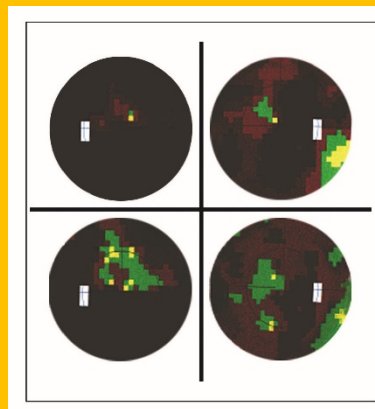


# **Therapies of Non-AION (ocular stroke) based on etiology specific etiopathomechanism**

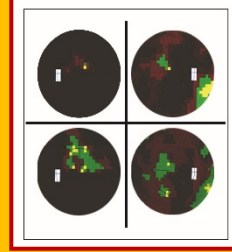
*What kind of therapy is suggested ?  
Which specialist should treat these patients ?*



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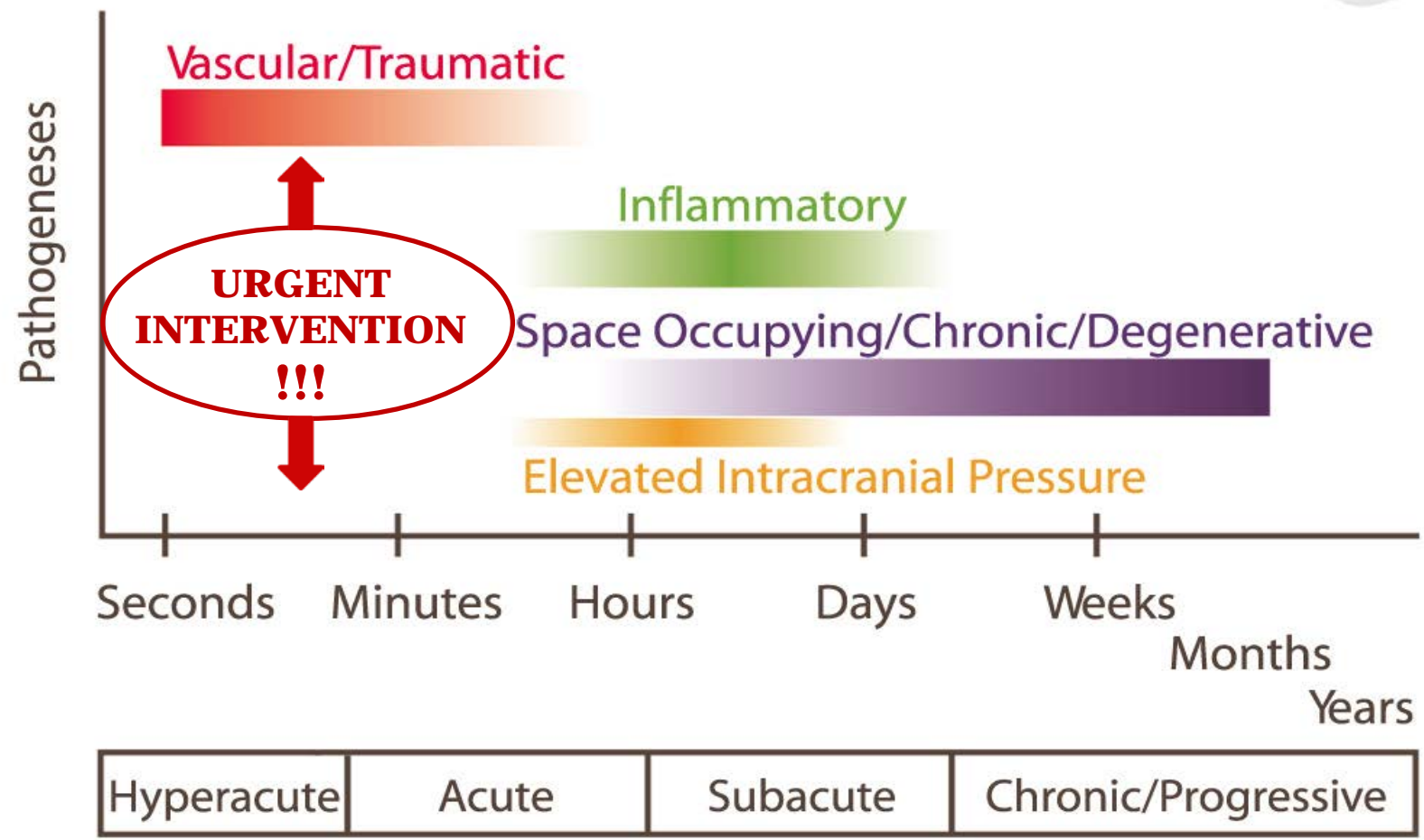


