



Proverbs

The physician is only nature's assistant—Galen





Proverb

 Surgery does the ideal thing, it separates the patient from the disease—Logan Clendening, MD





Surgical Decisions



Between two evils, I always like to take the one I've never tried before —Mae West, American actress 1893-1980

Lecture Outline

- Tissue glue Advance
- Management of OSSN
- Corneal Transplantation: Selected techniques and advances
- Surgical Options for Keratoconus



Tissue glue

Indications

- Perforated bacterial ulcers
- Neurotrophic ulcers seen with HZV, HSV, s/p surgery for acoustic neuroma
- Corneal surgery wound leaks



Tissue glue: Neurotrophic ulcer

- Sterile cyanoacrylate glue
- (e.g. dental glue (Periacryl, Histoacryl [Canada])



Tissue glue: Neurotrophic ulcer

 Resistant to patching, punctal plugs, bandage contact lenses, AMT



Perforations: cyanoacrylate glue

Emergency closure
Usually only temporizing measure while surgery is being scheduled



New ReSure Corneal Sealant

Is there a place for clinic use?
– Currently approved for cataract surgery



Resure Corneal Sealant

 ReSure tissue glue
 Polyethylene glycol(PEG) hydrogel technology



Corneal Laceration Repair

ReSure tissue glue

 Potential adjunct for
 complex laceration repair







OSSN: Ocular surface squamous neoplasia (CIN) Often overlooked with pterygium dx



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 Treatment Options paradigm shift Traditional:

 Excisional biopsy with adjuvant MMC, cryopexy and AMT

Advantage is histologic confirmation





OSSN: Ocular surface squamous neoplasia



Recent trend:

- Topical MMC 0.4 mg/ml
- Topical Interferon (IFN a2b-1M units/ml)
- Topicals have equal or fewer recurrences and later time of recurrence than surgical treatment
- Most recurrences within 2 years



Besley et al AJO 2014 jFeb; 157(2):207-93



CORNEAL GRAFTING UPDATE Outline

Corneal transplantation

- ANTERIOR LAMELLAR (ALKP)
 - ◆ Tectonic/ patch grafts (LKP)
 - ◆ Deep Anterior Lamellar (DALK)
- ENDOTHELIAL KERATOPLASTY (EK)
 - ◆ DLEK—now rarely used
 - ♦ DSEK; **DSAEK**
 - ◆ DMEK; DMAEK
- PENETRATING KERATOPLASTY (PK)
 - ◆ Manual trephine PK (PKP)—most common
 - Femtosecond (FPK)
- KERATOPROSTHESIS
 - ♦ Temporary
 - ◆ Permanent (KPro)

Lamellar Keratoplasty

Takes advantage of lamellar architecture





From Fine ES: Ocular histology: a text and atlas, ed. 2, Hagerstow 1979, Harper & Row.)



♦ TYPES

- Free hand
- Trephine
- Crescentic
- Automated microkeratome
- Femtosecond laser

ANTERIOR LAMELLAR/ TECTONIC GRAFTING

INDICATIONS

- Descemetocele/perforations
- Corneoscleral limbal melts
- Anterior stromal scars (e.g. herpetic)
- Anterior stromal dystrophies (granular, lattice)
- Chemical burn scars (after limbal grafting)
- Ectasias (keratoconus, pellucid, keratoglobus, post LASIK)
 - Progression to transplant may become a historical curiosity!



TECTONIC ANTERIOR LAMELLAR KERATOPLASTY (ALKP)

Indications

- Severely thinned corneas, descemetoceles & perforations
 - ♦Bacterial
 - ♦Viral
 - ♦Fungal
 - ♦Amebic
 - ♦ Neurotrophic
 - ♦Mooren's ulcer
 - Rheumatologic conditions

ALKP PRINCIPLE (Anterior Lamellar Keratoplasty)





LARGE DIAMETER ANTERIOR LAMELLAR KERATOPLASTY

Keratoglobus





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Keratoglobus

 D.G. 33yo, Ehlers Danlos Type V or VI (very rare, no aortic involvement)

- Thinned to 5-10% residual stroma, limbus



LARGE DIAMETER ANTERIOR LAMELLAR KERATOPLASTY

Keratoglobus

Too thin for riboflavin CXL

 Must preserve limbal stem cells: "tuck" behind Palisades of Vogt





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Crescentic Tectonic ALKP: Indications

Pellucid marginal degeneration













Tectonic ALKP

Crescentic Keratoplasty







Anterior Lamellar Keratoplasty

Traditional ALKP Advantage – Relatively easy to perform

Disadvantages



- Interface haze reduces visual outcome





DEEP ANTERIOR LAMELLAR KERATOPLASTY (DALK)

Advantages

- Eliminates risk of endothelial graft rejection—less follow up once sutures out!
- less interface haze/ better vision potential
- Gaining popularity for keratoconus (vs PK)
 Disadvantages
- Recipient cornea must not be too thin
- No panstromal scarring

 Descemet/ scar attachments cause perforation
- Time consuming
- Must be ready to convert to PK (back up corneal tissue!)



