



◆ Goldmann Applanation Tonometry

A Variable Force Applanation
Tonometer



FIG. 123.—HANS GOLDMANN
(1899-1991)





Applanation Tonometry



Too small



Too large



End point



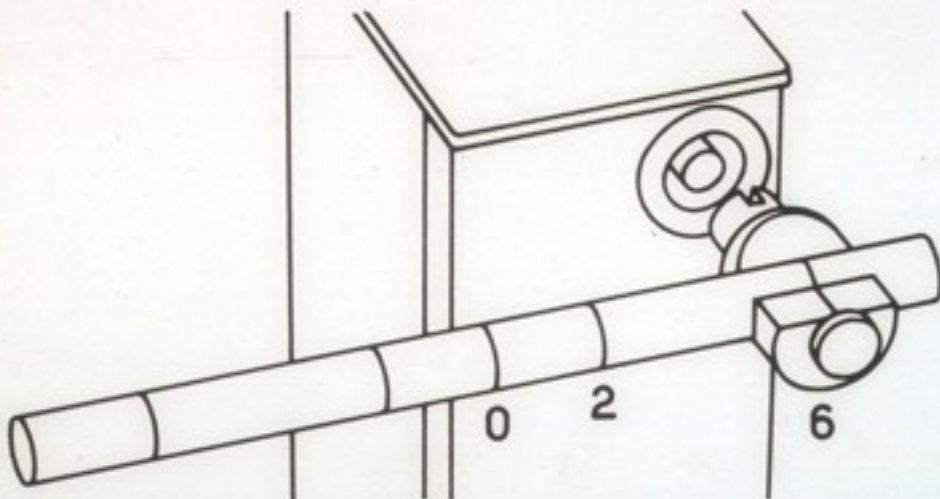


Fig. 15 Checking at drum position 6

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Principles of Action

- W = Force to flatten part of cornea (grams)
- A = Area of cornea flattened (mm^2)
- S = Attractive surface tension (.415 gm)
- B = Repulsive Corneal Inflexibility (.415 gm)
- Imbert-Fick Law: $W = P_t \times A$
- Imbert-Fick (modified): $W + S = P_t A_i + B$

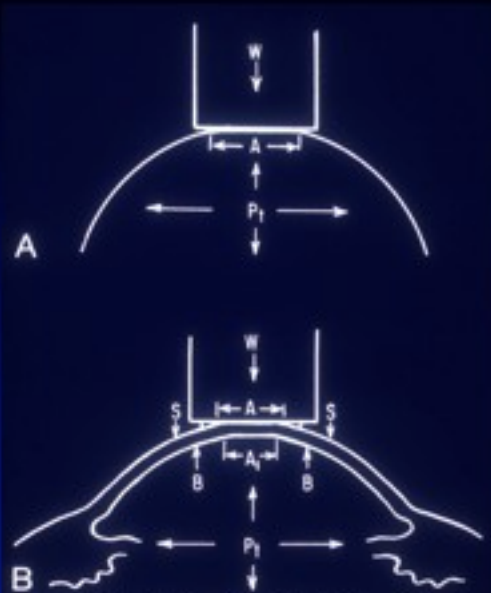


Figure 4.6. A, The Imbert-Fick Law ($W = P_t \times A$); B, Modification of Imbert-Fick Law for the cornea ($W + S = P_t \times A_i + B$).

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Sources of error

- Too much, too little fluorescein
- Improper vertical alignment (erroneously elevated)
- Corneal thickness:
 - thin-low
 - thick-high (collagen)/low (edema)
- Corneal curvature
- Prolonged contact
- Calibration

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Sources of error

- Fluorescein
- No fluorescein underestimates by ≥ 5 mmHg
- Ideal fluorescein concentration = 0.125% to 0.25%
- Low concentration underestimates IOP 1.5 to 9 mmHg
- High concentration overestimates IOP slightly
- Quenching: low pH, local anaesthetics

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Sources of error

- Corneal Thickness (Goldmann assumed 0.52mm)
- Thin corneas underestimate IOP
- Thick corneas overestimate IOP (edema underestimates)

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Sources of Error

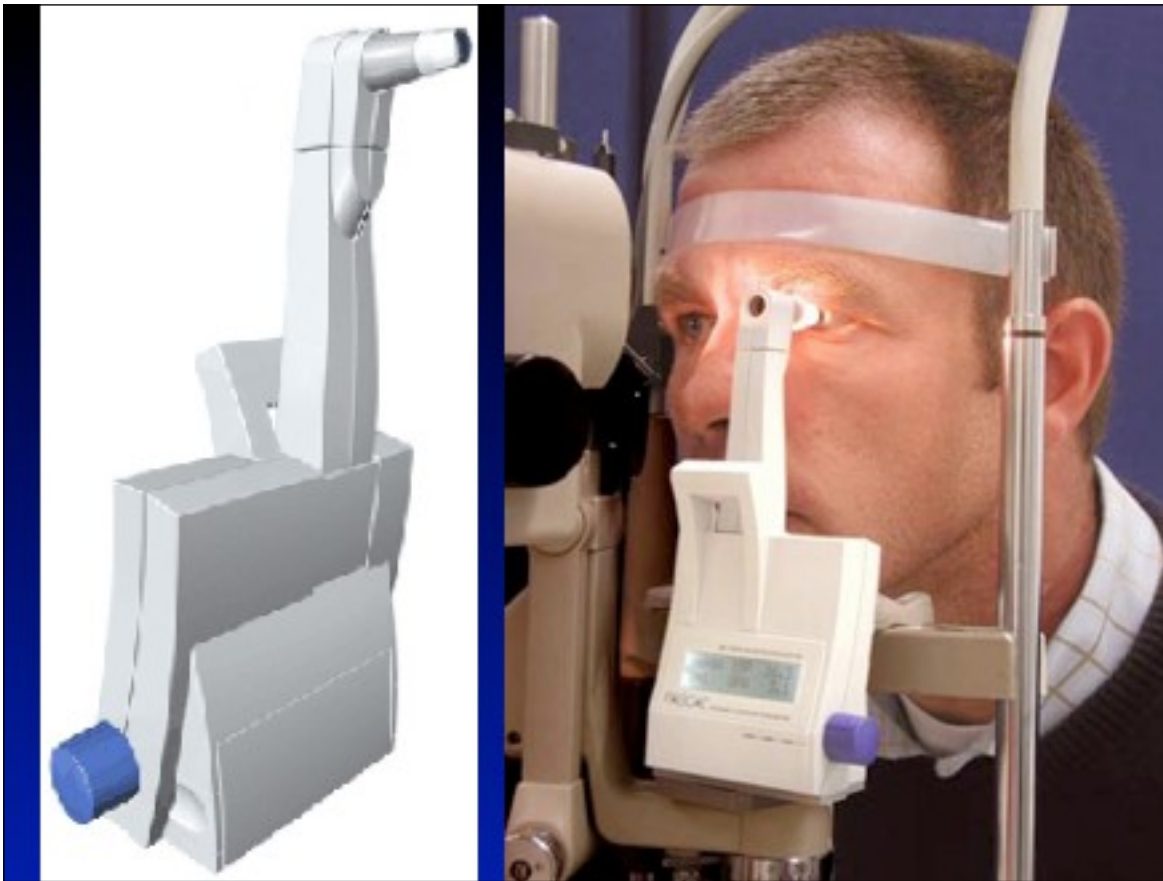
- Corneal Thickness
- CCT in Normal, Glaucomatous and Ocular Hypertensive Eyes
- Herndon et al, Arch Ophth. 1997;115:1137-1141
- CCT ocular hypertensives 0.606 ± 0.041 mm
- CCT glaucomatous eyes 0.561 ± 0.022 mm

