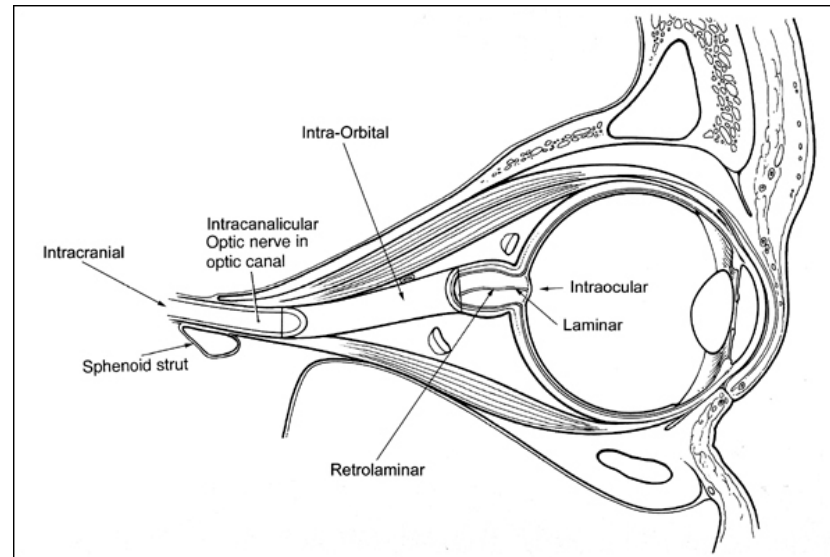


Using the Ophthalmoscope: Viewing the Optic Disc and Retina



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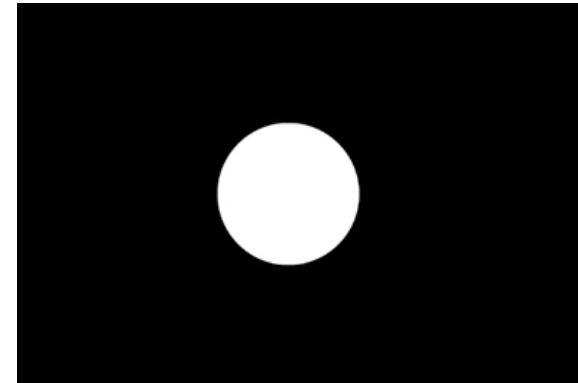
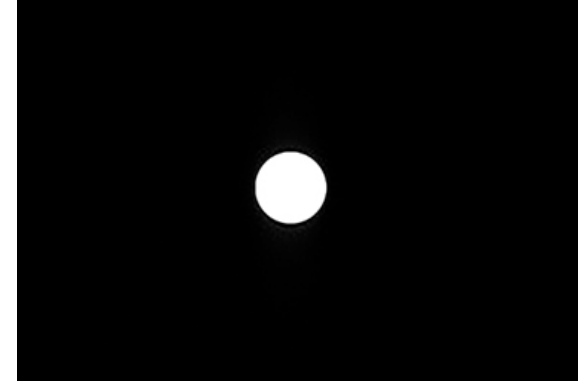
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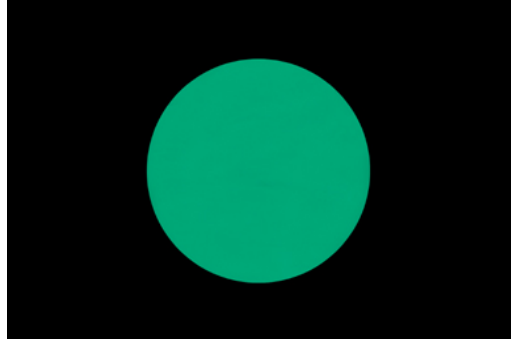
- Jan Purkinje 1823
- Hermann von Helmholtz 1851
- Hand held ophthalmoscope
- Direct up-right image



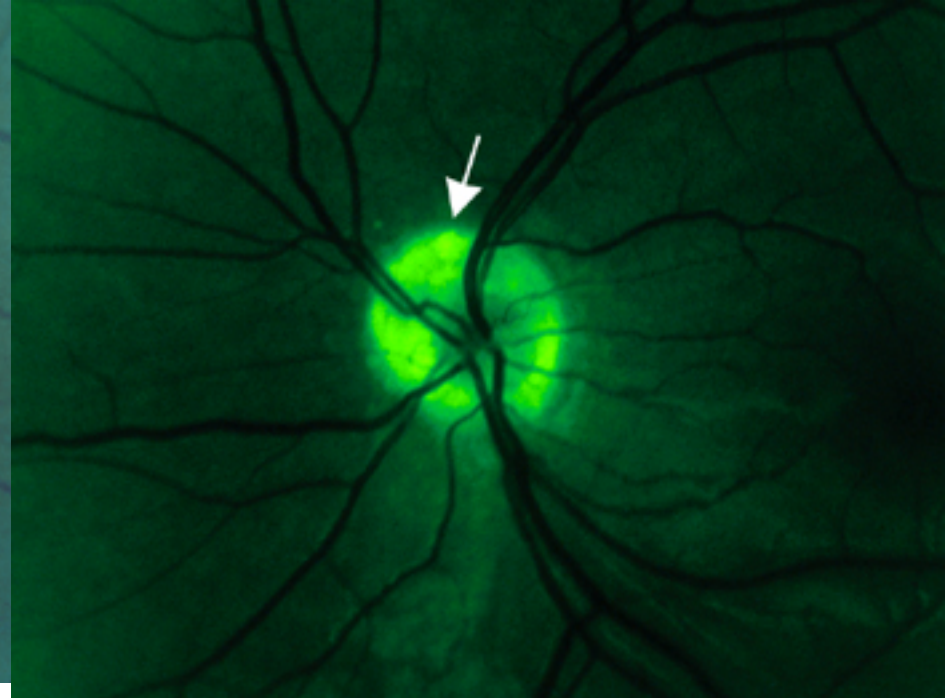
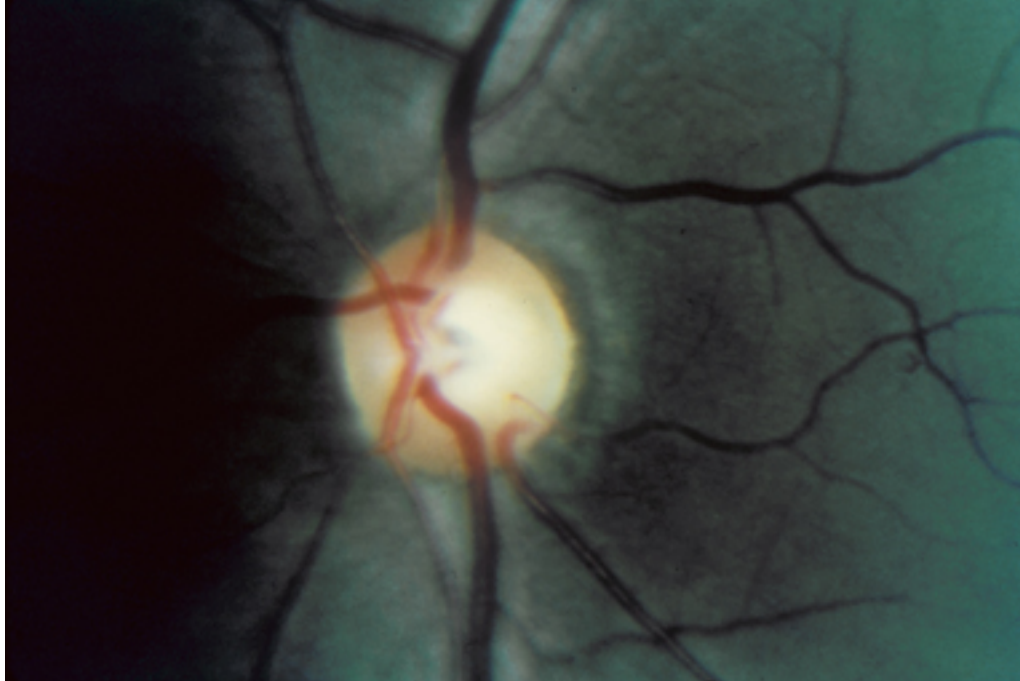
Dials of the Ophthalmoscope



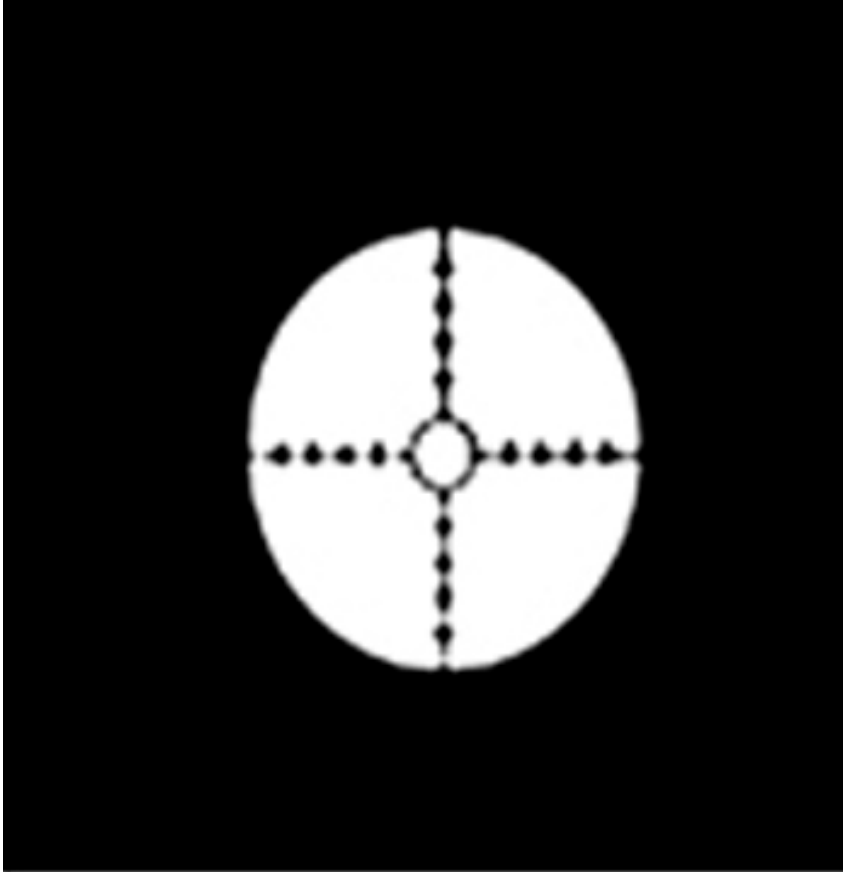
RED-FREE FILTER (GREEN LIGHT)



