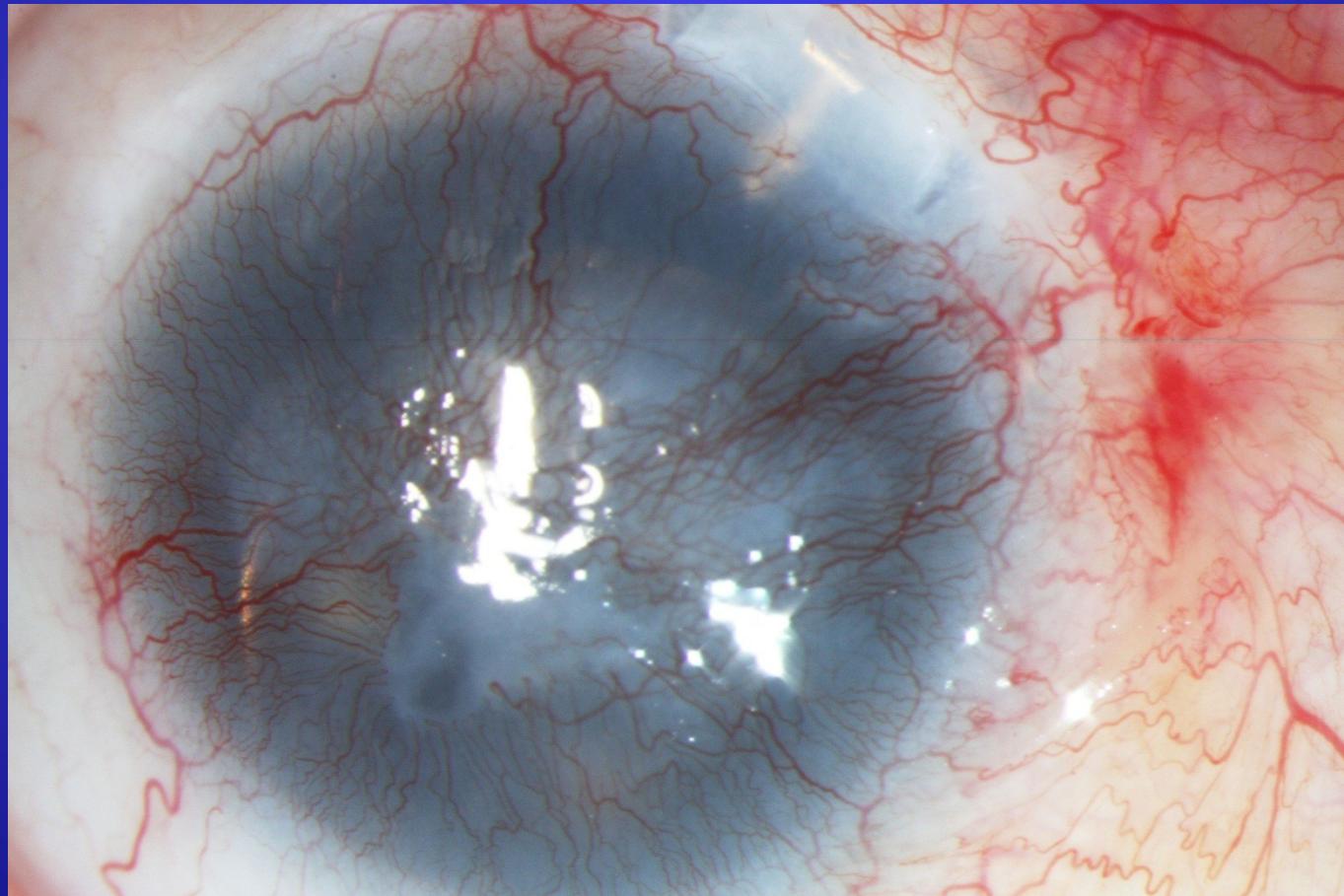


# Cornea

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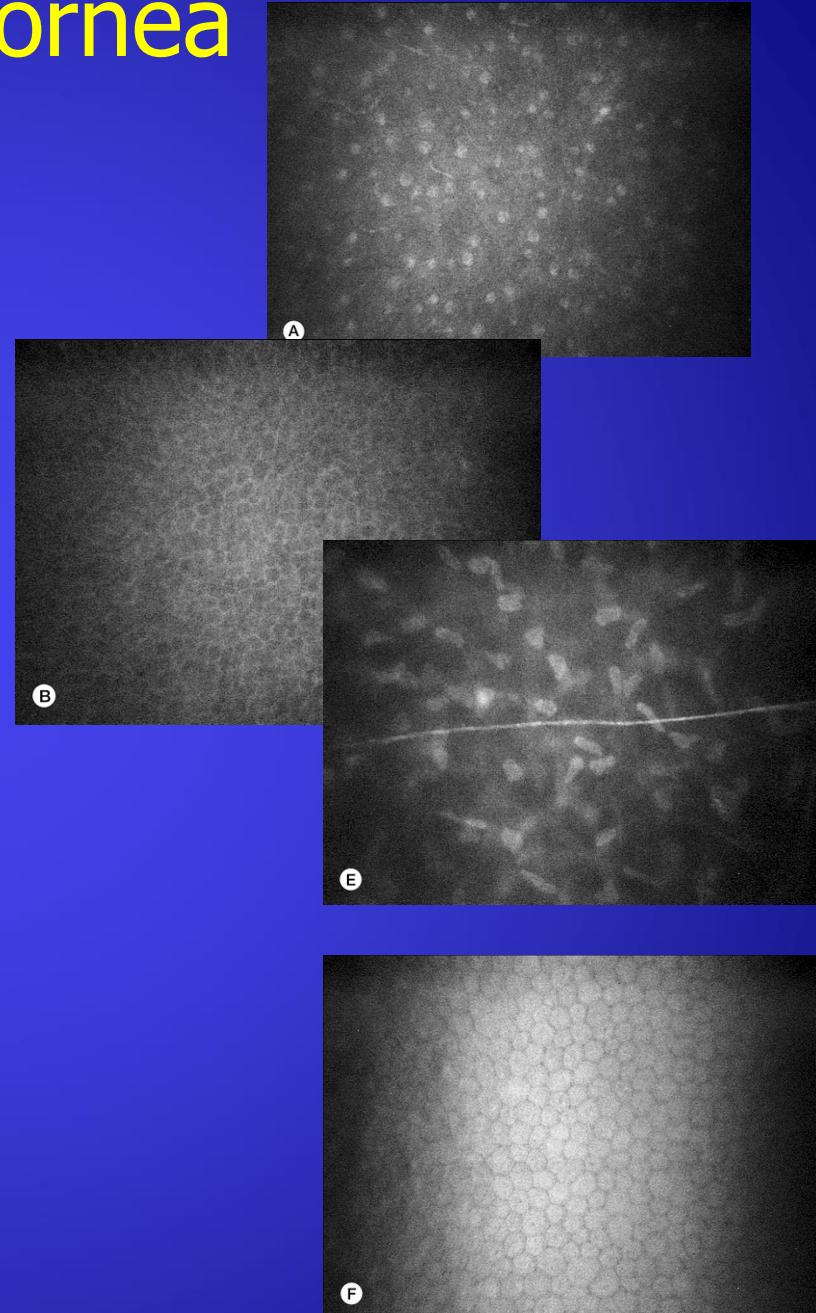


# Anatomy of cornea

- Transparent optical part of the eyeball - impermeable barrier
- Refractive medium (43 D)
- Diameter 11.5 mm x 12.6 mm
- Central thickness of 560 micron  
peripheral thickness of 600 - 1000 $\mu$ m  
endothelial cell density (2600 / mm<sup>2</sup>)  
water content 76-80%

# Anatomy of cornea

- Epithelium – squamous, nonkeratinized (4-6 layers), ability of regeneration (A)
- Bowman's membrane - (8-12 $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - acellular, separates the epithelium and stroma, without regeneration (B)
- Stroma - (90% of thickness) 300-500 lamellae of collagen fibrils in the extracellular matrix (keratinocytes) (E)
- Descemet membrane - product of endotelial cells
- Endothelium - one layer of hexagonal cells (5000-2000 cells /  $\text{mm}^2$ ), decreases with age (F)



# Anatomy of cornea

- Innervation – n. nasociliaris (nn. ciliares longi) V. cranial nerve
- Immunology - privileged status is due to avascularity, the lack of lymphatic drainage, a small proportion of antigen presenting cells and the secretion of immunosuppressive cytokines (apoptosis of lymphocytes)
- The phenomenon ACAID (anterior chamber associated immune deviation)

# Function of cornea

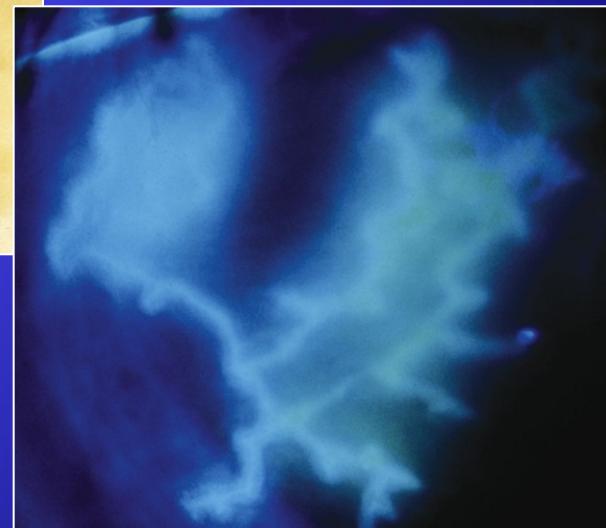
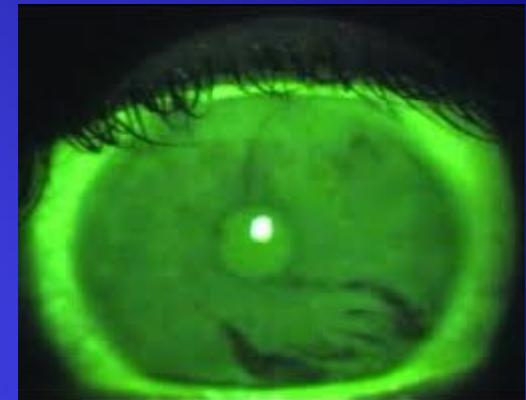
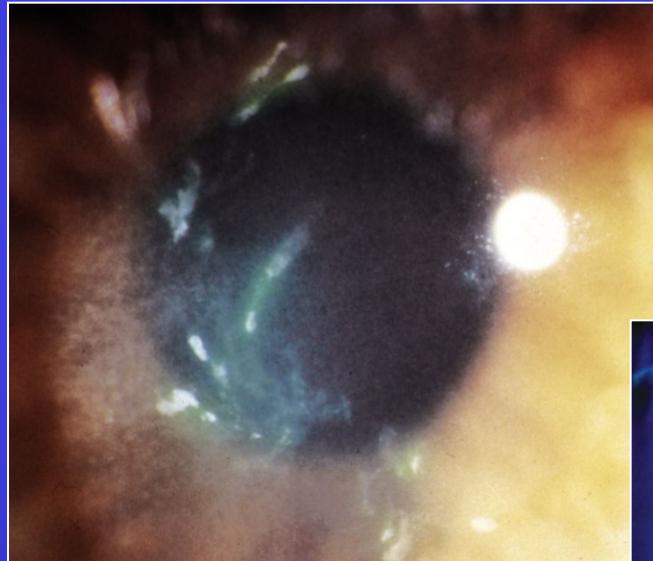
- Most refractive tissue (43D)
- Transparency is defined by the arrangement of fibrils
- Endothelial pump (ability of endothelium actively suck water- Na / K ATP pump)
- Decrease in endothelial cells below 500 / mm<sup>2</sup> leads to irreversible changes

# **Basic examination methods**

1. Anamnesis
2. Slit lamp biomicroscopy
3. Visual acuity
4. Laboratory test ( microbiology, cytology, serology, PCR)

# Special examination methods

- BUT
- Schirmer test
- Staining
  - Fluorescein
  - Bengal rose



# Special examination methods

1. Pachymetry ( ultrasound, optic)
2. Esteziometry ( cotton buds, estesiometr)

# Photodocumentation

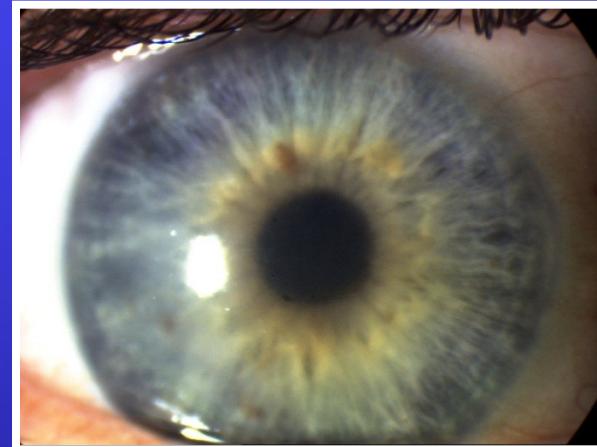
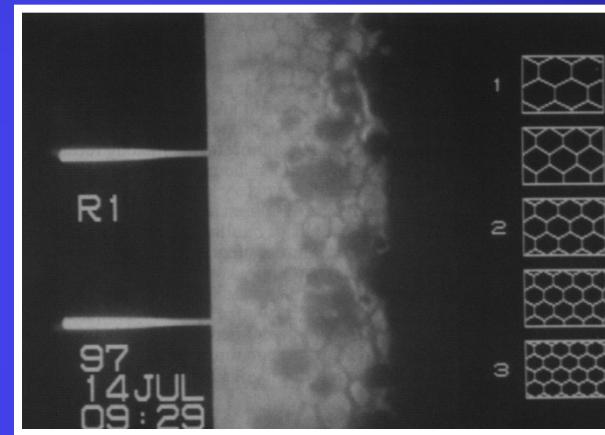
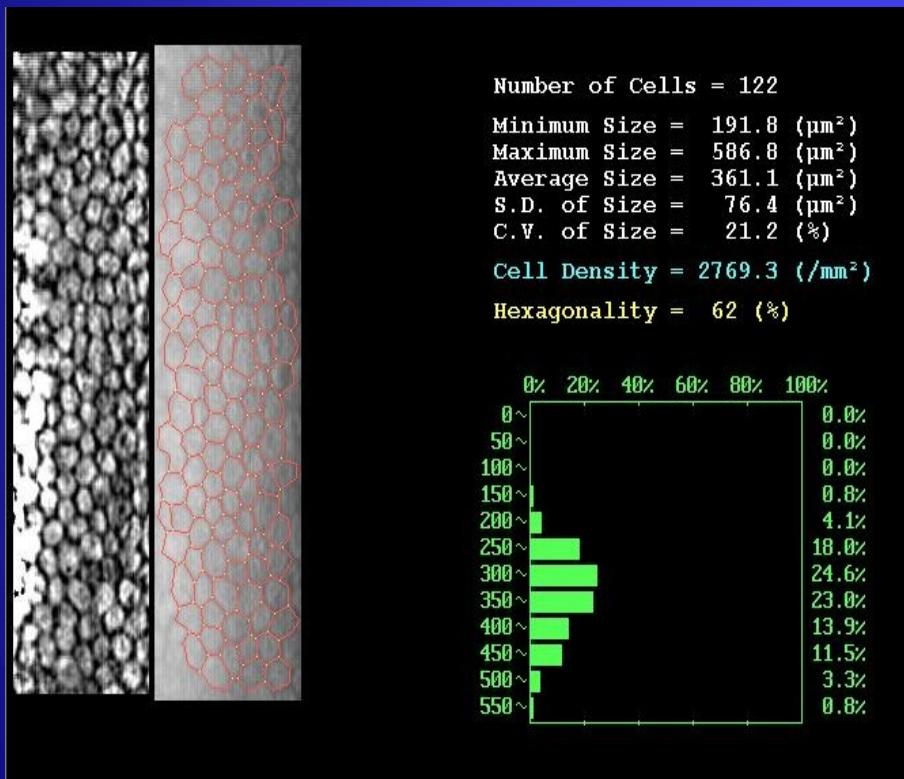


