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# Terapia della retinopatia diabetica: quando e come

## Laser-terapia

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# Cos'è il laser

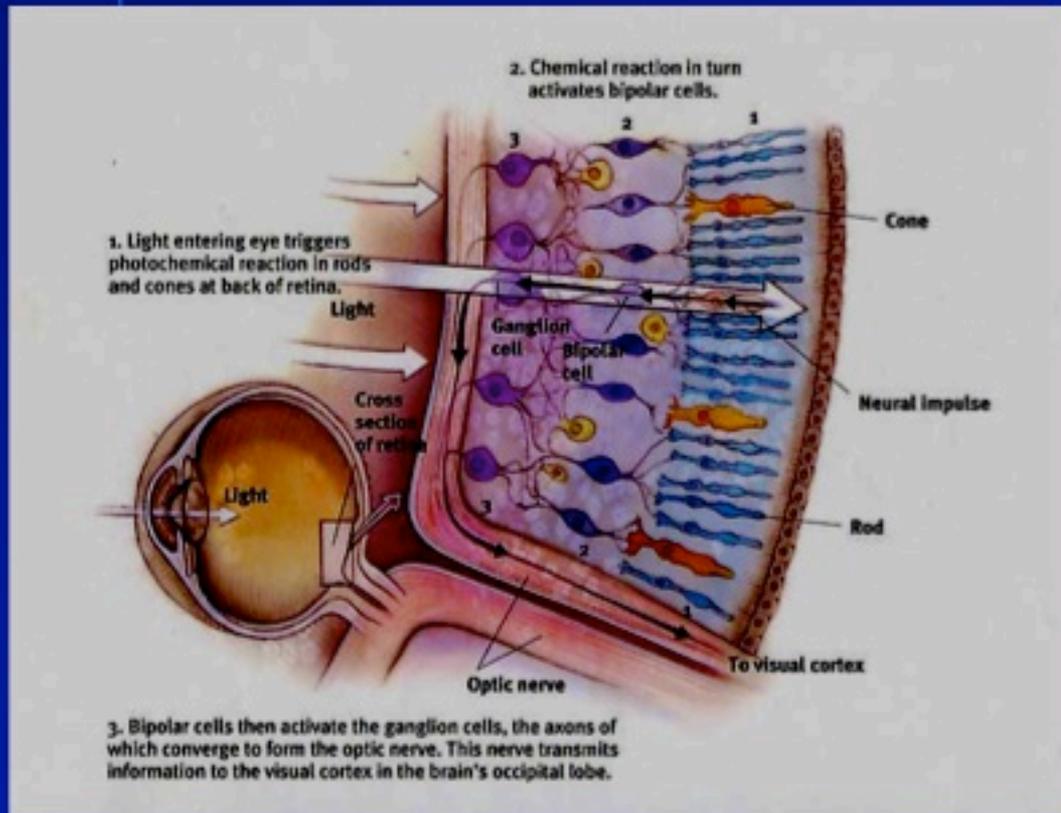
- **L**ight
- **A**mplification (by)
- **S**timulated
- **E**mission (of)
- **R**adiation

Onde elettromagnetiche a frequenza ottica in  
concordanza di fase che generano una luce  
coerente in continuità di fase e monocromatica

# Cosa fa il laser sui tessuti

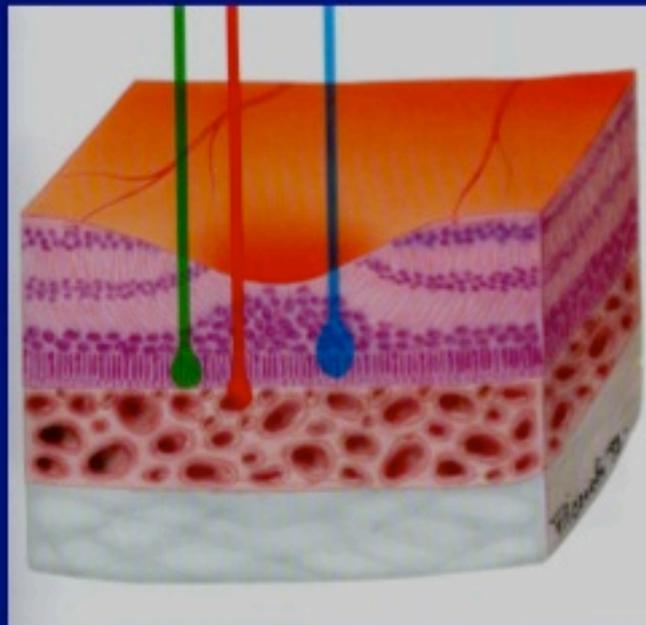
- **Effetto Fotomeccanico** (Yag Laser):  
seziona i tessuti
- **Effetto Fotochimico**: (Eccimeri):  
fotoablazione dei tessuti
- **Effetto termico** (Argon, ecc.):  
coagulazione dei tessuti (ne esistono di  
diversa lunghezza d'onda che agiscono in maniera  
selettiva su determinati strati della retina)

