



## **Would You SMILE After Refractive Nightmare?**

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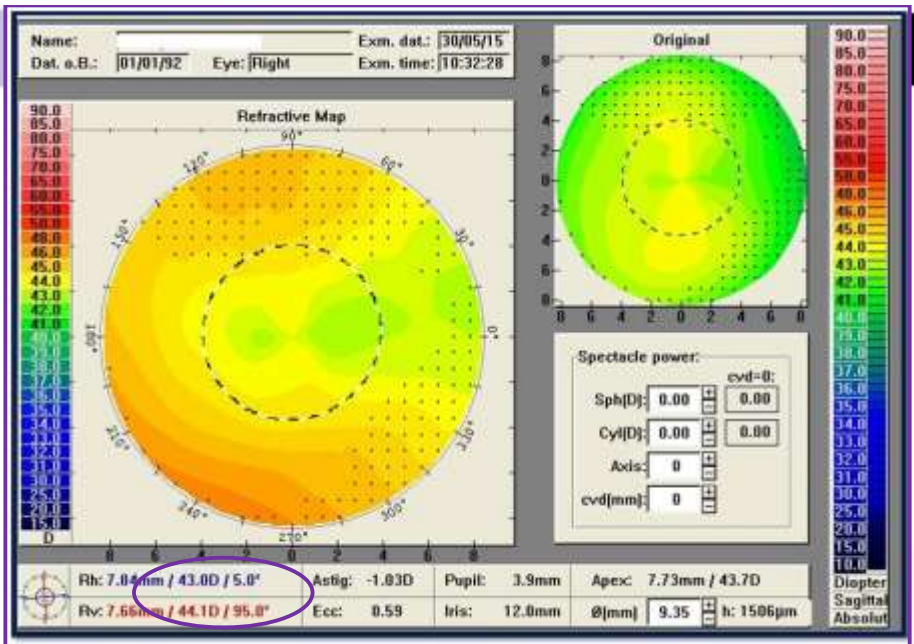
## Case Report

- 23 years old **medical student** female.
- Asking for refractive surgery.

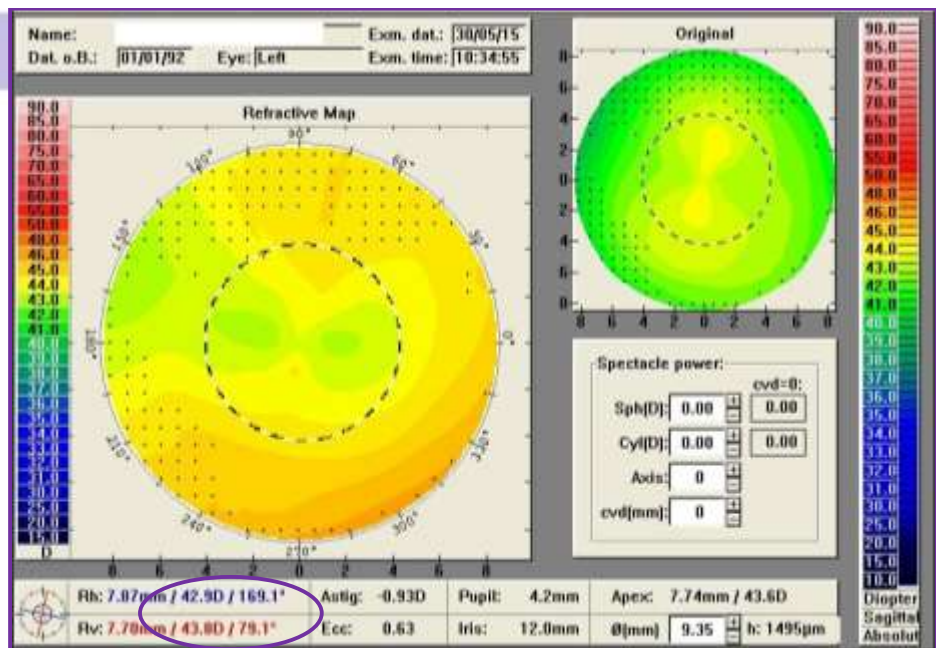
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|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| UCVA | 0.05              | 0.05              |
| MR   | -3.50 -0.50 @ 40. | -3.50 -0.25 @ 160 |
| BCVA | 1.0               | 1.0               |