450 nm monochromatic light
nerve fiber layer
optic nerve drusen

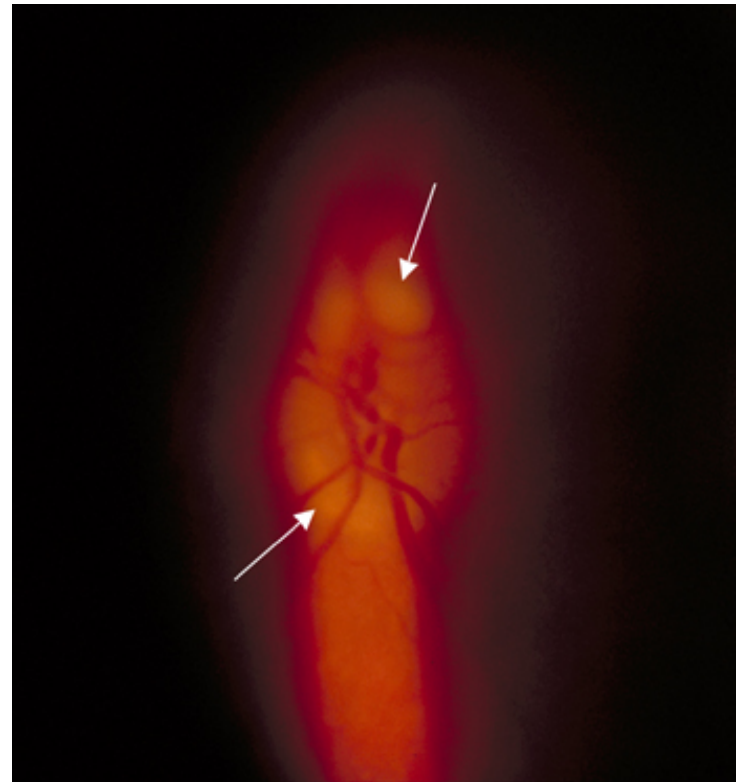
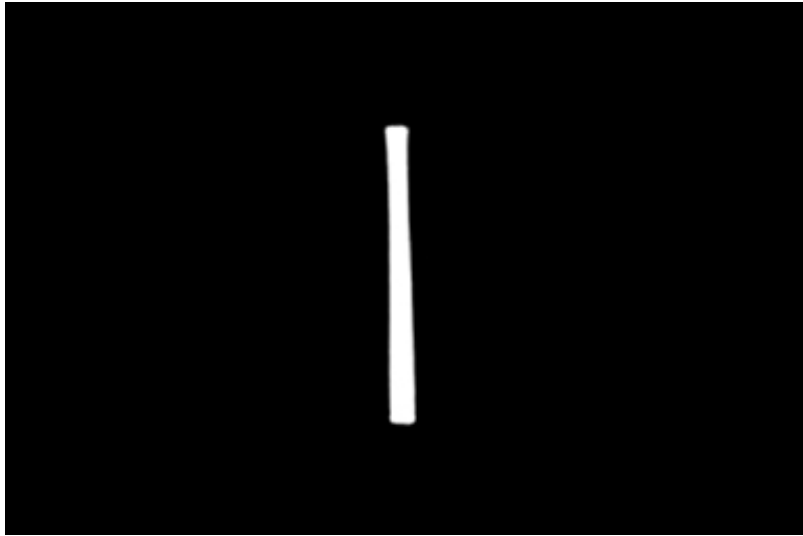


OTHER DIALS



- Used for measuring lesion size
- Looking for the center of fixation

OTHER DIALS: SLIT BEAM



The wheel has lenses of power

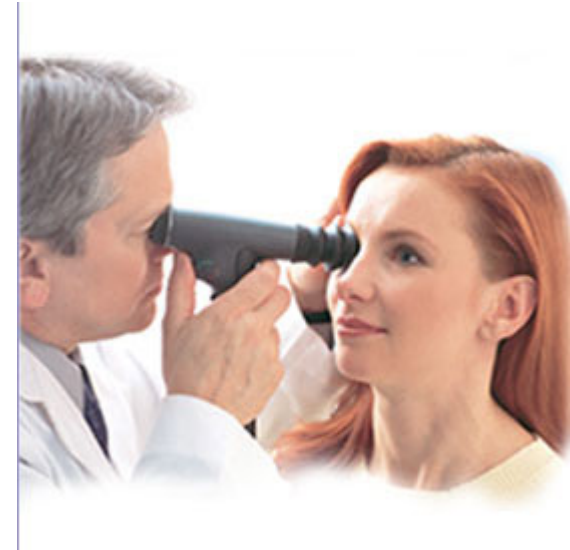


Panoptic-ophthalmoscope



- Direct type
- Wider field of view
- Distance from pt greater
- Similar apertures

Not as easy to carry
Slightly dimmer light source
Not as magnified view of
Disc
Clean the rubber cup between patients



Photographs: <http://panoptic.welchallyn.com/faq.html>

Other ways to view the disc and fundus: Hand-Held non-mydriatic cameras

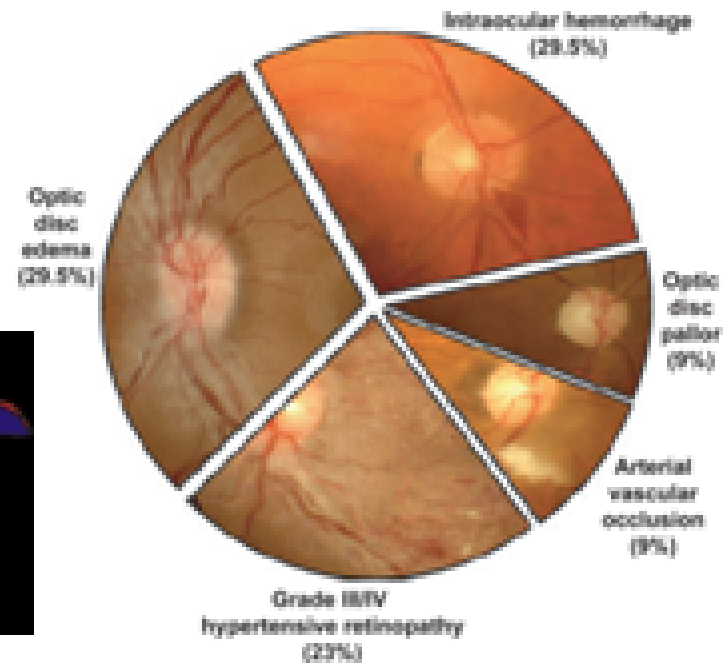


Figure 2. Pie chart showing the distribution of the 44 relevant findings observed among 350 patients. The photographs in each slice were taken during the study.

From Kowa-europe.com

From Bruce et al Academic
Emergency Medicine 2011; 18:
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WHEN EVER POSSIBLE: **DILATE THE
PATIENT**



Steps to Direct Ophthalmoscopy

- Dimly lit room
- Dilating drops
- Patient fixates distant target
- Align yourself
- Red reflex
- Dial in



