

## CRVO

### Epidemiology

What are associated conditions of CRVO?

- DM, HTN, atherosclerosis, BCP, hypercoaguable states (1 pt)
- OAG (1 pt)

### Pathogenesis

What are theories of pathogenesis?

- thrombus in vein (1 pt)
- turbulent flow from artery sclerosis (1 pt)
- ESR, anti-phospholipid, protein C or S deficiency, lupus anticoagulant, antithrombin III (1 pt)

### Ocular manifestations

What are the types of CRVO? And how can you tell them apart?

·		Non ischemic (3 pt)
		Ischemic (3 pt)
		Indeterminate (1 pt)
75%	25%	
VA >20/200	VA <20/200	
no RAPD	RAPD	
Mod blood	Massive blood	Very massive blood
VF mild	VF defect pronounced	
FA <10 DA ischemic	>10 DA	

ERG  
minimal CWS

ERG b/a  
>5 CWS

What is the significance of these categories?

- NVI rates (3 pts)  
NI: 2%  
I: 60%  
Indeterm: 80% convert to I.

What is papillophlebitis? (1 pt)

- <50 years, optic disc swelling out of proportion to hem, CWS around disc
- not always benign

### Tests

What is the work up for CRVO in pts younger than 55? (4 pts)

- protein C & S
- antiphospholipid Ab
- antithrombin III
- homocysteinuria
- CBC with diff
- PT/ PTT
- serum protein electrophoresis
- ESR
- BP
- scrape first 4 for pts >55 years

#### MEDICAL AND OPHTHALMIC WORKUP FOR CENTRAL RETINAL VEIN OBSTRUCTION AND BRANCH RETINAL VEIN OBSTRUCTION

##### Central retinal vein obstruction

Complete history and physical examination  
Complete ophthalmic examination  
Fluorescein angiography  
Gonioscopy to look for iris and/or angle neovascularization  
Blood pressure  
Complete blood count  
Prothrombin time  
Partial thromboplastin time  
Antinuclear antibodies  
Serum protein electrophoresis  
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate

##### Branch retinal vein obstruction

Complete history and physical examination  
Complete ophthalmic examination  
Fluorescein angiography  
Blood pressure

What is the most important clinical prognostic factor? (1pt)

VA

### DDX

What is the ddx of CRVO? (4 pts)

- OIS (disc spared, veins not tortuous, transient visual loss)
- Hyperviscosity (SS, SC, polycythemia vera, leukemia, MM, Waldenstrom's)
- Severe anemia and thrombocytopenia (Roth spots)
- Autoimmune diseases (lupus)

### Follow up and treatment

What is the follow up for CRVO? (2 pts)

- q 1 month for all for first 6 months
- frequent thereafter for ischemic

Describe CRVO study results? ( 1pt)

- INV/TC-ANV outcome

#### TREATMENT GUIDELINES FOR PATIENTS WHO HAVE CENTRAL RETINAL VEIN OBSTRUCTION

##### No proved effective treatment

Panretinal photocoagulation if intraocular neovascularization present  
Lower intraocular pressure if elevated  
Treat underlying medical conditions  
Macular edema generally does not respond to grid laser

- prophylactic in ischemic 20 vs. 35%
- regression once developed 56% vs. 22%

How do you treat once INV develops? (1 pt)

#### **PRP for CRVO**

- patients should be examined Q1month for 6 months post CRVO (at least) including gonio
- 75-80% of CRVO are non-ischemic
- 1/3 of non-ischemic CRVO go on to become ischemic CRVO (within 1 year)
- treat only once NVI develops (2 clock hours) or earlier if close follow up is not possible
- technique is same as DRS 1500-2000 burn PRP, AG, 500  $\mu$ , 0.2 sec, medium, 1000-2000 burns

FOLLOW-UP FOR PATIENTS WHO HAVE CENTRAL RETINAL VEIN OBSTRUCTION	
Presenting visual acuity of 20/40 (6/12) or better	
Examinations every 1-2 months for 6 months after diagnosis	
Annual examinations as the patient's condition stabilizes	
Presenting visual acuity between 20/50 (6/15) and 20/200 (6/60)	
Examinations monthly to bimonthly (at the physician's discretion, based on which end of the spectrum the visual acuity lies) for the first 6 months after diagnosis	
Examinations every 6 months to yearly afterward	
Presenting visual acuity of 20/200 (6/60)	
Examinations every month for the initial 6 months	
Then every 2 months until 8 months after presentation	
Then every 4 months until 2 years after presentation	