# What is the importance of

- early recognition
- &
- systemic therapy

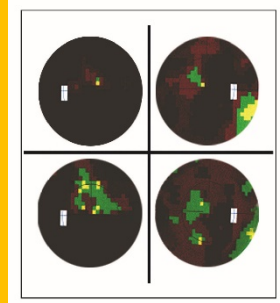
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## Onset of vision loss

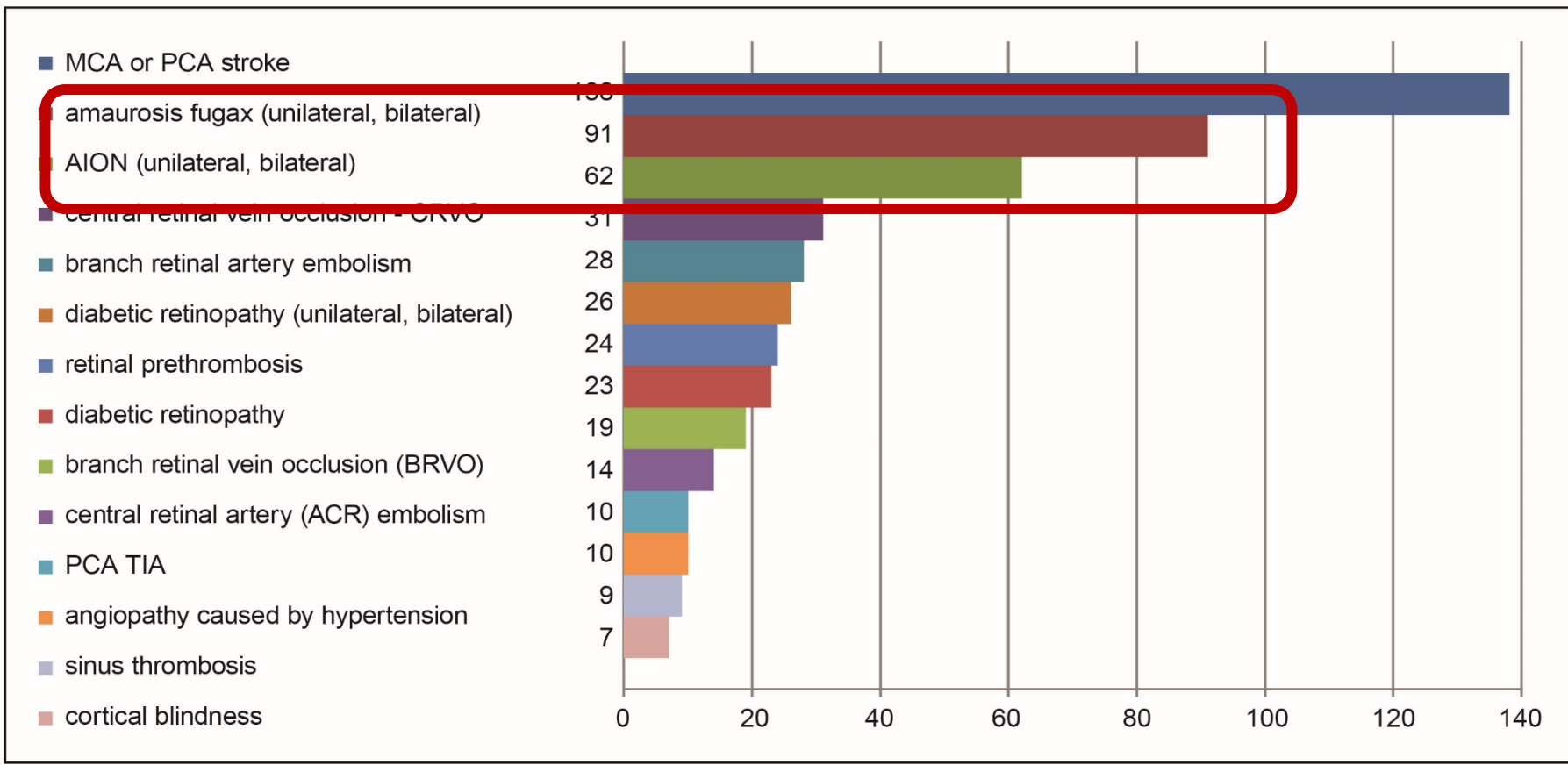


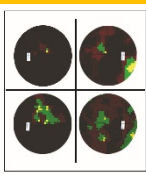