# Gli strati retinici

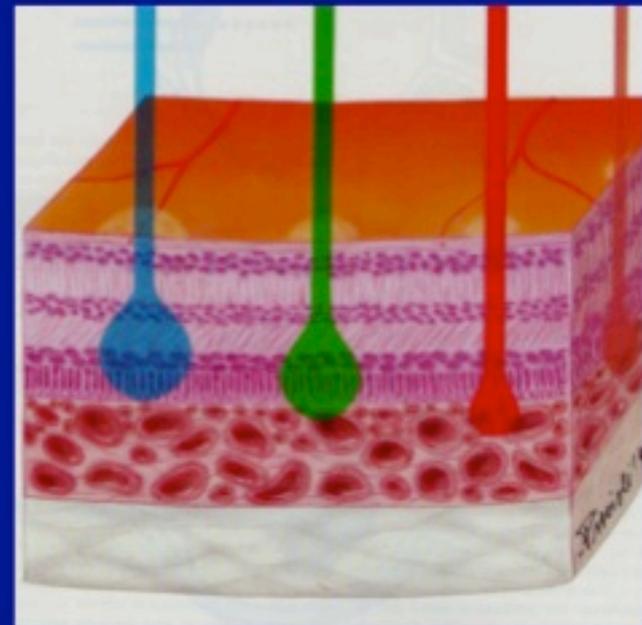


# Azione selettiva dei vari laser sui diversi strati della retina

448<sub>nm</sub> 514<sub>nm</sub> 647<sub>nm</sub> 580/600<sub>nm</sub>

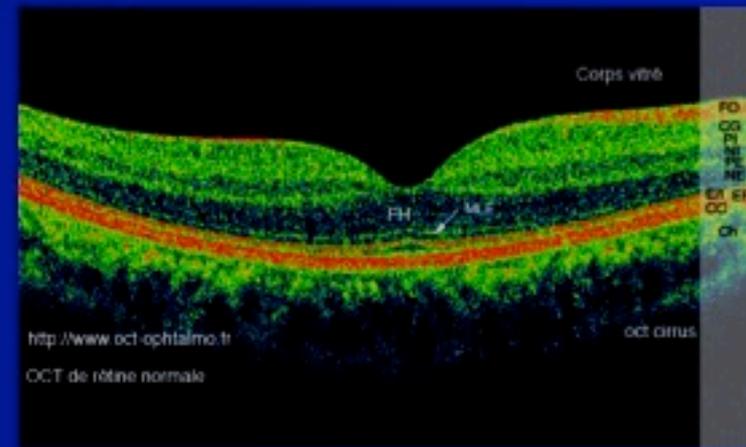
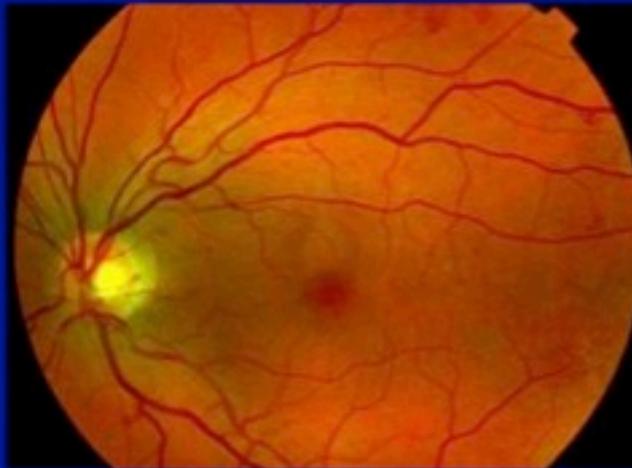
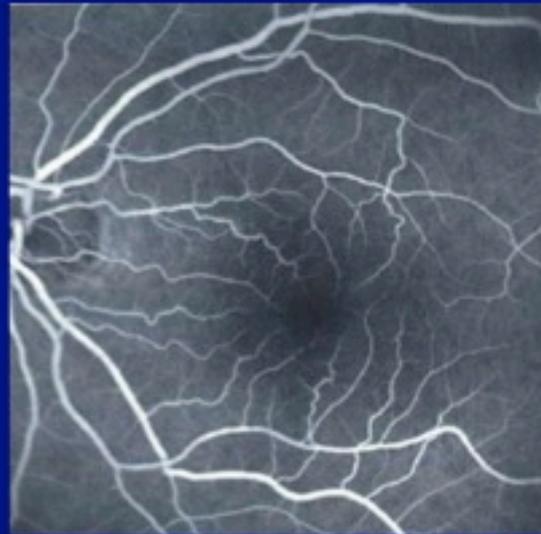