CURRENT TREND: DALK IF POSSIBLE

If host endothelium is normal

 Current trend toward more
 DALK and less Penetrating
 Keratoplasty (spares host
 endothelium)

DALK

Deep Anterior Lamellar Keratoplasty
 Indicated for Bowman's/anterior/ & *posterior* stromal replacement





DALK (Deep Anterior Lamellar Keratoplasty

DALK:

- Historically inadequate techniques for preservation of Descemet's & endothelium with DALK
- Perforations were

frequent



 I don't know what the problem is, but I am sure it can be solved without resorting to violence
 -Arnold Schwarzenegger (Twins)





Donor Tissue for ALK/ DALK

- Traditionally fresh whole globe or short term preserved cornea
 - Generally use tissue without adequate endothelial cell counts for endothelial grafting



 DALK tissue: surgeon simply strips endothelium from donor







Precut Lamellar Graft Tissue Delivered to O.R.





HALO STERILE CORNEA

- Off the shelf immediate availability
- Sterile!
- Normal structural strength
- No viable cells, e.g. endothelium, keratocytes
- Potentially less risk of rejection







Endothelial Replacement Endothelial Keratoplasty (EK)

Reasons for EK:

- Eye is stronger, resistant to injury
- Healing time significantly shorter
 Quicker return to referring eye doctor
- Visual recovery **faster**
 - Appeals to younger patients
 - Appeals to older patients (~1 yr vs 8 years)
- Minimal suture use; suture related complications rare
- Minimal change in refractive error—return to spectacle correction for BCVA

Endothelial Replacement Endothelial Keratoplasty (EK)

- DLEK (Deep Lamellar Endothelial Keratoplasty)—Now rarely used
- DSEK/DSAEK: Descemet's Stripping (Automated) Endothelial Keratoplasty —Most frequent EK technique
- DMEK/DMAEK (Descemet's Membrane (Automated) Endothelial Keratoplasty) —Gaining use





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DSEK: clearing graft




ENDOTHELIAL KERATOPLASTY

Descemet membrane endothelial keratoplasty (DMEK)

- Descemet's stripped from recipient as in DSAEK
- Donor Descemet's prepared by "big bubble" technique (in O.R. or Eye Bank) or "scuba" technique
- Descemet's placed on "carrier" ring or rolled into a "shooter"
- Injected into AC and tediously unfurled
- -Air bubble injected



DMEK Advantages:

- Descemet's may stick better than donor disk of DSEK/DSAEK—so far NOT
- May choose to transplant Fuchs patients at an earlier stage
- -Virtually "zero" refractive error change
- DMEK Disadvantages
 - Technically difficult to prepare donor
 - Technically difficult to unfurl donor in the anterior chamber
 - May take week(s) to adhere





Surgical Challenges with DMEK (and DMAEK)

♦ DMEK:

VISION

--Risky harvesting of donor Descemets' membrane with risk of tearing the tissue (another donor eye may be needed!) --Difficult unfolding and centering of "scroll" of donor tissue in the recipient

anterior chamber

--Getting graft to adhere







DMEK Preparation





Biggest DMEK challenge

 Graft attachment
 need to rebubble/ position patient for days







Maybe less (surgery) is more!



Penetrating Keratoplasty (full thickness corneal graft)





 First PK performed by Eduard Zirm, 1905, Moravia, for alkali burn



Penetrating Keratoplasty

Indications:

Fuchs endothelial dystrophy
 – Chronic edema/ scarring



 Pseudophakic corneal edema/ bullous keratopathy

Indications: • Keratoconus/ Post-LASIK ectasia --with deep scarring



Herpetic corneal scars



Penetrating Keratoplasty

Dystrophies





Indications:

 Congenital opacities e.g. Peter's anomaly_____

CHED





 Therapeutic: Non-responsive infective ulcers e.g. mycobacteria, fungus



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Trephines
Donor





Trephines
Recipient



Penetrating Keratoplasty

May be combined with • Cataract surgery

IOL removal/ exchange

Vitrectomy



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- Removal of recipient's cornea
- Donor cornea placement





Mosby items and derived items @ 2005 by Mosby, Inc

- Sutures placed
- Completed cornea transplant





Penetrating Keratoplasty

Numerous potential complications
 Wound problems associated with sutures:
 Indolent erosions

Wound leak



Numerous potential complicationsWound problems/Wound mismatch





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High and Irregular Astigmatism



Endophthalmitis



 ...etc; hence interest in lamellar surgery

Status of Penetrating Keratoplasty?



