



### Take care not to miss glaucomatous cupping in patients with small discs!

#### ***The Science behind the Tip***

The diagnosis of glaucoma can be missed in patients with small optic discs<sup>1</sup>. In such patients, relative crowding of the retinal nerve cell layer can mean that an optic disc may look relatively normal in an eye with significant glaucoma<sup>2</sup>.

Furthermore, such patients may be significantly hyperopic meaning that an visual field defect may be ascribed to optical effects of their hyperopic spectacle correction. Additionally, these patients may be at higher risk of chronic angle closure with intermittent pressure spikes<sup>3</sup>. It is important to have a careful look at these patients and not ascribe glaucomatous field loss to other causes<sup>4</sup>.

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