**Macula**

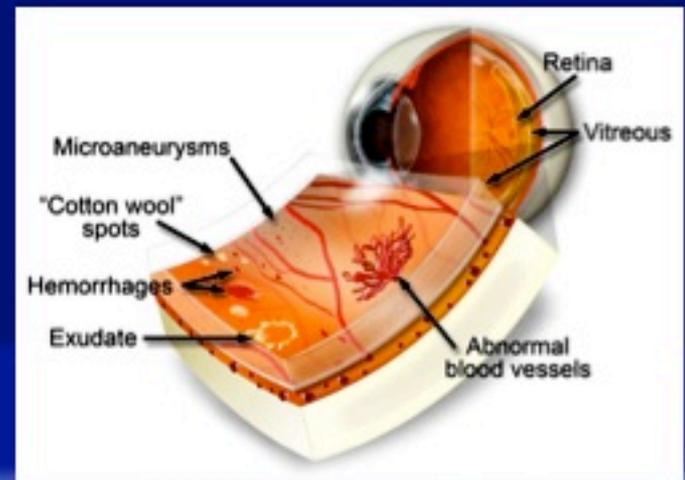


**Retina periferica**

# Come si studia la retina del diabetico



# Classificazione della Retinopatia Diabetica



## INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL DIABETIC RETINOPATHY DISEASE SEVERITY SCALE

| Proposed Disease Severity Level | Findings Observable upon Dilated Ophthalmoscopy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| No apparent retinopathy         | No abnormalities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Mild NPDR                       | Microaneurysms only                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Moderate NPDR                   | More than just microaneurysms but less than severe NPDR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Severe NPDR                     | Any of the following and no signs of proliferative retinopathy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 20 intraretinal hemorrhages in each of four quadrants</li> <li>• Definite venous beading in two or more quadrants</li> <li>• Prominent IRMA in one or more quadrants</li> </ul> |
| <b>Pre -Proliferante</b>        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| PDR                             | One or both of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neovascularization</li> <li>• Vitreous/preretinal hemorrhage</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                     |

IRMA = intraretinal microvascular abnormalities; NPDR = nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy; PDR = proliferative diabetic retinopathy

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# Razionale del trattamento laser nella retinopatia diabetica

- Si utilizzano laser ad effetto termico
- Distruzione selettiva delle aree ischemiche
- Obliterazione di microaneurismi e di neovasi
- Coagulazione e/o distruzione dell'epitelio pigmentato



# Retinopatia Diabetica

## (il trattamento laser)

### **RD NON PROLIFERANTE:**

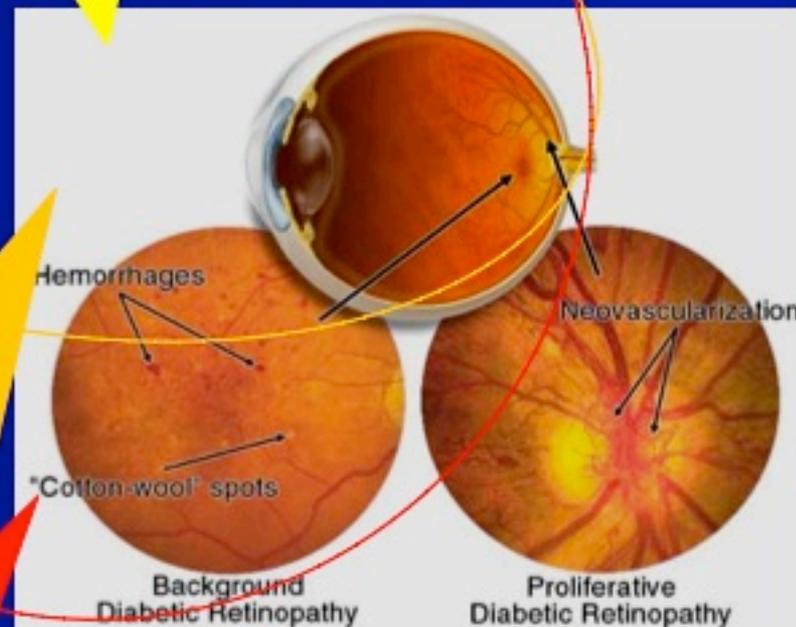
microaneurismi, emorragie, essudati duri, edema maculare

### **RD PRE-PROLIFERANTE:**

vene a corona di rosario, noduli cotonosi, alterazioni microvascolari intraretiniche, emorragie, aree di ischemia retinica

### **RD PROLIFERANTE:**

neovasi della retina e/o del disco ottico, proliferazioni fibrovascolari, emorragie vitreali, distacchi retinici parcellari trazionali



# Quando è indicato il laser nella **Retinopatia diabetica non proliferante**

- Trattamento focale in casi selezionati
  - **Essudati circinnati** : TT. Focale delle lesioni microvascolari al centro della corona di essudati
  - **Edema retinico localizzato**: griglia sulle aree edematose
  - **Edema retinico diffuso**: griglia del polo posteriore + TT. Focale di punti di diffusione
  - **Edema maculare cistoide**: griglia maculare