HOW TO USE THE DIRECT

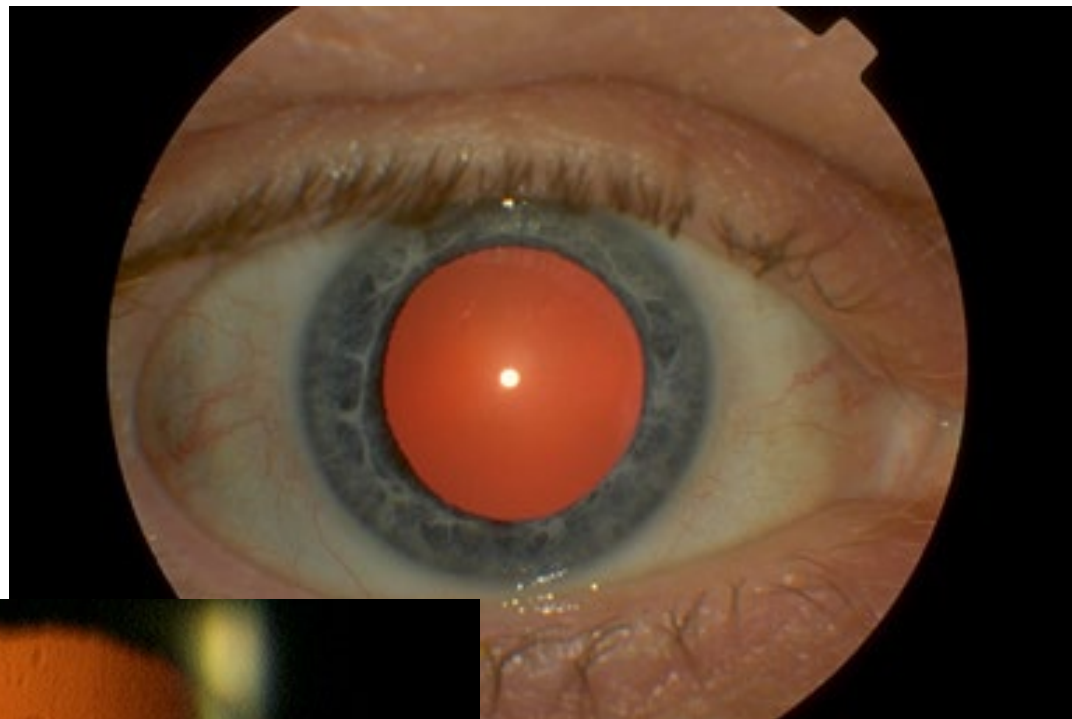


**How to Use the
Direct Ophthalmoscope**

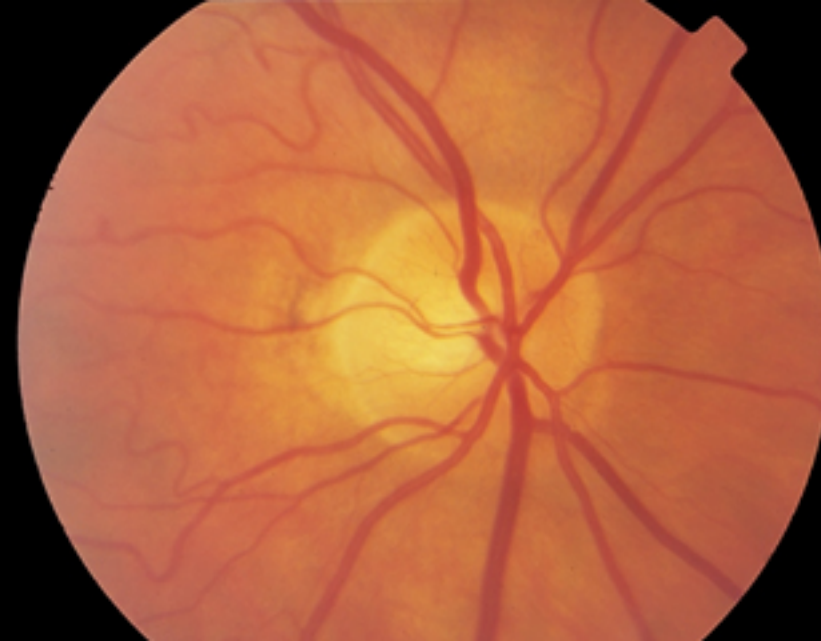
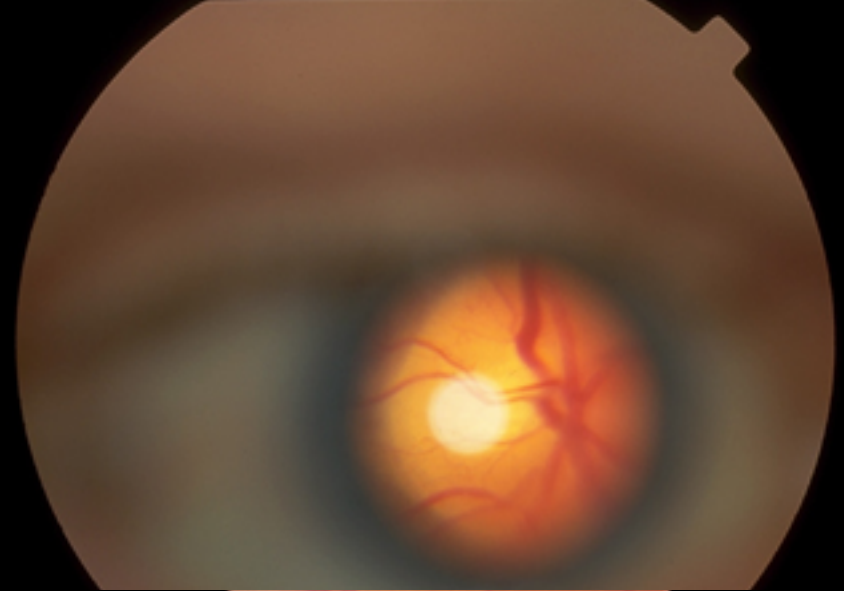
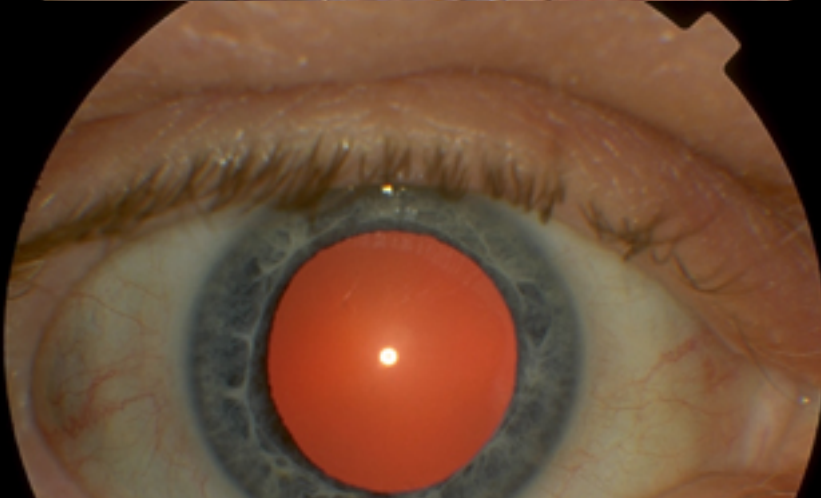
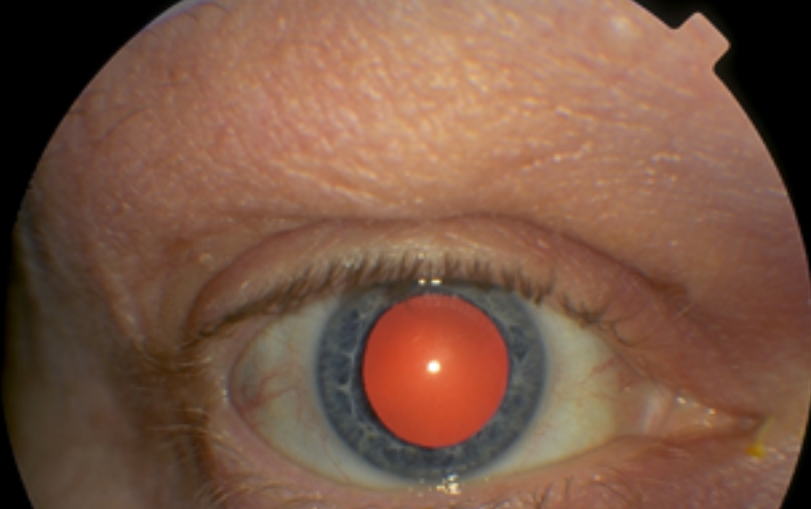
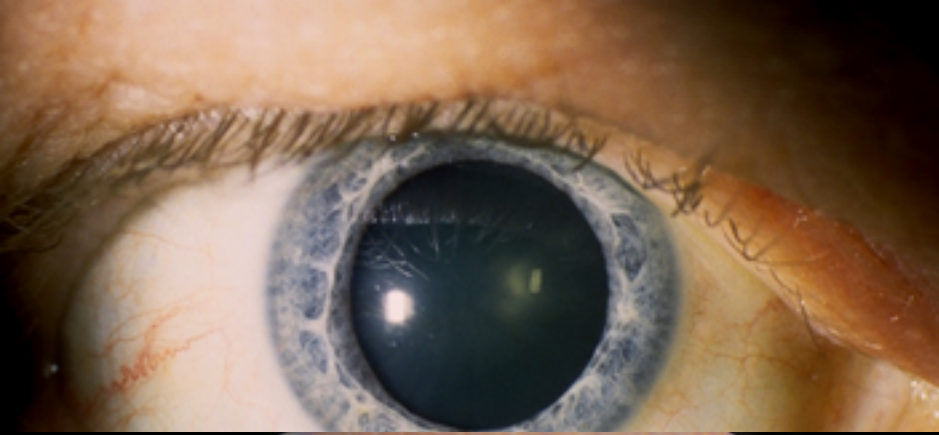
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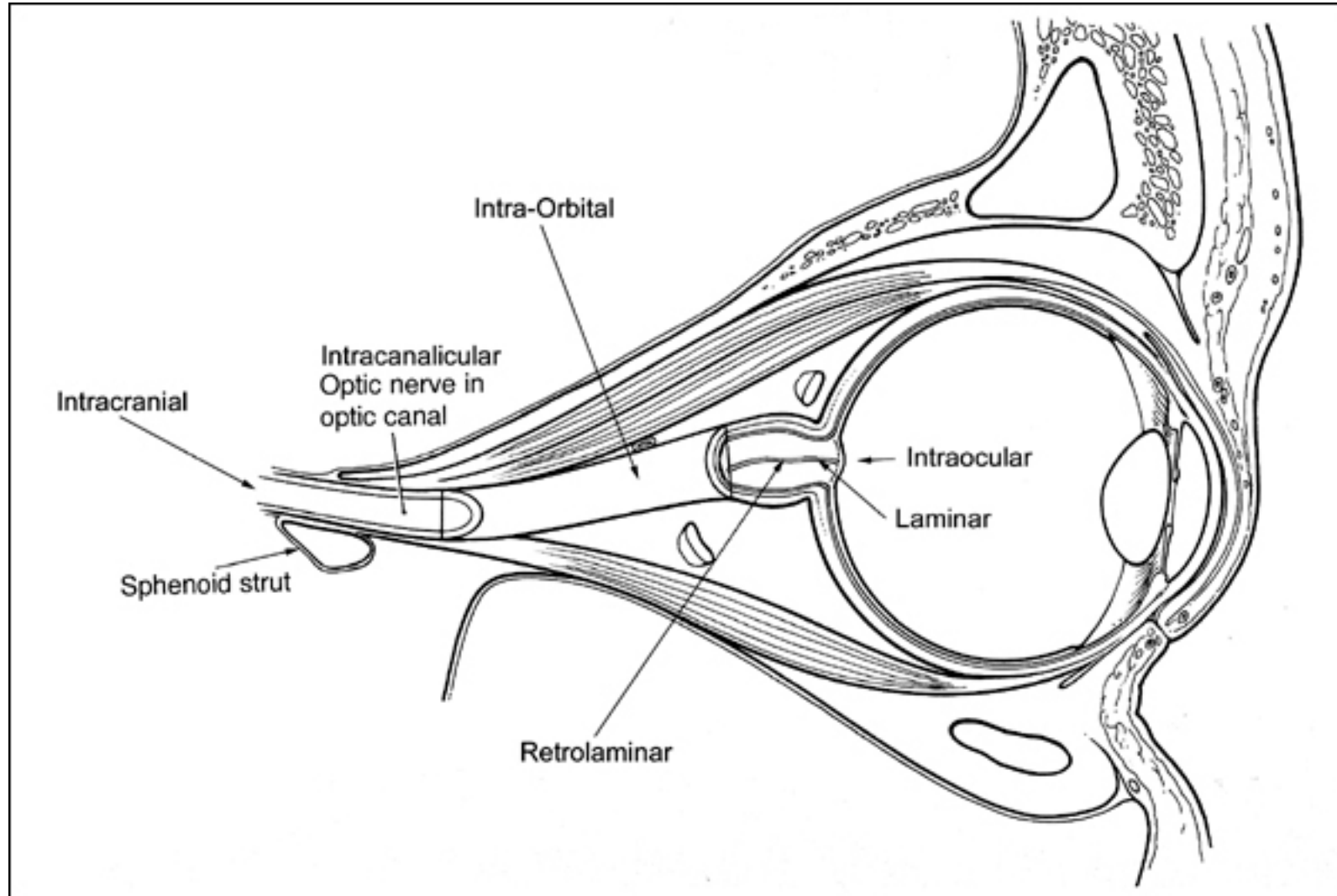
THE RED REFLEX