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Sources of error

- Corneal Curvature
- 1 mm Hg for each 3 diopters corneal curvature
- IOP underestimated for wtr astigmatism
- IOP overestimated for atr astigmatism
- 1 mm Hg for each 4 diopters of astigmatism
- Compensate with averaging or bprism rotation





Other Variable Force Applanation Tonometers

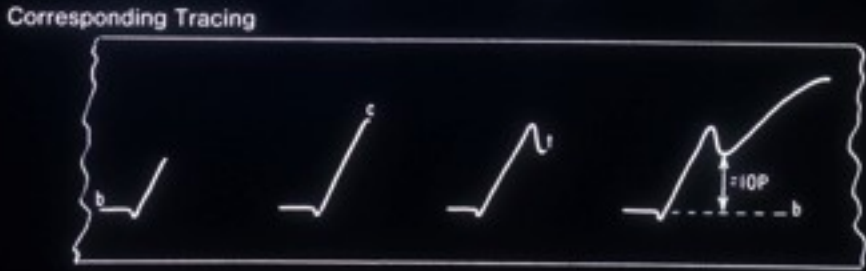
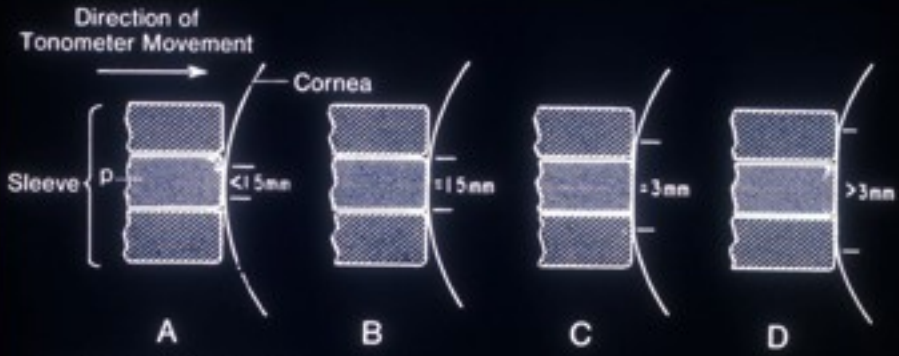
- Perkins
- Mackay-Marg
- Pneumotonometer
- Tonopen



◆ Mackay-Marg Tonometry (1962)

Principles

- 1.5 mm Plunger/transducer
- Extends 10 μm beyond rubber sleeve
- Analogue tracing



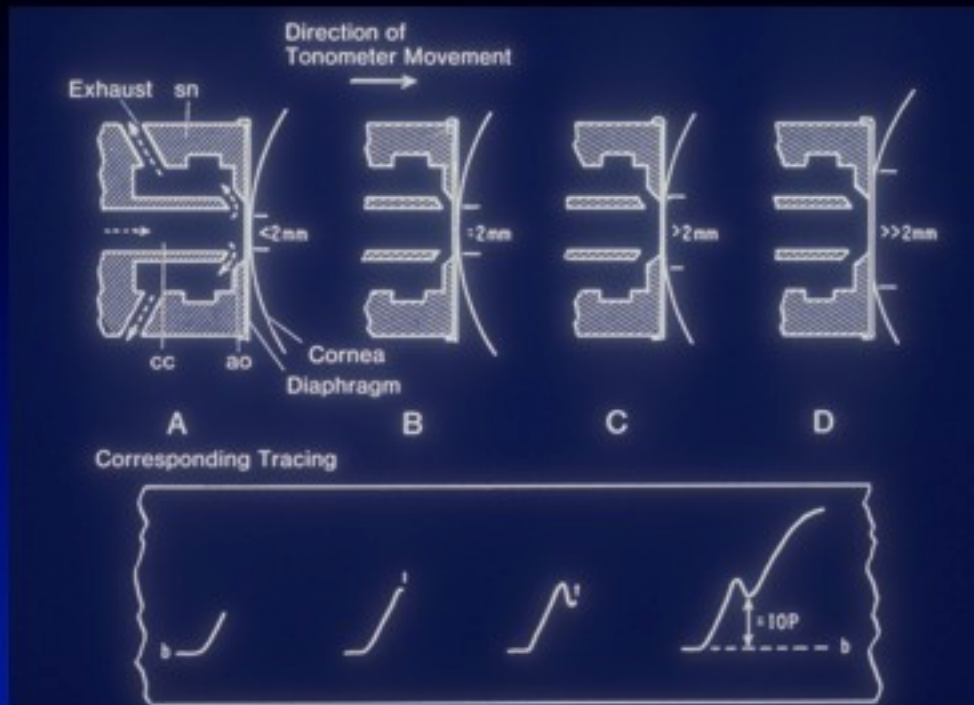


Comparison of Tonometers with Goldmann

Pneumatonometer

- Close correlation with Goldmann
- Useful in scarred, irregular, edematous corneas





◆ Tonometry

Classification of Contact Tonometers

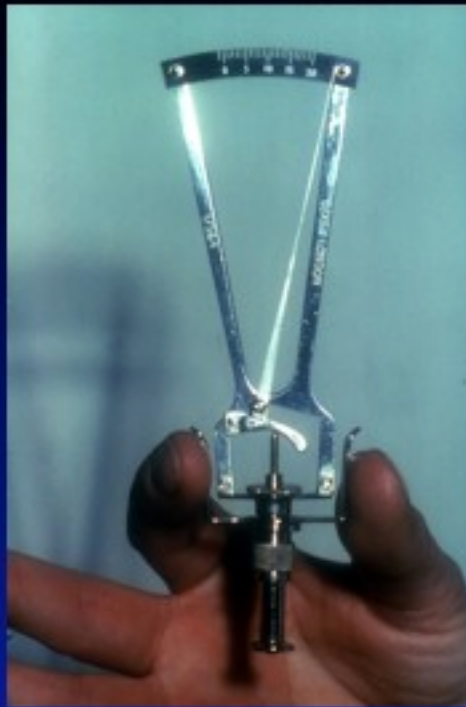
- Indentation (Schiøtz 1905)
- Applanation
 - Variable Force e.g. Goldmann (1954), Mackay-Marg
 - Variable Area (Maklakov 1885)

