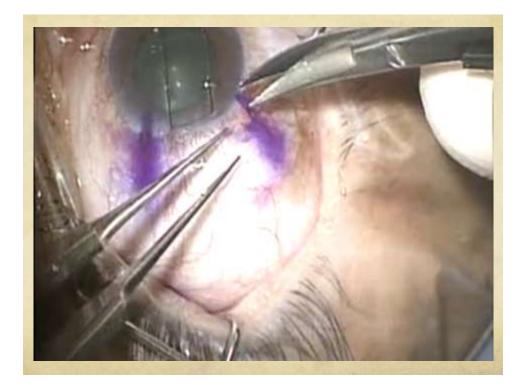
- Avoid miotics, prostaglandins (?)
- Steroids & cycloplegics are helpful
- Filtering surgery: after regression of NVI
- Aqueous shunting surgery: primary treatment of choice
- Transscleral cyclophotocoagulation
- End-stage treatment: Alcohol injection, Evisceration

- Coexistence of cataract and glaucoma causing progressive visual field loss, reduce the visual acuity and narrowing the drainage angle.
- Conjunctival scarring makes dissection difficult and increase the risk of conjunctival tear and buttonhole.
- Also long use of miotics makes the pupil difficult to dilate and difficult cataract surgery.



Combined cataract and /aqueous shunt devices in complex cases in which you think trabeculectomy will fail.





Conclusion:

- O **Glaucoma** is a chronic ,complex progressive disease.
- Diagnosis needs correlations of different risk factors
- Phacoemujsification with shunt devices implantation are associated with a reasonable success rate in refractory glaucoma cases and complicated cataract provides good visual rehabilitation and control of IOP.
- O Still needs long follow up and different complex cases.