# Edema Maculare Diabetico : Definizione



## DIABETIC MACULAR EDEMA DISEASE DEFINITIONS IN THE EARLY TREATMENT OF DIABETIC RETINOPATHY STUDY

| Disease Severity Level                    | Findings Observable upon Dilated Ophthalmoscopy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diabetic macular edema apparently absent  | No apparent retinal thickening or hard exudates in posterior pole                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Diabetic macular edema apparently present | Thickening of retina within one disc diameter of the center of the macula; and/or hard exudates $\geq$ standard photograph 3* in a standard 30° photographic field centered on the macula (field 2), with some hard exudates within one disc diameter of the center of the macula                                                              |
| Clinically significant macular edema      | Retinal thickening at or within 500 $\mu$ m of the center of the macula; and/or hard exudates at or within 500 $\mu$ m of the center of the macula, if associated with thickening of the adjacent retina; and/or a zone or zones of retinal thickening one disc area in size at least part of which was within one disc diameter of the center |

\* Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study Research Group. Grading diabetic retinopathy from stereoscopic color fundus photographs—an extension of the modified Airlie House classification. ETDRS report number 10. *Ophthalmology* 1991;98:786-806.

Adapted from the Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study Research Group. Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study design and baseline patient characteristics. ETDRS report number 7. *Ophthalmology* 1991;98:742.

# Classificazione dell'edema maculare diabetico

## INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL DIABETIC MACULAR EDEMA DISEASE SEVERITY SCALE

| Proposed Disease Severity Level           | Findings Observable upon Dilated Ophthalmoscopy                     |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diabetic macular edema apparently absent  | No apparent retinal thickening or hard exudates in posterior pole   |
| Diabetic macular edema apparently present | Some apparent retinal thickening or hard exudates in posterior pole |

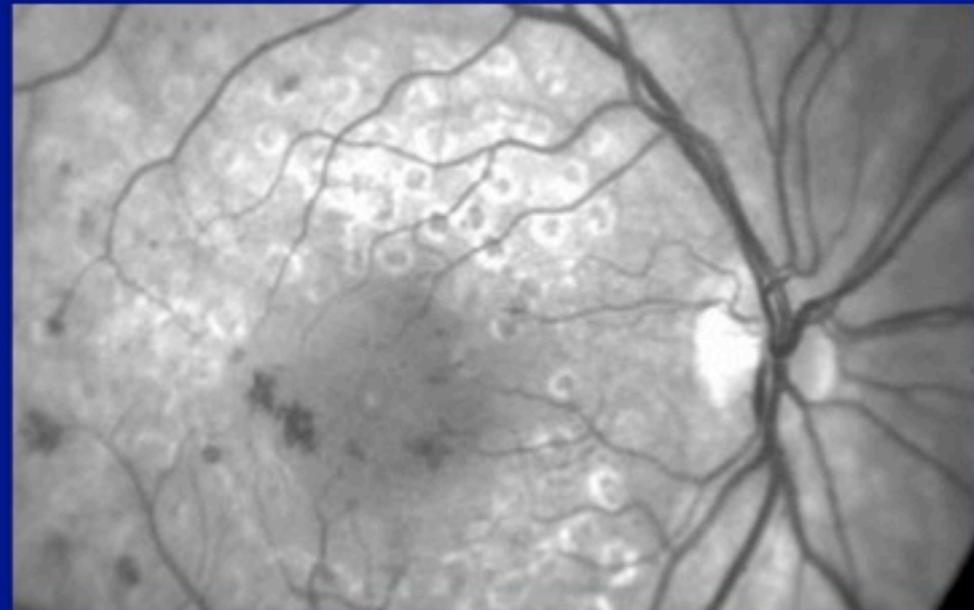
If diabetic macular edema is present, it can be categorized as follows:

| Proposed Disease Severity Level | Findings Observable upon Dilated Ophthalmoscopy*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diabetic macular edema present  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Mild diabetic macular edema: some retinal thickening or hard exudates in posterior pole but distant from the center of the macula</li><li>♦ Moderate diabetic macular edema: retinal thickening or hard exudates approaching the center of the macula but not involving the center</li><li>♦ Severe diabetic macular edema: retinal thickening or hard exudates involving the center of the macula</li></ul> |

\* Hard exudates are a sign of current or previous macular edema. Diabetic macular edema is defined as retinal thickening; this requires a three-dimensional assessment that is best performed by dilated examination using slit-lamp biomicroscopy and/or stereoscopic fundus photography.

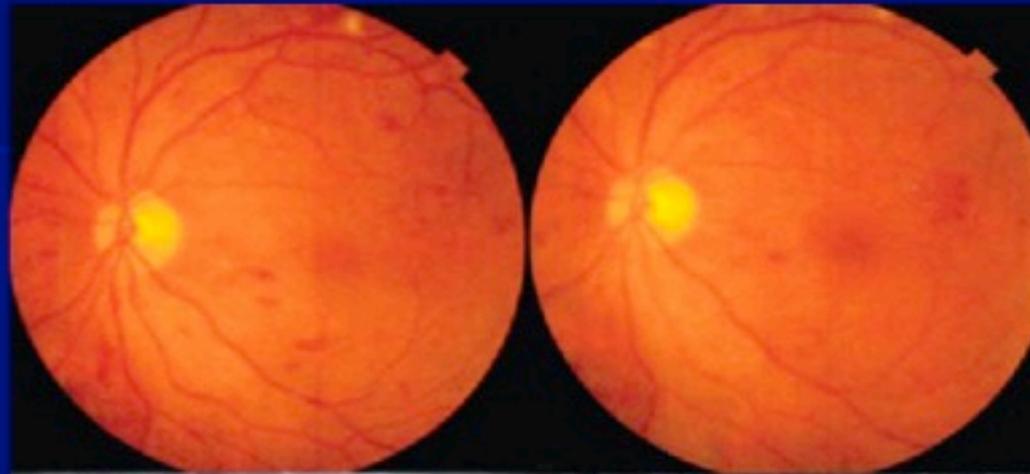
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# Laser maculare: Edema Maculare Diffuso