Comparison of Tonometers with Goldmann

Schiøtz

- Significant disagreement
- Influence of ocular rigidity
- Indicates IOP range only
- Limited value even for screening purposes





Scale Reading	5.5	7.5	10.0	12.0
0	41	59	82	127
.5	38	54	75	118
1.0	35	50	70	109
1.5	32	46	64	101
2.0	29	42	59	94
2.5	27	39	55	88
3.0	24	36	51	82
3.5	22	33	47	76
4.0	21	30	43	71
4.5	19	28	40	66
5.0	17	26	37	62
5.5	16	24	34	58
6.0	15	22	32	54
6.5	13	20	29	50
7.0	12	19	27	46
7.5	9	18	24	42
8.0	9	13	20	35
9.5	8	12	18	32
10.0	7	11	16	30
10.5	6	10	15	27
11.0	6	9	14	25
11.5	5	8	13	23
12.0		8	11	21
12.5		7	10	20
13.0		6	10	18
13.5		6	9	17
14.0		5	8	15
14.5			7	14
15.0			6	13



FIG. 272.—HJALMAR AUGUST SCHIÖTZ
[1850-1927].



APPLANATION



◆ Schiøtz Tonometry

Technique

- Calibrate
- Supine
- Topical anaesthetic
- Fixation Target
- Weights (gm)
5.5, 7.5, 10.0, 15.0
- Friedenwald's Tables

◆ Schiøtz Tonometry

Principles

- P_o versus P_t
- Coefficient of Ocular Rigidity = E (Friedenwald's tables)
- $E = 0.0245$ (1948)
- $E = 0.025$ (1955)

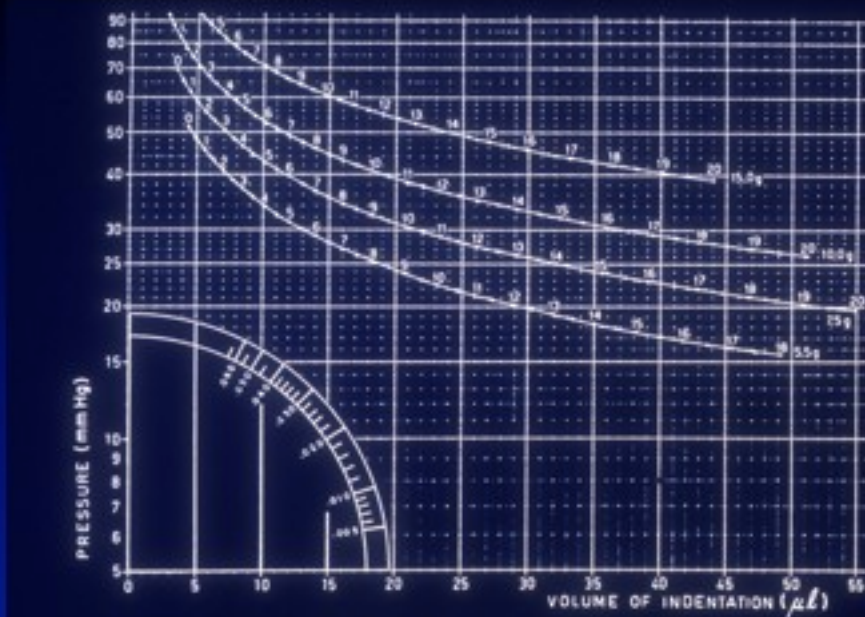


Fig. 5-2. Friedenwald nomogram.

Table 28-2. Calibration scale for Schiøtz tonometers, P_0 (mm Hg), revised 1955

Scale reading	Plunger load			
	5.5 grams	7.5 grams	10 grams	15 grams
3.0	24.4	35.8	50.6	81.8
3.5	22.4	33.0	46.9	76.2
4.0	20.6	30.4	43.4	71.0
4.5	18.9	28.0	40.2	66.2
5.0	17.3	25.8	37.2	61.8
5.5	15.9	23.8	34.4	57.6
6.0	14.6	21.9	31.8	53.6
6.5	13.4	20.1	29.4	49.9
7.0	12.2	18.5	27.2	46.5
7.5	11.2	17.0	25.1	43.2
8.0	10.2	15.6	23.1	40.2
8.5	9.4	14.3	21.3	38.1
9.0	8.5	13.1	19.6	34.6
9.5	7.8	12.0	18.0	32.0
10.0	7.1	10.9	16.5	29.6

◆ Schiøtz Tonometry Sources of Error

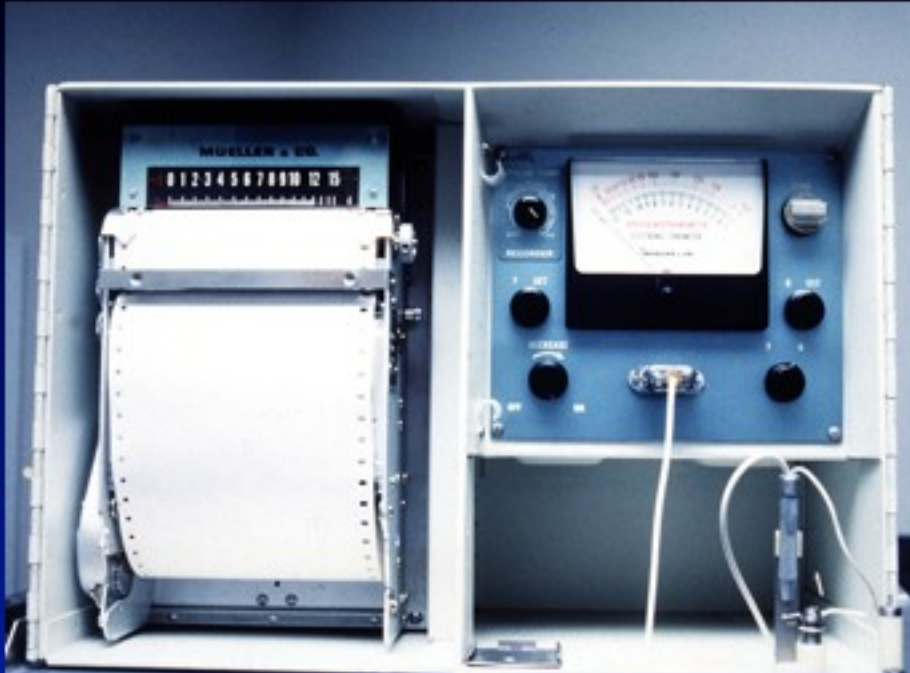
Low E (falsely low IOP)