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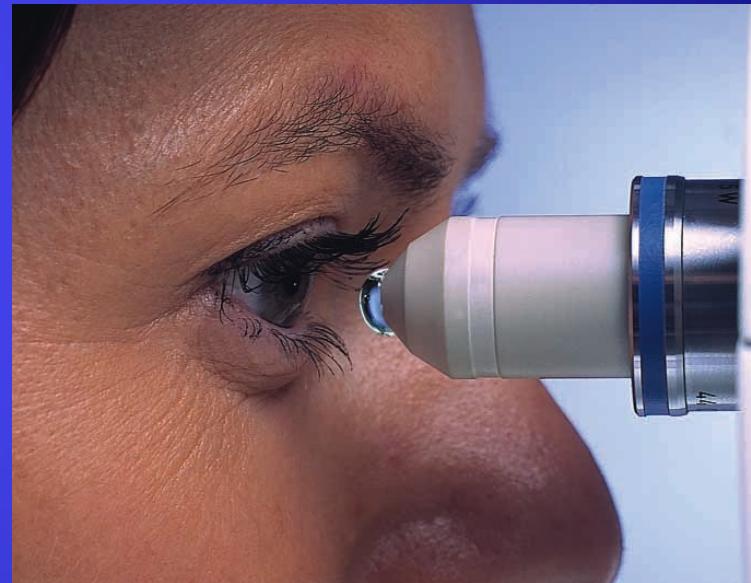
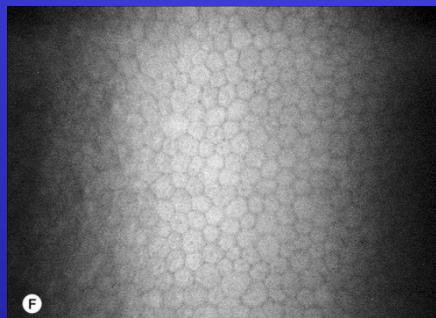
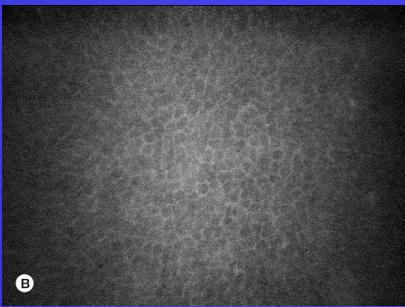
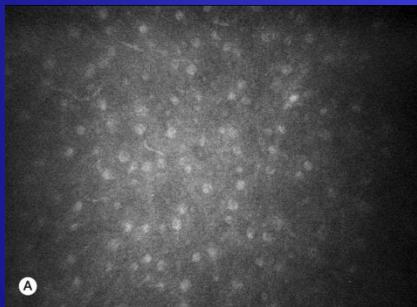
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- Dystrophy cornea  
endotheliasis Fuchs

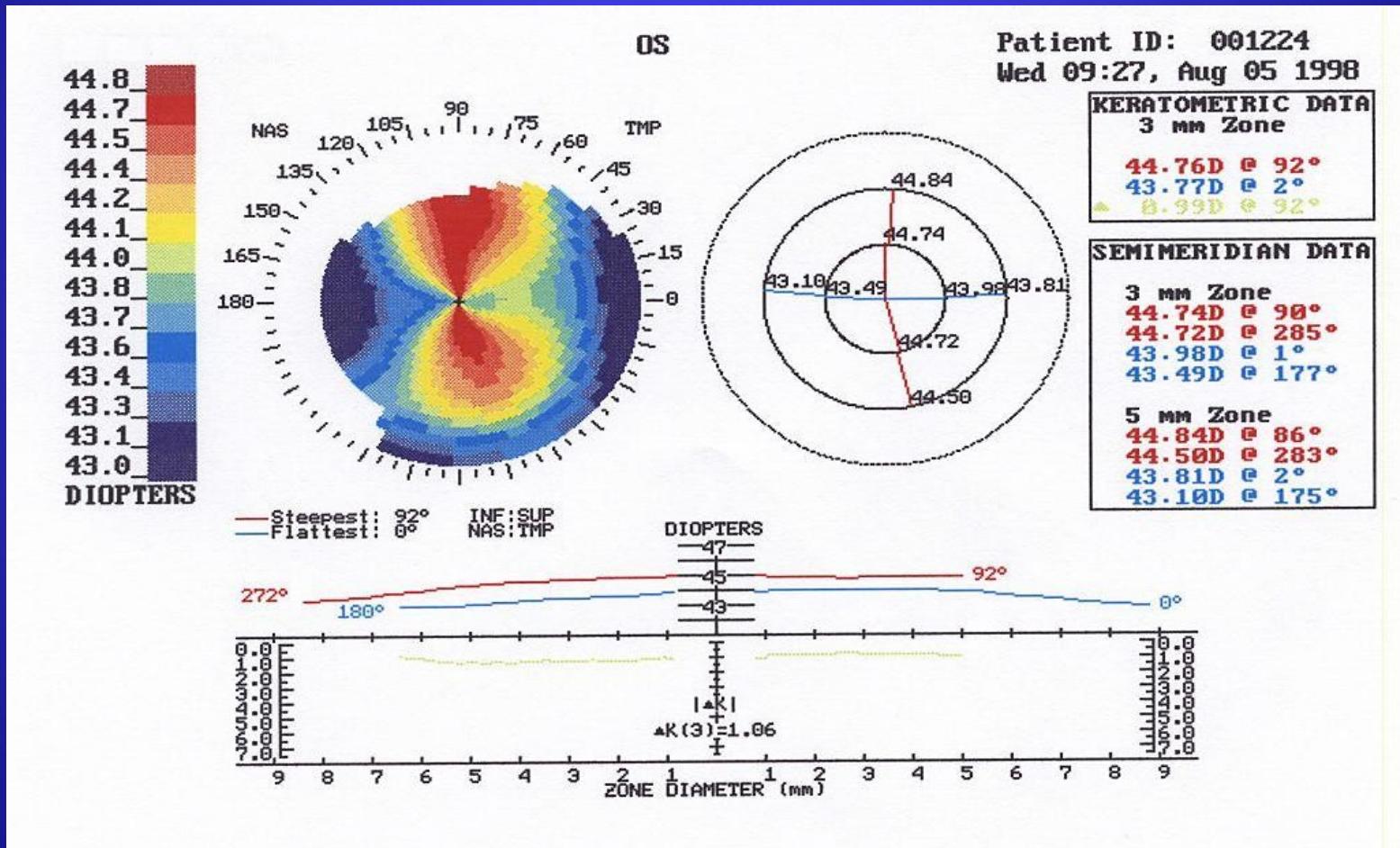


# Confocal microscopy

- in vivo „histology“ examination
- Non invasive, non contact



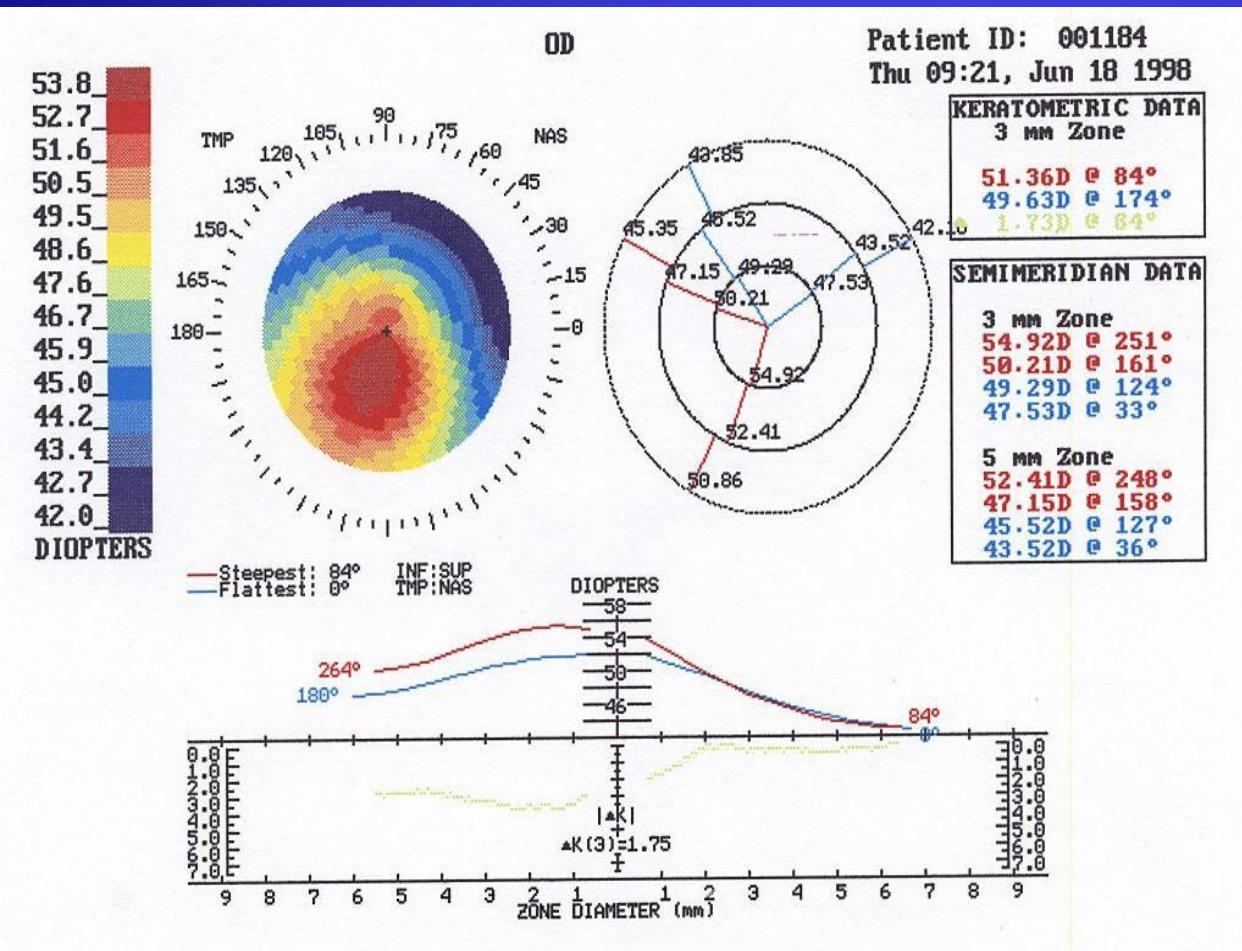
# Corneal topography



Physiological astigmatism

# Corneal topography – keratoconus

(flat curvature = blue, steep = red)

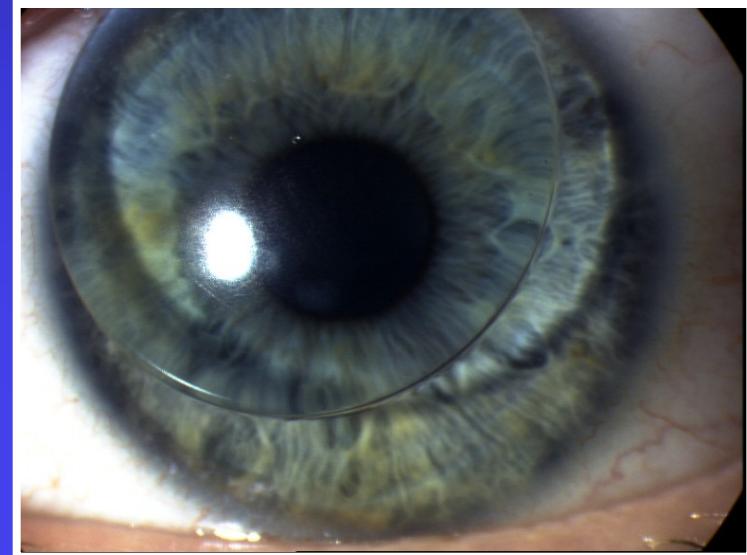


# Corneal ectasias

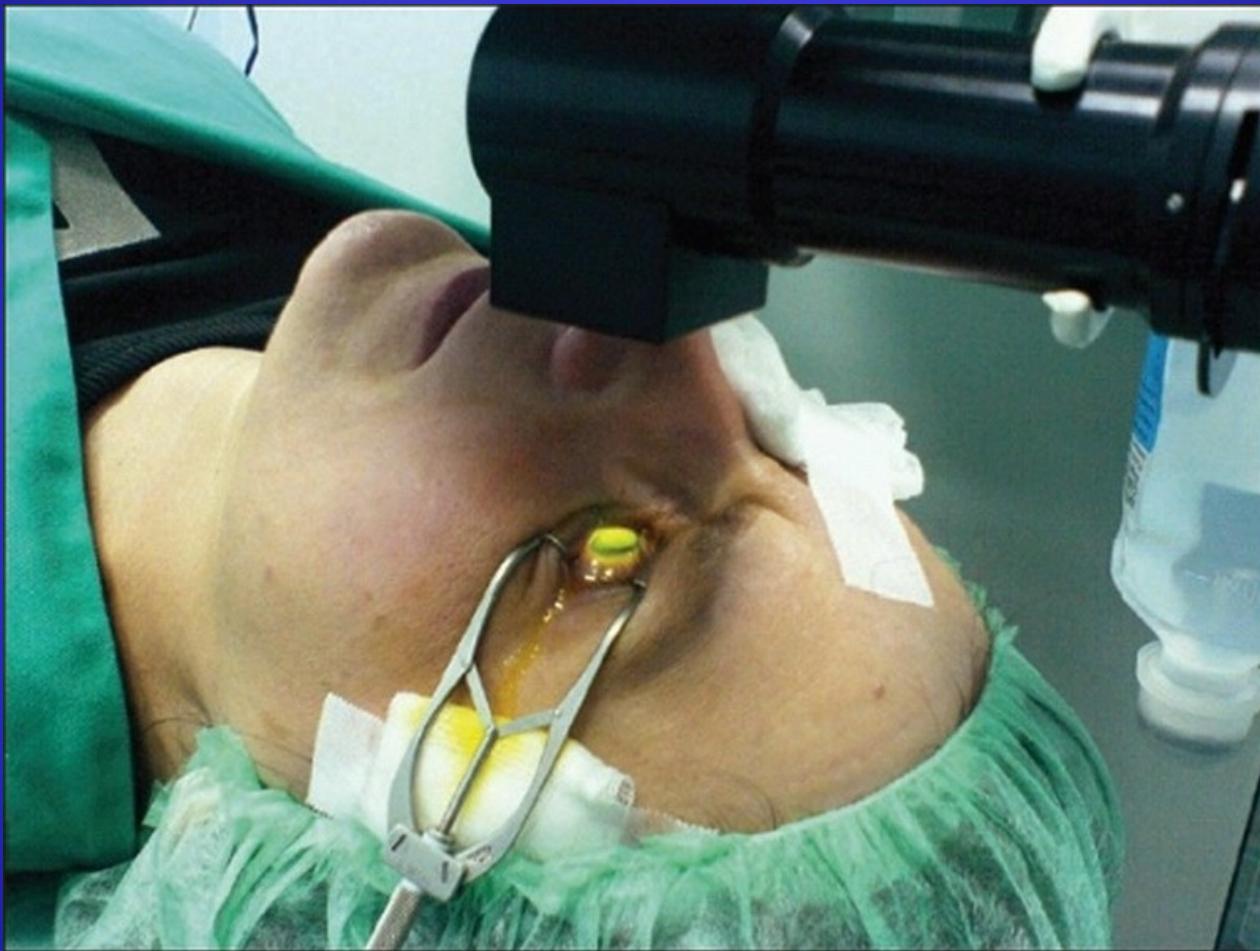
- Keratoconus – progressive, the cornea assume the cone shape  
Treatment: rigid contact lenses, CLX, intrastromal ring, lamellar and penetrating keratoplasty
- Keratoglobus - the thinning of entire cornea
- Pellucid marginal degeneration – thinning in the lower periphery of the cornea, perforation sometimes occurs



# Keratoconus acutus et subacutus

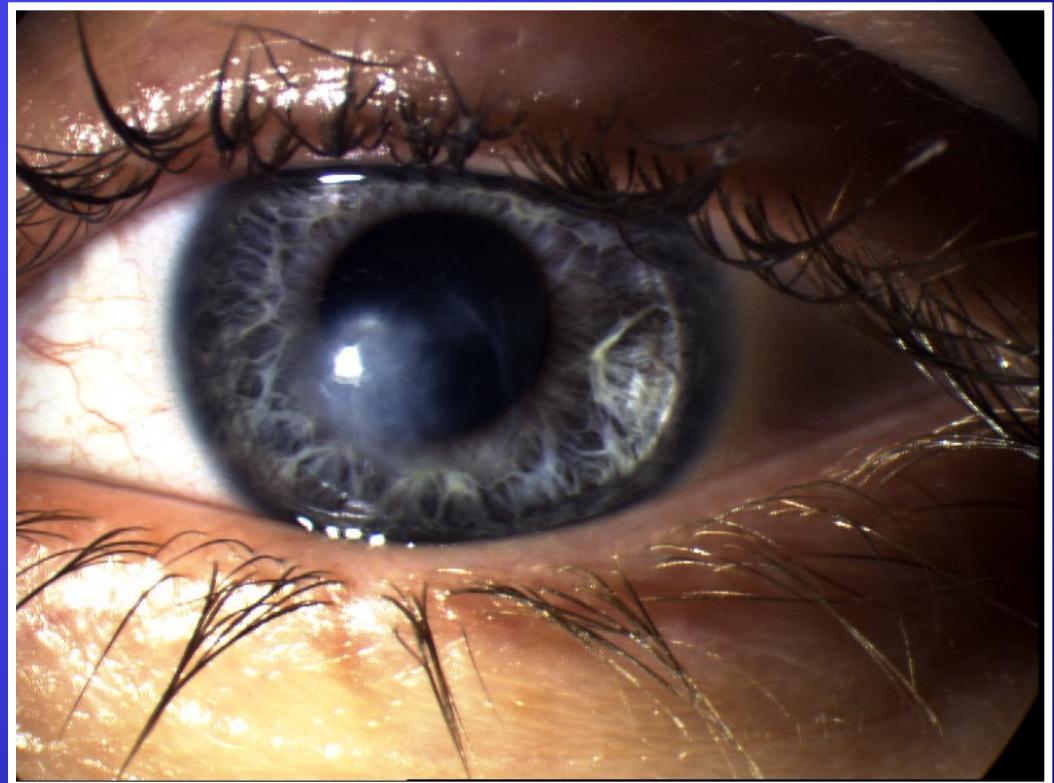


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# Corneal dystrophies

- Progressive, bilateral, non inflammatory, opacifying
- Anterior
- Stromal
- Posterior