- **Refraction** is the same as glasses.
- No ocular or systemic disease.
- **No history** of contact lens wear.
- Anterior segment >> **Normal**.
- Fundus >> **Normal** disc and vessels.
- IOP >> 16 mmHg.\*
- **Central corneal thickness**
  - ☐ OD >> 517  $\mu$
  - ☐ OS >> 512  $\mu$

\* Using Goldmann applanation tonometer at 2:00 pm with thickness compensation



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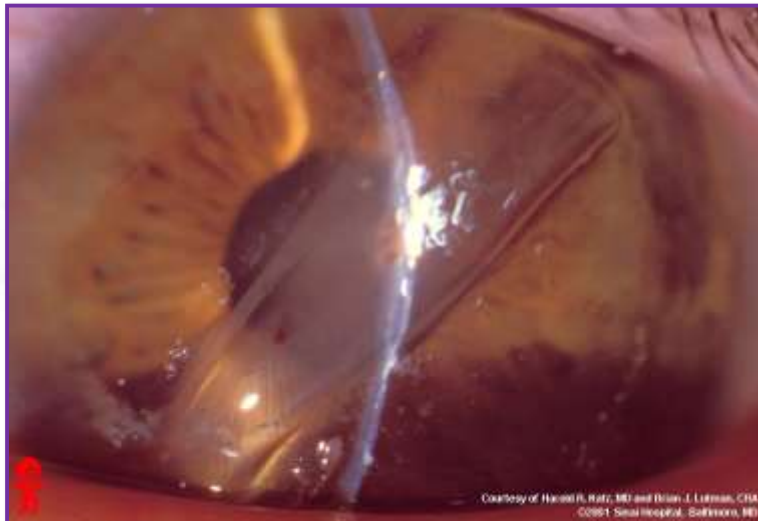
- Prior to surgery a **routine check** of the M2 Moria microkeratome was performed.
- **Oscillation was tested** after wetting the disposable blade.
- At the time of surgery, the **microkeratome was examined** under the microscope to exclude blade imperfections.
- Radial and para-radial corneal **marks** were made infero-temporally with gentian violet.



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- **A suction ring** of size “0” with a “8” stop was placed on the eye.



- After **adequate suction** the microkeratome assembly was positioned and **locked**.
- A few drops of BSS were placed inside the ring and the **microkeratome was activated**.
- On removing the suction ring microkeratome assembly, the flap was found **like that**



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## What is THIS!!!

- There is **thin, irregular, buttonholed** flap with epithelium covering large part of the bed.
- There is also **free cap** .. The flap comes out with the spatula.



What may be cause of this condition??!

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## LASIK Complications: Etiology, Management, and Prevention

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LASIK Complications: Etiology, Management, and Prevention Samir A. Melki, MD, PhD, and Dimitri T. Azar, MD

### I. Anatomic Complications A. THIN/IRREGULAR/BUTTONHOLED FLAP

The incidence of thin flaps after LASIK has been reported to vary between 0.3% and 0.75% in the three major studies.

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*Predisposing Factors to Thin/Irregular/Buttonholed Corneal Flaps in LASIK*

| Factor   | Possible mechanism                   |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Steep corneas  | Inadequate suction                   |
| Flat corneas   |                                      |
| Deep orbit, conjunctival displacement                                    | Fragmentation of corneal tissue      |
| Lack of synchronization between handpiece and oscillatory blade movement |                                      |
| Damaged blade  | Blade defect, inappropriate handling |

**inadequate suction**

So suction must be checked all through the procedure of flap creation



## MICROKERATOME-RELATED COMPLICATIONS \*

Optometrists working within clinics and examining patients soon after treatment may see the following complications. It is unlikely that they will be required to manage the complication as a surgeon is usually in attendance.

### *Failed flap*

There are several possible causes of a failed flap: incomplete suction, the patient squeezing their eyes together and displacing the microkeratome, malfunction of the microkeratome, or an epithelium that has a tendency to be loose. Fortunately, such incidences are rare with one study quoting all flap complications to be 2.19%<sup>4</sup>

**Symptoms** When a flap failure occurs, treatment is aborted and the failed flap is left to heal. Apart from the vision, the eye will feel no different to the eye that has had successful treatment. In some cases, if abrasion has occurred, there may be some foreign body sensation.