# Ocular symptoms of retinal & papillar vascular disorders

– patient groups (on the basis of data about 514 pts)



## OCULAR SYMPTOMS – OCULAR STROKE

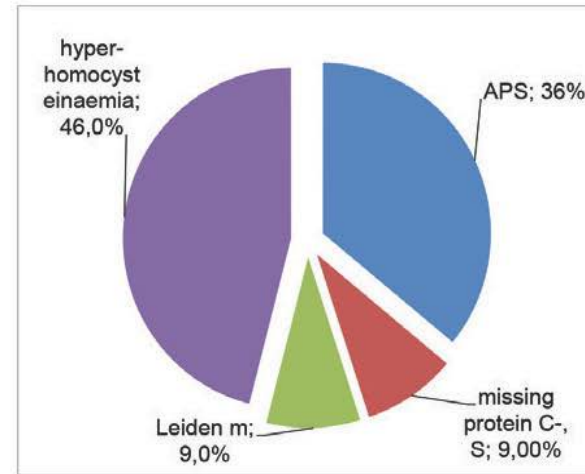
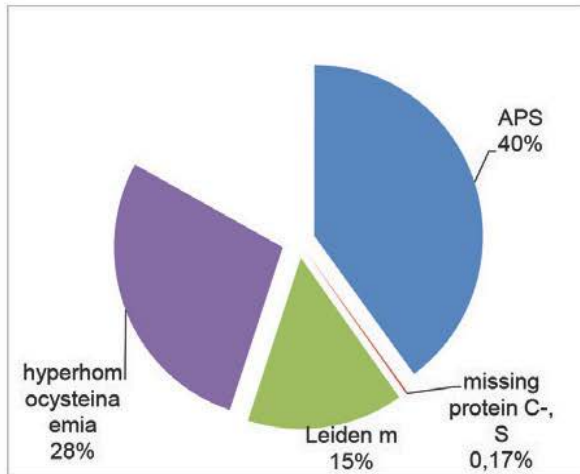
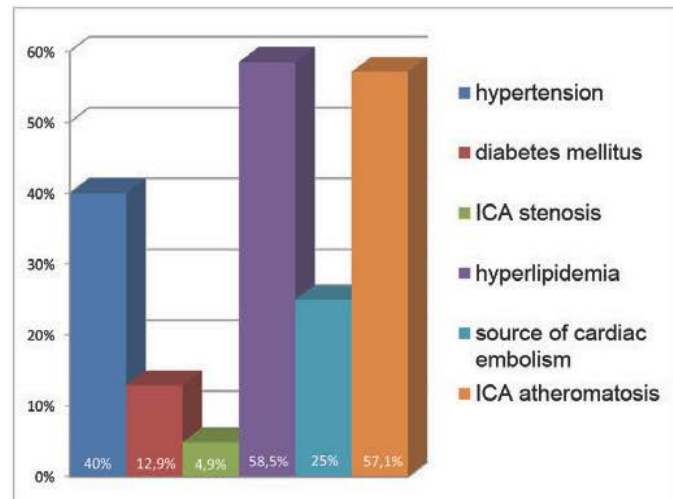
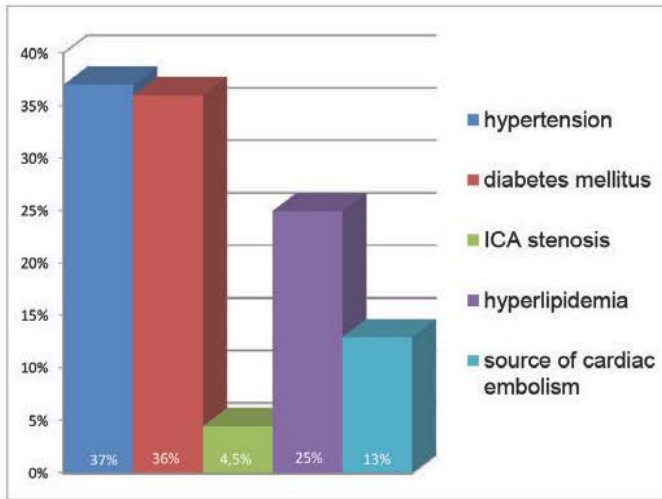