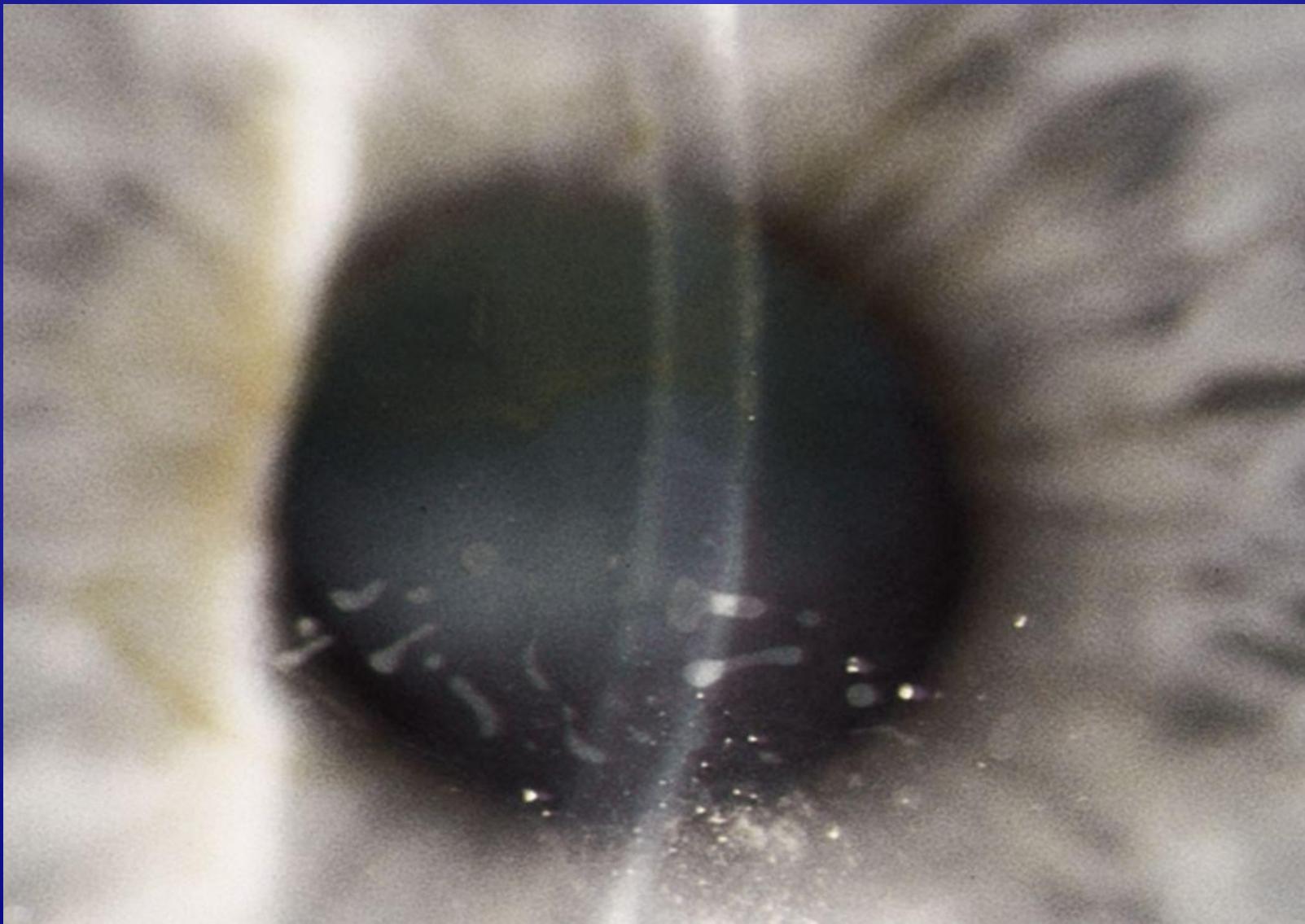


# Anterior corneal dystrophies

- Cogan dystrophy - epithelial basement membrane
- Messman dystrophy – epithelium
- Reisova – Bücklersova – Bowman layer dystrophy



# Cogan dystrophy (map dot finger print)

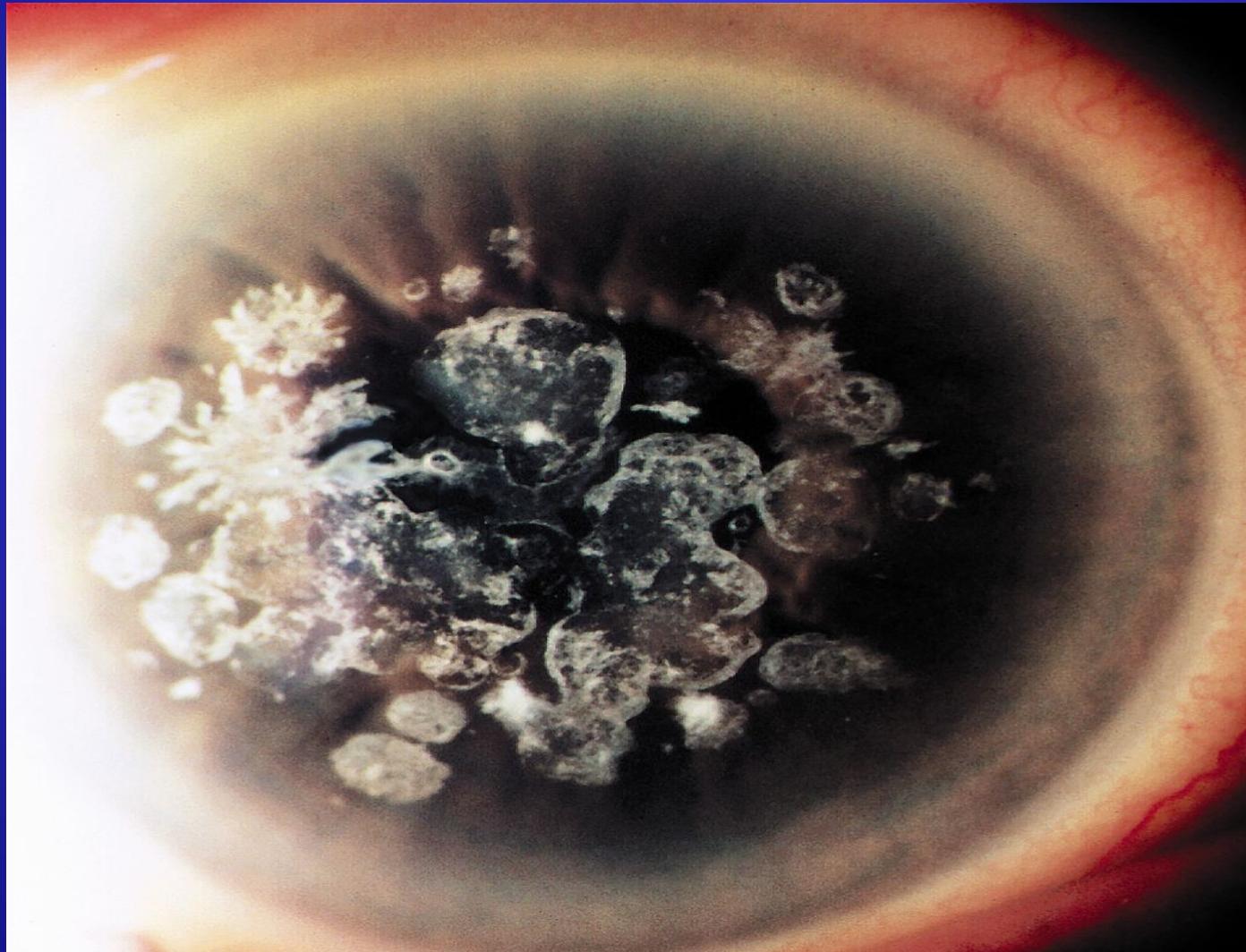


# Stromal dystrophies

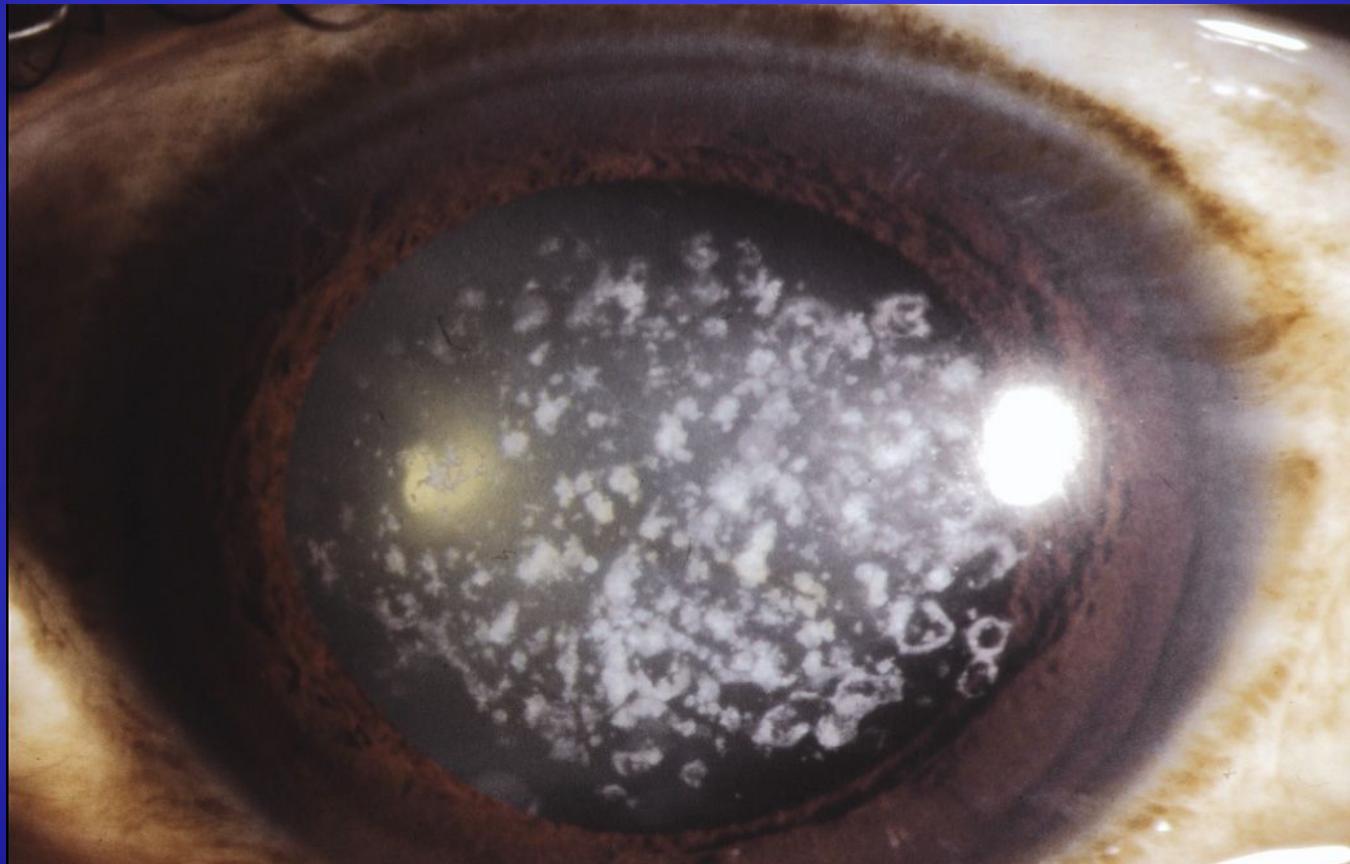
- Early onset, impairment of vision
- T: perforating keratoplasty
- Granular
- Macular ( the most severe)
- Lattice ( systemic asoc. – sek. Amyloidosis)



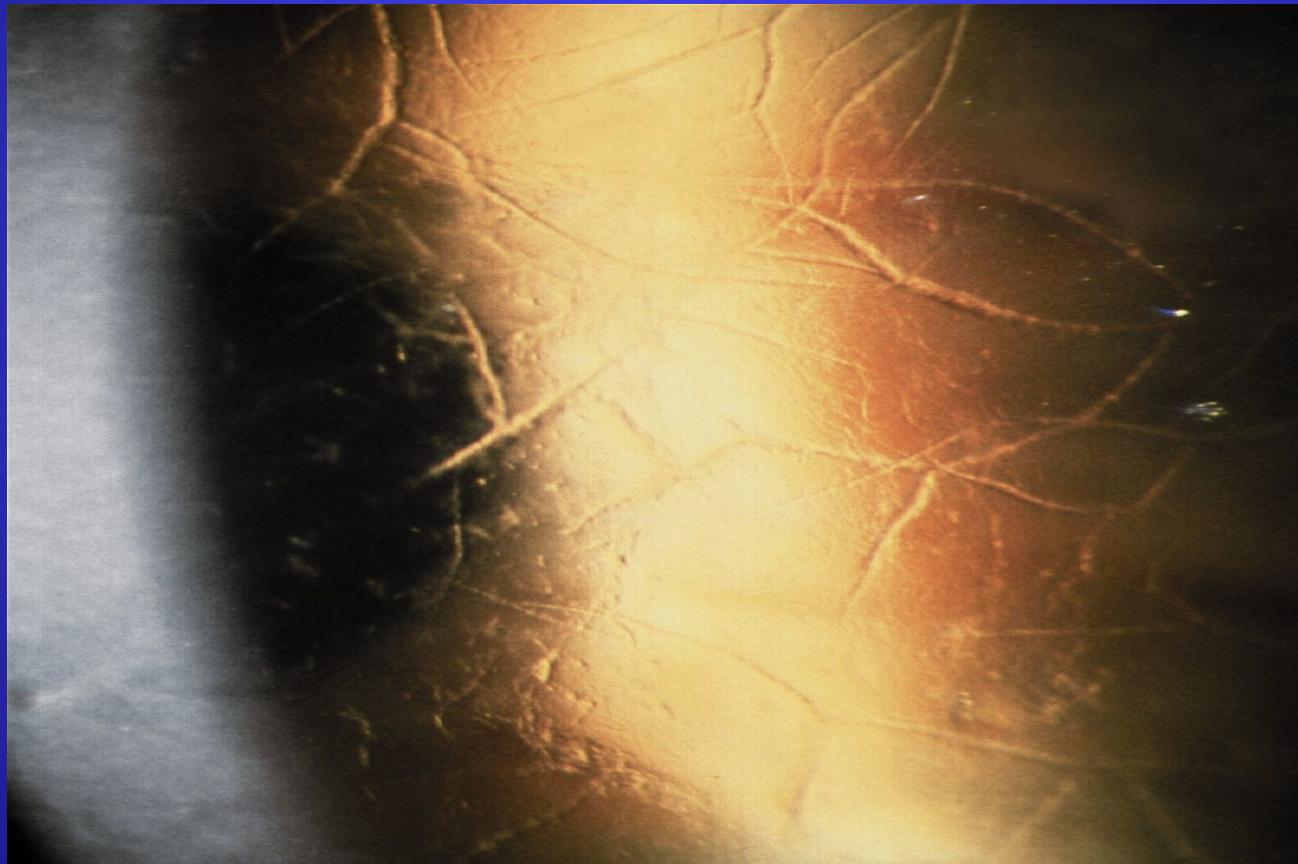
# **Crystalline dystrophy**



# **Granul dystrophy**

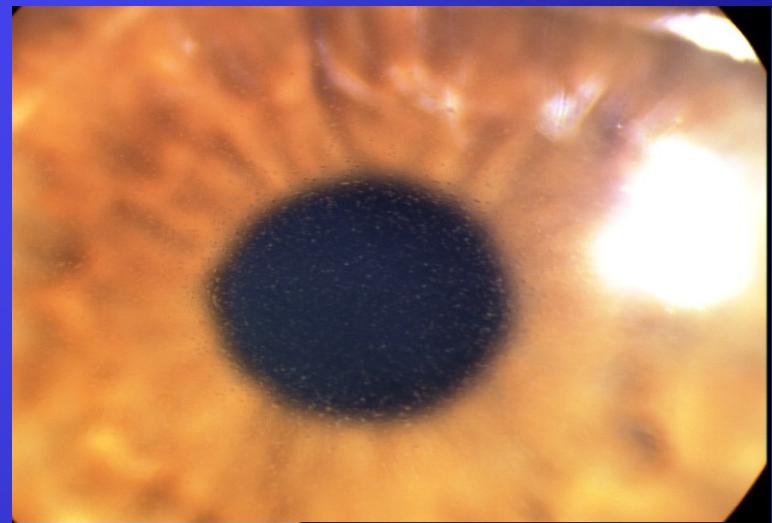


# Lattice dystrophy



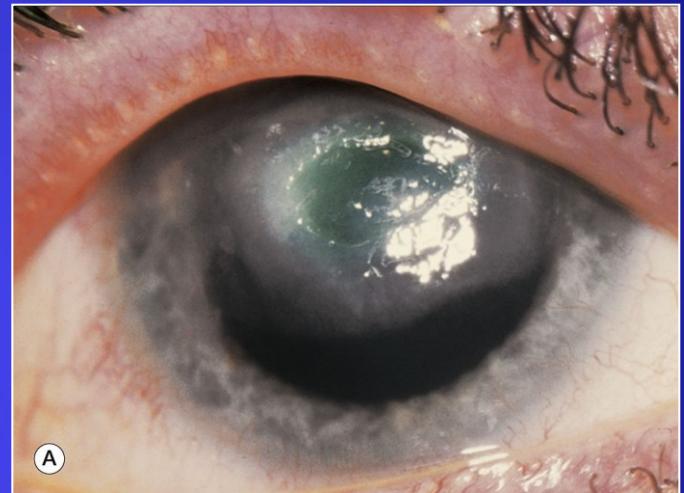
# Fuchs endothelial dystrophy

- Bilateral, accelerated corneal endothelium cell loss
- Irregular warts of excrescences of Descemet membrane secreted by abnormal endothelial cells
- Endothelial decompensation
- Stromal edema, blurred vision, epithelial edema