- \* LASIK a handbook for optometrics



- And that was what I had done.
- I returned the flap back, tried as much as I can to centralize it to its original position. And **aborted the treatment** for that eye.

That will be the current status

- I have to wait and see





- While following the patient, waiting for healing. One month later the cornea is seen like that



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ORIGINAL PAPER

**Intraoperative and early postoperative flap-related complications of laser in situ keratomileusis using two types of Moria microkeratomes**

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of ingrowth in the fellow eye [15]. Epithelial ingrowth was observed in three (0.37 %) eyes of two patients. In various studies, the incidence of epithelial ingrowth

various studies, the incidence of epithelial ingrowth after LASIK was reported to be 0.8–10.15–16.29%. We performed re-lifting and scraping procedure in one eye, and no loss of BSCVA was lost. No progression

was noted. The overall incidence of complications in both eyes were similar. Although no statistical difference was found for microkeratomes-related flap complications between the Moria M2 single-use 90 and the

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- **I did not lift the flap** .. That is because the flap is thin , irregular. Lifting it may be associated with difficulty in returning it to its original place.
- Steroid treatment with lubricants and follow up was the decision.
- But one month later the patient developed **partial melting** of the flap with **scarring** of the other parts.

What to do now ??!

I performed PTK “100  $\mu$ ” for removal of the superficial corneal scar.



**Before**

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| Right eye | 17/25 | Segment: 179° - 359° |  |
|           | 18/25 | Segment: 180° - 0°   |  |
|           | 19/25 | Segment: 194° - 14°  |  |
|           | 20/25 | Segment: 202° - 22°  |  |
|           | 21/25 | Segment: 209° - 29°  |  |

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**One month Later**

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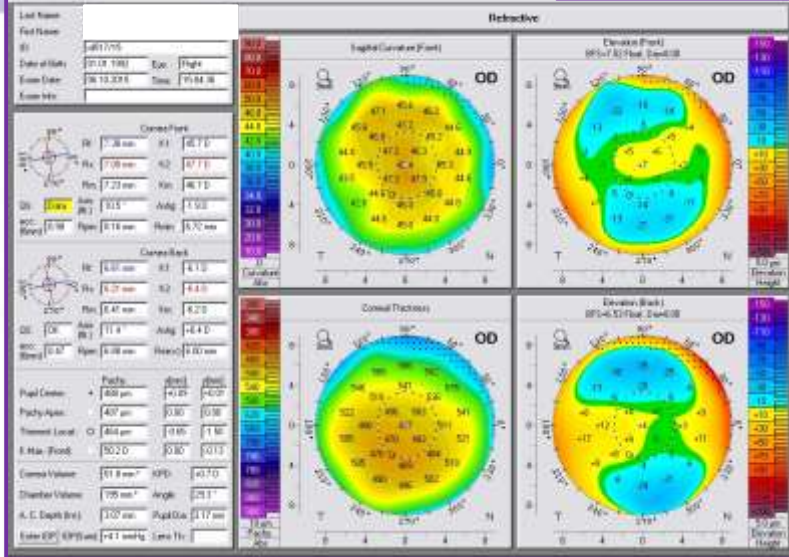
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One month later



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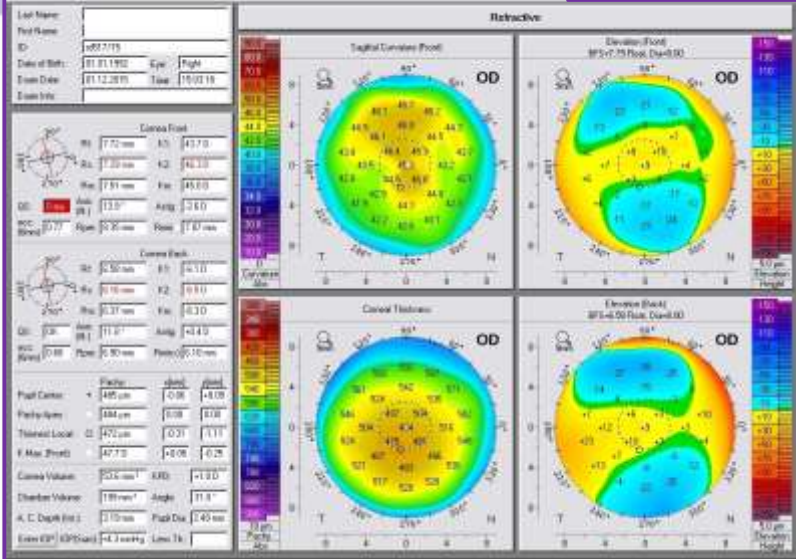
Three months later