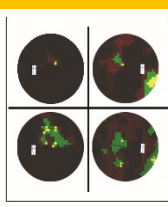
# Rates of predisposing factors (RF) & background diseases

## STROKE

## OCULARIS STROKE



# Etiology specific - antithrombotic Systemic treatment of NA-AION RECOMMENDATION



## ETIOLOGY - THROMBO-EMBOLISM

### cholesterol embolism

- *ICA atherosclerosis*
- *atherogenic plaque rupture/of soft plaque*

### fibrin embolism

- *cardiac (AF, valve insufficiency)*

### increased platelets aggregation

- *thrombophylia*

### the fellow eye can also be affected

- *pseudoFoster-Kennedy syndrome*

### Prevention

- *of amaurosis*
- *repairing of microcirculation*
- *of thromboembolism*

## SYSTEMIC TREATMENT – RECOMMENDATION

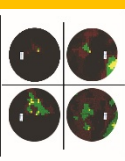
### ANTIPLATELET (ANTIAGGREGANT) THERAPIES

### ANTICOAGULANT THERAPY

### COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY

- *glucose-, lipid metabolism disorders -*
- *anti-hypertension -*
- *hemodilution therapy*
- *neuroprotection-*
- *vasodilatation therapy*

# Recommendations of systemic treatment of thromboembolic disorders



- **Anticoagulant therapies** (isolated-, with antiaggregant)
  - **Thrombocyte aggregation inhibitor treatment**
    - **Thrombolysis**
- **Complementary therapy**

## Hungarian Stroke Society

HSS - website:

**Stroke guideline, 2008. (European)**

**The protocol of the Cerebrovascular Diseases. 2007.**

**AHA&ASA guidelines -2013., 2014.**

## Hungarian Thrombosis and Haemostasis Society

**The prevention and treatments of thromboembolism  
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## Hungarian Society of Cardiology