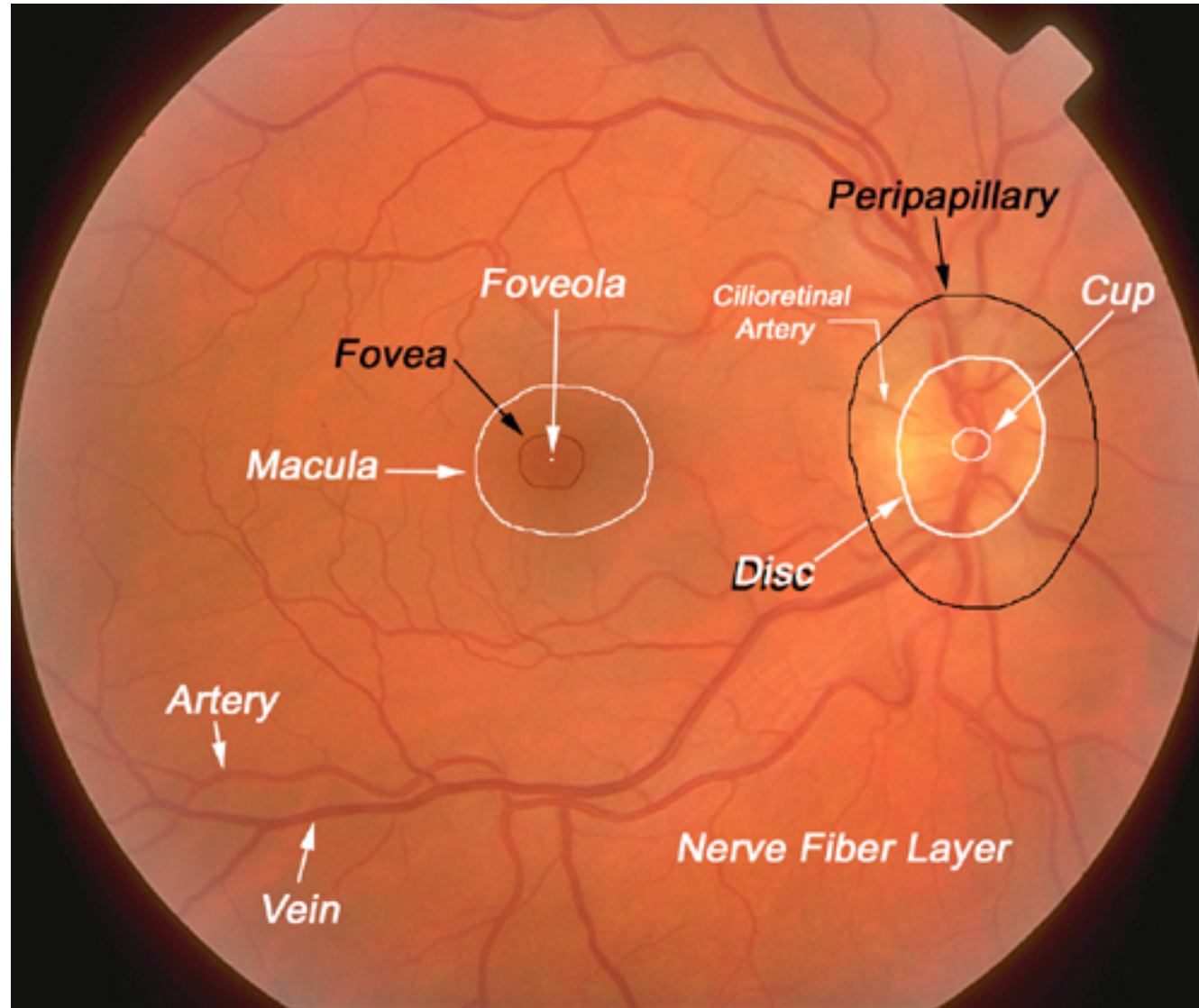
The layers you will go through to see the optic disc



