

Advances in Medical Glaucoma Management: Video #2

Statement of Need Learning Objectives Faculty and Disclosure Statements

<http://cme.ufl.edu/ed/self-study/videos-glaucoma-management/>

TARGET AUDIENCE

This educational activity is intended for ophthalmologists and ophthalmologists in residency or fellowship training.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this series of activities, participants should be able to:

- Treat glaucoma patients so as to most effectively reduce their risk of glaucomatous progression and visual loss
- Explain the basic pathophysiology of glaucoma, from IOP to newer mechanisms such as the role of ocular perfusion pressure and the role of nitric oxide, an important physiological signaling molecule that plays a key role in IOP regulation in healthy eyes
- Utilize results from peer-reviewed studies, including comparative studies of agents, in choosing therapies
- Choose appropriate therapies based on understanding of mechanism(s) of action, safety, efficacy, compliance, and duration of effect
- Among agents with maximum efficacy and safety, select those that minimize patient burden and maximize compliance
- Implement evidence-based strategies for determining/achieving target IOP
- Make evidence-based decisions about when to treat ocular hypertension
- Explain the mechanism of action, benefits, and risks of established and new therapies, from medications that suppress aqueous humor production, such as beta blockers; to medications that increase aqueous outflow, such as prostaglandin analogs; to newer agents such as nitric oxide donating prostaglandin receptor agonists

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ABOUT *Advances in Medical Glaucoma Management*

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STATEMENT OF NEED

After more than a decade in which no new drug class has been approved for treatment of glaucoma, at least three new ocular antihypertensive drugs are poised for approval within the coming 1-2 years. In an environment where novel agents for the treatment of glaucoma are coming to market with unprecedented rapidity, ophthalmologists are challenged to provide the highest quality care, based on the best and most recent data.

But sifting through that data is a challenge: There are competing claims from manufacturers and a plethora of basic and clinical science papers in the peer-reviewed journals on new topics, including the relationship between ocular perfusion pressure and glaucomatous damage and the impact of nocturnal intraocular pressure fluctuations on glaucomatous disease progression.

The result is a significant need for the *clear, actionable* information that supports evidence-based clinical decision making that is readily accessible by comprehensive ophthalmologists. This is especially the case for ophthalmologists who treat glaucoma but do not consider it a subspecialty interest. This knowledge gap can have a substantial impact on patients—glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness worldwide and affects a significant and growing portion of the US population.^{1,2}

Advances in Medical Glaucoma Management will present new medical glaucoma therapies and trial data in the context of what is needed to offer comprehensive ophthalmic care. Clear, evidence-based, actionable insights from subspecialists and researchers will help clinicians give their glaucoma patients the full benefit of treatment advances.

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Video #2: New Drug Classes

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