



Refraction - We Bend Light

- 1. Refraction the process of bending light.
- 2. The process of measuring the refractive state of the eye.

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Human Eye Ciliary Body Ciliary Body Ciliary Muscle Cornea Vitreous Body Choroid Fovea Dural Sheath Cornea Crystalline Crystalline Lens Medial Rectus Copyright 2020-2024, Phernell Walker, MBA, ABOM, LDO

• The eye can accommodate for near

• Emmetropia eye needs no corrective

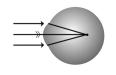
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	Astigmatism
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Crystalline lens:	
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• Axial length: 24 mm	
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correct	
 Axial Length 	
• Light from 20ft. Is focu	used on the retina

Myopia

- Nearsighted
- Eyeball is too long
- Distance lens and fovea is too great
- Light comes to a focus in the vitreous humor
- Sometimes the crystalline lens does not need to accommodate for near vision
- A minus (diverging) lens is use to correct



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Myopic VA Approximation

Myopia Distance Acuity

-1.00D 20/80 -2.00D 20/200 -3.00D 20/400

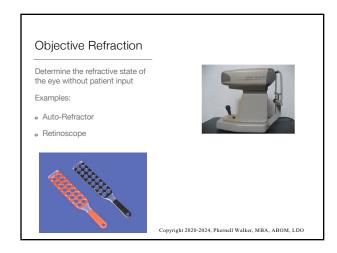
-4.00D less than 20/400

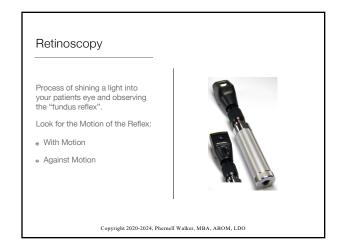
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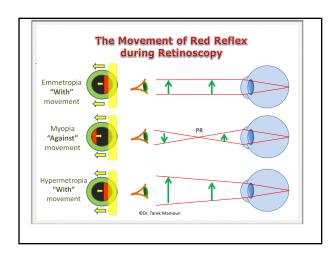
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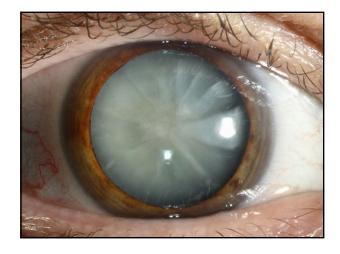
- Farsightedness
- Eyeball's axial length is too short
- Light from distance may or may not focus on the retina
- Light from closer source focuses behind the retina
- A plus (converging) lens is used to correct
 Farsightedness







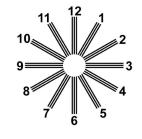




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Refractive condition whereby light does not focus on the retina.

Instead two line foci are created 090 degrees apart.



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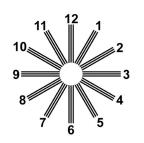
Clock Dial Method

- 1. Fog Patient (Plus Power) to ~ 20/40
- 2. Which lines are clearest?
- 3. Equally in Focus = 0 Astigmatism
- 4. Not equally in focus = Astigmatism
- 5. Multiply the lower number x 30 to determine the axis

Example:

If 3 & 9 are clear: $3 \times 30 = 090$

Answer: Axis = 090



Jackson Cross Cylinder (JCC)

- Jackson Cross Cylinder is a combination of two cylinders (minus & plus power) 090 degrees apart
- JCC Power = +/- 0.25 or -/+0.50
- Red Dots = Minus Power
- White Dots = Plus Power



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Presbyopia

- This is a condition, not a refractive error
- Crystalline lens loses natural ability to focus
- Ciliary loses its elasticity, ability to accommodate
- Accommodation lessens with age
- Multifocal's such as Bifocals, trifocals, progressive, SV near are used to correct

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Astigmatism

- The most common refractive error of all
- The cornea is aspherical in the in the central zone
- Light has different focal points in different meridians creating a line focus
- Meridians are usually 90 degrees apart
- Almost 2/3 of the population has astigmatism
- Spherocylindrical lenses are used correct

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Myopia & Near Point	
The eye has no need to accommodate, and does not converge	
This is not necessarily a good thing!	
The myope has a tendency to <u>under</u> accommodate and <u>under</u> converge.	
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Uncorrected Myopia]
 Force eyes to converge at near Alternate vision Eyes turn outward 	
Don't use one eye Myopes typically lean towards exophoria	
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Hyperopic Children	
The young hyperopic child can accommodate at near.	
In fact, they over accommodate, and over converge and typically have esophoria.	
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Uncorrected Hyperop

- Ignore one image, develop lazy eye
- Diplopia
- Asthenopia
- Alternate vision
- Eyes can become crossed-eyed
- Typically have esophoria

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Refraction Methods

- Habitual Rx (WRx)
- Auto-Refractor (AR)
- Manifest Rx (MRx)
- Cycloplegic (CRx) (aka Wet)
- Final Rx (Rx)

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Subjective Refraction

Subjective refraction is used after the initial objective refraction (used to determine a starting point or for non-communicative patients).