**European recommendation of the treatment  
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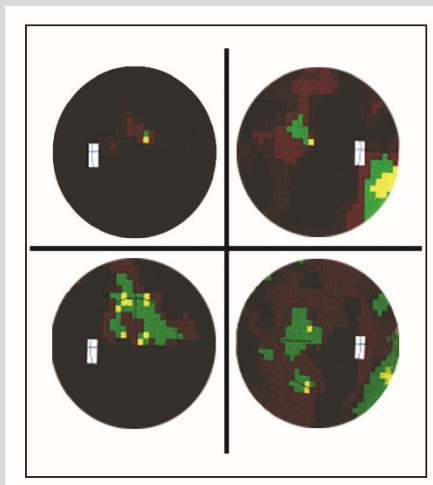
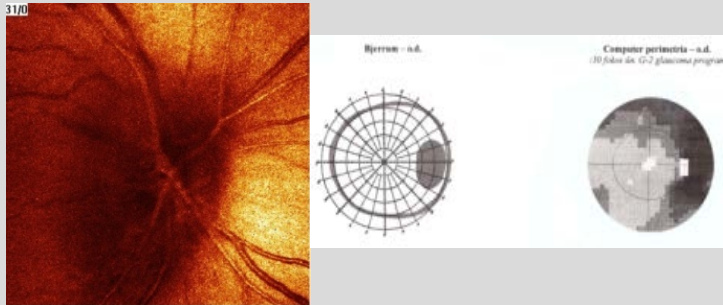
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# Recommendations for the systemic therapy of OCULAR STROKE

(based on the recommendations of EUSI-, AHA  
and the Hungarian Stroke Society)



## RECOMMENDATIONS for the systemic therapy of OCULAR STROKE (based on the recommendations of EUSI-, AHA and the Hungarian Stroke Society)

### Anticoagulant treatment

#### **Non arteritic anterior ischemic opticopathy (NA- AION)**

- monocular NA- AION in acute phase:
- NA AION in pts history with known etiology
- pseudoFoster-Kennedy syndrome: bilateral NA AION with time lag

#### **Cardiological source of embolism+ OCULAR symptoms**

- ocular stroke and its source was 25% of our cases

#### **ICA -, vertebral artery dissection+ OCULAR symptoms**

- in cases of dissection of large vessels absolutely

#### **Thrombophilia+ OCULAR symptoms**

- Leiden-mutation (1.4%), protein C and S deficiency (1.4%)  
enzyme defect leading to a disorder in homocysteine synthesis.

#### **APS+ OCULAR symptom+**

- it affects many organ systems  
(CNS, lungs, heart, kidneys, venous thrombosis in the lower limbs)  
our patients showed a 5.5% increase in APA titer when the ocular symptoms presented  
autoimmune disease, the majority of patients need anticoagulant therapy

### Contraindications of anticoagulant treatment

- Uncooperative patient
- Malignant-, uncontrolled hypertension
- Dementia
- Skull trauma, risk of falling
- Local-ophthalmological causes:
  - vitreous body bleeding
  - Diabetic retinopathy +/- neovascularization

### Indications of platelet aggregation therapy in ocular stroke:

#### **- Embolism of the central retinal artery**

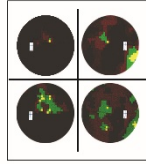
- + atherosclerosis (our own patients: 51.7%)
- + diabetes mellitus (our own patients: 12.9%)
- + fat metabolism disorder (our own patients: 58.5%)
- Previous bilateral AION – pale optic disc/pseudo-Foster-Kennedy syndrome
- AION + severe ICA atheromatosis
- complicated cases of retinal thromboembolism  
(pale optic disc, macular degeneration)
- *despite the lack of systemic indication*

#### Antiplatelet therapy is indicated instead of anticoagulation:

- intracranial “small vessel disease” +/- ocular symptoms
- cardiac syndrome X with a low risk of stroke +/- ocular changes
- severe ICA stenosis +/- ocular symptoms



# ANTICOAGULANT TREATMENT



## INDICATIONS of AC - therapy

1./Those **cases of AION**, when:

- acute, unilateral
- acute AION+known etiology
- Pseudo-Foster-Kennedy's syndrome

2./ **EYE SYMPTOM+cardiological source of emboli**  
(atrial fibrillation, AMI, etc.)