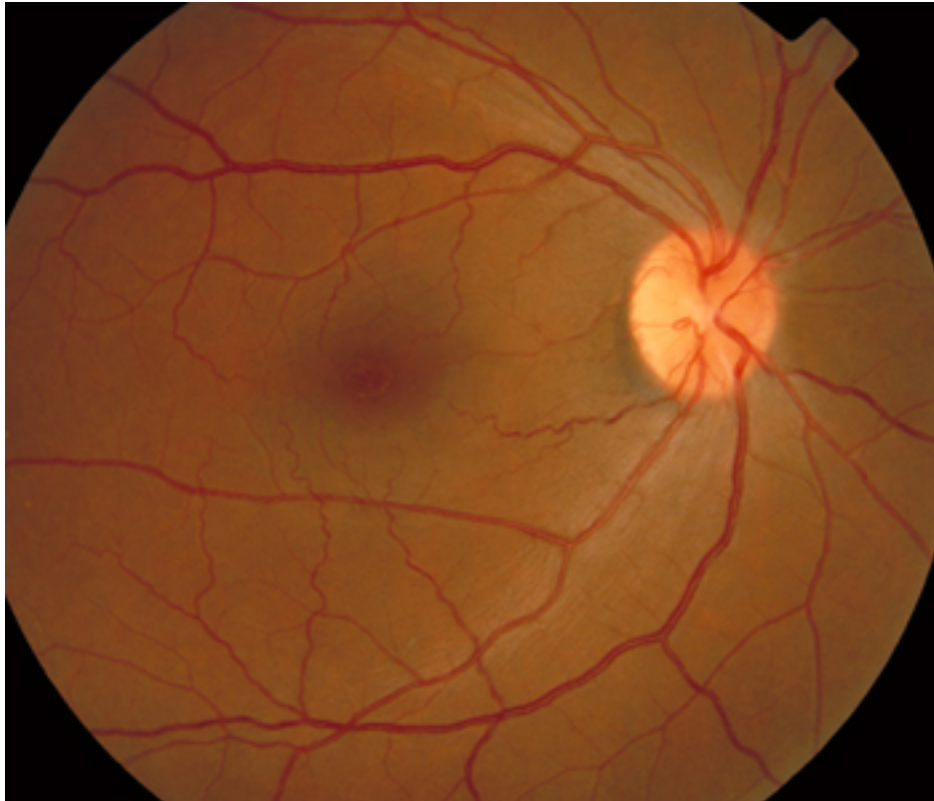
THE OPTIC NERVE



WHAT YOU SHOULD OBSERVE IN EVERYONE

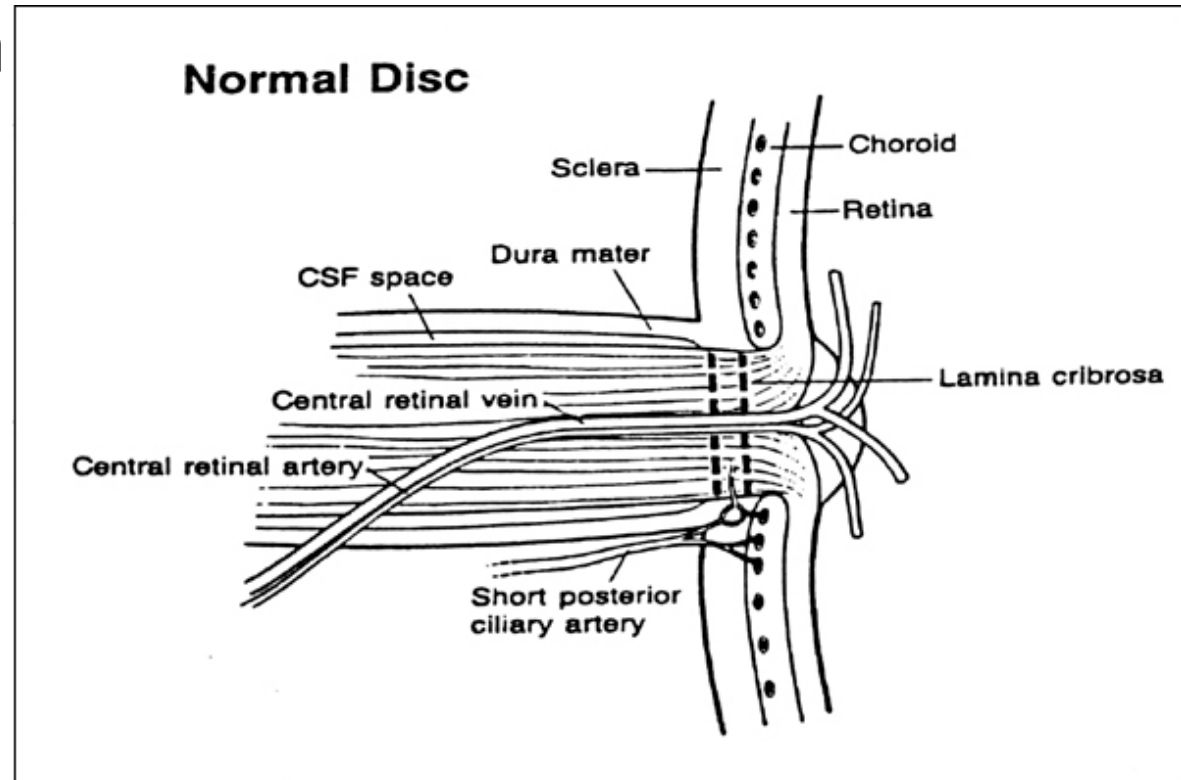


RIGHT EYE AND LEFT EYE

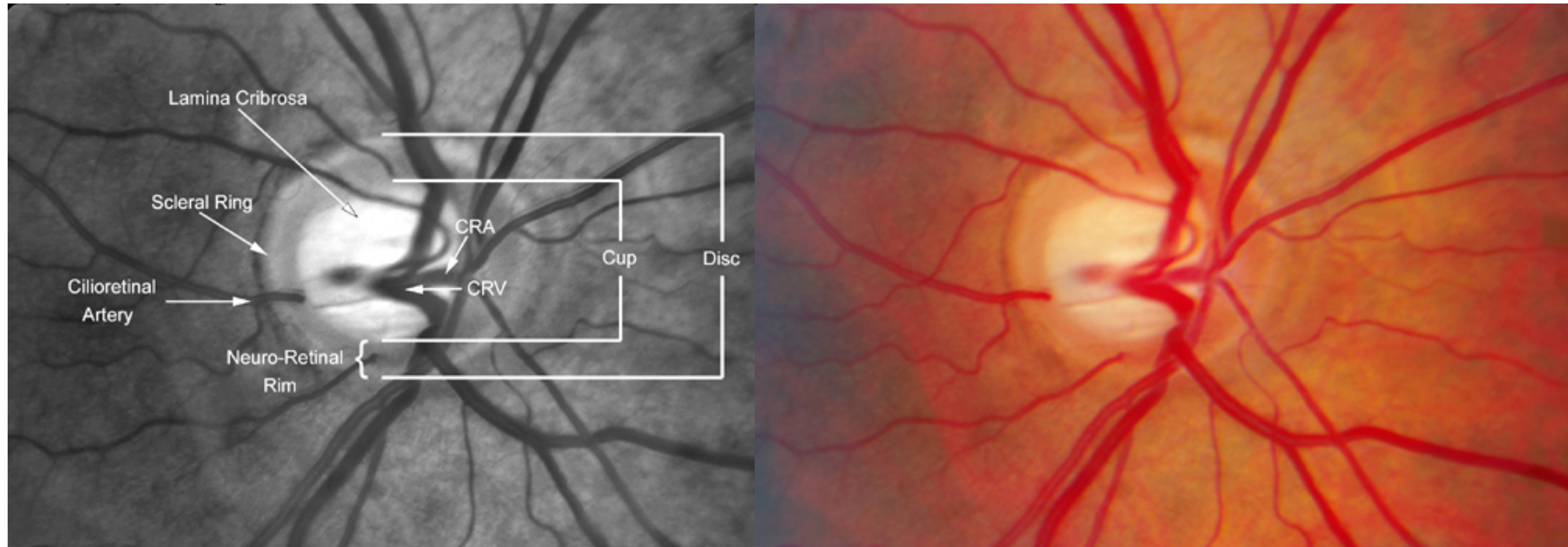


THE NORMAL DISC

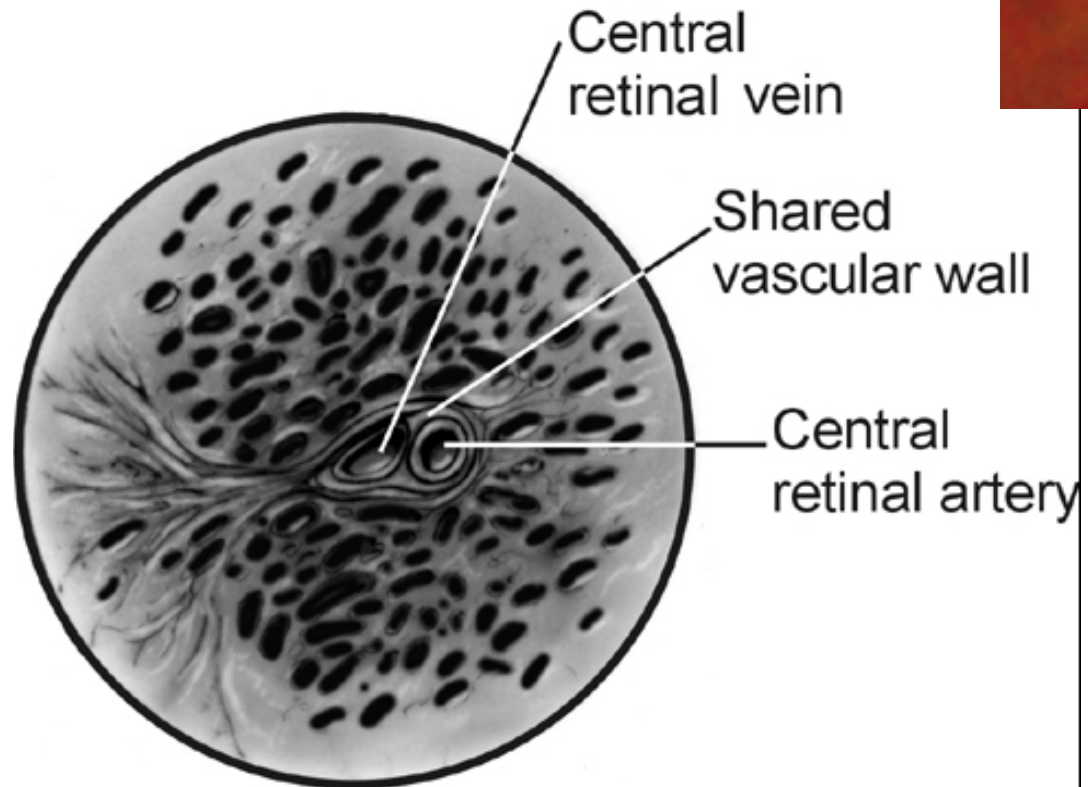
- The disc is 1.62 mm or 1 million fibers
- Central retinal artery and vein
- Lamina Cribrosa
- The optic cup