# Corneal infection

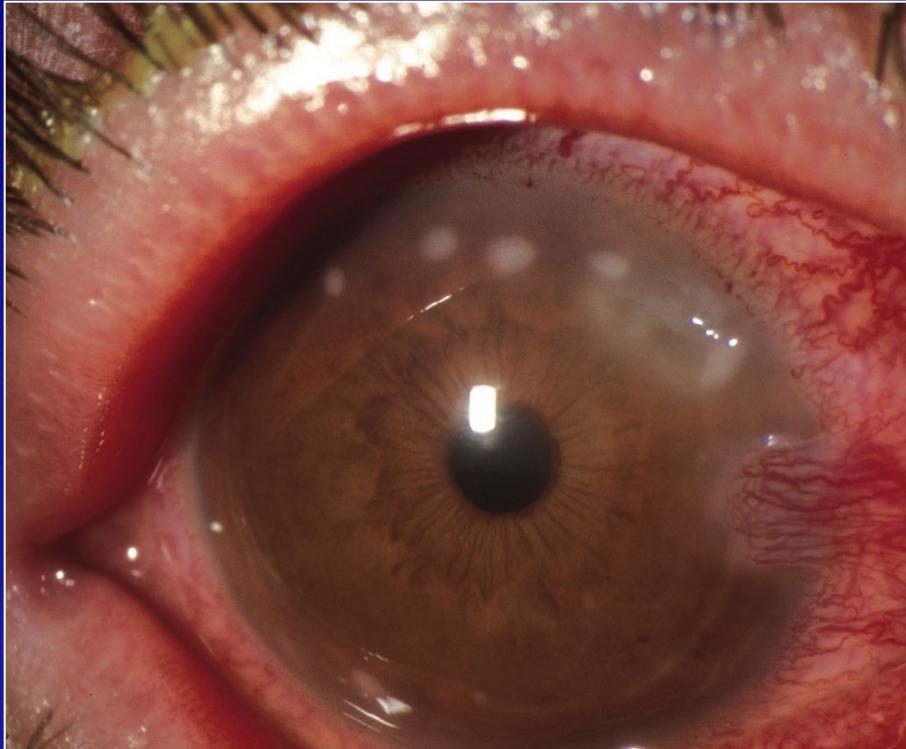
- bacterial
- viral
- fungal
- protozoan



# Clinical features of bacterial keratitis

- Blurred vision  
Photophobia  
Pain
- Edema of the eyelids  
Deep injection  
Mucopurulent secretion  
Corneal defects  
(damaged epithelium,  
stromal infiltration)  
Hypopyon

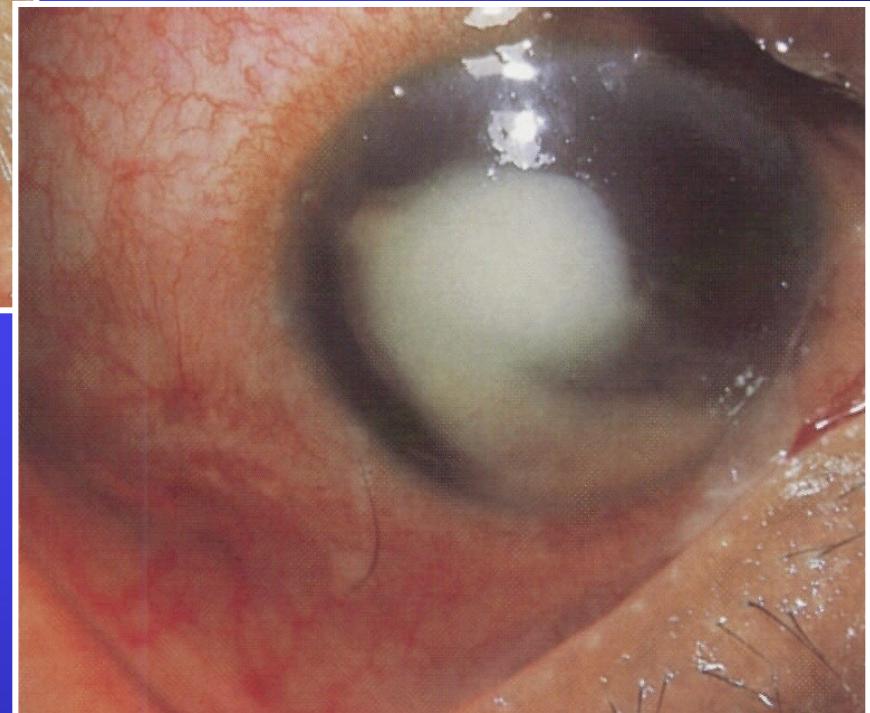
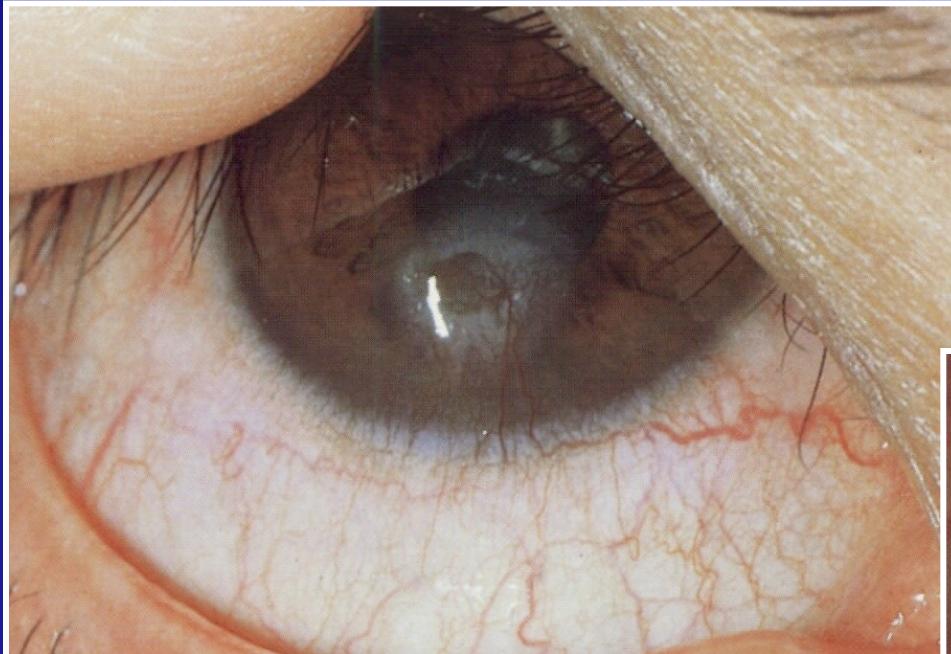




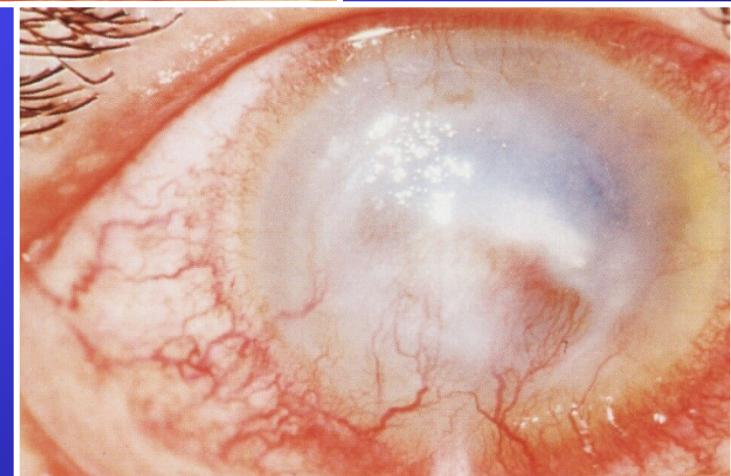
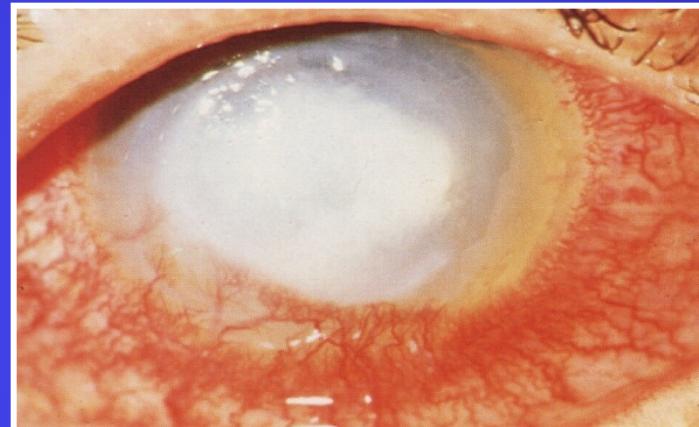
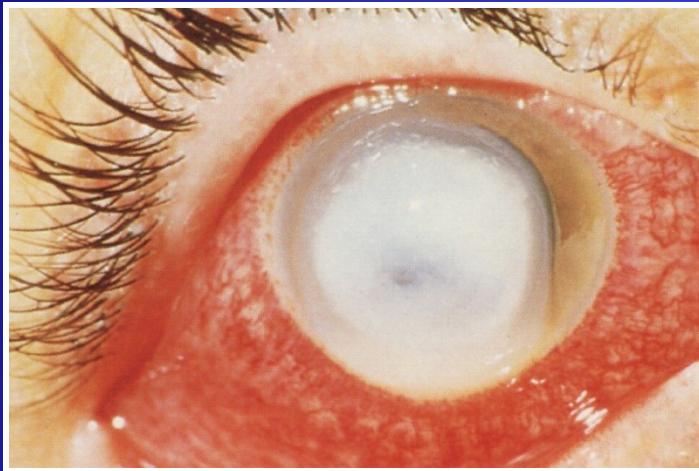
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# Staphylococcus

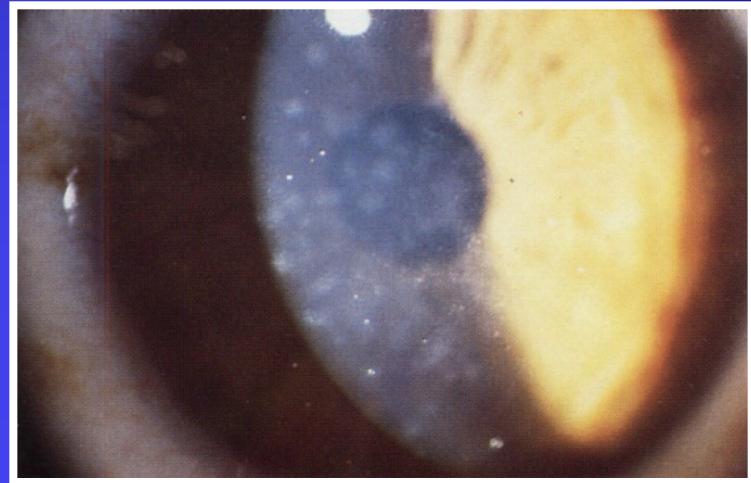


# Pseudomonas Aeruginosa



# Viral keratitis

- **Adenoviridae**
  - adenovirus  
(keratokonjunktivitis)
- **Herpesviridae**
- **Herpes simplex** virus  
(keratitis)
  - Varicella zoster virus  
(keratitida)
  - Epstein Barrové virus  
(keratitida)
- **Poxviridae**
  - Molluscum contagiosum  
(keratitis)



# Viral keratitis

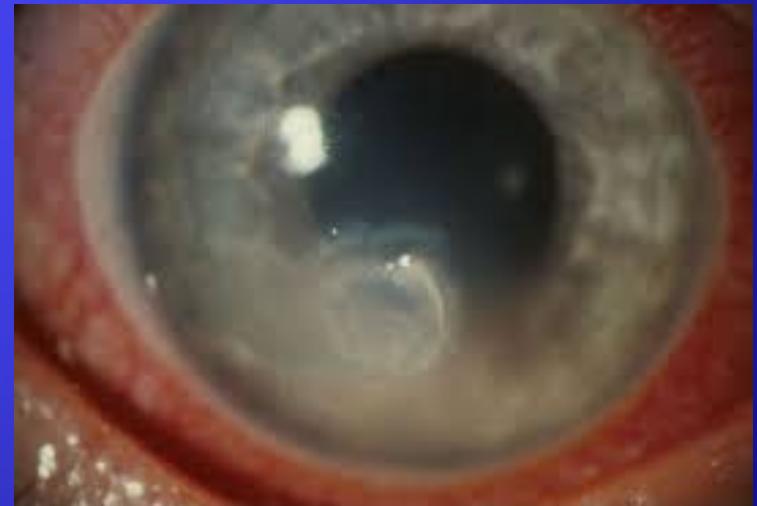
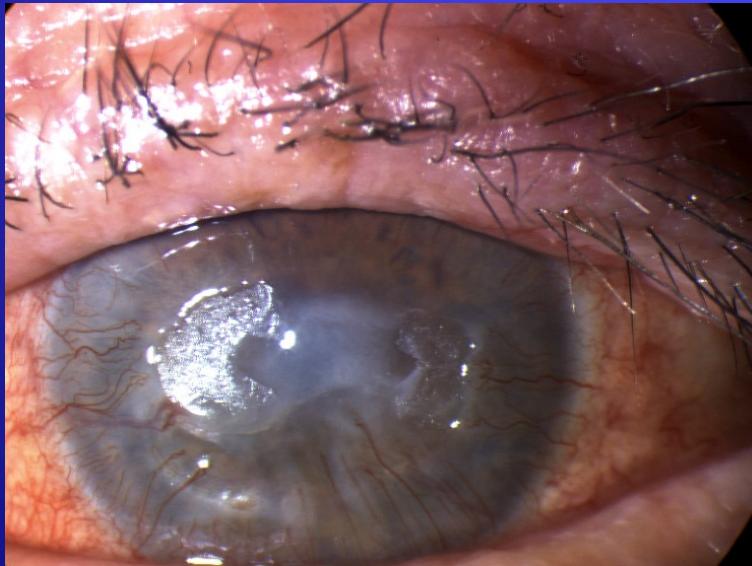
- Primary herpetic infection
  - Keratoconjunctivitis
  - corneal hypoesthesia
- 
- Treatment:  
Mydriatics, antiviral  
agents, lubricants

CAVE steroids



# Keratitis disciformis herpetica

- Hypersensitivity reaction to viral antigen in cornea
- Treatment:  
Mydriatics, corticosteroids



# Fungal keratitis

- Clinical features:

The white stromal infiltrate with indistinct margins

Wessly ring

Satellite lesions

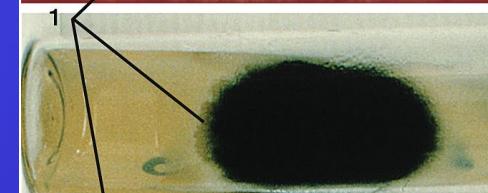
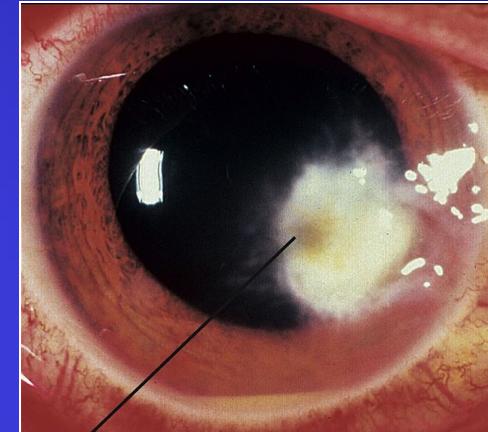
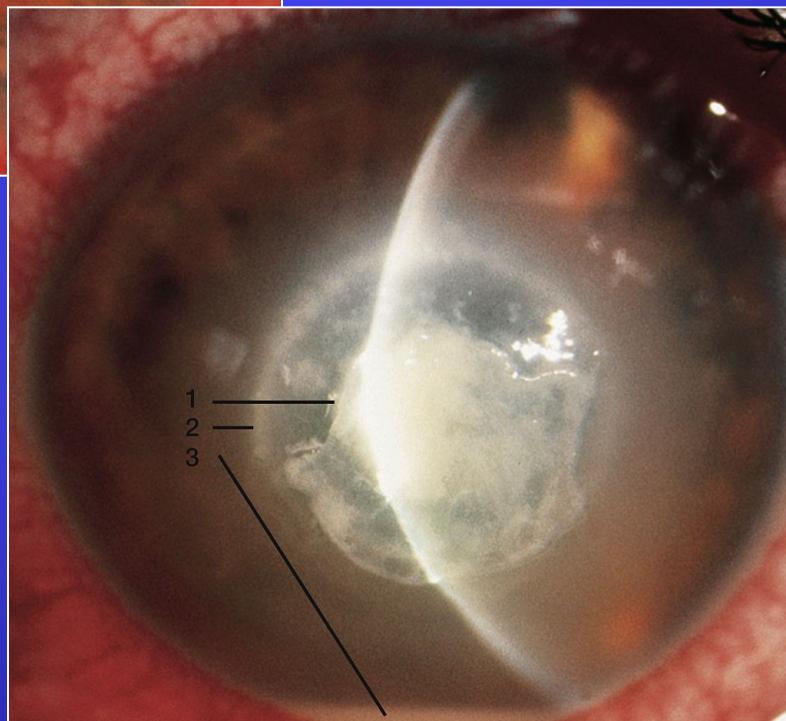
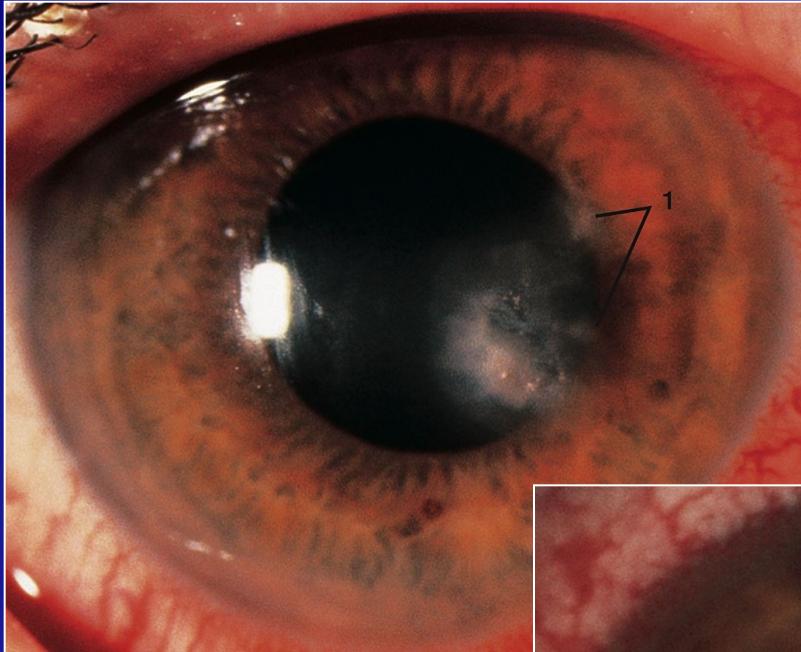
Hyphy in the corneal stroma and anterior chamber

Hypopyon

Dg: Cytological examination  
cultivation - corneal scarification,  
DNA diagnostics

T: removal of the epithelium  
topical treatment  
systemic anti fungals  
(itraconazole)

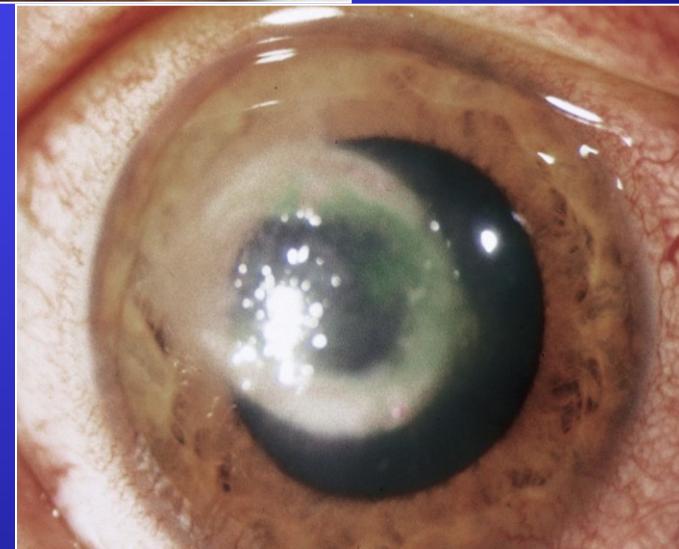
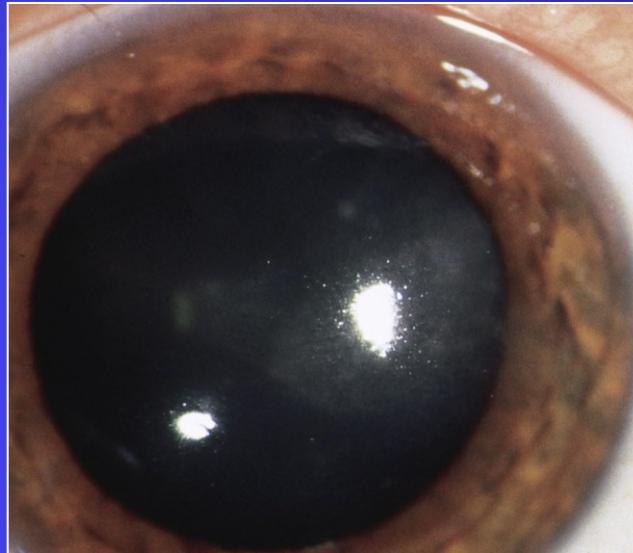




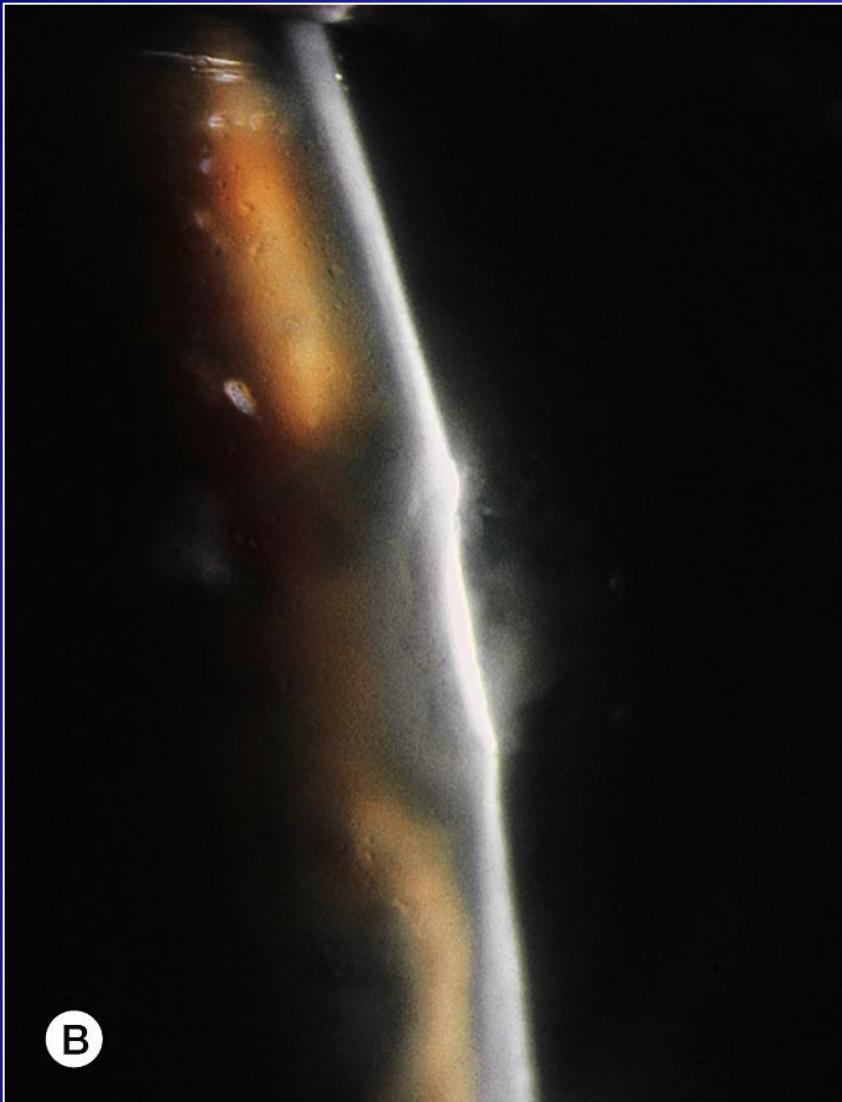
**Fungal keratitis  
( Candida )**

# Protozoan keratitis - Acanthamoeba

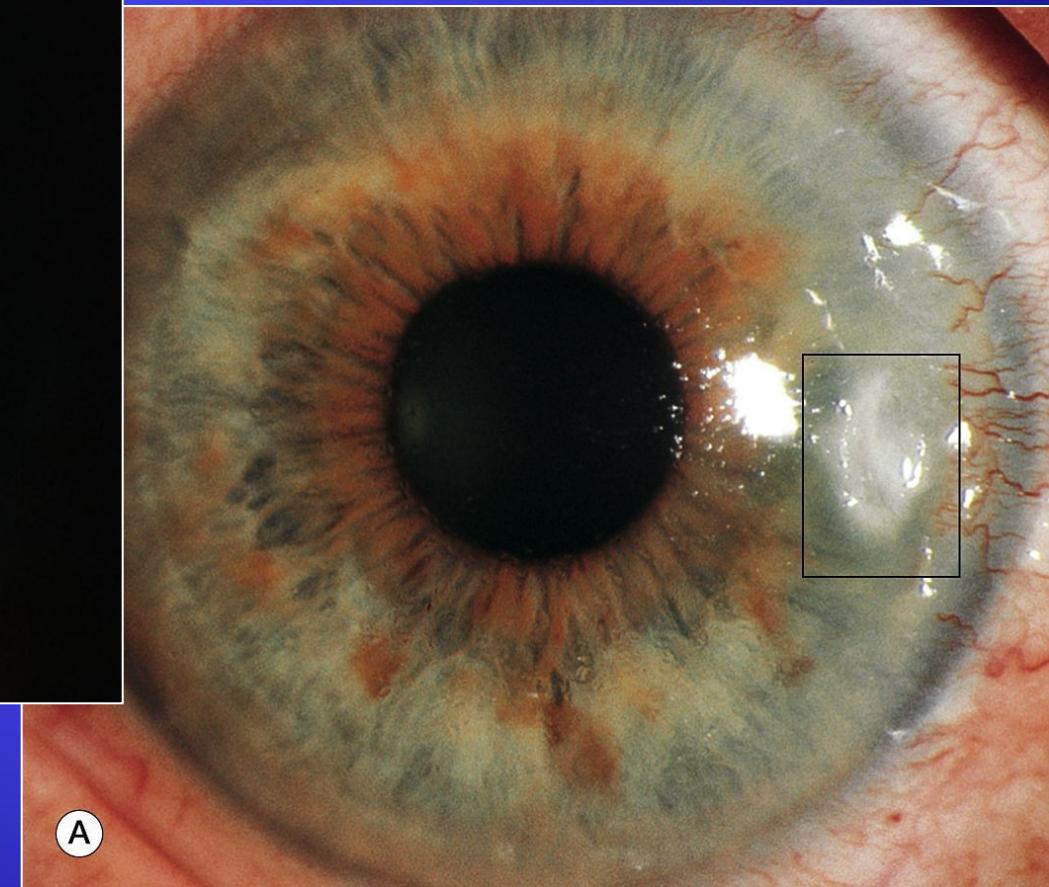
- Associated with contact lens wear (microerosion)
- Blurred vision, **pain !!**
- T: propanidin (Brolen),  
Polyhexamethylenem  
chlorhexidin



# **Ulcus corneae**



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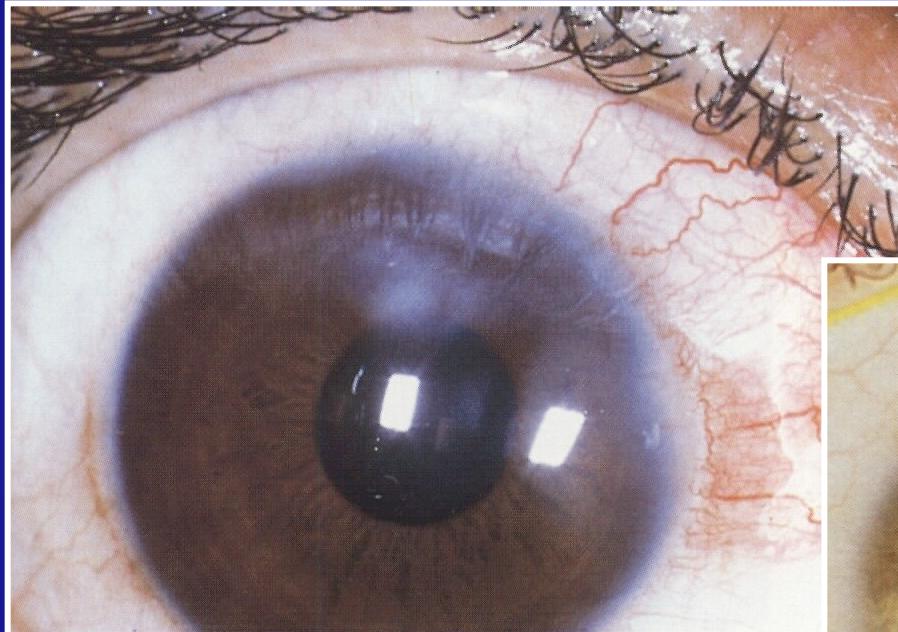


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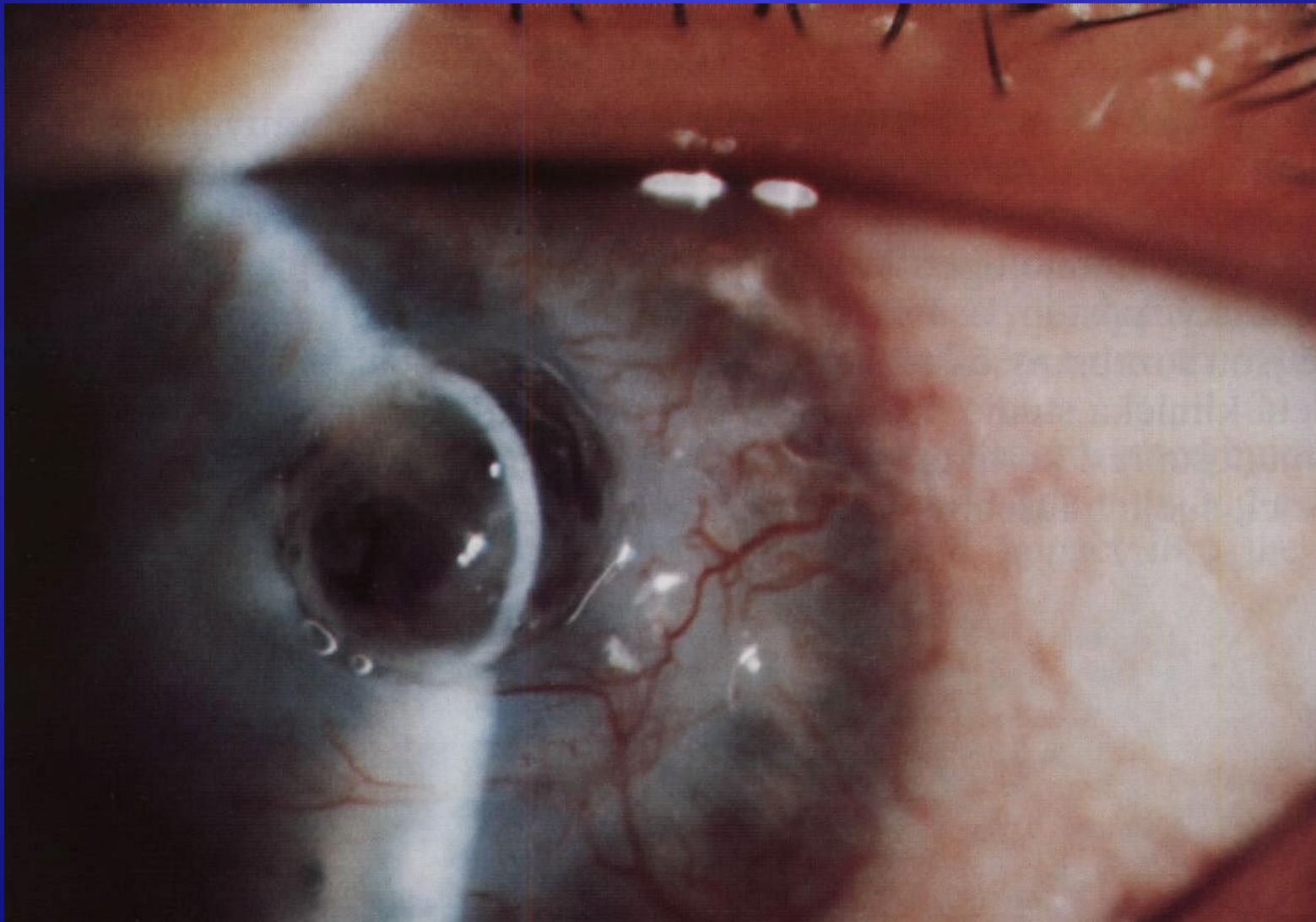
# Keratitis interstitialis

- Interstitial keratitis - on the basis of the immune response to live microbe - antigen in the cornea (syphilis, tuberculosis, herpes, monokukleóza, fymfogranulom, Lyme disease, rubella, leprosy, mumps, etc.).
- Mooren's ulcer – III.type of hypersensitivity,
- Exposure keratitis – due to paresis n. facialis
- Peripheral ulcerative keratitis (PUK) - infectious involvement in systemic diseases (rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, scleroderma, polyarteritis, arcoidosis...)
- Neurotrophic keratitis – loss of corneal innervation of n. trigeminus (trauma, tumors, RS, cerebrovascular lesions)
- **Always stromal infiltration with scarring and neovascularization**