- High myopia
- Elevated IOP
- Osteogenesis imperfecta
- Miotic therapy
- Vasodilator therapy
- Retinal detachment surgery: cryo, buckle, vitrectomy, gas

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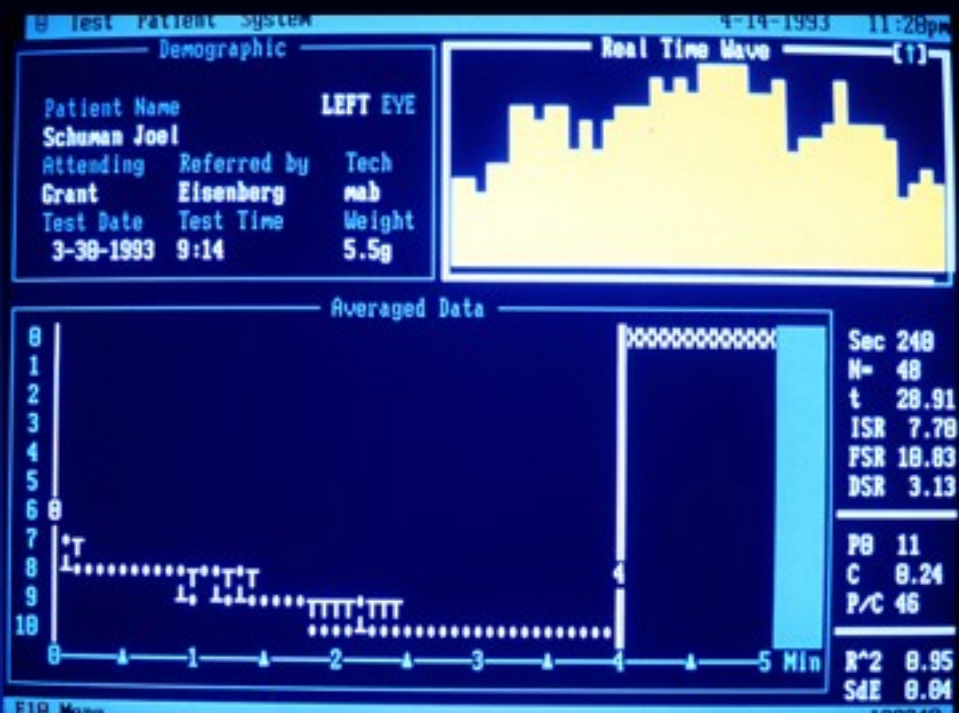
High E (falsely high IOP)

- High hyperopia
- Extreme myopia
- Long-standing glaucoma
- ARMD
- Vasoconstrictor therapy



$$\text{IOP} = \text{F/C} + \text{EVP}$$





Comparison of Tonometers with Goldmann

◆ Noncontact tonometer

- High variability
- Difference of > 5 mm Hg in 8% of readings
- May tend to read lower at high IOP

◆ Noncontact Tonometer

Principles

- Puff of air flattens cornea
- IOP proportional to time required to flatten cornea
- Cardiac cycle is a significant variable
- 3 measurements within 3 mm Hg recommended to minimize error from momentary IOP fluctuations in glaucoma patients



Corneal Biomechanical Properties are more important to IOP measurement than just Thickness

- * Corneal Resistance
- * Corneal Structure
- * Corneal Elasticity
- * Corneal Harmony (String-Like Response)

****Corneal Hysteresis**

What is Corneal Hysteresis?

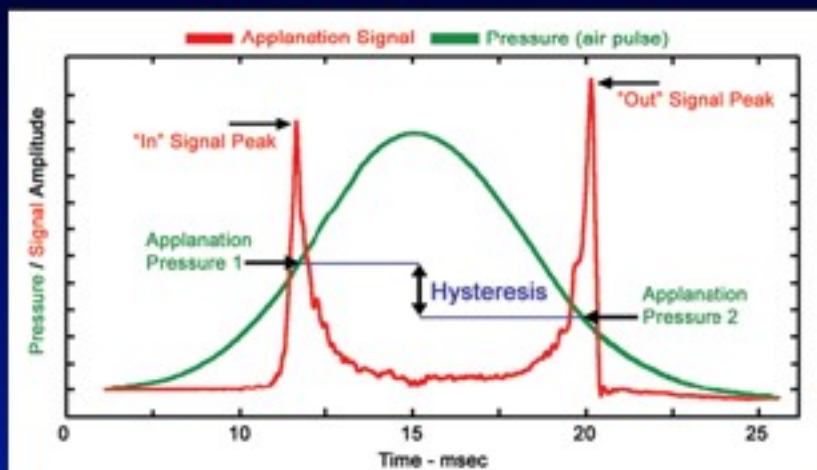
If Cornea is pushed by air impulse, an advanced electro-optical system can record 2 applanation pressure measurements: one while the cornea is moving inward and the other as the cornea returns.

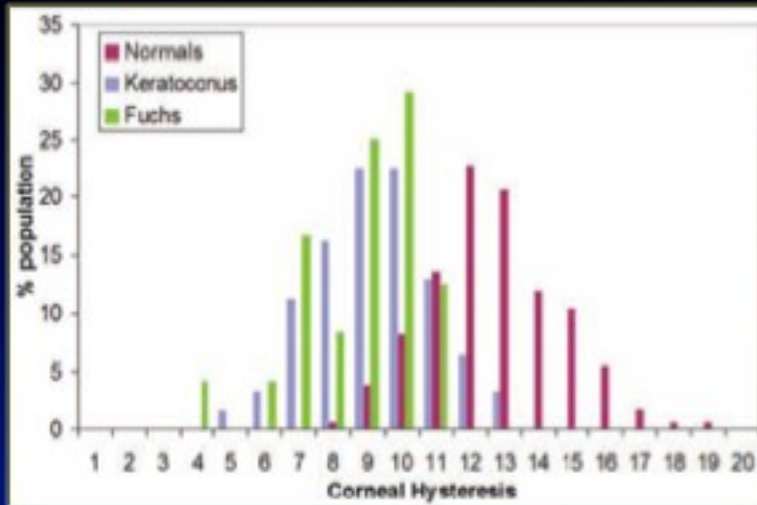
The difference between these 2 measurements is Corneal Hysteresis (CH)