The Normal Disc Appearance

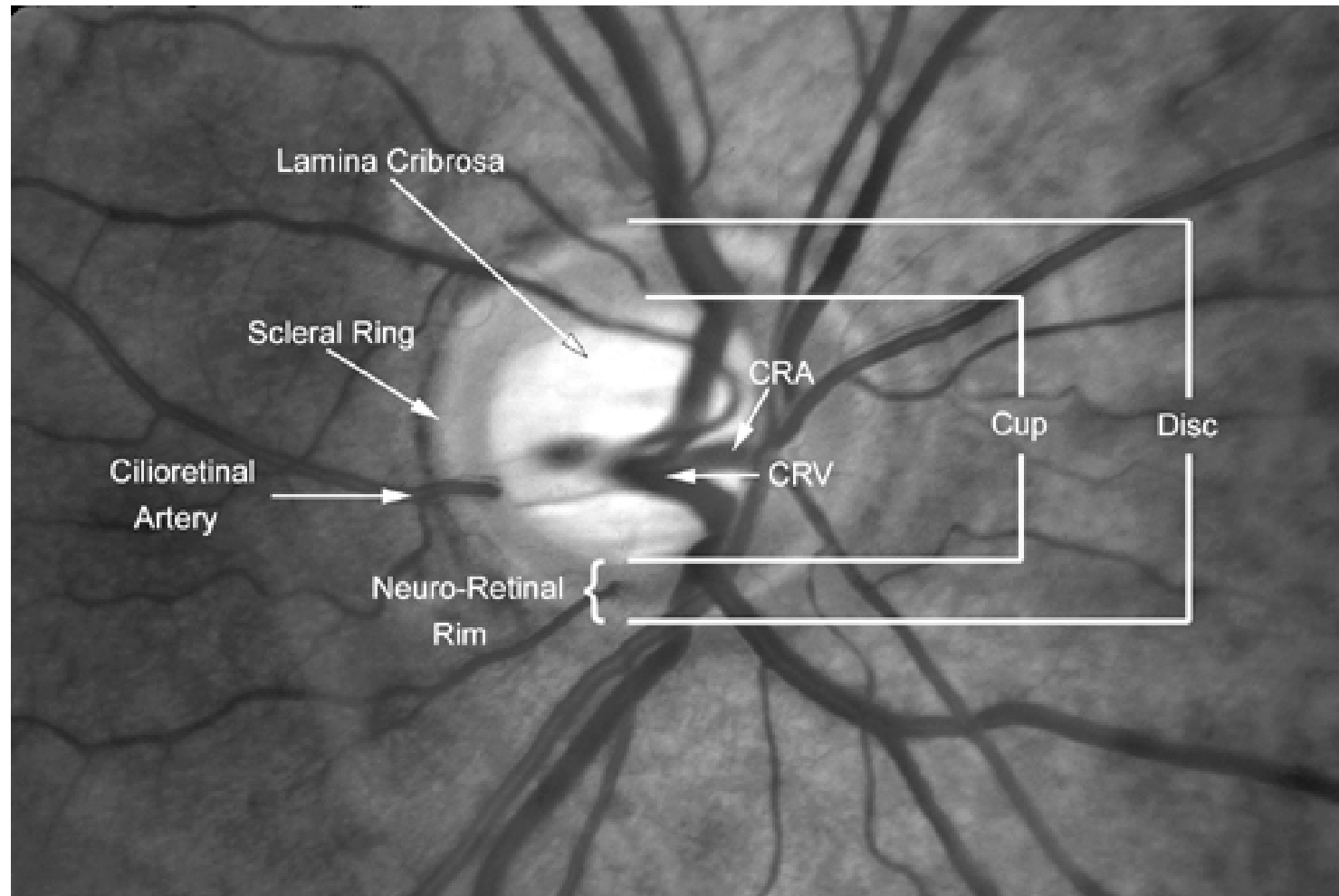


The lamina cribrosa is an important disc structure

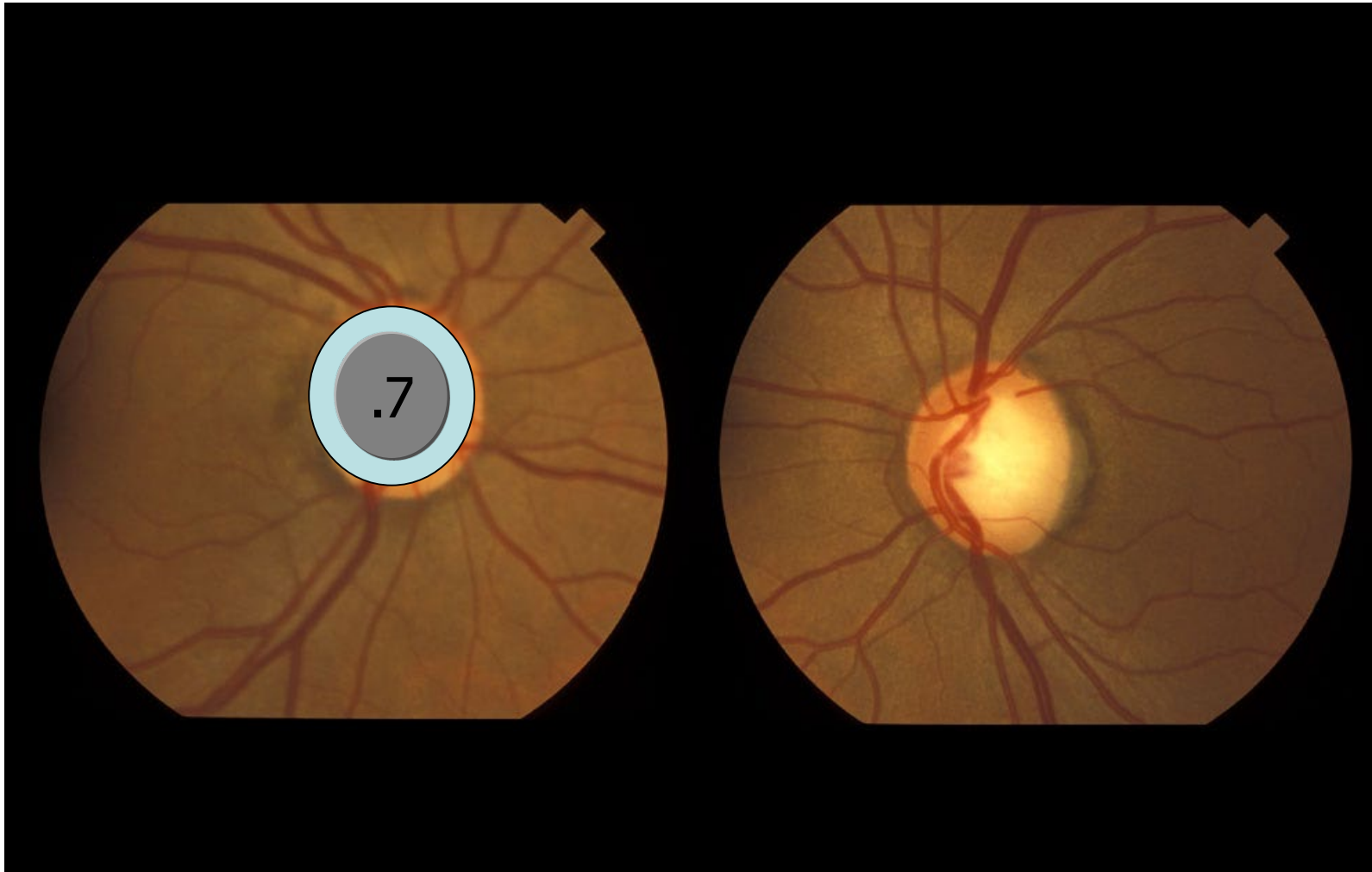


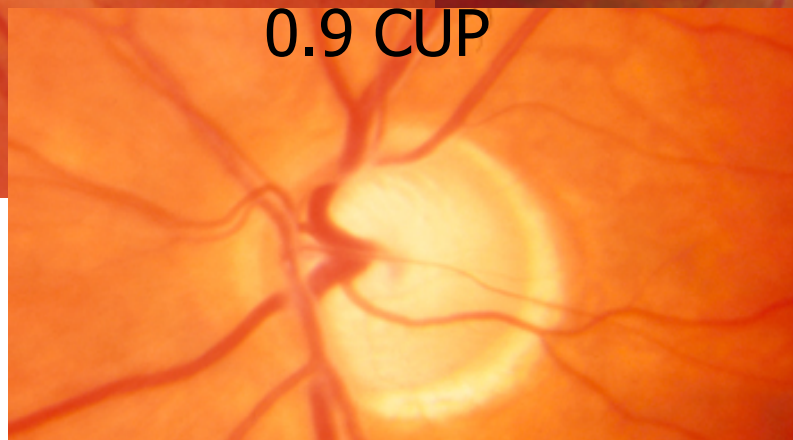
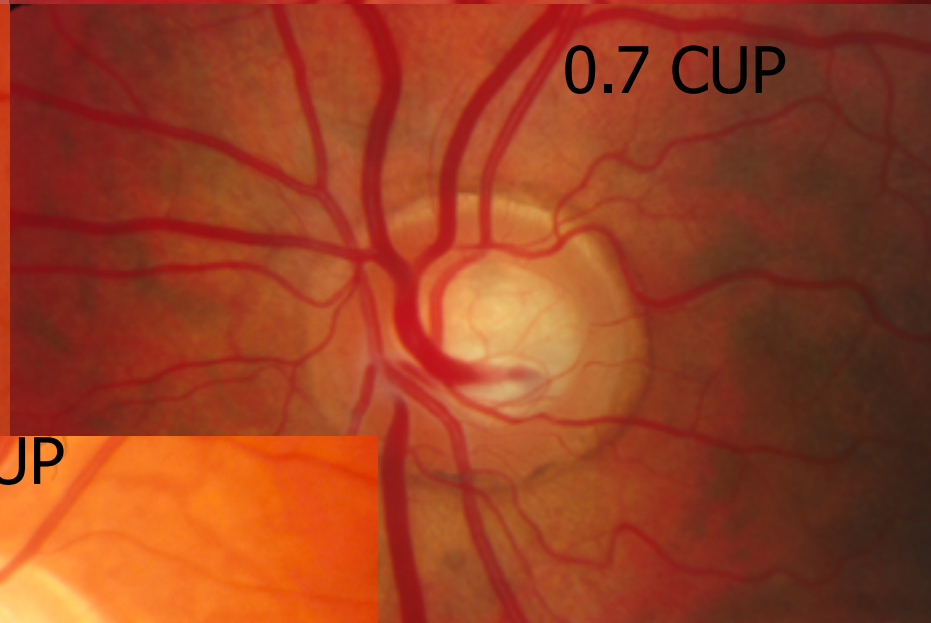
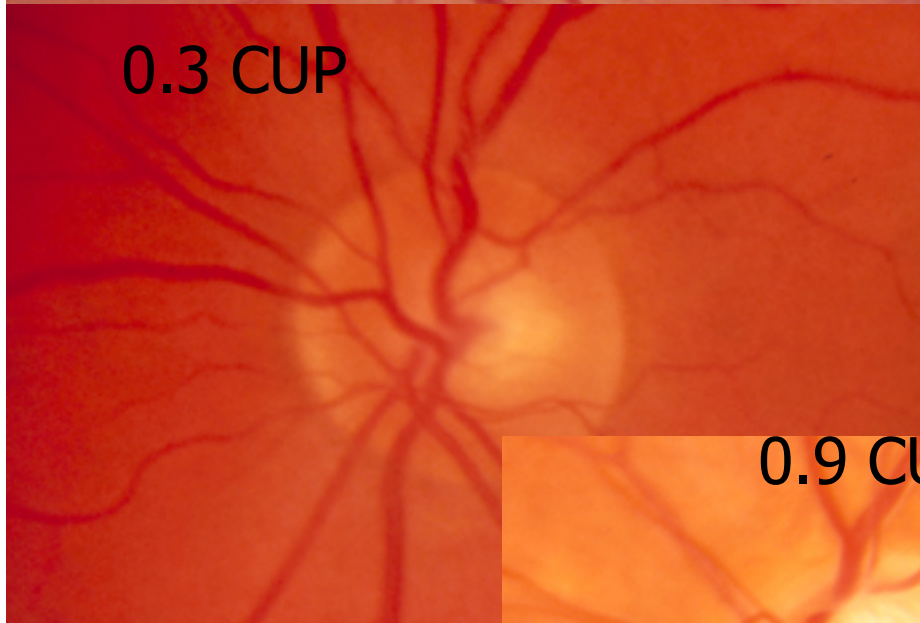
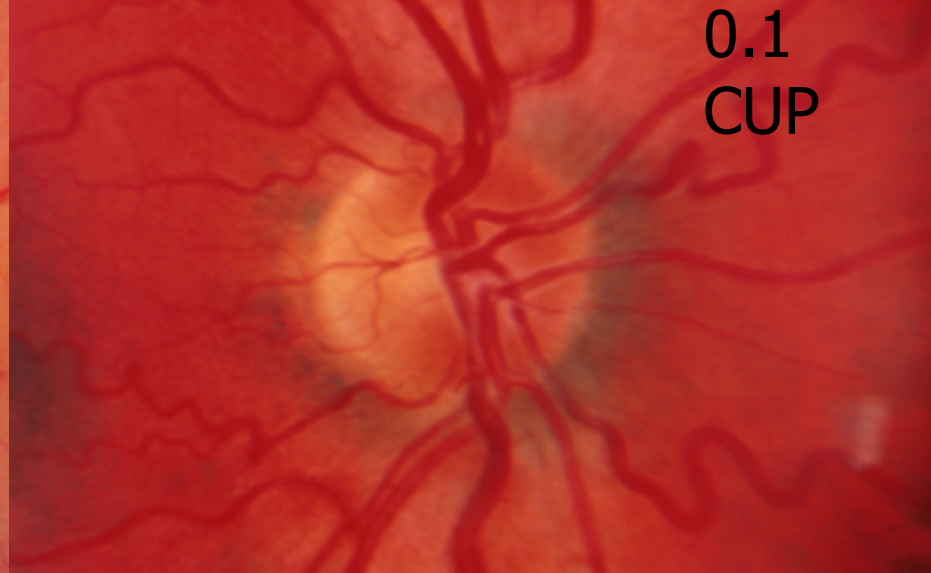
- Means Sieve
- Anatomically present in all discs
- Visible in about 1/3
- Shallow in myopia

Look at the Cup-to-disc ratio:

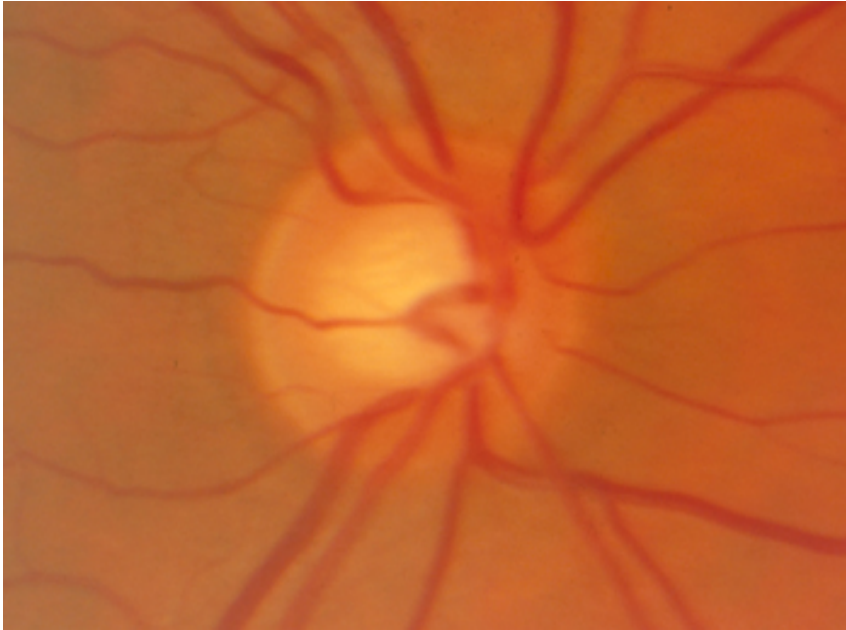


WHAT IS THE CUP-TO-DISC RATIO?

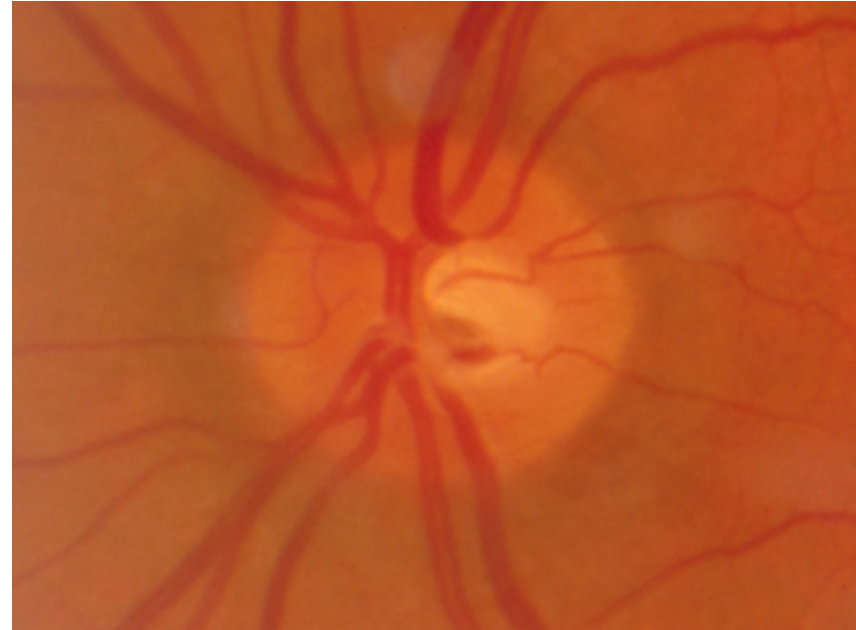




What is the cup to disc ratio?



