

Module 2 Portfolio Assignment - Identifying a Digital and Virtual Health Solution: The *iCare HOME2 Tonometer* for Diagnosis and Remote Monitoring of Glaucoma

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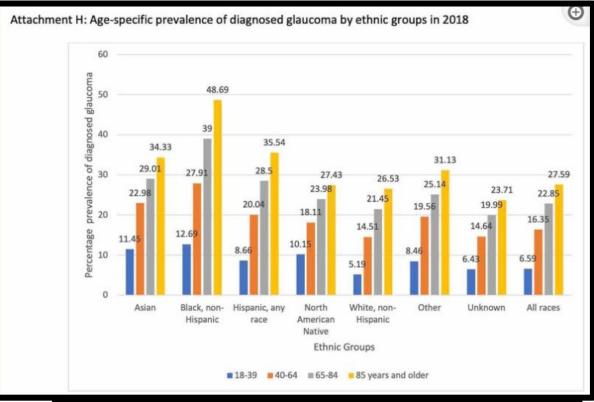
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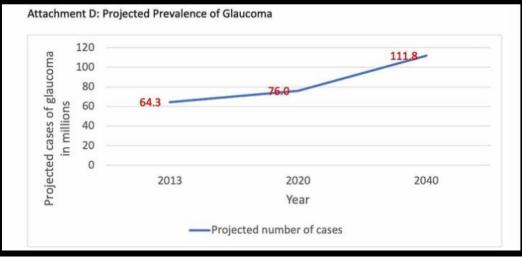
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## Glaucoma - Population Health + Health Equity

- #1 cause of irreversible blindness worldwide
- ► POAG 57.5 million worldwide (Allison et al, 2020)
- Effect 112 million people by 2040!!
- Health Inequity by Population
  - African American 5.6% -> 15%
  - Hispanic/Latino 4.7% -> 18%
  - Non-Hispanic WHITE- 1.7% -> 7%
  - Asian -> 5% (PACG)
  - Men 36% higher than Females
  - Diabetes Mellitus
  - Age 65+ years
  - Family History

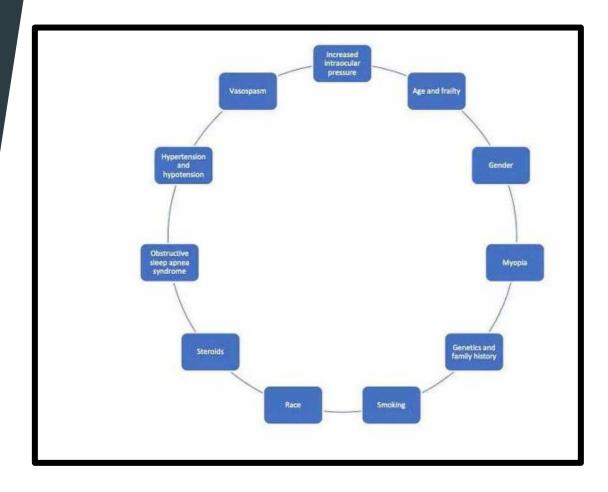




## Glaucoma - Economic Burden + Risk Factors

#### **Economic Burden of Glaucoma - USA**

- American economy: \$2.9 billion
- Treating/preventing glaucoma per year: \$5.8 billion
- Annual medical cost of glaucoma projection:
  - \$12 billion by 2032
  - \$17.3 billion by 2050

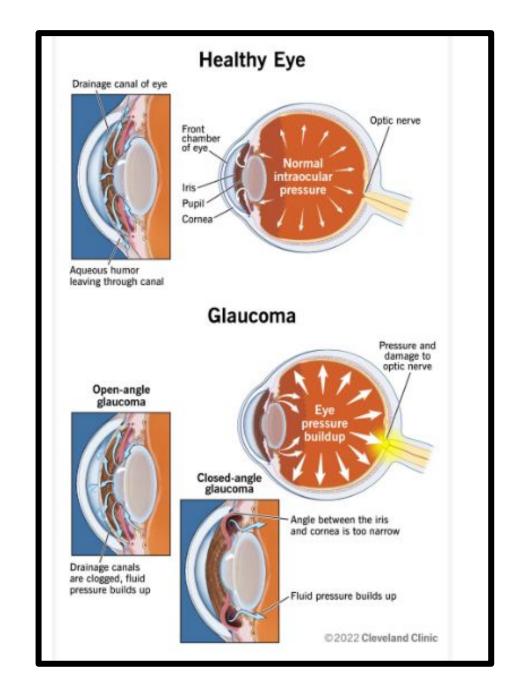


#### Glaucoma Risk Factors (Allison et al, 2020)

- How many of these are SDOH?
- How many of these already contribute to US healthcare economic burden?
- How many of these are preventable risk factors via digital health intervention?