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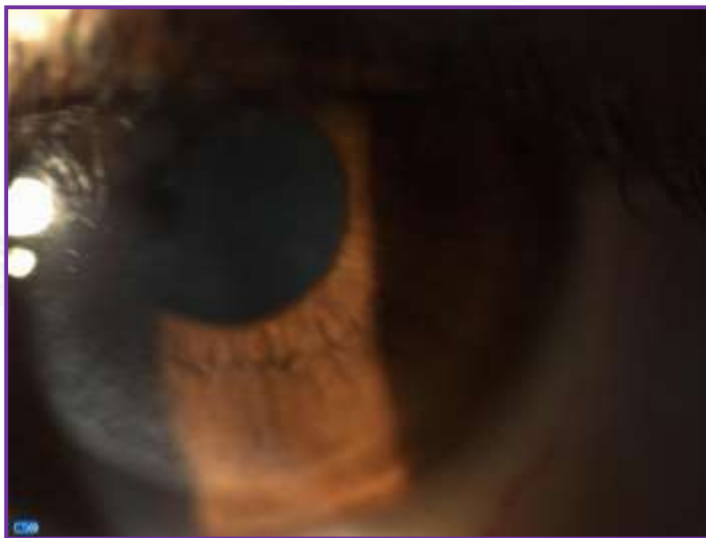


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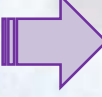
## Would you smile right now??!!

### Not Yet

- The patient developed circumferential scar.
- With intense steroid treatment the scar decreased significantly.
- The cornea becomes like that



## With follow up

- The scar decreased but the patient complain of some sort of ocular pain and headache.
- Measuring the IOP 
  - OD .. 35 mm Hg \*
  - OS .. 13 mm Hg \*

\* Using Goldmann tonometer at 2:00 pm with thickness compensation



## The smile was delayed again

- The patient is steroid responder.
- But fortunately **NO** evidence of optic cupping.



- Use of **antiglaucoma medications**
- Rapid downgrade of **steroids**.
- Use of **NSAIDs**.
- Continue with **lubricants & ascorbic acid**.
- **Follow up** of IOP, inflammatory signs & corneal scar.

**IOP returns to normal values**

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### **3 Months later:**

- IOP is normal.
- Cornea in more or less clear.
- Refraction is stable:

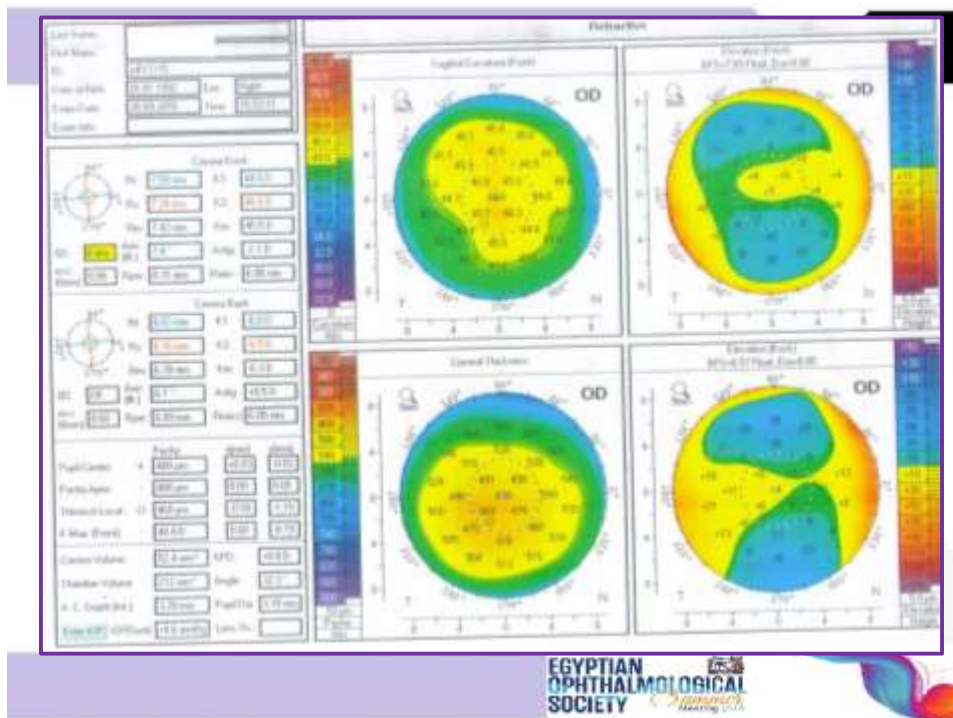
sph -5.50 cyl -2.0 @ 180.