Ocular Response Analyzer

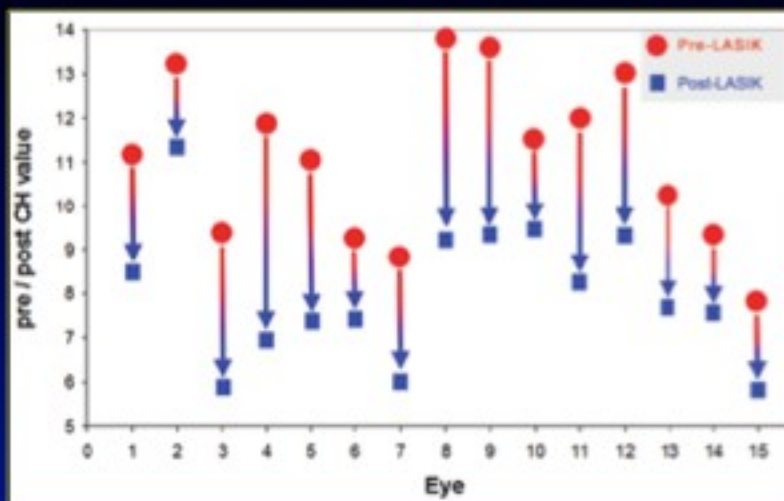


Corneal Hysteresis





Comparison of Corneal Hysteresis distribution of normal, keratoconic, and Fuchs' subjects



Corneal Hysteresis of 15 eyes pre- and post-LASIK

Tonometry in Adults and Children

A Manometric Evaluation of Pneumatometry, Applanation, and TonoPen In Vitro and In Vivo

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Objective: The purpose of the study was to determine the accuracy of applanation tonometry, pneumatometry, and TonoPen tonometry in adults and children and the effect of age on tonometer error.

Design: The design was divided into four parts: part 1 was prospective and cross-sectional, and parts 2 through 4 were prospective, cross-sectional, and masked.

Participants: This study contained 72 patients representing 74 data points.

Intervention: Tonometry with simultaneous manometry was performed.

Main Outcome Measures: Intraocular pressure (IOP) and the tonometric estimate of IOP were obtained.

Results: The normal pediatric IOP follows the line $T_a = 0.71 \text{ age}(\text{years}) + 10$ up to age 10. Applanation tonometry under anesthesia differs from pneumatometry by an average of -8.6 mmHg and is age related by the equation $T_a = T_{pn} + 2.6 \log(\text{age}) - 10.3$. The TonoPen was the most accurate instrument for enucleated eyes, and the pneumatometer was the most accurate in anesthetized living eyes.

Conclusions: Applanation tonometry markedly underestimated IOP in young eyes. TonoPen tonometry performed well with enucleated eyes but was not adequately accurate for clinical use. The pneumatometer performed the best clinically and the best overall. *Ophthalmology* 1998; 105:1173-1181

Tonometry in Adults and Children

- Part I: Goldmann vs Pneuma in Clinic
- Part II: Perkins vs Pneuma in OR (EUA)
- Part III: Perkins vs Pneuma vs TonoPen vs Manometer in Vitro
- Part IV: Perkins vs Pneuma vs TonoPen vs Manometer in Vivo

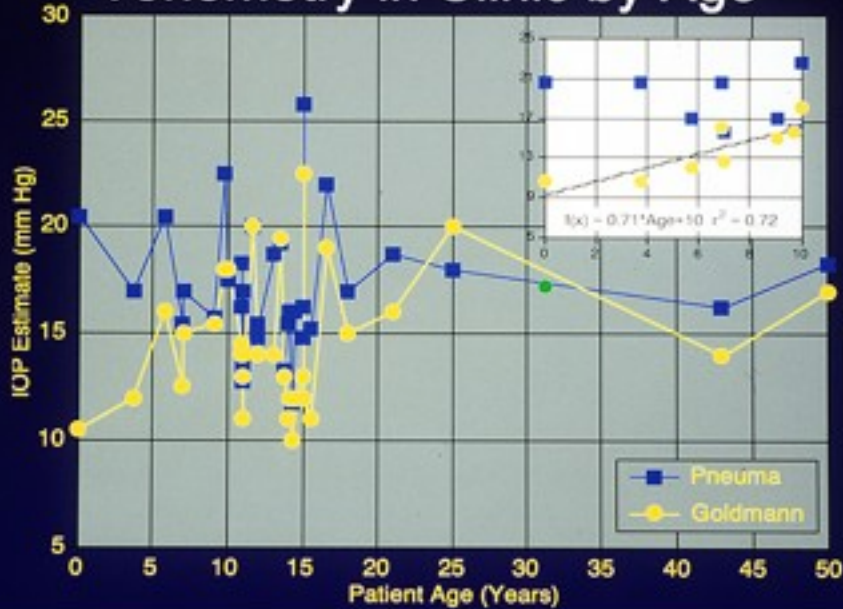
Methods Part I

- Tonometry in Clinic
- Normal eyes in Clinic
- Goldmann (few Perkins) and Pneuma by DLE or BGS
- Regression analysis

Age Adjusted Normals in Clinic



Tonometry in Clinic by Age



Age Adjusted Normals in Clinic



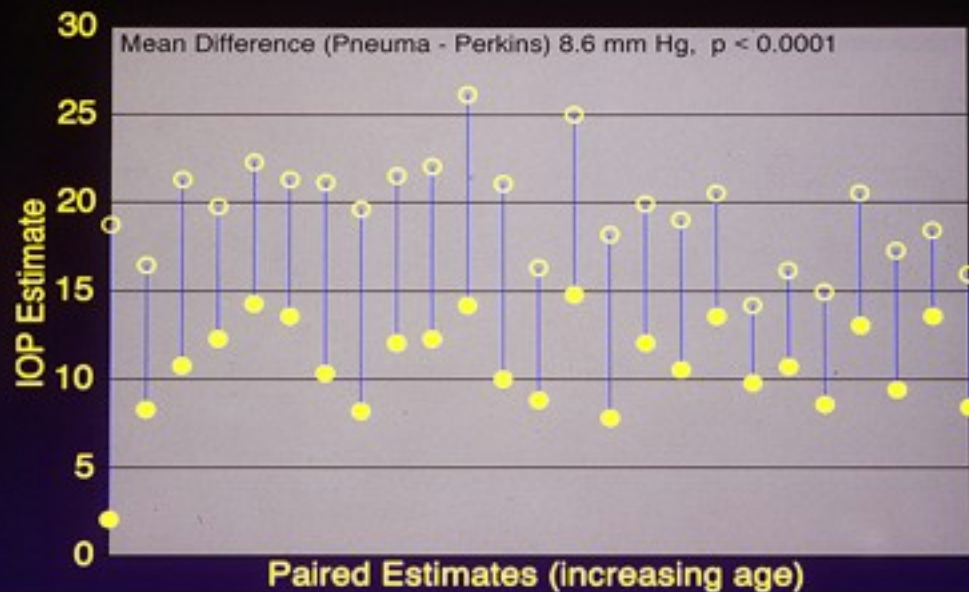
Methods Part II

- **Tonometry Under Anesthesia**
- **Strabismus surgery eyes in OR**
- **Perkins and Pneuma by CAM**
- **Regression analysis of difference**