4./ **EYE SYMPTOM+ ICA-, vertebral art. dissection**

5./ **EYE SYMPTOM+ thrombophilia+/-stroke**

6./ **EYE SYMPTOM+ APS syndrome**

## CONTRAINDICATIONS of AC treatment

- non-cooperating patient**
- malignant-, untreated hypertension**
- dementia,**
- risk for cranial trauma**

Ocular causes:

- vitreous hemorrhage,**
- neovascularisation,**
- diabetic retinopathy**

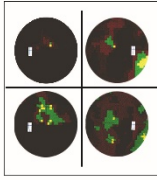
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**SECONDARY PREVENTION**



# ANTIPLATELET (ANTIAGGREGANT) THERAPIES

*(a member of a class of pharmaceuticals that decrease platelet aggregation and inhibit thrombus formation)*



## Indications for antiplatelet (antiaggregant) therapies in cases of NA-AION

- **NA- AION+serious ICA stenosis prior to surgery**
- **bilateral-, chronic NA-AION**
- **unilateral chr. NA-AION+no systemic alteration**
- &**
- **CRA embolism +ICA atherosclerosis**
- **CRA embolism +ICA atherosclerosis+DM**

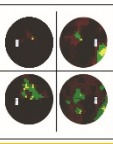
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*Melissa J. Armstrong, MD*

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*Report of the Guideline Development Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology. Neurology\_ **2013**;80:2065–2069*

# Treatments of HAEMODILUTION



## COMPLEMENTARY–ADJUVANT therapy

- glucose-, lipid metabolism disorders-
- hypertension-
- **HAEMODILUTION-**
- neuroprotection-
- vasodilatation therapy

### **The aims of haemodilution**

- 1./ *Diminish of hyperviscosity of total blood volume*
- 2./ *Increase of blood perfusion of CNS*

- *Hypovolaemic haemodilution : infusion*
- *Isovolaemic haemodilution: haemo-centesis+ infusion*
- *Hypervolaemic haemodilution: infusion*
- *Apheresis*

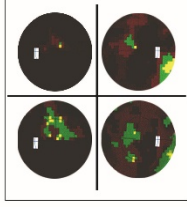
### Results of haemodilution:

- **improvements of symptoms of stroke**
  - *diminish of the size of ischemic infarct*
  - **restoring cerebral blood flow**
    - *decreasing of mortality*
- **diminish of aggregation of platelets**

**Side effect:** increasing of ICP, brain edema

**amaurosis**  
*within seconds*  
*/minutes*

# The significance of **TEAM** in diagnosis and treatment of **OCULARIS STROKE**



## *The role of the* **OPHTHALMOLOGIST**

- *establishment of the functional status*
- *differential diagnosis*
- *to refer the patients to a STROKE center*
- *frequent check-up during therapy,*
- *care for life*

## *The role of the* **STROKOLOGIST** *admission to the Stroke Center* *depending on:*

- *pts cerebrovascular - neurological status*
- *risk of stroke and ocular stroke*
- *close cooperation with (neuro)ophthalmologist in the course of stroke treatment*

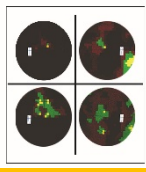
## **OCULARIS STROKE**



## *The role of the* **CARDIOLOGIST**

- *establishment/exclusion of the cardiological source of the OS*
- *close cooperation with (neuro)-ophthalmologist in the course of cardiological treatment*

# Treatment of NAION: Why? By whom? Importance? Quo vadis neuro-ophthalmology ? Consensus of professions !!!



## 1./ Why early recognition and systemic treatment of ocular stroke is clinically important ?

- *prevention of disorders of the fellow eye*
- *prevention of complete visual loss-amaurosis*
- *In early phase of NA-AION : **by primary and secondary prevention by the antithrombotic therapies***

## 2./ Who need to treat the patients in case of ocular stroke disease?

*Strokologist?  
Ophthalmologist?  
Cardiovascular specialist?  
Thrombosis - specialist?  
TEAM!*

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## 3./ What is the importance of the early RECOGNITION and ETIOLOGY SPECIFIC therapy of NA-AION

*screening and reduction of the progress of*

- *cardiovascular*
- *cerebrovascular*
- *hematological diseases*



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