- BCVA .. 0.9.
- Pentacam



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## How to correct that error??!!

- We have 4 options:
  1. Contact Lens.
  2. PTK-PRK with under -correction.
  3. Femto-SMILE.
  4. Lenticular surgery "RLE or Phakic IOL"



The patient was counseled about all options, risks and potential hazards and asked to decide.

# The Decision was

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## Corneal surgery – SMILE

OD | OS

### Diagnostic data

Cornea vertex distance [mm]: 12.00

#### Manifest

Sphere [D]: -6.00  
Cylinder [D]: -2.00  
Axis [°]: 7

Corneal radius [mm]: 7.42  
Mean K-reading [D]: 45.49  
Pachymetry [µm]: 468



### Treatment data

Treatment pack size: S  
Suction time [hh:mm:ss]: 00:00:40

Nomogram info  
**Refraction, Version 2.2.**

#### Cap data

Diameter [mm]: 7.50  
Thickness [µm]: 100  
Side cut angle [°]: 70  
Incision position [°]: 120  
Incision angle [°]: 38  
Incision width [mm]: 2.50

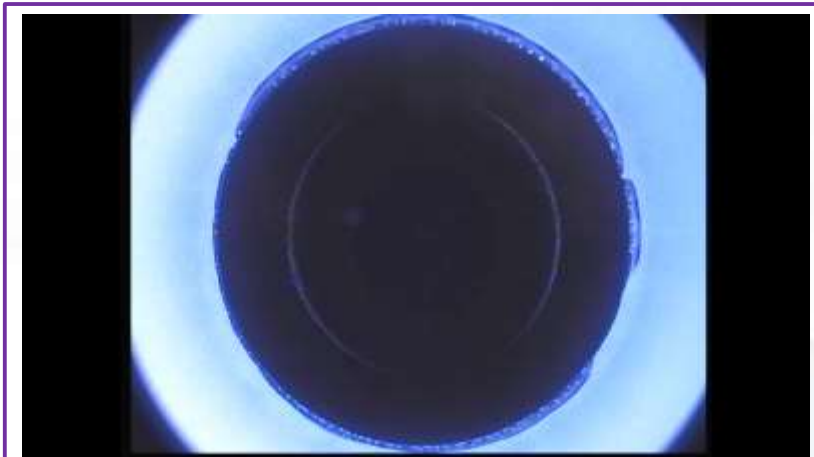
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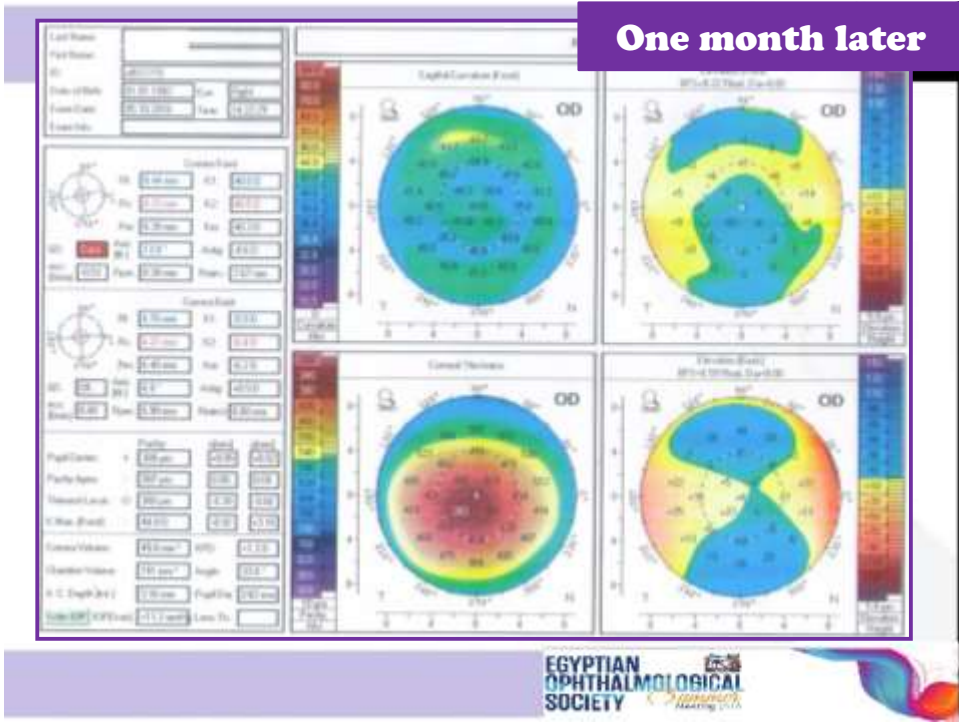
Optical zone [mm]: 5.80  
Transition zone [mm]: 0.10  
Minimum thickness [µm]: 1  
Side cut angle [°]: 130