Results Part II

- **Tonometry Under Anesthesia**
- **24 Patients, 0 to 68 years of age**
- **Ta significantly lower than Pneuma by 8.6 mmHg**
- **Ta = Pneuma - 10.3 + 2.6*Log(Age)**

Tonometry Under Anesthesia



Methods Part III

- Enucleated Human Eyes
- Enucleated globes, <24hrs post mortem
- Perkins, Pneuma, TonoPen by DLE
- MANOMETRIC reference
- Randomized IOP target (low, med, high)

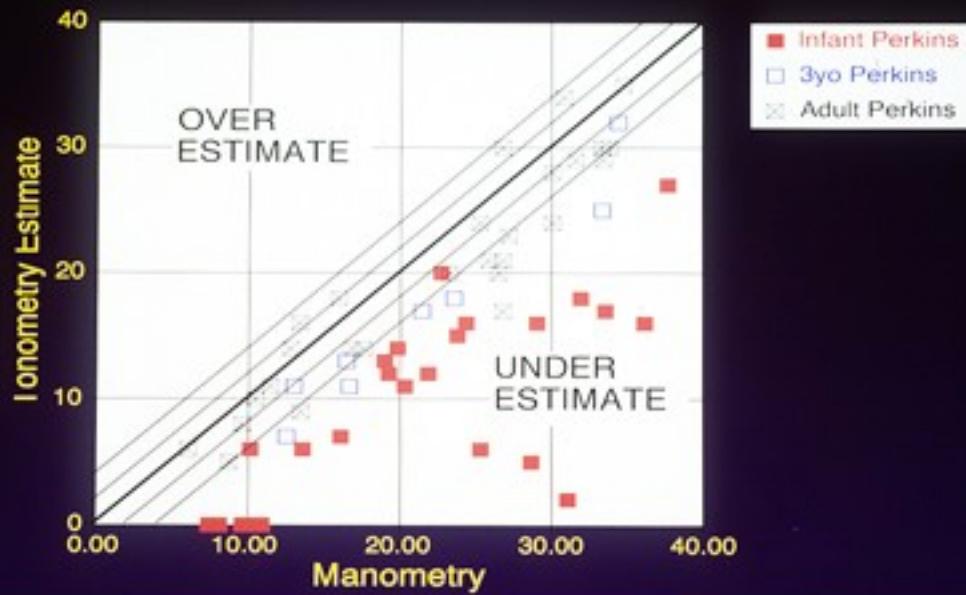
Demographics - Enucleated Human Eyes

	Age(Years)	Gender	Eye
1	0.00	M	OU
2	0.01	F	OU
3	3.00	M	OU
4	82.00	M	OU
5	82.10	F	OU

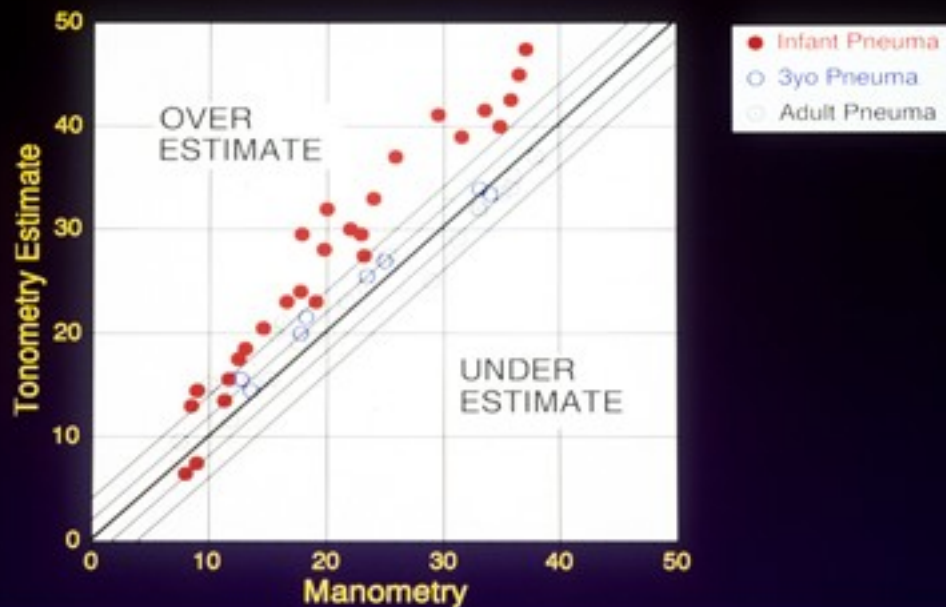
Results Part III

- **Enucleated Human Eyes**
- **2 newborn, 1 3 yo, 2 adult (10 eyes)**
- **Perkins: $-7.6 + 0.040 \cdot \text{Age}$, no IOP effect**
- **Pneuma: $+5.6 - 0.053 \cdot \text{Age}$, no IOP effect**
- **TonoPen: $-0.10 \cdot \text{IOP}$, no Age effect**