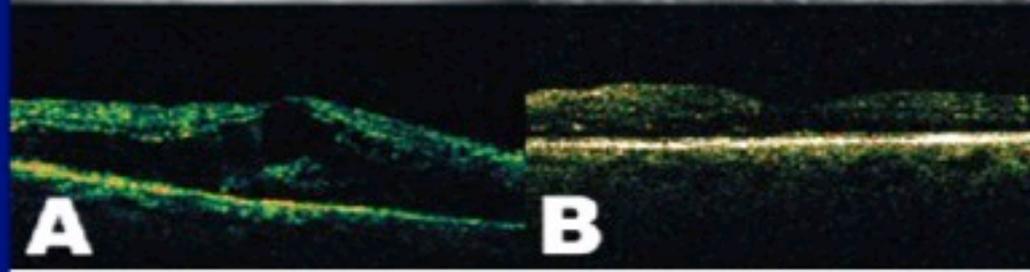


# Retinopatia diabetica con EMC

Pre-laser



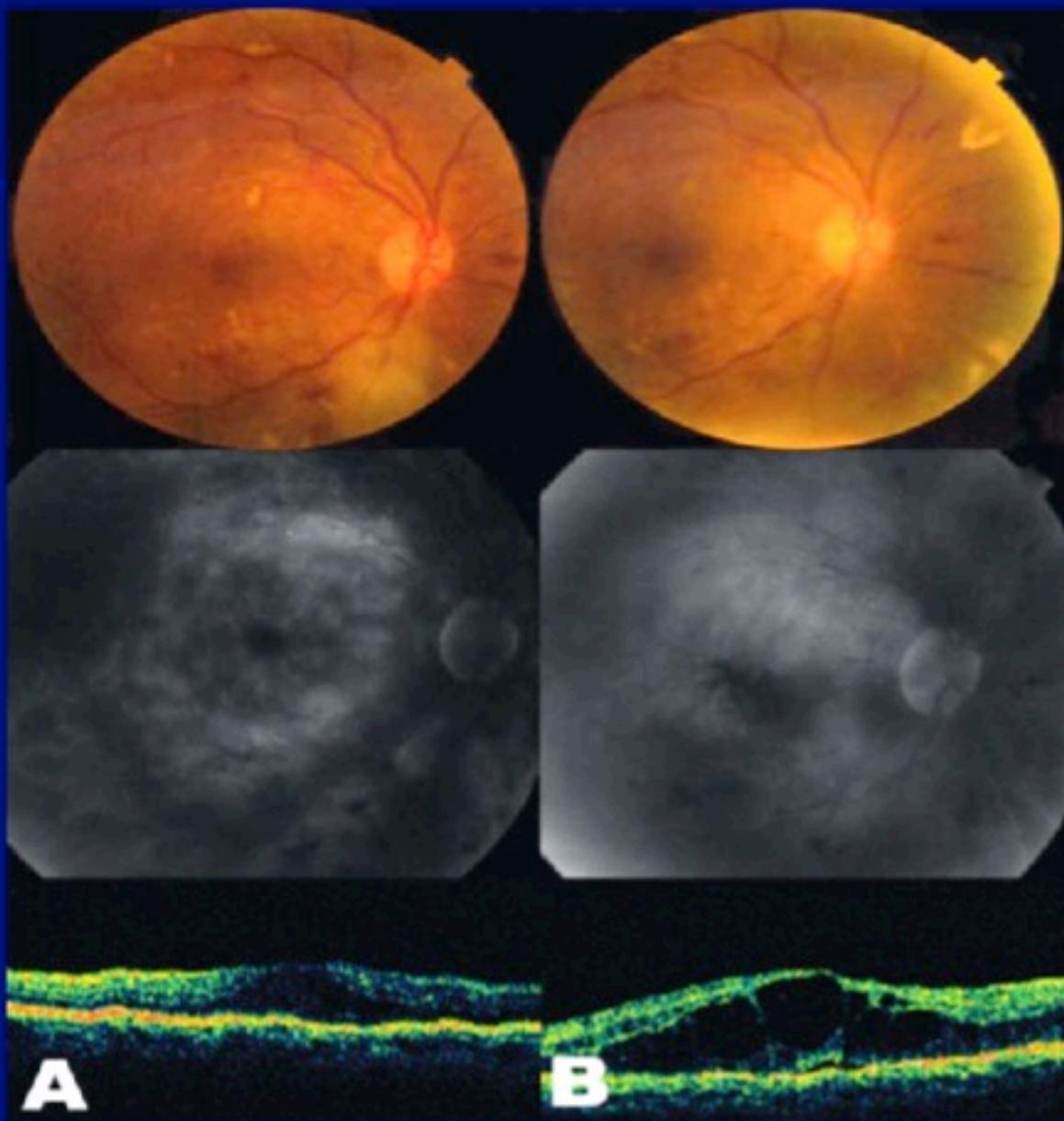
Post-laser  
1 mese



**A**

**B**

# Retinopatia diabetica con EMC



Post-laser  
1 mese

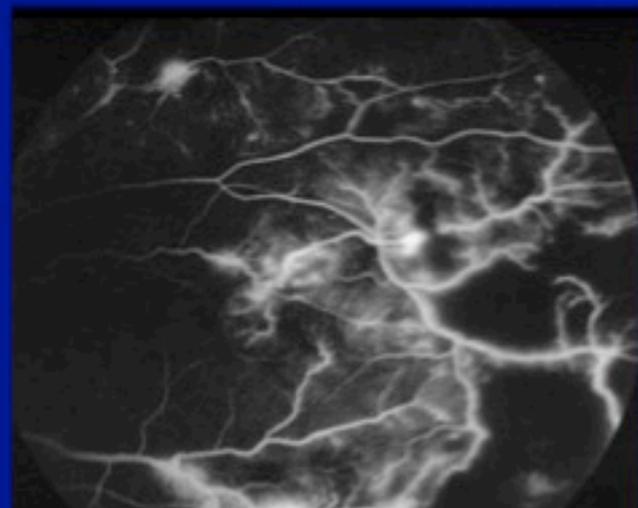
Pre-laser