Basic Order:

- 1. Find Spherical Power
- 2. Determine Cylinder Axis & Power
- 3. Refine the Sphere
- 4. Binocular Balancing (Dissociated Prism or Duochrome)

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Lighting Conditions

Indirect lighting should be used when performing a refraction.

Total darkness, nor bright light should be used. Light with a dimmer switch works best.

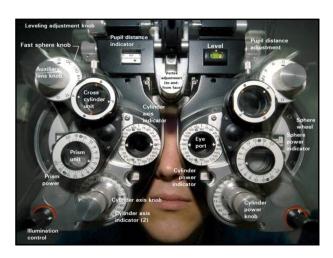


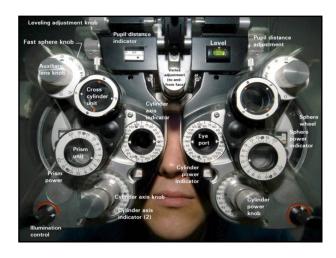
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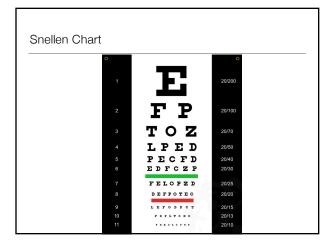
Phoropter

The phoropter is an instrument used to: determine the refractive state of the eye, measures amount of deviation of the eyes with the use of prisms needed to neutralize the imbalance.

It contains many plus, minus, cylindrical and prism lenses secured in a "lens bank".







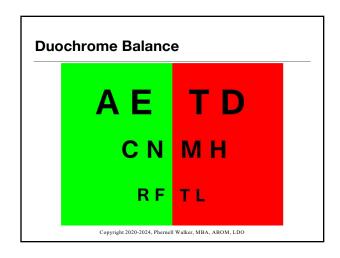
18 Step Refractive Sequence

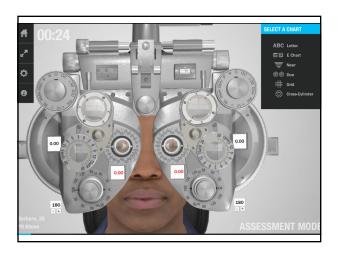
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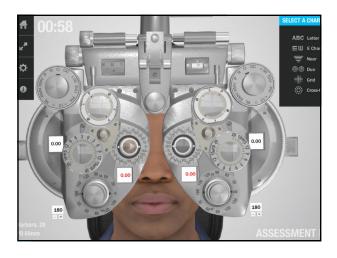
 Check for patient's ability to read 20/30 or more (use starting point: AR, HBx, or Ret)
 Once 20/30 visual acuity is achieved, show only ½ the 20/30 line
 Add plus power (blur patient) to relax accommodation, until they tell you to stop
 Dial 3 clicks or +0.75 D (4 clicks if using 20/40 line)
 Refine the sphere power (which is better 1 or 2)

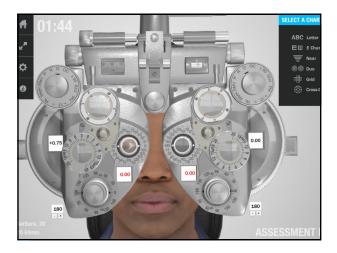
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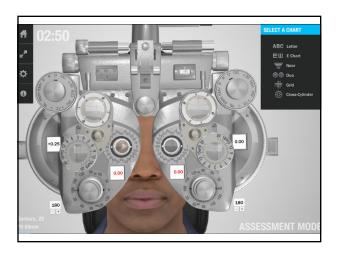
- 6. Refine the sphere power (which is better 1 or 2)
 7. Check for cylinder in the 0, 045, 90, 135 and 180th meridian
 8. Example: Which is better #1 Plano or #2 which is -0.50 D
 9. If cylinder exist, place JCC in front of the eye using -0.50 D
 10. Refine the axis of the cylinder (follow the red dots) minus power
 11. Remove JCC, then Duochrome (red green) at 20/30 line
 12. Occlude OD, open OS show other ½ of 20/30 line
 13. Repeat the (1-12) sequence for OS eye
 14. Fog patient (dial down 4 clicks +0.75 D), then open the OD
 15. Binocular balance (vertical prism: Better top or bottom?) or Duochrome
 16. Remove fog (dial up 4 clicks -0.75 D), then remove the prism
 17. Duochrome test OU (R.A.M. or G.A.P.)
 18. Red Add Minus or Green Add Plus until equally clear