#### Refractive correction

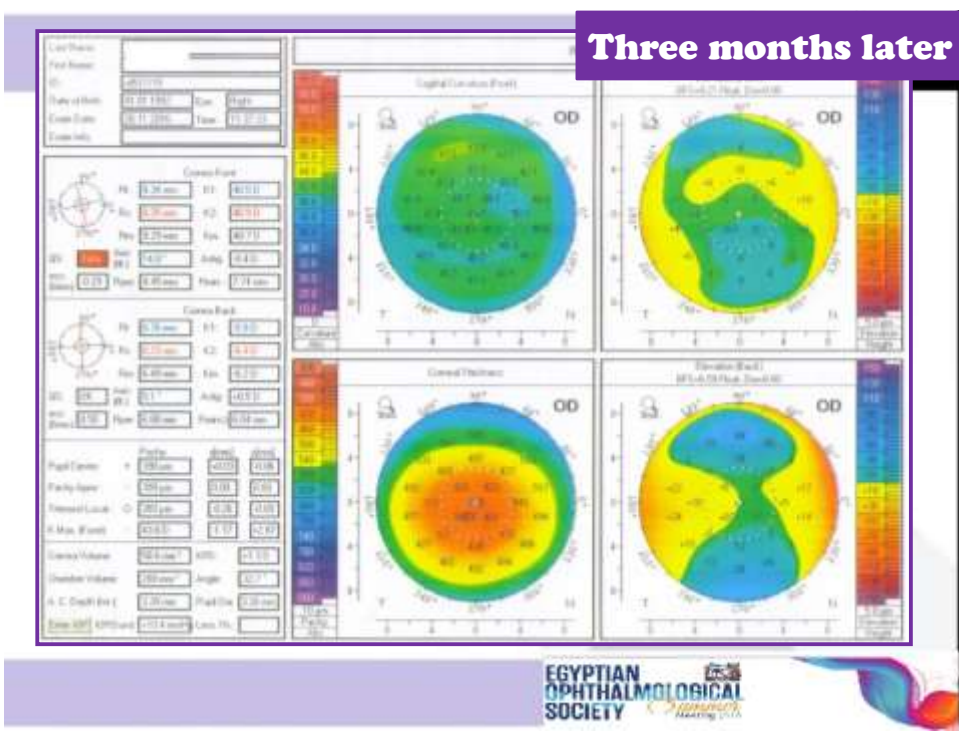
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Axis [°]: 7

## Femto-SMILE Procedure





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## You can smile right now

- UCVA: 1.0 “OU”
- Cornea in more or less clear.
- Refraction is insignificant.



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## Take home messages

- In case of complications, you must revise your steps and search for any mistakes & take care of it thereafter.
- At the time of surgery, the microkeratome must be examined under the microscope to exclude blade imperfections.
- Suction must be checked all through the procedure of flap creation
- IOP must be followed and disc must be routinely examined in any patient on steroid treatment.

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