# Keratitis interstitialis

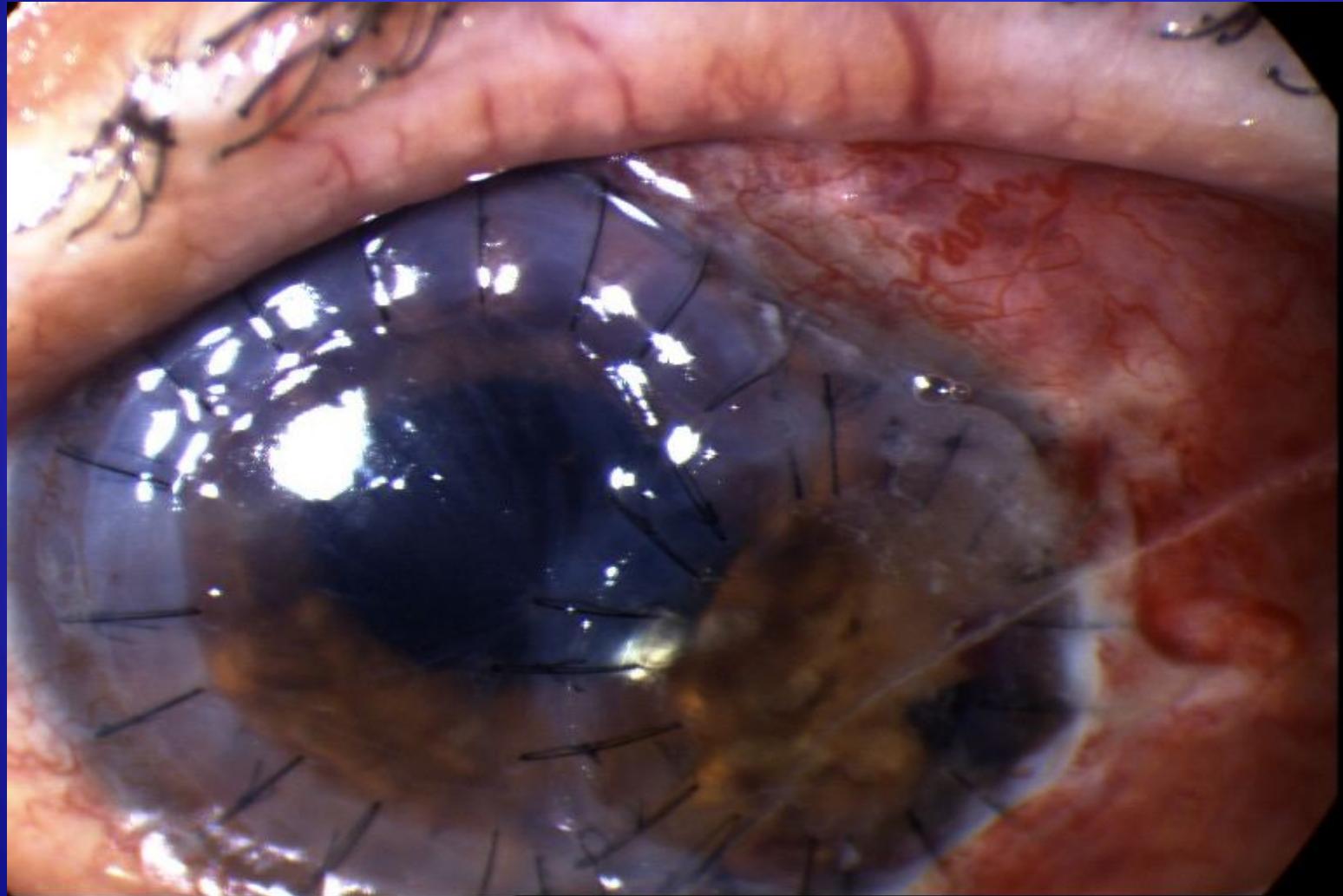


# Neurotrophic keratitis - Descemetocela



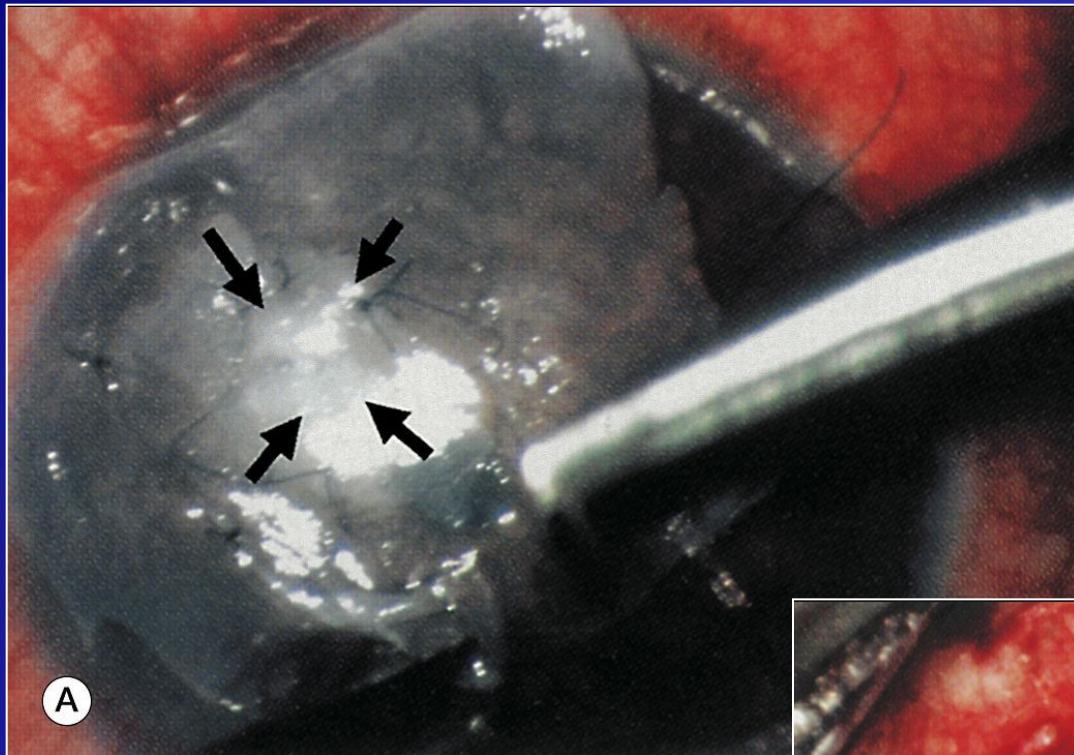
Miracle Kraljevo 2008

# Keratitis neurotrophica

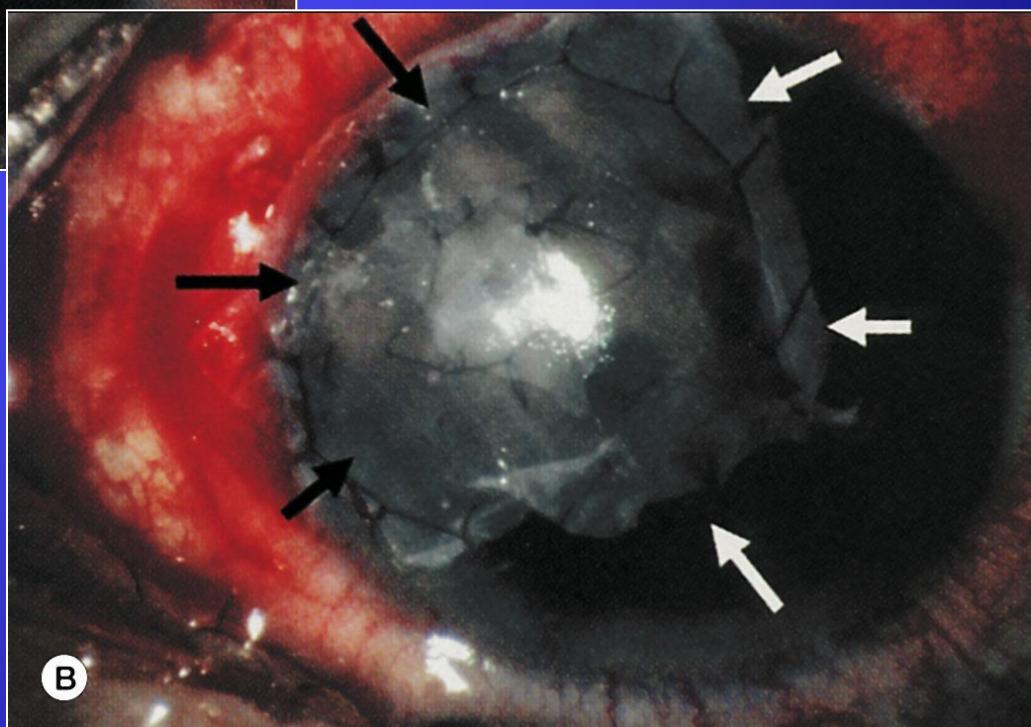


# Surgery treatment

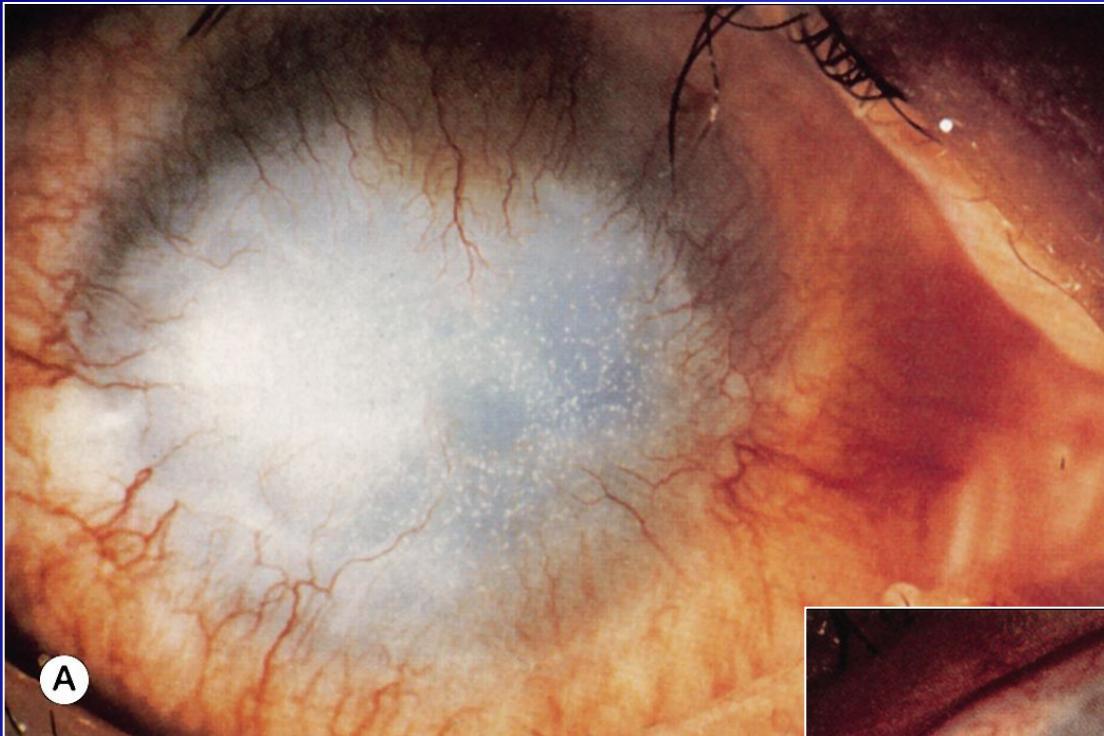
- Transplantation of amniotic membrane
- Transplantation of conjunctiva partial
- Lamellar transplantation
- Perforating keratoplasty
- DMEK
- Keratoprostheses (osteo – odonto)
- Artificial cornea
- Phototherapeutic keratectomy (PTK)



## Amniotic membrane



Hradec Králové 2005

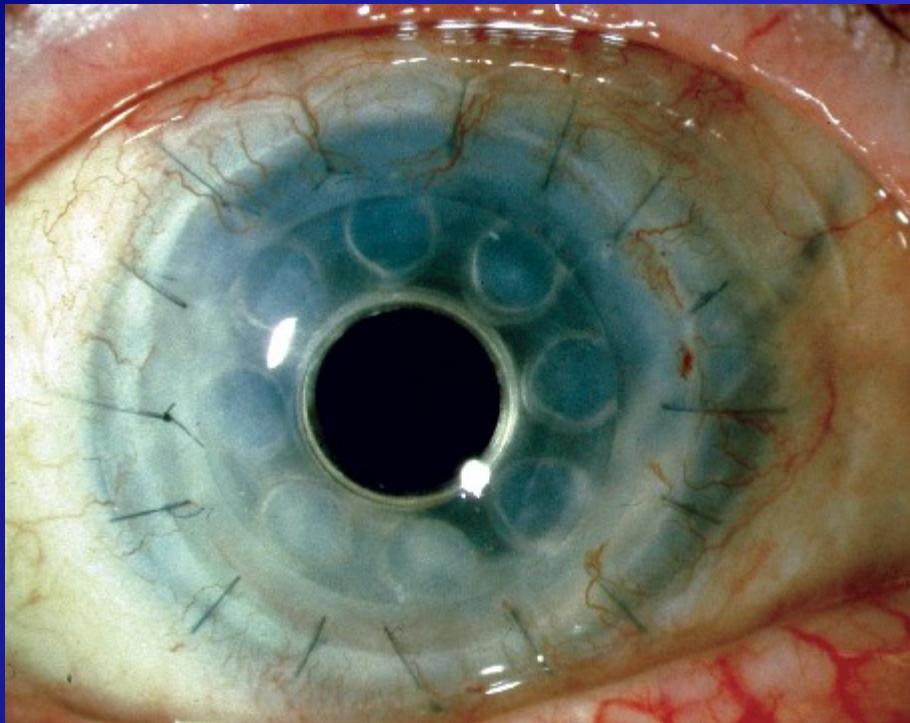


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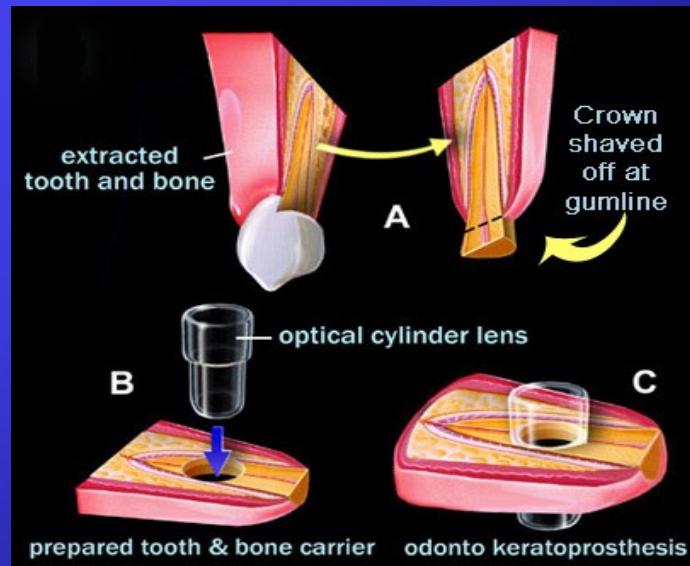
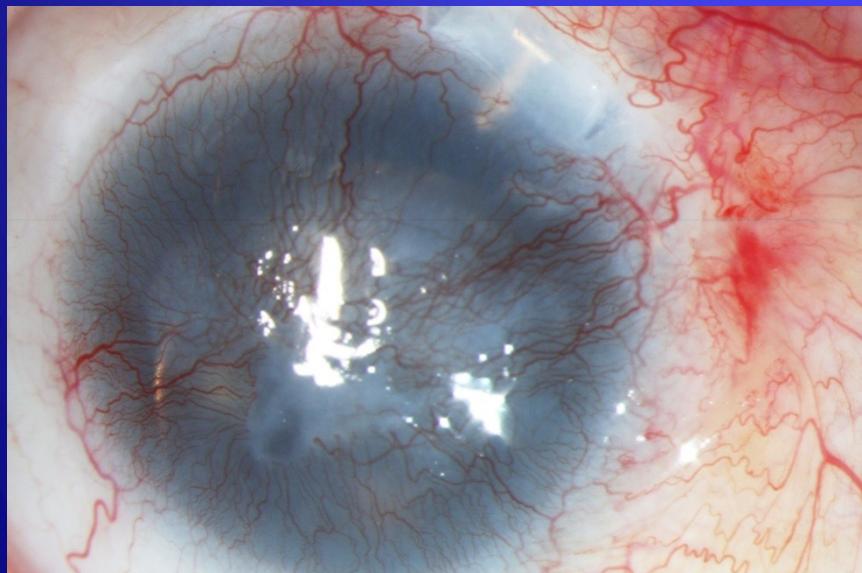