**A**

**B**

# Quando è indicato il laser nella **Retinopatia diabetica pre-proliferante**

- Trattamento delle aree ischemiche se superano un'estensione di 10 diametri papillari



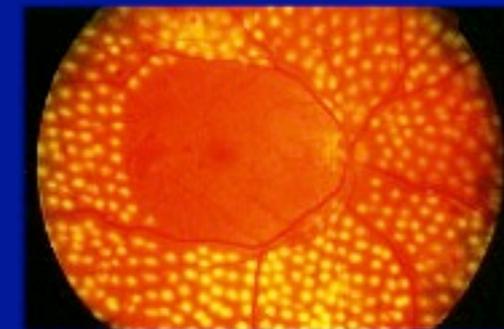
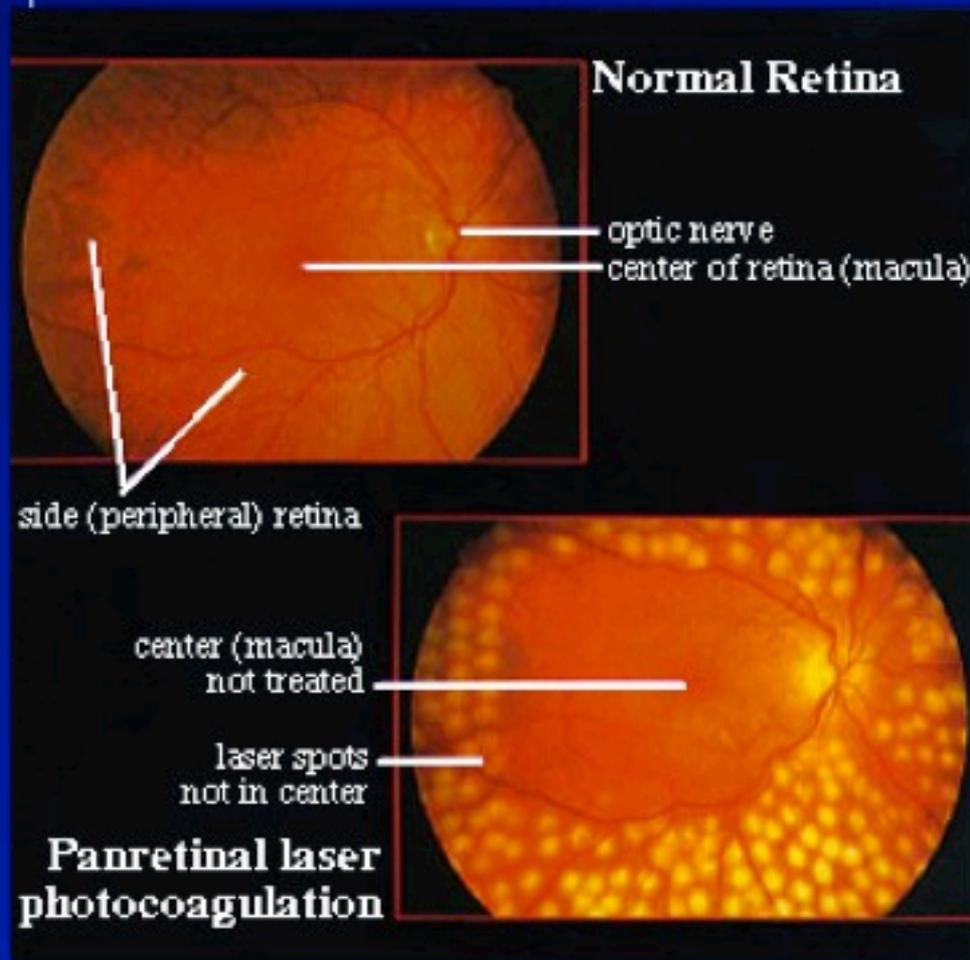
## Quando è indicato il laser nella **Retinopatia diabetica proliferante**

