

## Revisiting retinal vein occlusions

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### Advantages:

CRVO has an incidence of 0.1- 0.4% in individuals over the age of forty . BRVO has an incidence of 0.4 - 0.9%. These numbers differ with age. The nature of these occlusions is such that they are not well anticipated. The result is that once present, the management becomes that of managing the complications. Much has been tried to manage these sequelae with various results. I believe the pathology and relevant anatomy should be revisited to provide solutions. The solutions should be to overcome the inherent problem and not only to treat the symptoms, findings and complications. Modern imaging techniques such as OCT has brought the ability to quantify findings such as CME and reliably and reproducibly repeat testing to show the results of interventions. I shall present a paper with this in mind; the paper presents our surgical technique, the results on a short prospective case series, and the advantages over other treatment modalities.

### Methods:

PPV, ILM peeling, surgical creation of chorio- retinal venous anastomosis.

### Effectiveness / Safety:

Shown previously by other authors to be safe and effective. 81.5% of operated patients improved their vision (n=21), 6% remained the same and 12.5% suffered a decrease in visual acuity.