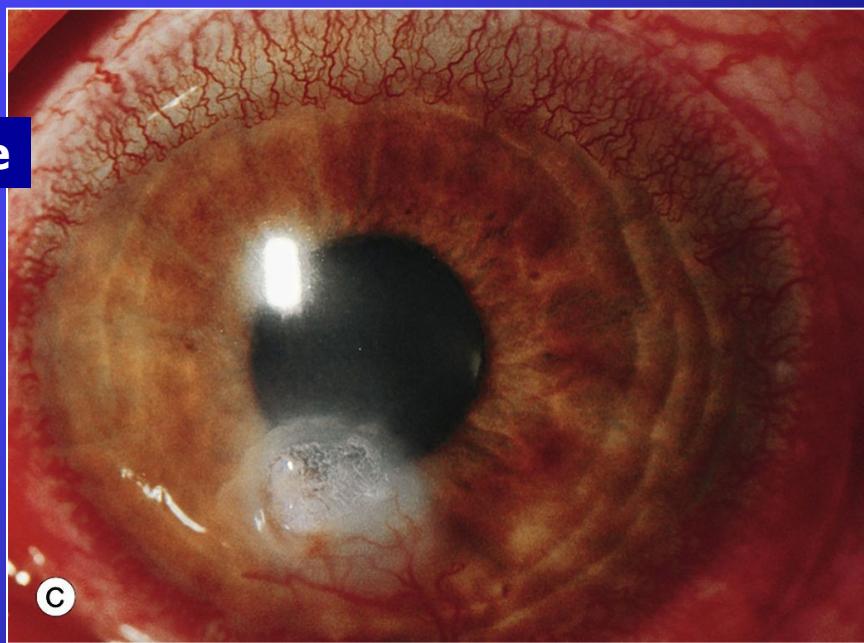
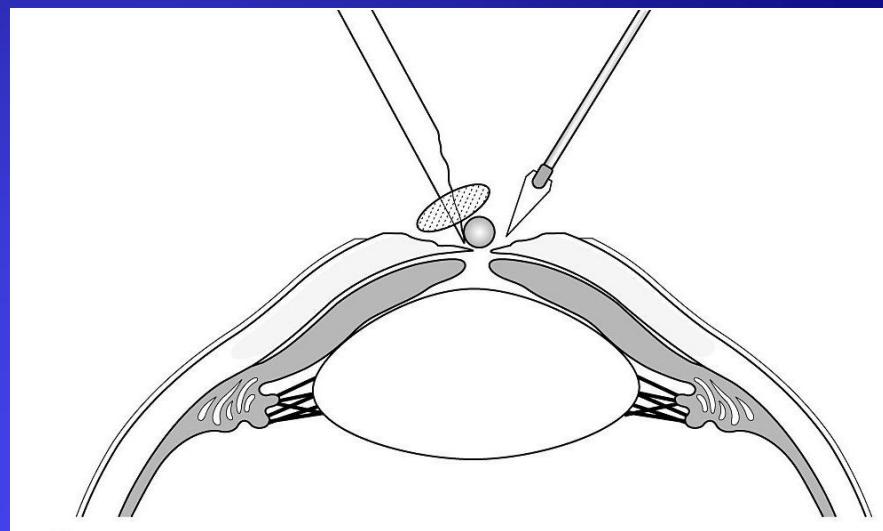
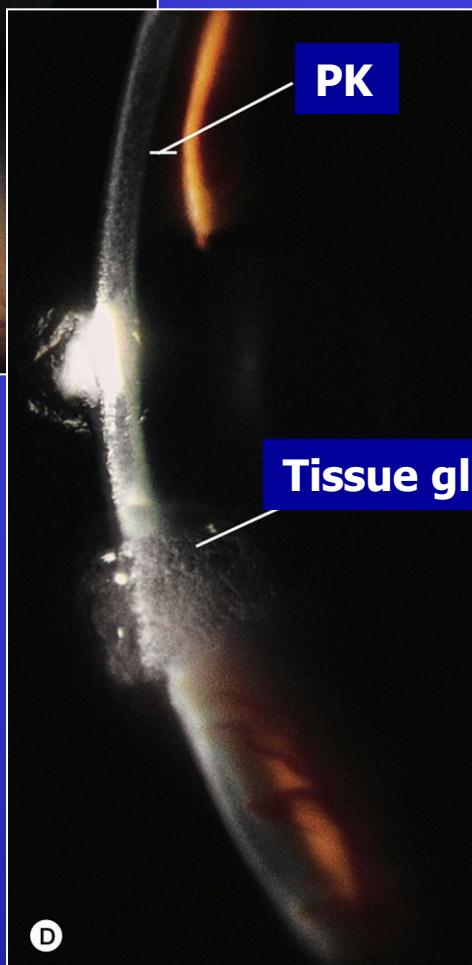
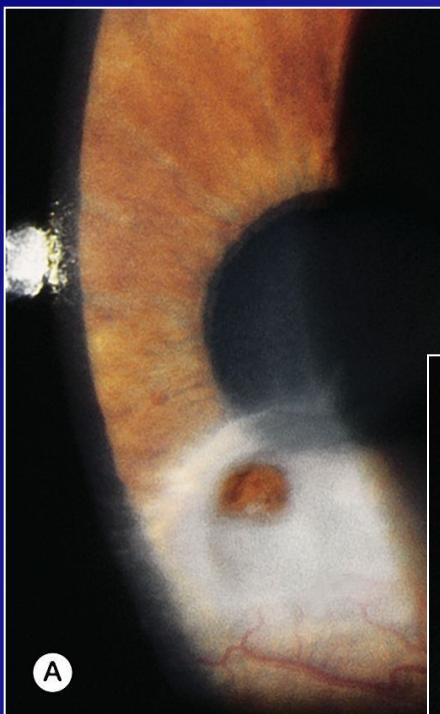
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## Conjunctiva transplantation

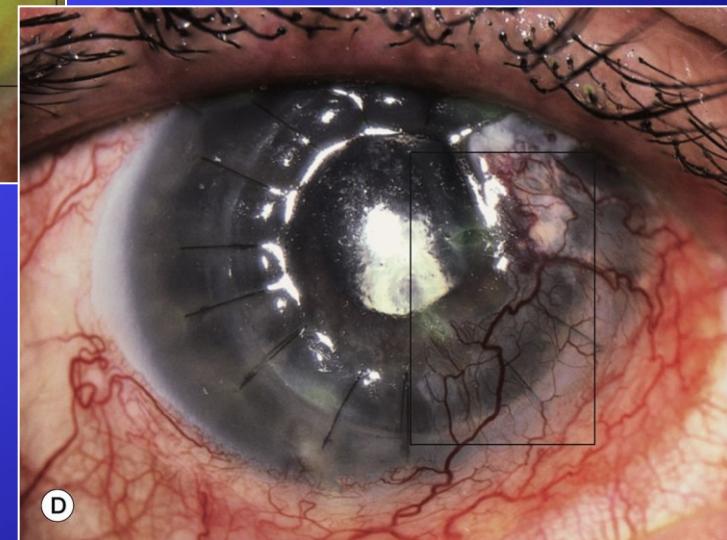
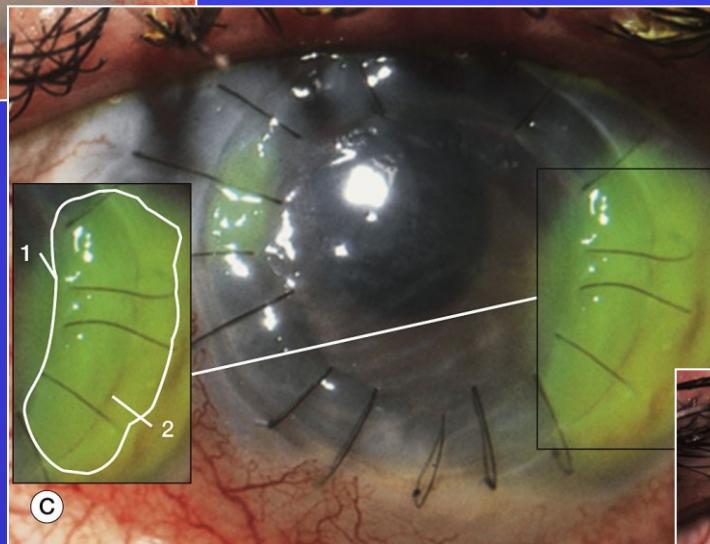
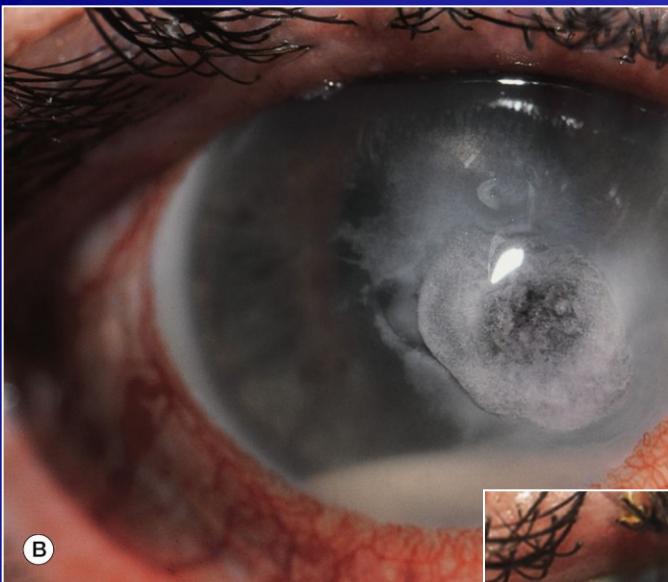


**FIGURE 3** Modified Osteo-odonto-keratoprosthesis one year after implantation. (Photo courtesy of Victor Perez, MD.)

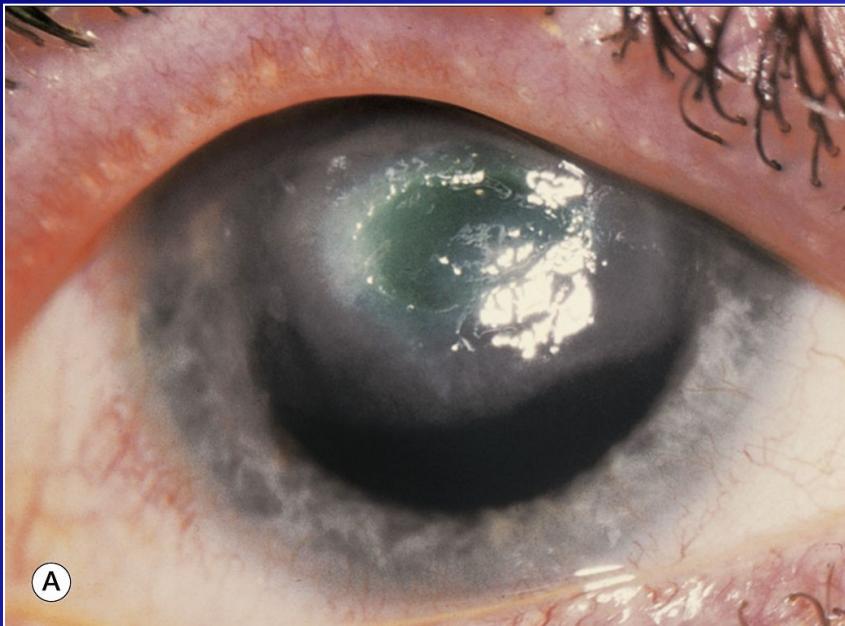




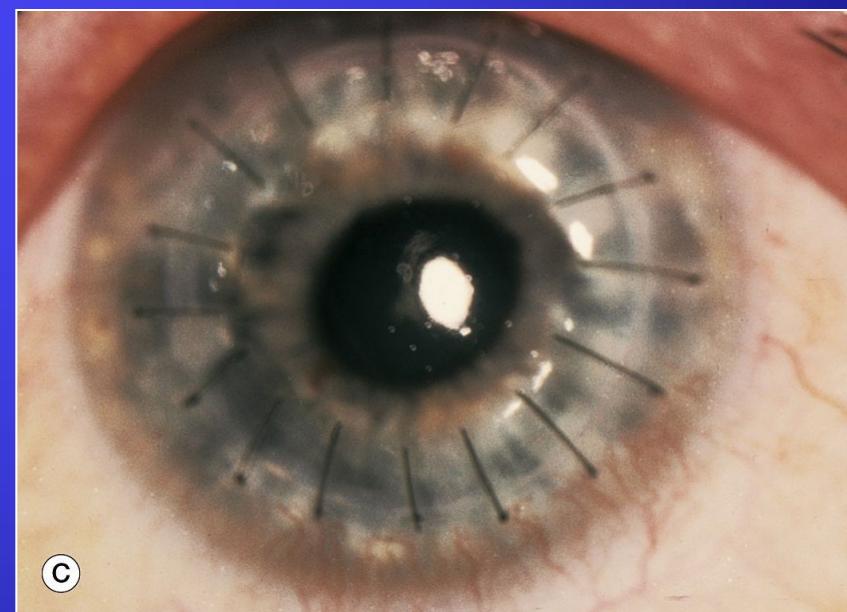
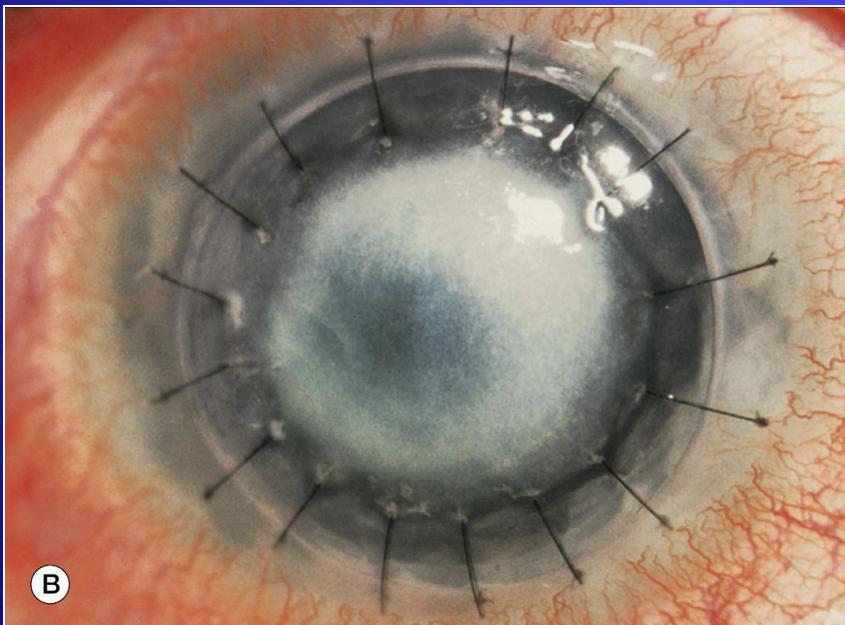
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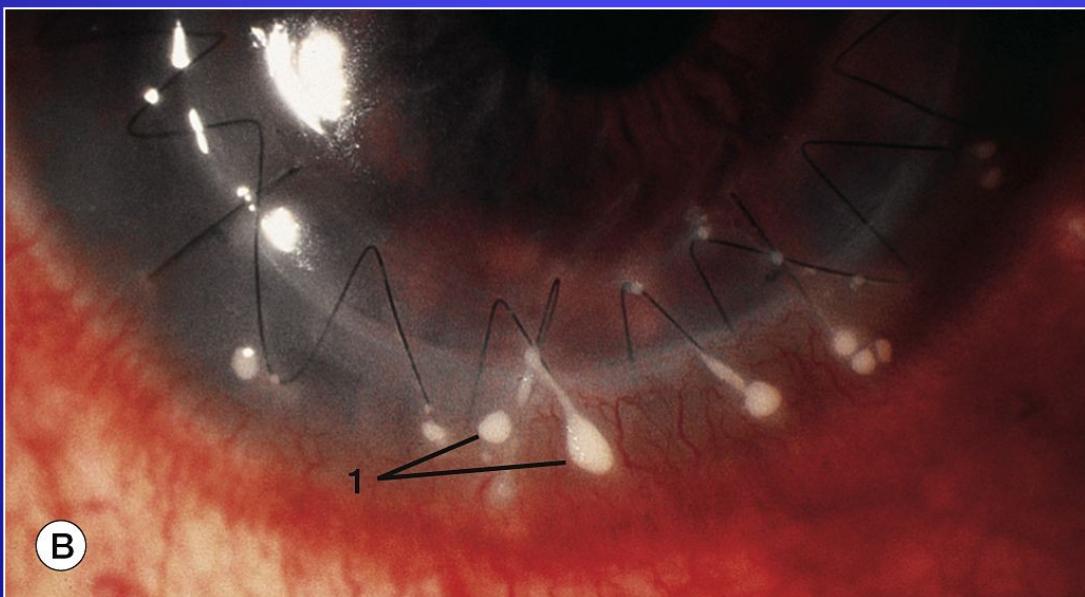
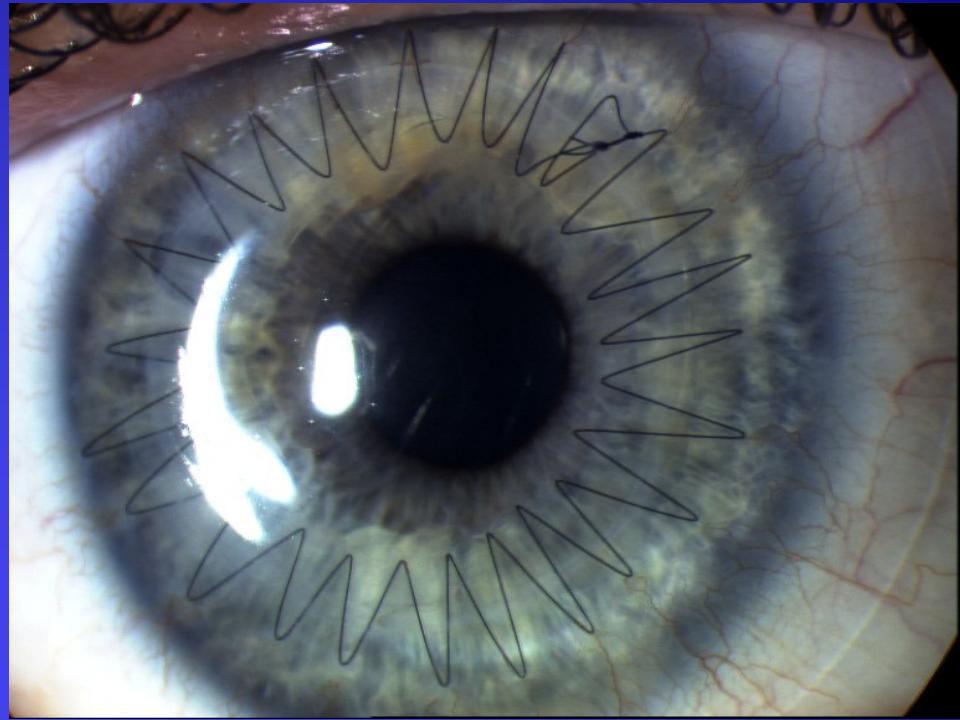


