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UBM (Ultrasound biomicroscopy)

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UBM

- UBM is a useful non-invasive tool for evaluating the anatomy of the anterior segment, as well as associated pathologies, like angle closure glaucoma, ciliary body cysts, neoplasms, and angle trauma.
- It was first introduced in the early 1990's by Foster and Pavlin to obtain cross-sections of the eye at microscopic resolution

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UBM uses a much higher frequency transducer (35-100 MHz) Compared to regular ultrasound modalities such as A-scan or B scan (10 MHz),).

This results in resolutions up to 20um axially and 50um laterally, and depth of tissue penetration is 4-5mm



Structures visualized with UBM

Cornea Iris Anterior chamber angle Scleral spur Ciliary body Posterior chamber Anterior chamber Lens Conjunctiva





Advantage

- Visualization of strucures posterior to the cornea even if opaque
- Posterior to iris pigment epithelium
- Posterior chamber
- · lens and lens zonules
- Ciliary body
- Ciliary processes
- Anterior vitreous

limitation

- UBM can't visualize structures deeper more that 4 mm from the surface.
- UBM may have a narrower field
- UBM can't be performed in presence of an open corneal or scleral wound.

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Lower axial resolution Higher axial resolution
Slower acquisition time Faster acquisition time
Smaller field of view Wider field of view

- 1-The Cornea (4 layers) :
- The **epithelium** is a thin, relatively

bright (sono-reflective) layer

- The Bowman's membrane is seen as a highly reflective, very oright line
- The stroma shows homogeneous low-amplitude reflectivity
- The endothelium and the Descemet's membrane : dense highly reflective line.



- 2- The scleral spur:
- At the junction between the line separating the highly reflective sclera, and the lower reflective ciliary body, and the end of the Descment membrane

3-The corneo-scleral

junction

Is differentiated because

of the lower internal

reflectivity of the cornea

compared to the sclera.

4-The anterior chamber : Low reflective (sonoluscent area), depth measurement



- **5-The zonules** : a medium reflective line extending from the ciliary processes to the lens surface.
- 6-The ciliary body can be clearly defined by UBM from the ciliary processes to the pars plana
- 7-The ciliary processes : series of fingerlike projections



7-The posterior chamber : space between the anterior vitreous face and the posterior surface of the iris

8-The peripheral retina and pars plana : retina is thin and imaged as a single line that cannot be differentiated from the retinal pigment epithelium unless detached.



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Quantitative studies

- 1) Angle measurements
- 2) Distance

Qualitative analysis

1) Pathophysiology of anterior segment disorders
2) Mechanism of appositional angle closure



UBM measures several angle parameters: (Quantitative studies) • The trabecular iris angle • AC angle • Iris-lens angle • Iris ciliary process distance • Iris ciliary process distance • Iris contact distance • Iris zonular distance • AC depth







Case of narrow angle glaucoma Pre and Post operative

Pupillary block

Pigment dispersion syndrome

Post glaucoma surgery (bleb examination)

Malignant Glaucoma