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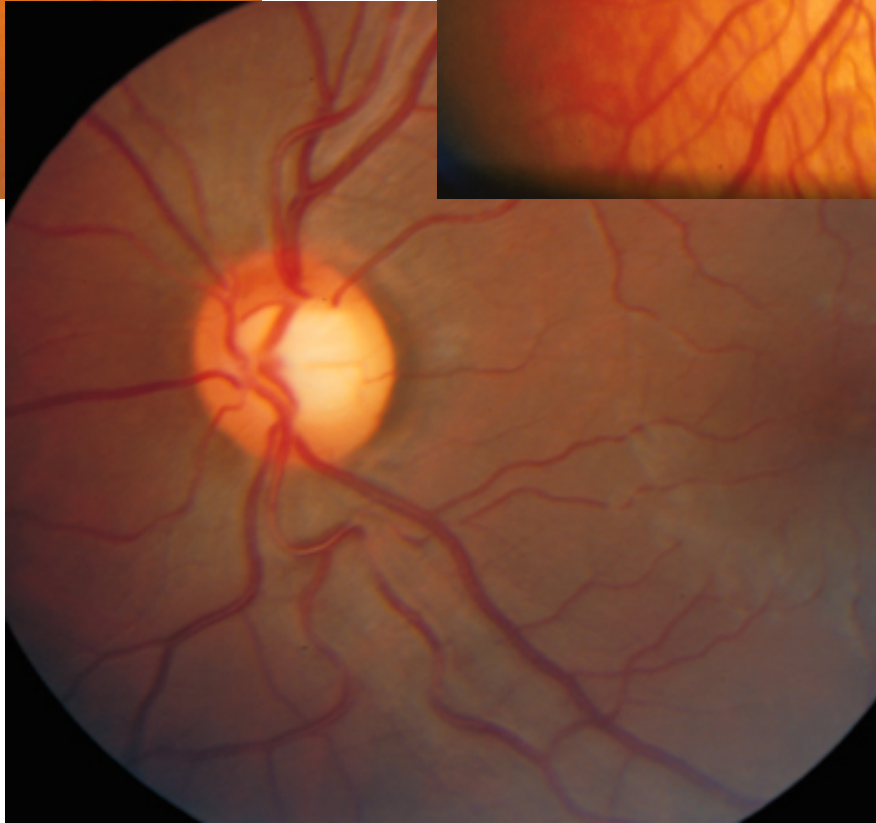


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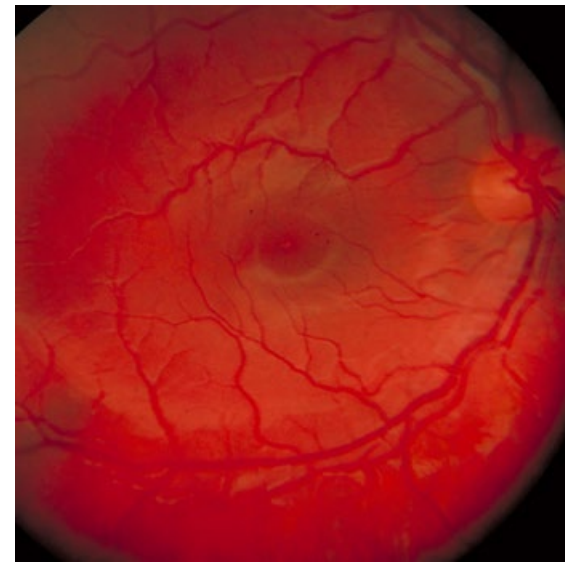
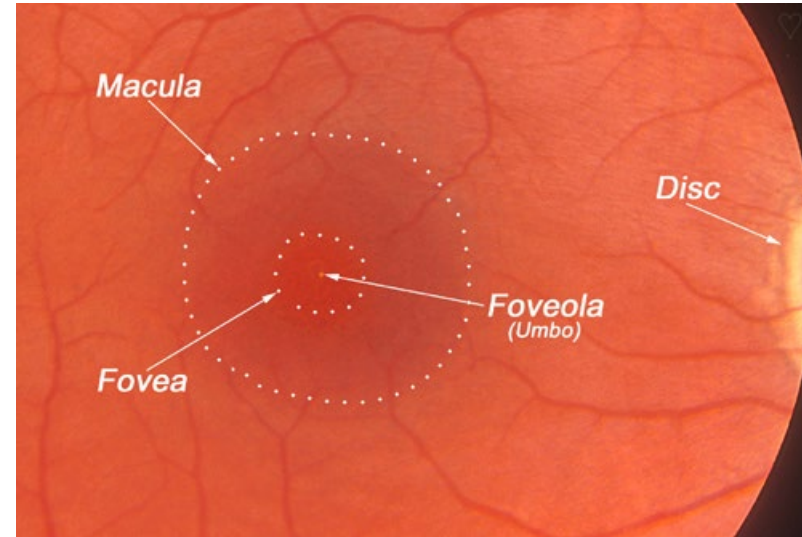
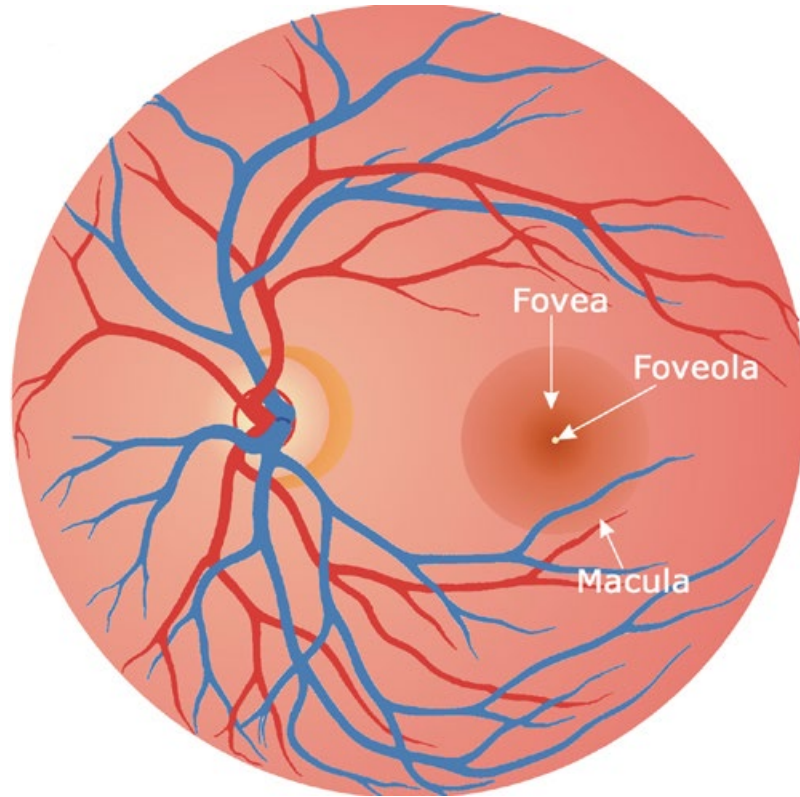
THE COLOR OF THE RETINA



The color of the retina is determined by the choroid and RPE-- and the amount of melanin individuals have