- **Stadio proliferativo preretinico e prepapillare:** TT. le aree di ischemia
- **Neovasi ed ischemia estesa:**  
fotocoagulazione panretinica
- **Persistenza di neovasi nonostante panretinica:** trattamento diretto, "attento" dei neovasi (possono sanguinare)
- **Coesiste glaucoma neovascolare:**  
fotocoagulazione panretinica

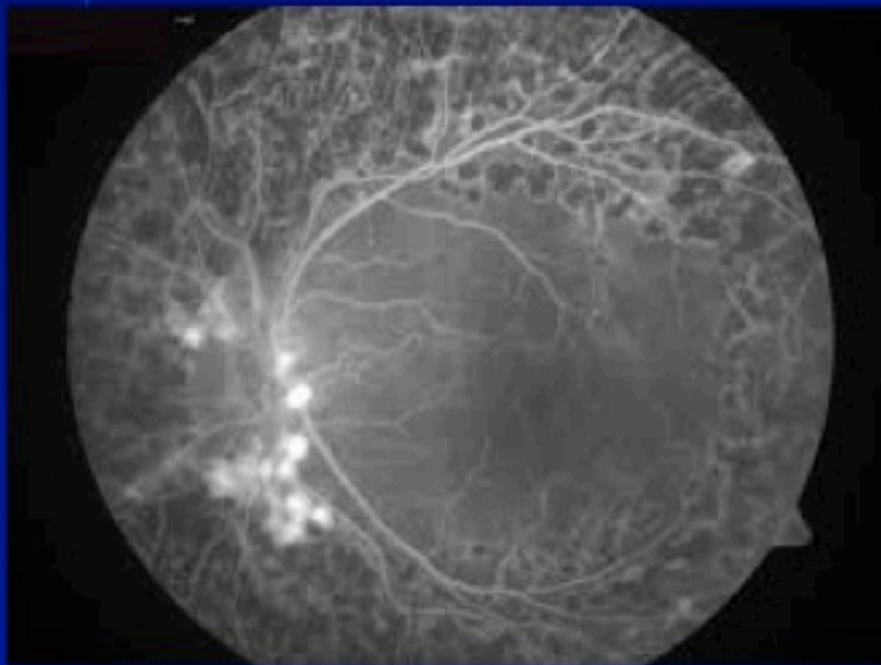
# Retinopatia diabetica: La fotocoagulazione panretinica

- **MINIMA**: 1200 spots laser in 2 sedute
- **MODERATA**: 2000 spots contigui ma non confluenti in 3-4 sedute
- **INTENSA**: 2000-3000 spots confluenti rispettando il polo posteriore in 6-8 sedute
  - Dimensioni spots: 250-500 $\mu$ ;
  - Tempo di esposizione : 0,2-0,5 sec.
  - Potenza mW necessari allo sbiancamento

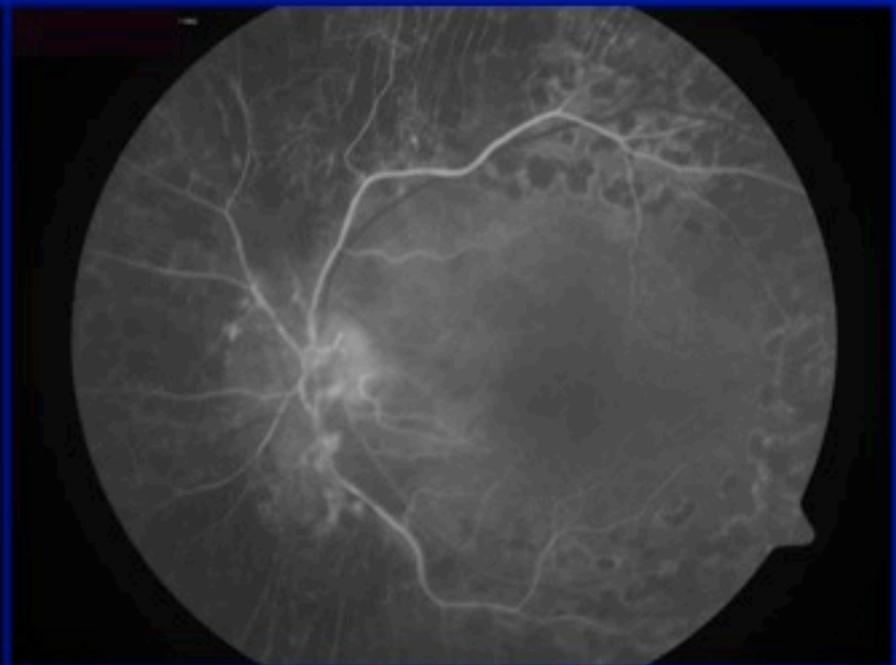
# Retinopatia diabetica: La fotocoagulazione panretinica