Status of PK (Penetrating Keratoplasty) ?

≻Major hurdles

- ◆Wound/ interface issues
 - -Healing time
 - -Suture complications
 - –Increase terminal wound strength
 (>70%)
- ◆Topography: prolate/ non-astigmatic
- ◆Reduce rejection potential







Femtosecond Laser PK (FLAK)

1 week after surgery

3 months after surgery







6 months after surgery

Penetrating Keratoplasty • Femtosecond PK (FLAK) Zig-zag incision IEK 3 months after surgery Trephine 1 year after surgery Image: State S



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Surgical Options for Keratoconus

- Corneal Cross-linking (UVA-riboflavin collagen crosslinking)
- Rose Bengal-visible light crosslinking
- Intacs, often combined with CXL
- Anterior (ALK, DALK) and Penetrating Keratoplasty (PKP)









 A government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on this earth

-Ronald Reagan (1911-2004)





You can always count on Americans to do the right thing—after they've tried everything else

-Winston Churchill

Grafts for Keratoconus & Ectasias

Will grafts be a curiosity of the past?
 – Riboflavin UVA corneal cross-linking



Riboflavin/UVA Crosslinking

- FDA-monitored clinical trials in progress, possible approval this year (Avedro, Inc)
- Multiple studies: may slow or stop keratoconus progression
- Flattening of up to 1D at 3-6 months
- Trend toward improved BCVA
- No major SEQ changes
- Less effective for higher K's
- Failure rate, loss of BSCVA, sterile infiltrates, scars, potential risks to be determined

Riboflavin/UVA Crosslinking

- Cornea must be thicker than 300 microns to prevent damage to endothelium
- New "standard of care" may be to treat keratoconus at *first sign* of ectasia
- Onset teenage years potentially most benefited from crosslinking
- New "epithelium on" techniques being studied
 - Greater ease of procedure
 - Greater comfort for patient



Surgical Treatment of Keratoconus New Paradigm

- ICRS for early contact lens intolerance/ apical staining/ early scarring
- CXR after ICRS to inhibit further progression of keratoconus
 ...Avoids corneal transplantation





topography





Intacs Design Features

- 150° Arcs PMMA
- Precision Lathe-Cut to ± 0.01mm
- Hexagonal-Shaped Section of a Cone
- Inner Diameter = 6.8 mm
- Outer Diameter = 8.1 mm 2 Positioning Holes for Manipulation
- Intacs placement:
 - In peripheral cornea
 - Between stromal layers







Indications for Intacs

Intacs for Keratoconus: – FDA IDE:

 Goal: Restore Functional Vision/ ability to continue contact lens wear/ Stop the apical scarring/ Potentially Defer PKP

- ♦21 Years of Age or Older
- ♦Clear Central Corneas
- Corneal Thickness of 450 Microns or Greater at the Proposed Incision Site
- PKP or DALK as Remaining Option to Improve Functional Vision



New Keratoconus Lifecycle?

- Keratoconus diagnosed
- Corneal Cross-linking performed
 Add Intacs if advanced disease
- Spectacles or Contact Lenses fit
- Corneal grafts (PK, DALK) for KCN will become increasingly rare

Surgical Options for Advanced Keratoconus

- Intacs
- DALK
- Penetrating keratoplasty (PKP)

Surgical Options for Advanced Keratoconus



Intacs -0.75 Transplant +8.00 -2.00 X 180°
















Results of ICRS and Riboflavin CXR for Keratoconus



 Progressive keratoconus in contact lens wearers/ relative intolerance:

 Preponderance of papers support ICRS followed by riboflavin CXR to prevent further progression

CORNEAL SURGERY UPDATE Summary

Take Home:

 Selective replacement of corneal lamellae more common

- Faster healing and return to the primary eye care provider
- Faster return to successful spectacle or contact lens wear
- Often less chance of rejection
- Better patient acceptance!
- Can salvage previously rejected or failed PK's!

CORNEAL SURGERY UPDATE Summary (cont)

- Surgical Management of Keratoconus moving away from corneal grafting:
 - The evolving paradigm is to
 Perform CXL as soon as diagnosis of
 - progression has been established, or young age of onset
 - Keep patients in spectacles, or contacts
 - ICRS (Intacs) to extend successful contact lens wear in more advanced disease



Doctors are men who prescribe medicines of which they know little, to cure diseases of which they know less, in human beings of whom they know nothing. —Voltaire, 1694-1778

French enlightenment writer, philosopher