# Glaucoma -Pathophysiology

- Anterior eye filled with a clear fluid (aqueous humor).
- Fluid is made behind the Iris and leaves through channels where the iris and cornea meet
  - "Anterior chamber angle" or "The Angle"
- Slowing or blocking aqueous humor flow => intraocular pressure



## Glaucoma - Pathophysiology

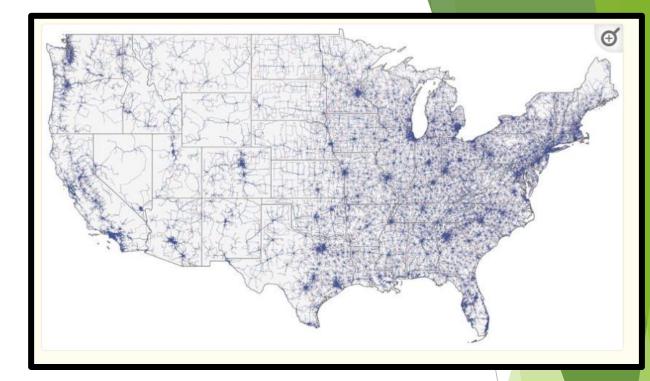
Open-Angle glaucoma	Angle-Closure glaucoma
Caused by inter ocular pressure	Caused by inter ocular pressure
Develops slowly	Develops quickly
Don't have noticeable symptoms	Noticeable Symptoms.

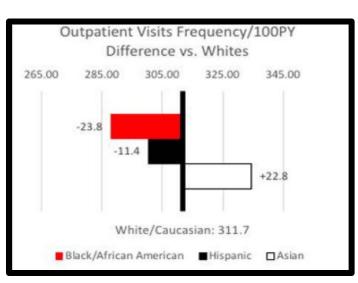
Shehryar et al. 2014

- Glaucoma Classification:
  - Primary (idiopathic)
    - Open-Angle (9 in 10 in USA!!!)
    - Angle Closure
    - Normal-Tension
    - Congenital
  - Secondary (known cause)
    - Neovascular
    - Pigmentary
    - Exfoliation
    - Uveitic

## Why did I choose this?

- "Teleglaucoma" has become common for diagnosis + monitoring IOP (Ertel et al, 2021)
- Why? Socioeconomics/SDOH/DDOH
  - Transportation/Geography
  - Number of Eye Specialists
  - Insurance
  - Education + Adherence
- Why? Racial Inequity
  - Black and Hispanics
    - Less outpatient eye exams
    - Less preventative screenings



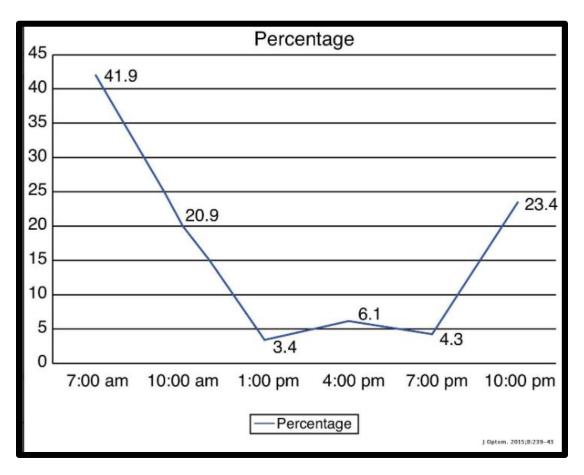


Source: Halawa et al, 2022

Source: Lee et al, 2016

# Tonometry for Diurnal Variations

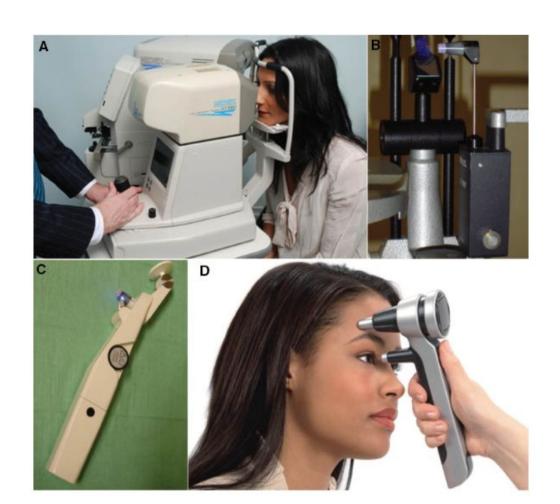
- ► IOP measures variation:
  - Circadian rhythms
  - Diurnal Variations
- Majority IOP spikes are outside of normal 8am-5pm clinic visits
- Patients evaluated every 3-4 months!!!
  - ► 50% of glaucoma is undiagnosed!