#### **Risk factors for ischemic CRVO developing NV**

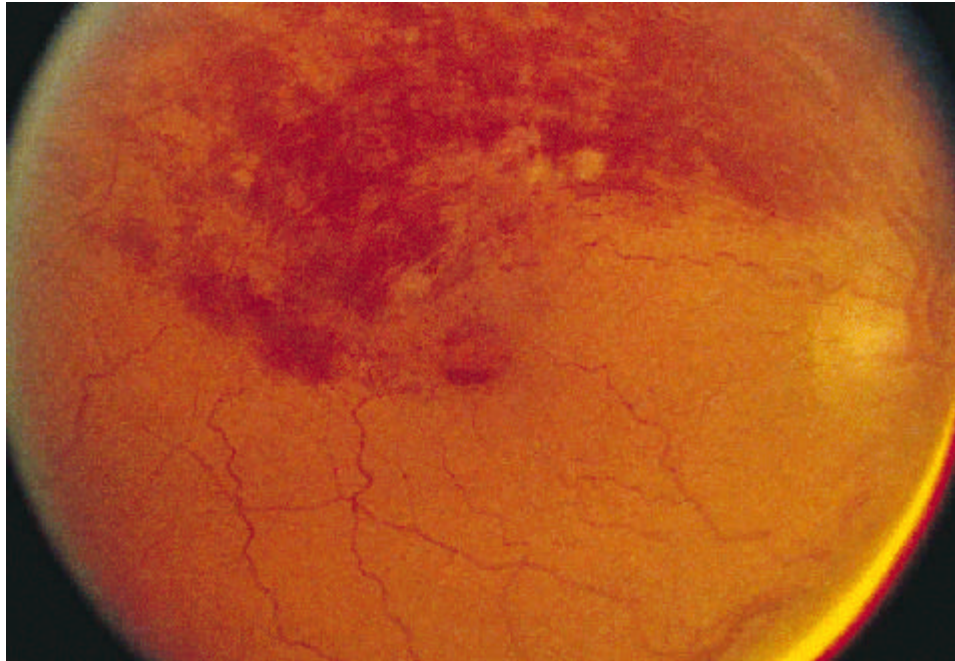
- 1) greater than 10 DD of non-perfusion in the posterior pole - definition (greater risk with greater non-perfusion)
- 2) RAPD
- 3) decreased visual acuity
- 4) blood ++
- 5) ERG: decreased b:a ratio (normal: 2:1) (<1)
- 6) abnormal EOG
- 7) elevated central retinal venous pressure
- 8) duration < 1 month (Bloom)
- 9) male sex (Bloom)

#### **Risk factors for conversion to ischemic CRVO**

Risk Factors for CRVO to become ischemic

- 1) a lot of hemorrhages
- 2) < 1 month
- 3) V < 20/200
- 4) 5-9 disc areas
- 5) age > 70
- 6) smoker





## **BRVO**

### **Epidemiology**

How common is BRVO? (1 pt)

- 5.36/1000 in pts > 64 years old

### **Pathogenesis**

How and where do they occur? (2 pts)

- ST (most crossings)
- shared adventitia > artery compresses vein > turbulence > clot

### **DDX**

- hypertensive retinopathy, DR, OIS, JRT, Combined art/vein, radiation

#### DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF BRANCH RETINAL VEIN OBSTRUCTIONS

Hypertensive retinopathy  
Diabetic retinopathy  
Ocular ischemic syndrome  
Juxtafoveal retinal telangiectasia  
Combined branch retinal artery and branch retinal vein occlusion  
Radiation retinopathy

### **Treatment and BRVO studies**

What do you treat?

- treat ME and NV (2pts)

Caveats of treatment? (3 pts, fail if not mentioned)

- >20/40, sufficient clearing of heme, wait 3 months, FA to r/o non-perfusion

How do you treat? (5 pts, any glaring errors you fail)

#### **Grid for BRVO ME**

- Eligible eyes: BRVO with a duration of 3 to 18 mo and a visual acuity of 20/40 or worse attributable to macular edema

#### TREATMENT GUIDELINES FOR BRANCH RETINAL VEIN OCCLUSION AND MACULAR EDEMA

For macular edema, visual acuity of 20/40 (6/12) or worse

Wait for clearance of retinal hemorrhage to allow adequate fluorescein angiography  
Determine if decreased visual acuity is caused by macular edema (versus macular nonperfusion)

If macular edema explains visual loss, and no spontaneous improvement has occurred by 3 months, grid macular photocoagulation is recommended

If capillary nonperfusion explains decreased visual acuity, laser treatment is not advised

- don't treat if macular ischemia is cause of vision loss (vs. DM where you can treat macular ischemia)

- follow up Q 4 months

*Procedure*

- 100u spots, 0.1 secs, mild to moderate burn, one burn width apart

- applied to the area of macular edema

- treatment extends no closer to the fovea than the avascular zone (500u) and no further peripherally than the major vascular arcades

*Follow up:* 4 months post laser

**B) sectoral scatter for BRVO NV**

- treat once NVE or NVD develops

- Eyes with BRVO involving at least a 5 DD area of retina

*Procedure*

- medium-intensity 200 to 500u argon laser burns spaced one burn width apart

- cover the entire area of involved retina, except within 2 DD of center of FAZ

- 24% of the untreated eyes develop neovascularization versus 12% of the treated eyes.

**TREATMENT GUIDELINES FOR BRANCH RETINAL VEIN OCCLUSION AND NEOVASCULARIZATION**

Good quality fluorescein angiography is obtained after retinal hemorrhages have cleared sufficiently.

If more than five disc diameters of nonperfusion are present, the patient should be followed at 4 month intervals to seek the development of neovascularization.

If neovascularization develops, panretinal photocoagulation to the involved retinal sector should be applied using argon laser to achieve 'medium' white burns, 200-500mm in diameter – one burn width apart to cover the entire involved segment.