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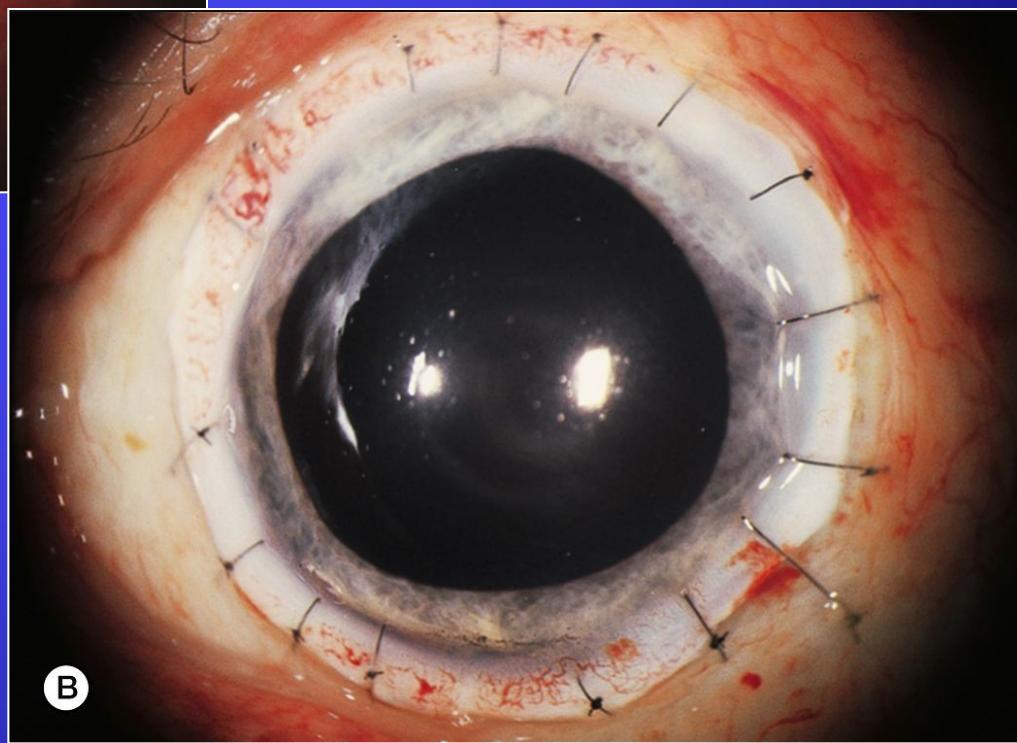
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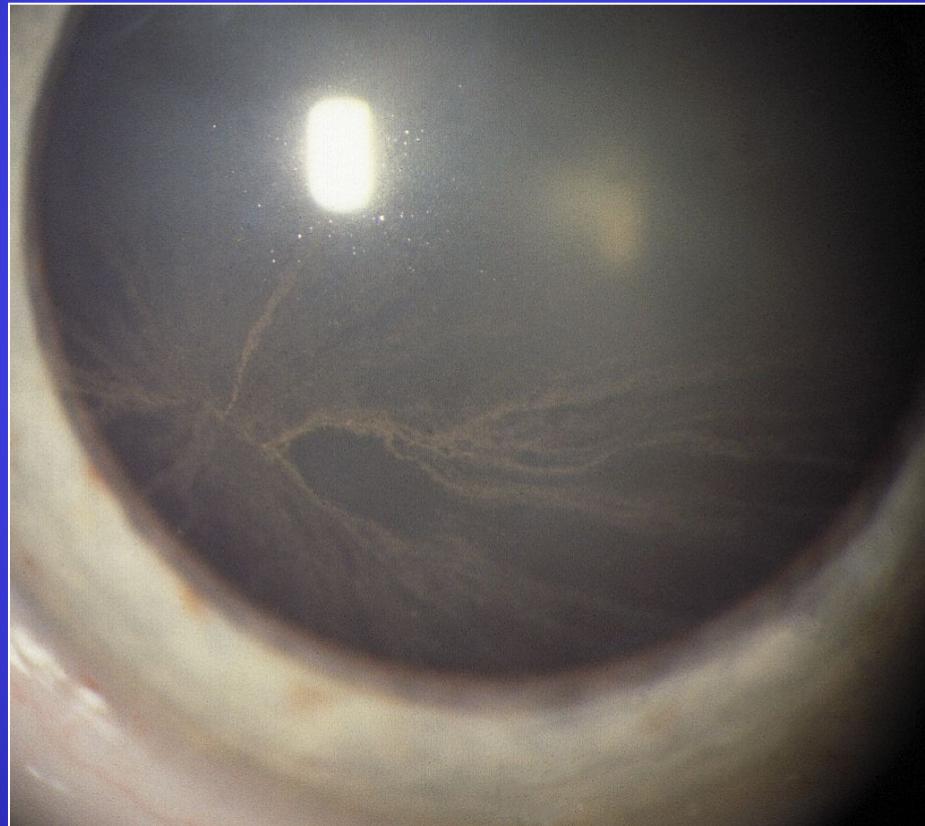
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## Bacterial sklerokeratitis

# *Cornea verticillata*

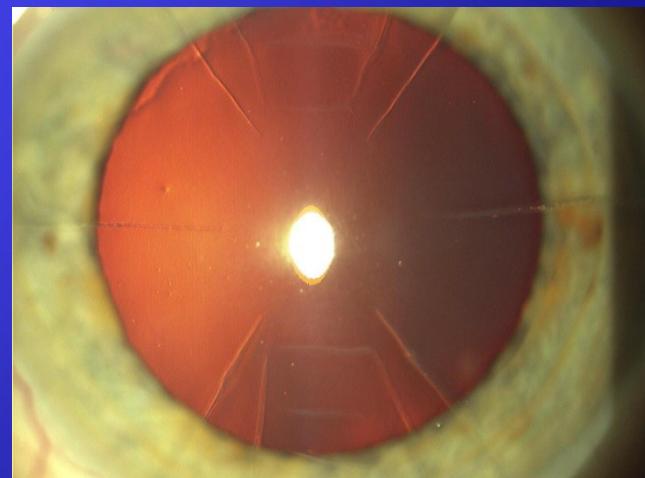


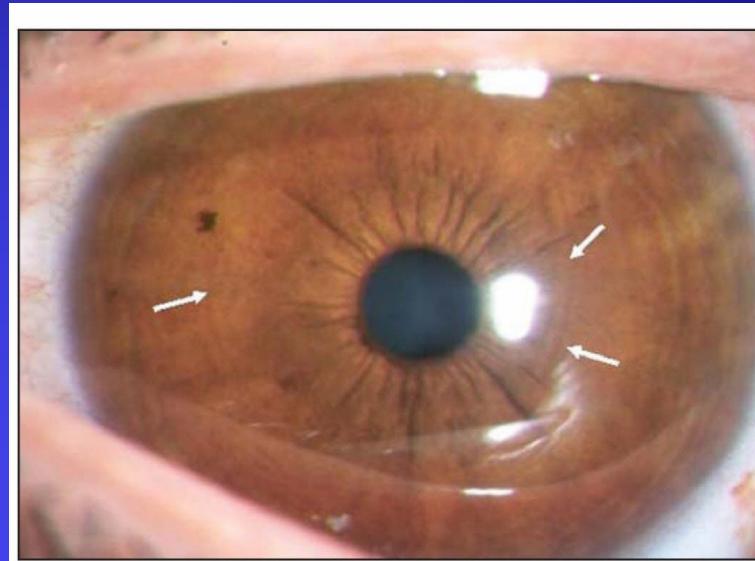
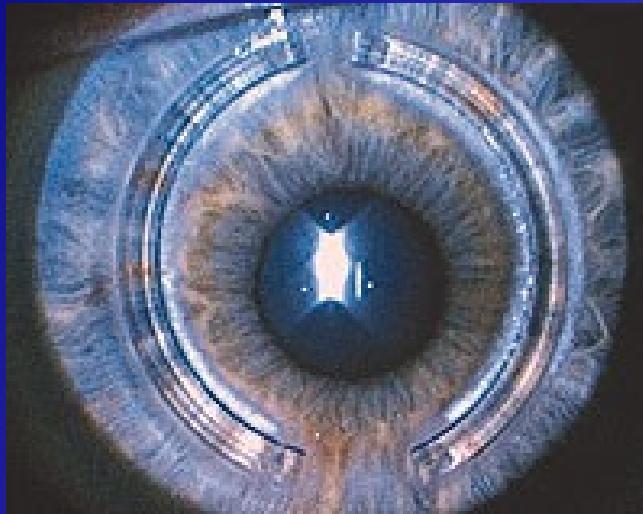
# Refractive surgery - cornea

- Keratotomy - radial, hexagonal, arcuate
- Intrastromal rings - myopia, astigmatism
- Intracorneal lens
- PRK - photorefractive keratectomy, LASIK - laser in situ keratomileusis

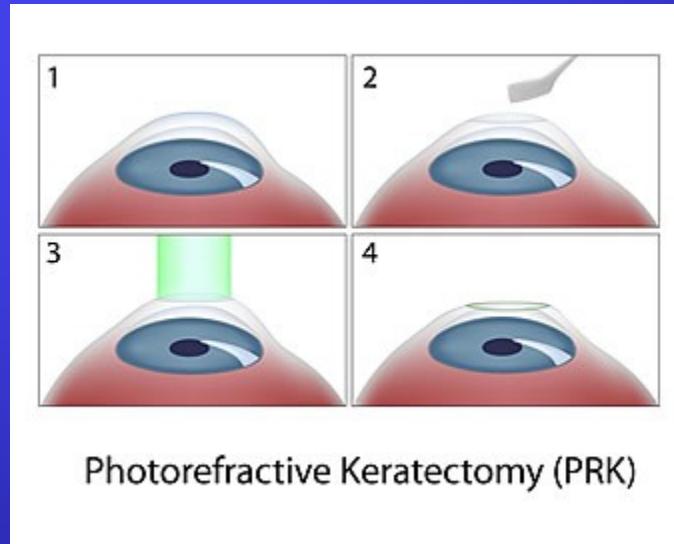
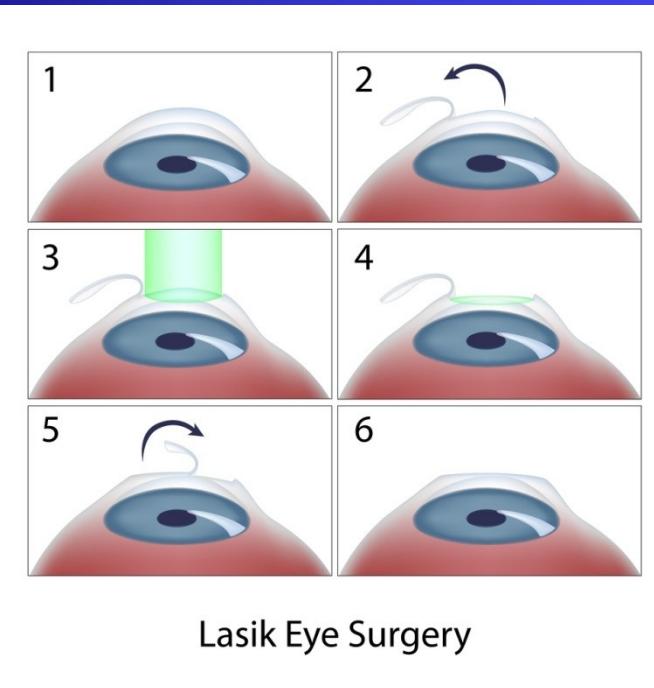


Photoablation - argon-fluoride laser  
Femtosecond laser – intrastromal



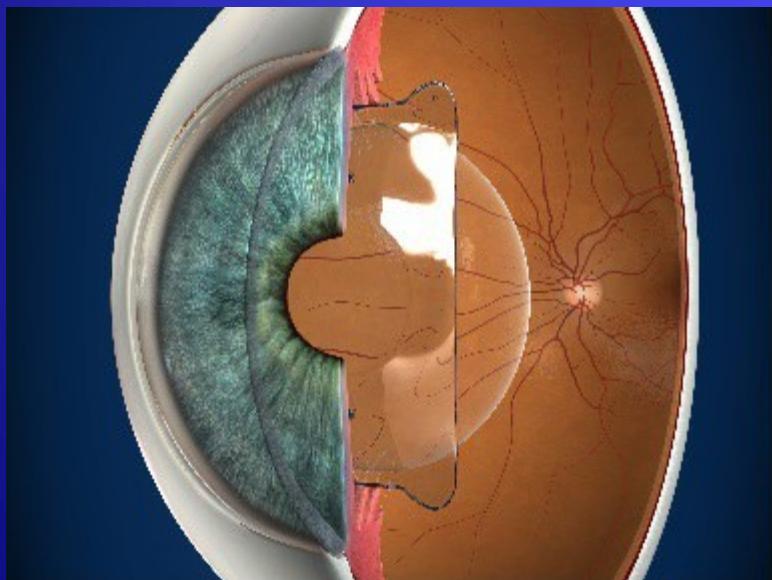
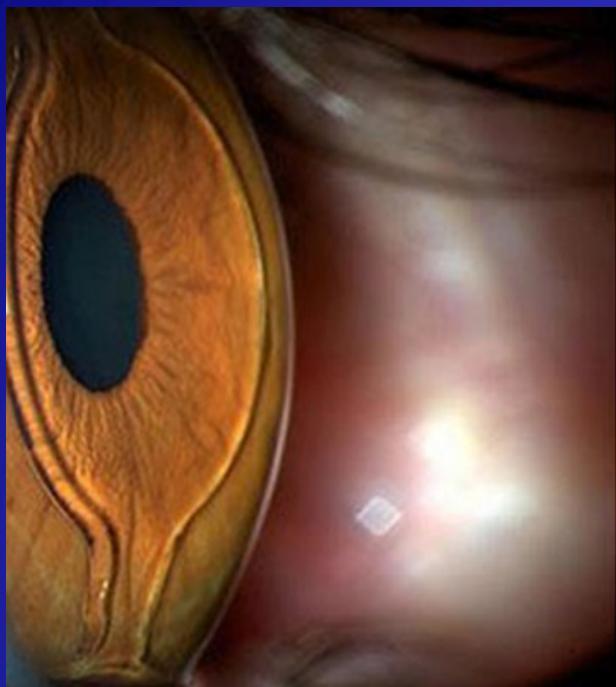


**Figure 1.** Intracorneal hydrogel lens inlay 6 months after implantation. The arrows indicate the edges of the inlay, showing that they are well centered clinically.

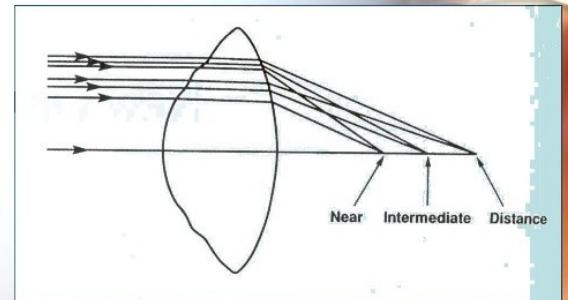


# Refractive surgery

Tissue	Type of surgery	Name	Refractive error
Cornea	Surgery	Keratotomy	<b>Astigmatismus</b>
	Laser	PRK LASIK ReLEX SMILE	<b>Myopie</b>
Intraocular - lens	Surgery – phacic intraocular lens	Anterior chamber fakic lens Posterior chamber lens (ICL)	<b>High myopia</b>
	<b>Surgery – intraocular lens (removing of the lens)</b>	Multifocal artificial lens	<b>Hypermetropia</b> <b>Presbyopia</b>



## Principle of a Refractive Multifocal IOL



A photograph showing the silhouettes of two large, leafless trees against a bright, glowing sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden light through the bare branches of the trees. The foreground is dark and hazy.

**Děkuji za pozornost**