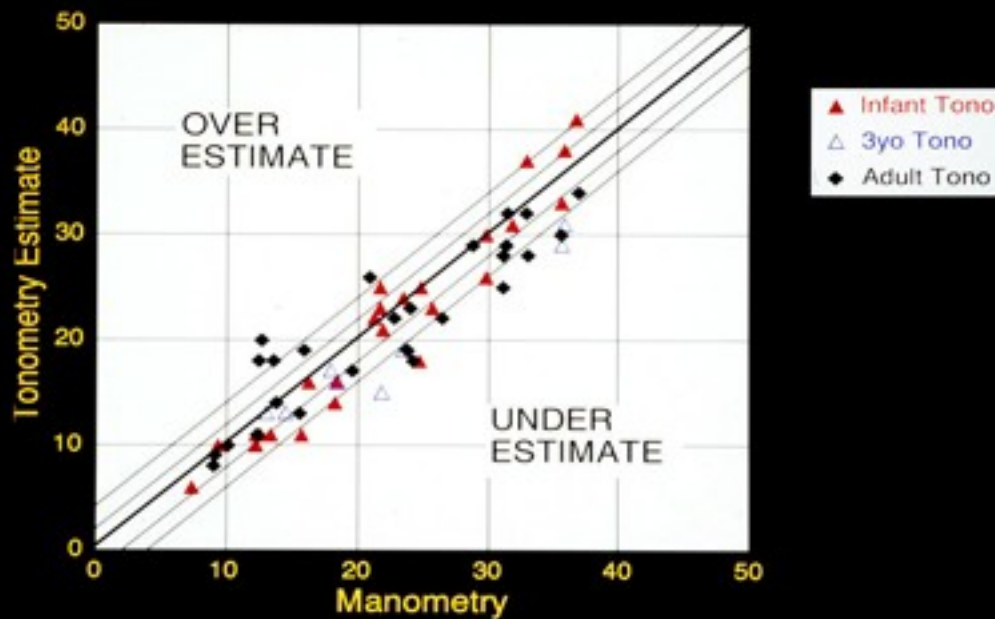
Results Part III - Perkins



Results Part III - Pneuma



Results Part III - TonoPen



Methods Part IV

- Intraoperative Manometry
- Cataract surgery patients
- Perkins, Pneuma, TonoPen by CAM or JSS
- MANOMETRIC reference
- Randomized IOP targets (low, med, high)
- Masked to target and result

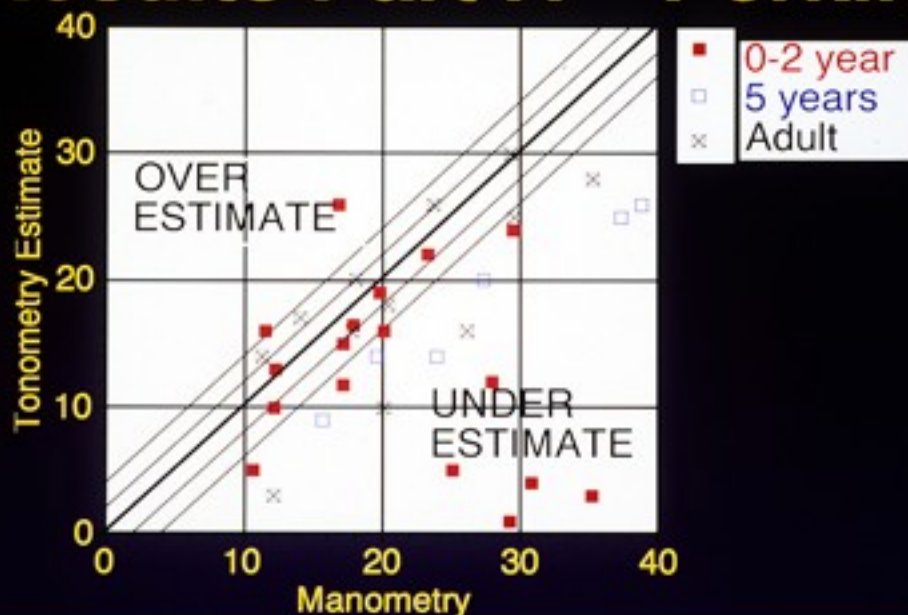
Demographics - Intraoperative Manometry

	Age(Years)	Gender	Eye
AL	0.10	F	OS
RS	0.23	M	OS
JB	0.75	M	OD
JB	1.00	M	OS
JM	1.75	F	OD
CF	4.90	F	OS
CF	5.00	F	OD
CL	50.20	F	OD
RD	68.00	F	OD
PD	78.30	F	OS
WO	85.00	M	OD

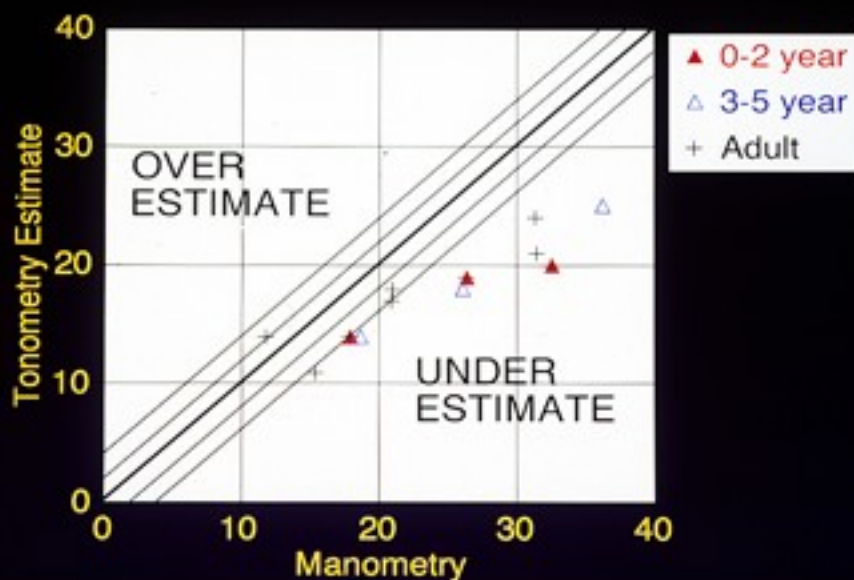
Results Part IV

- Intraoperative Manometry
- 5 children, 4 adults (11 eyes)
- Perkins: $0.067 \cdot \text{Age} - 0.21 \cdot \text{IOP}$
- Pneuma: $+7.6 - 0.36 \cdot \text{IOP}$, no Age effect
- TonoPen: $+5.2 - 0.50 \cdot \text{IOP}$, no Age effect