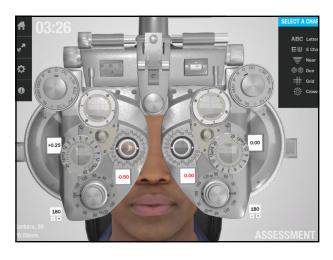


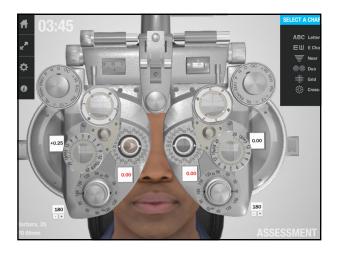


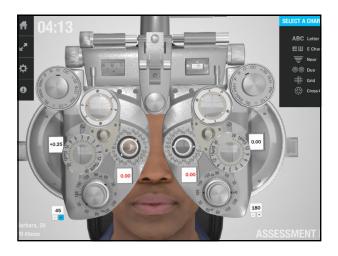


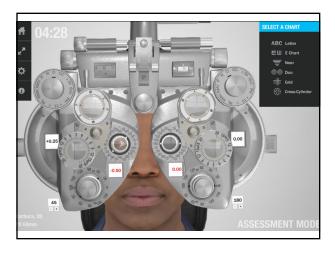


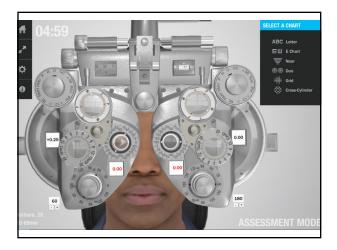


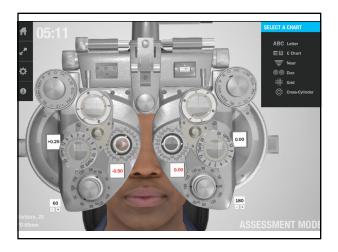


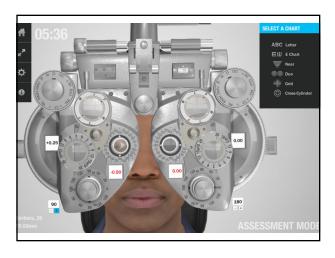


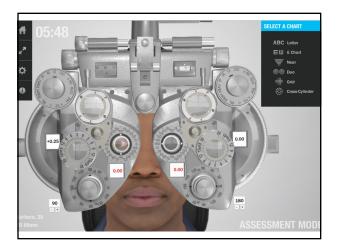


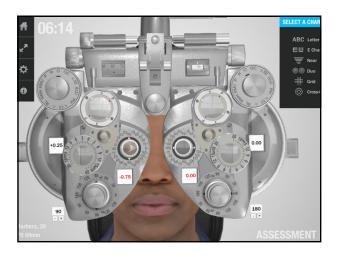


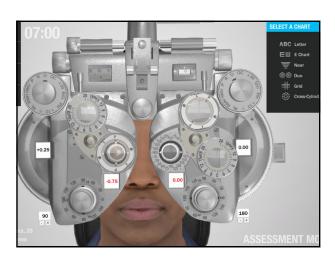


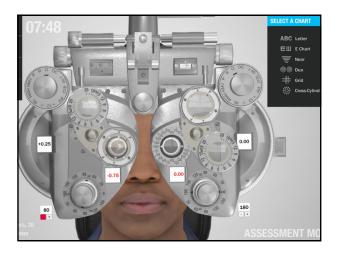


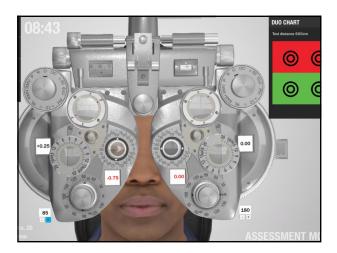












Beware

Pseudomyopia:

Condition of on-going spasm of accommodation. A hyperope or emmetrope becomes falsely myopic.

Correction:

Requires plus lenses

Prism Base In – to relieve convergence from the work of overcoming excessive exophoria & relieve acc/ conv. Function

Visual Training

bbΑ	Power

- An add or additional plus power is typically prescribed for presbyopes.
- This can be measured with a reading rod or estimated by age.

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Average Add Power

Age	Myopia	Emmetrope	Hyperope	(low- high)
34 - 38	X	X	X	+0.75
39-40	X	+1.00	+0.75	+1.25
44-48	+1.00	+1.25	+1.25	+1.75
49-55	+1.50	+1.75	+1.75	+2.25
56-62	+1.75	+2.00	+2.25	+2.50
63	+2.25	+2.50	+2.50	+2.50

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Refraction Goal

The goal of a refraction is too provide the patient with the clearest perceived vision as possible!

Prescribe the most plus power possible for hyperopes and the least minus power to myopes.