# Retinopatia diabetica: La fotocoagulazione panretinica



**Post-laser  
1 mese**



**Post-laser  
3 mesi**

# Follow Up del diabetico

## RECOMMENDED EYE EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FOR PATIENTS WITH DIABETES MELLITUS

| Diabetes Type                         | Recommended Time of First Examination                                       | Recommended Follow-up*                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Type 1                                | 3-5 years after diagnosis <sup>15</sup> [A-I]                               | Yearly <sup>15</sup> [A-I]                                                                                                                         |
| Type 2                                | At time of diagnosis <sup>19,69</sup> [A-I]                                 | Yearly <sup>19,69</sup> [A-I]                                                                                                                      |
| Prior to pregnancy (type 1 or type 2) | Prior to conception and early in the first trimester <sup>70-72</sup> [A-I] | No retinopathy to mild or moderate NPDR: every 3-12 months <sup>70-72</sup> [A-I]<br>Severe NPDR or worse: every 1-3 months <sup>70-72</sup> [A-I] |

NPDR = nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy

\* Abnormal findings may dictate more frequent follow-up examinations.

# La gestione oculistica del paziente diabetico

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH DIABETES**

| Severity of Retinopathy | Presence of CSME* | Follow-up (Months) | Panretinal Photocoagulation (Scatter) Laser | Fluorescein Angiography | Focal and/or Grid Laser† |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Normal or minimal NPDR  | No                | 12                 | No                                          | No                      | No                       |
| Mild to moderate NPDR   | No                | 6-12               | No                                          | No                      | No                       |
|                         | Yes               | 2-4                | No                                          | Usually                 | Usually*‡                |
| Severe NPDR             | No                | 2-4                | Sometimes§                                  | Rarely                  | No                       |
|                         | Yes               | 2-4                | Sometimes§                                  | Usually                 | Usually                  |
| Non-high-risk PDR       | No                | 2-4                | Sometimes§                                  | Rarely                  | No                       |
|                         | Yes               | 2-4                | Sometimes§                                  | Usually                 | Usually‡                 |
| High-risk PDR           | No                | 2-4                | Usually                                     | Rarely                  | No                       |
|                         | Yes               | 2-4                | Usually                                     | Usually                 | Usually                  |
| Inactive/involved PDR   | No                | 6-12               | No                                          | No                      | Usually                  |
|                         | Yes               | 2-4                | No                                          | Usually                 | Usually                  |

CSME = clinically significant macular edema; NPDR = nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy; PDR = proliferative diabetic retinopathy

# Risultati

**ETDRS (Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study 1985)**

## **Laser nella Retinopatia diabetica**

**non proliferante (con edema maculare):** il 24% degli occhi non fotocoagulati ha perso almeno 2 linee di Snellen contro il 12% di quelli sottoposti a fotocoagulazione

## **Laser nella Retinopatia diabetica**

**proliferante** la fotocoagulazione panretinica ha ridotto la progressione della RD nel 50 % degli occhi trattati con spots confluenti.

# Conclusioni

## **RD SEMPLICE :**

- 1. ESSUDATI CIRCINNATI:** TT focale delle lesioni microvascolari al centro della corona di essudati;
- 2. EDEMA RETINICO LOCALIZZATO:** TT a griglia delle aree edematose;
- 3. EDEMA RETINICO DIFFUSO:** TT a griglia del polo posteriore + TT focale dei punti di diffusione
- 4. EDEMA MACULARE CISTOIDE:** TT a griglia della macula

## **RD PRE-PROLIFERANTE :**

- 1. AREE ISCHEMICHE > DI 10 DP:** TT delle aree ischemiche ;

## **RD PROLIFERANTE :**

- 1. PROLIFERAZIONE PRERETINICA E PREPAPILLARE:** TT delle aree ischemiche ;
- 2. NEOVASI ED ISCHEMIA ESTESA:** TT Panretinico

# Quindi

**La terapia del paziente affetto da retinopatia diabetica ha subito importanti innovazioni nel corso degli ultimi anni con l'avvento dei farmaci anti-Vegf e con il perfezionamento delle tecniche di chirurgia vitreo-retinica. Tuttavia, il trattamento laser rappresenta ancora oggi un momento terapeutico importante e talora imprescindibile nella gestione oftalmica della retinopatia diabetica.**

# GRAZIE



# Domanda per crediti ECM

**I neovasi della retina e/o del disco ottico, proliferazioni fibrovascolari, emorragie vitreali, distacchi retinici parcellari trazionali sono alterazioni tipiche di:**

- 1. Retinopatia diabetica semplice**
- 2. Retinopatia diabetica preproliferante**
- 3. Retinopatia diabetica proliferante**
- 4. Non sono alterazioni legate al diabete**