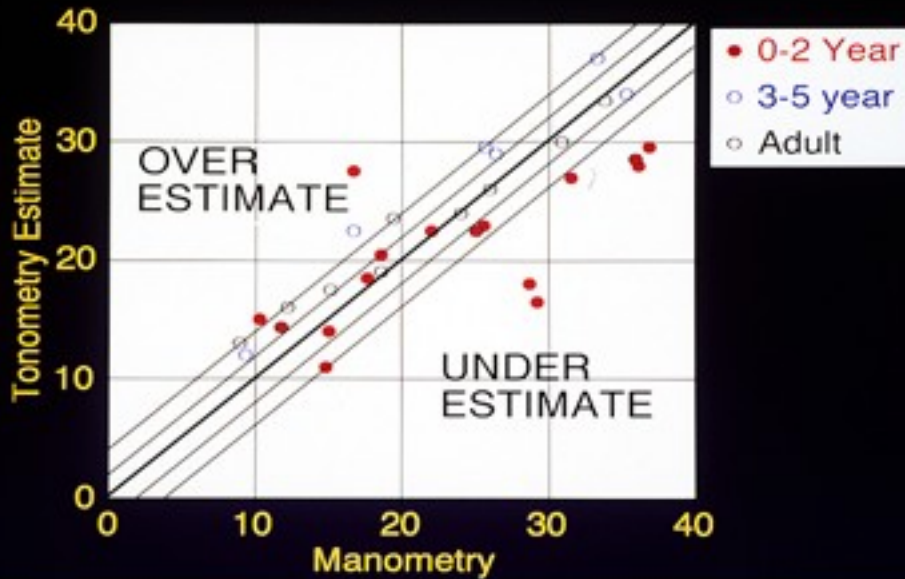
Results Part IV - Perkins



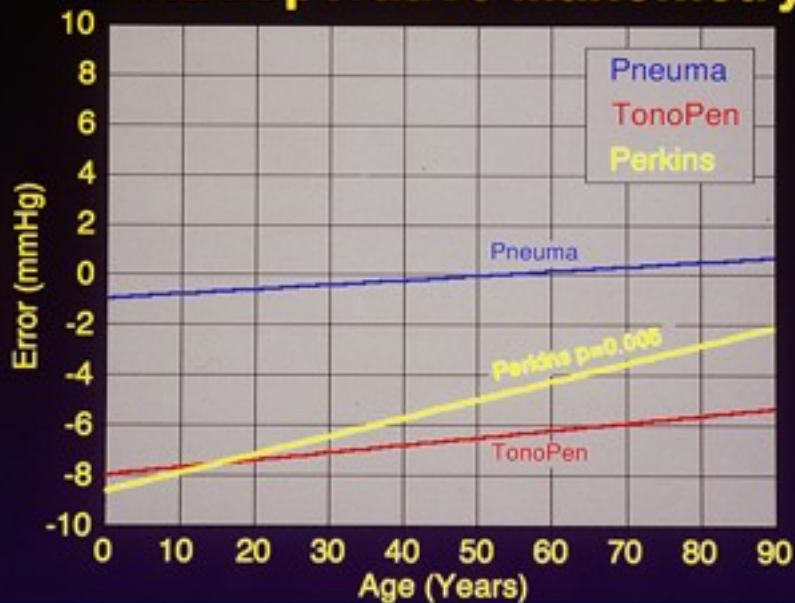
Results Part IV - TonoPen



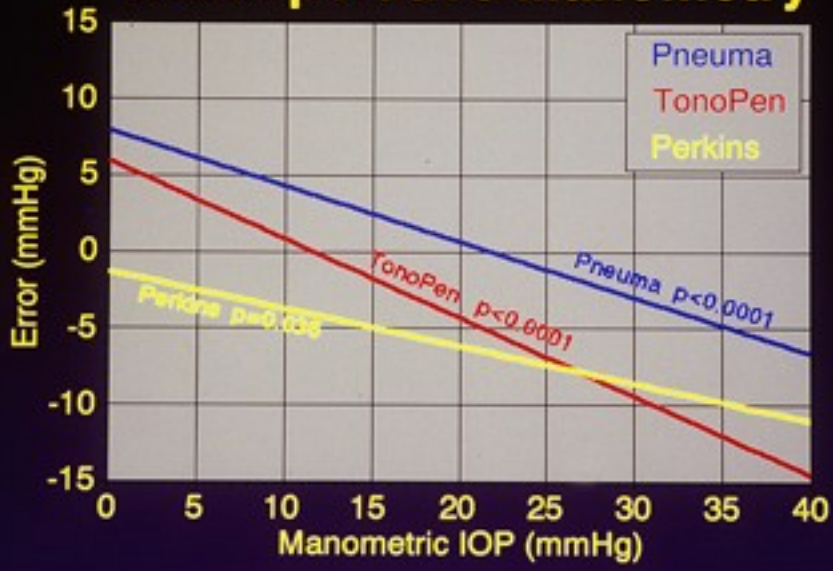
Results Part IV - Pneuma



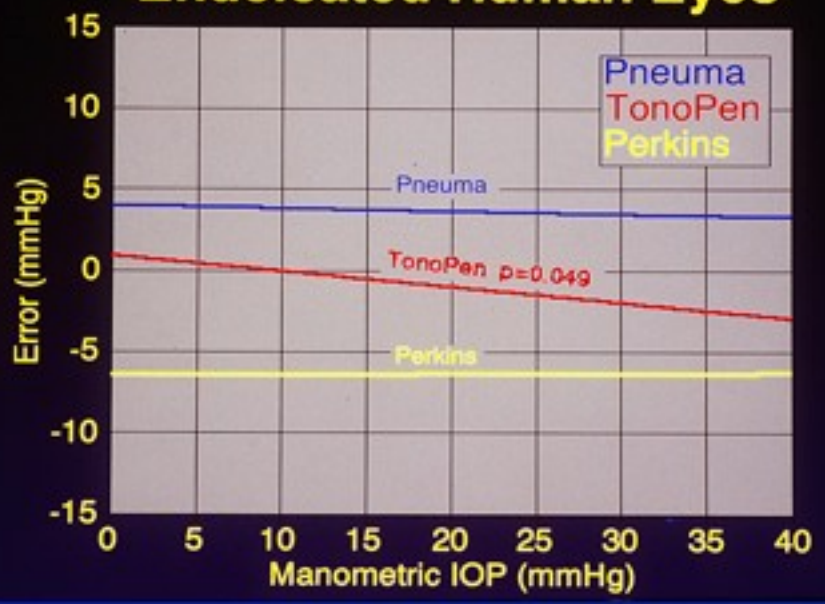
Error by Age Intraoperative Manometry



Error by IOP Intraoperative Manometry



Error by IOP Enucleated Human Eyes



Conclusions: Applanation Tonometry

- Age was an independent source of error
- IOP was an independent source of error
- The error was underestimation in both
- Younger patient age resulted in greater error
- Higher IOP resulted in greater error

Conclusions: TonoPen Tonometry

- No age effects
- IOP was an independent source of error in living eyes
- The error was overestimation at IOP below 11 mmHg and underestimation above

Conclusions: Pneumatometry

- **No age effects found in living eyes**
- **IOP was an independent source of error**
- **The error was overestimation at IOP below 20 mmHg and underestimation above**

Summary

- **Applanation significantly underestimated IOP**
 - **Effect possibly related to corneal thickness**
- **The Pneumatometer was the most accurate in living eyes**
- **The TonoPen was the most accurate in enucleated eyes**