Source: Arora et al, 2015

## Tonometry - Issues

- Non-Contact Tonometer
- Goldmann applanation
- Perkins applanation
- iCare (early version)
  - "Rebound tonometer"



### iCare HOME2 - Overview



#### Position freedom in 200°

With iCare HOME2, measurements can be made in a supine, reclined or sitting position. Taking supine measurements at night and in the morning can provide a full picture of IOP fluctuations.



- 1. Multiple positions for use
- 2. Informs patient of correct eye position

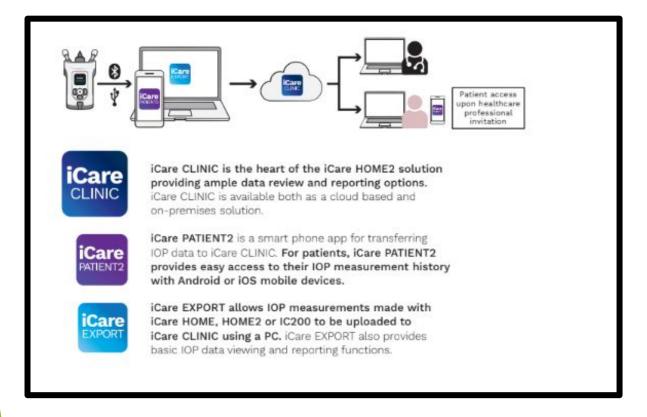
Source: iCare, 2023

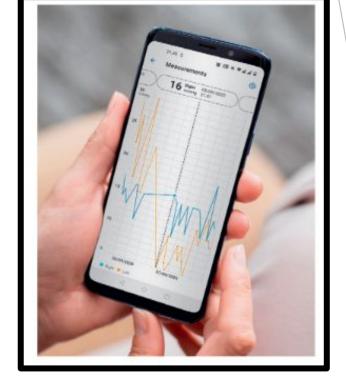


The smart light guide assists the patient in finding the correct measurement distance and alignment. The device screen and the sound notifications provide further assistance. The patient is guided to make a quality measurement every time.

Source: Digital Glaucoma, 2023

#### iCare HOME2 - Real-Time Data



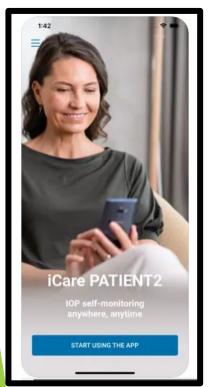


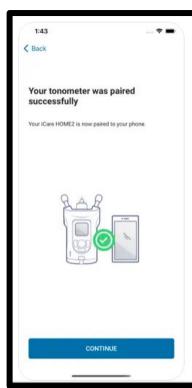
- iCare CLINIC (cloud or desktop)
- iCare PATIENT2 (mobile app)
- iCare EXPORT
- internet connection needed for all technical components!!!!

iCare PATIENT2 mobile app

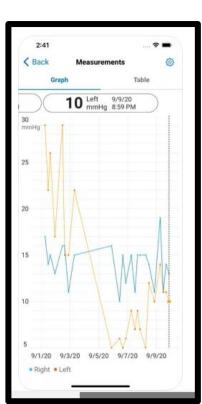
- Android compatible (v6+)
- iOS (iPhone) compatible (v12+)

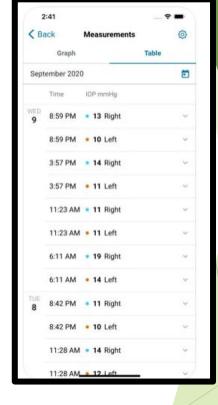
# iCare HOME2 - Mobile App User Interface

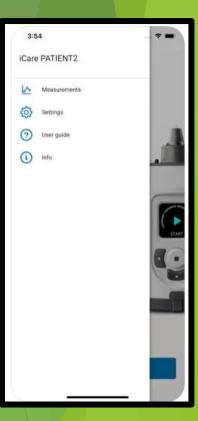












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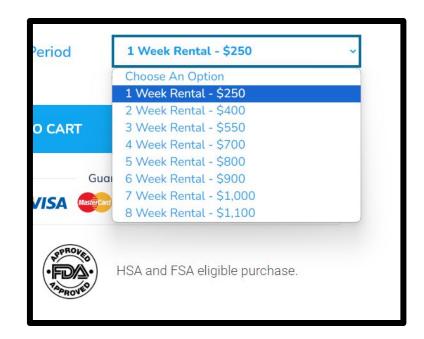
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#### **Positives**

- Easy to use
- Teach Remotely
- Real-time results -> mobile phone
- Health Equity Equalization
- Diagnosis + Precision Treatments
- Medication Adherence
- Population Reach
  - Rural
  - Urban
  - Socioeconomics
  - Racial Disparity

## Negatives

- Cost!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Socioeconomic bias?!
- Technical demands
  - Internet
  - Bluetooth
  - Mobile Phone
- ► FDA 501(k) clearance
  - More likely to recall?
  - Less likely to be approved by insurance?



Source: myeyes.net, 2023



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