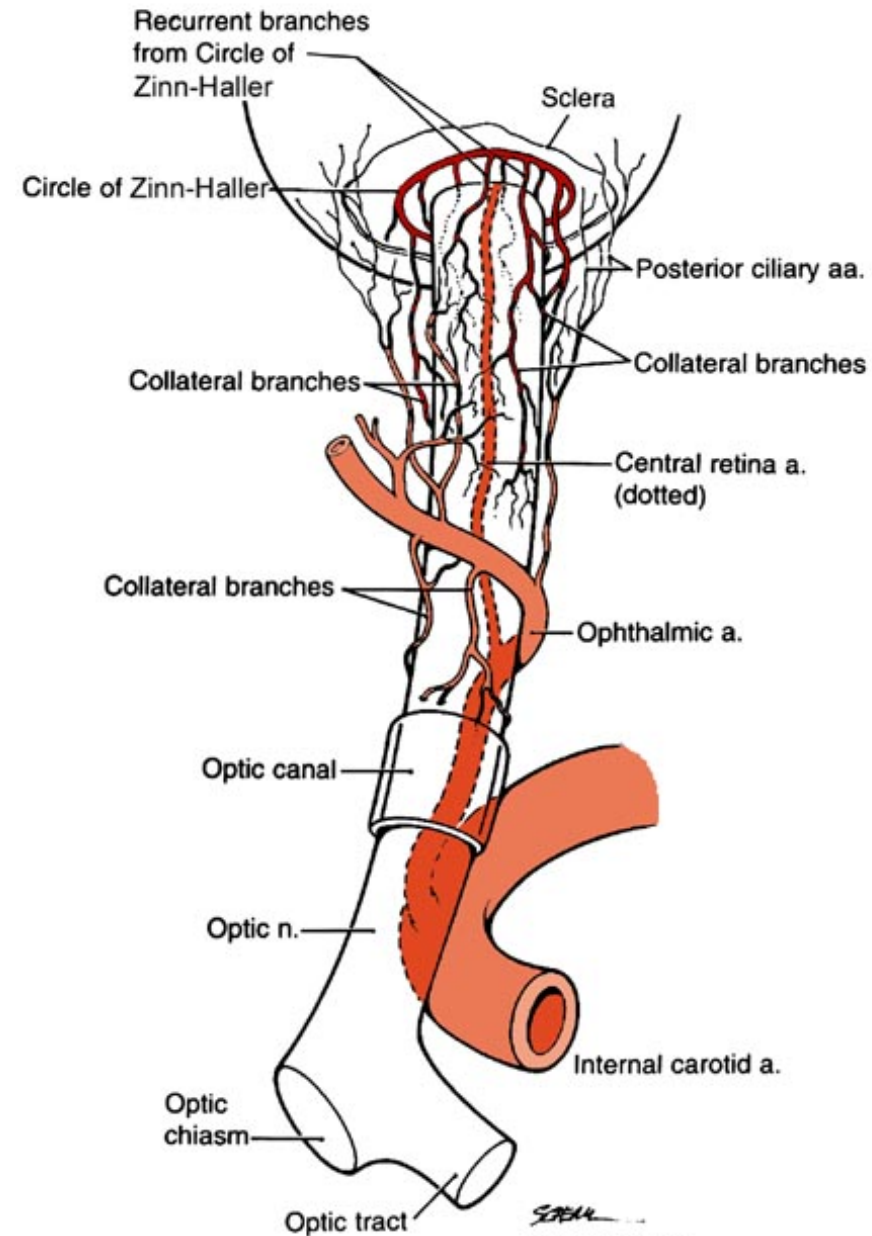
VIEW THE MACULA



VASCULAR SUPPLY TO THE GLOBE AND DISC

TWO MAJOR SOURCES by
way of the ophthalmic
artery+

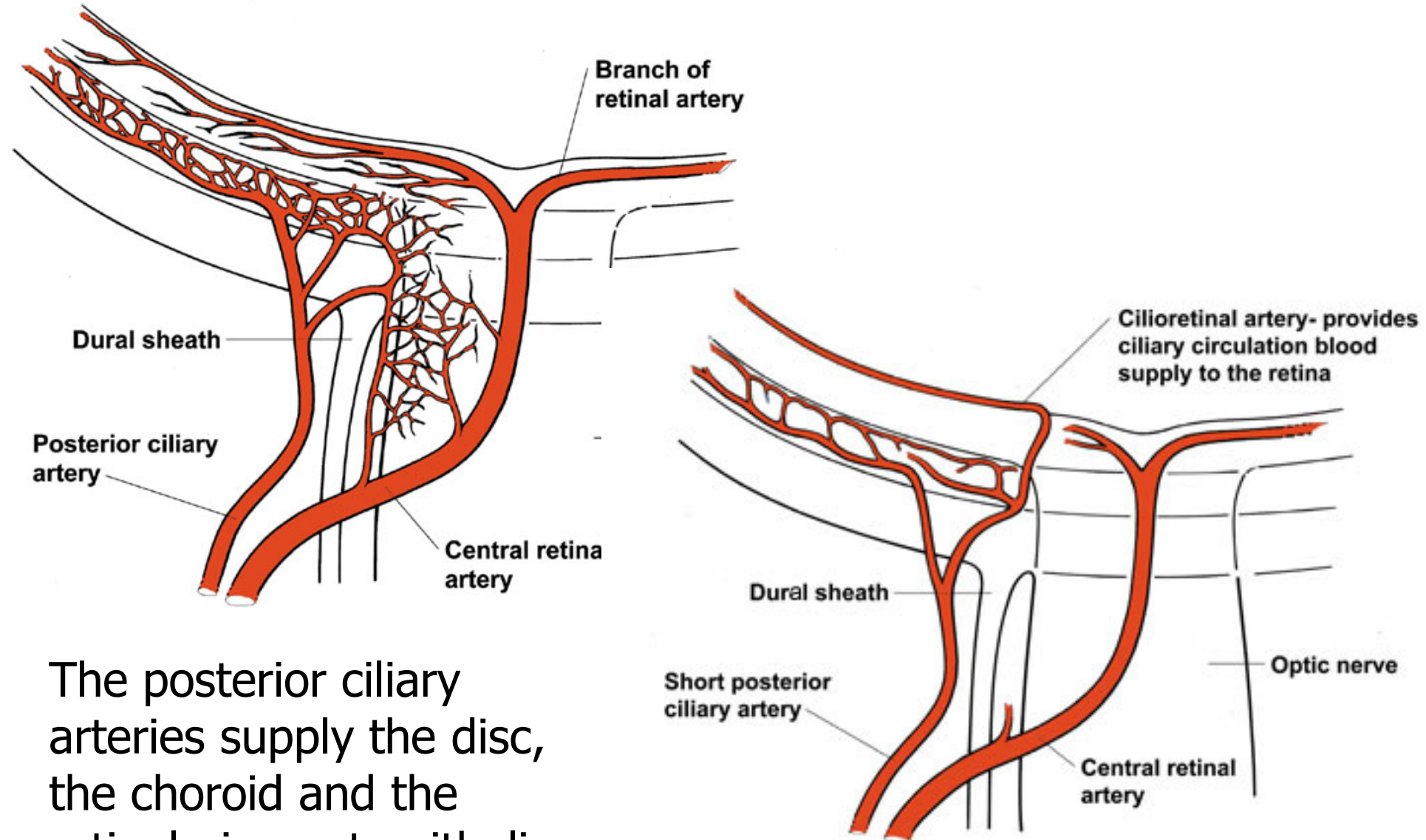
- Posterior Ciliary arteries
- Central retinal artery



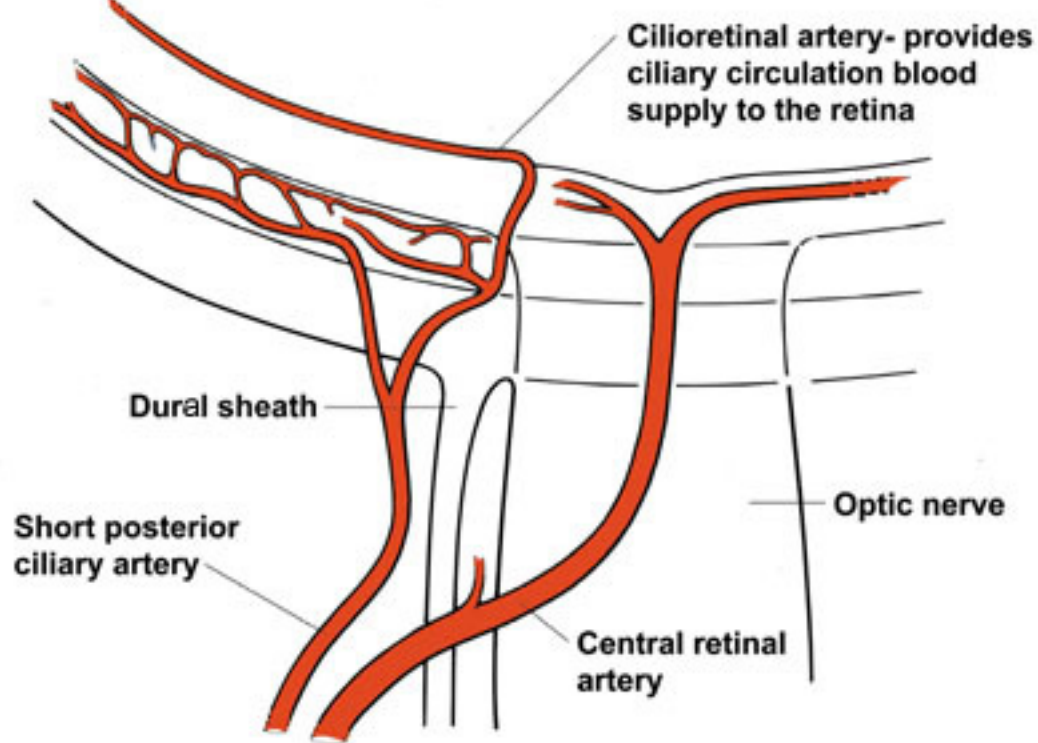
after S.S. Hayreh in
Vascular Disorders of the Optic Nerve
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BLOOD SUPPLY TO THE DISC

is from the posterior ciliary arteries

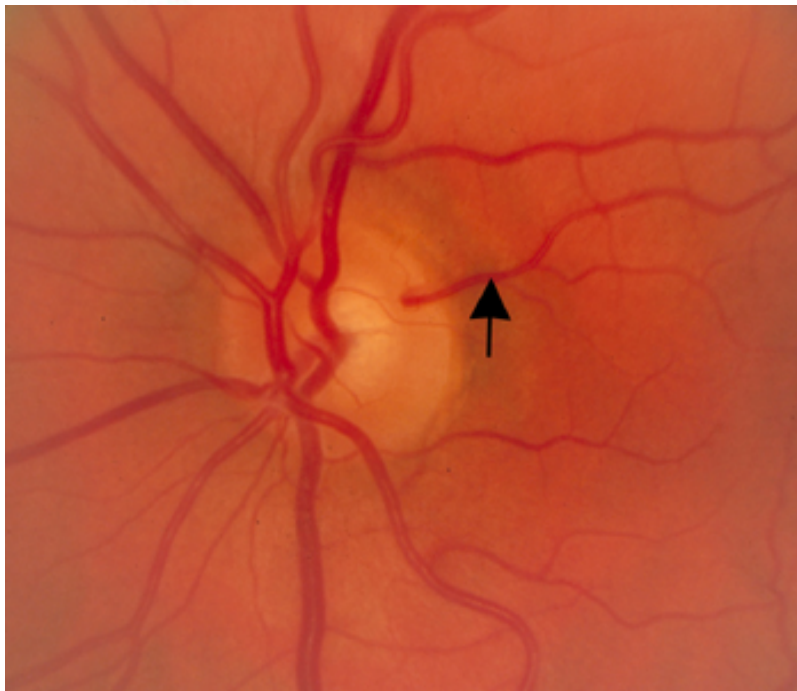


The posterior ciliary arteries supply the disc, the choroid and the retinal pigment epithelium

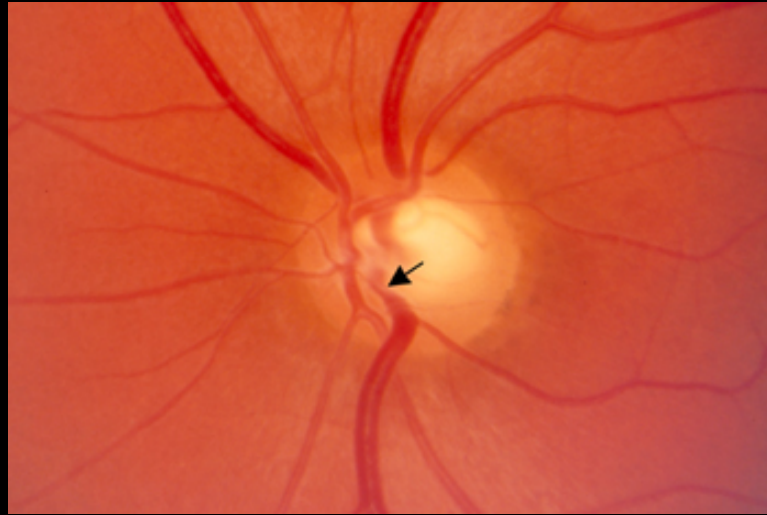


CILIORETINAL ARTERY

- Present in about 32% of people
- Enters separate from the CRA
- Isolated occlusion = Temporal arteritis
- Spared in CRAO



A TOUR OF THE FUNDUS AND VENOUS PULSATATIONS



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