

# Short-Term Outcomes with a Porous Plate Valved Glaucoma Implant

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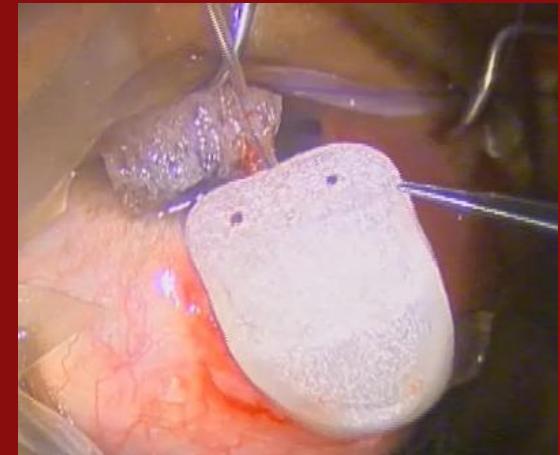


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# Porous Plate Valved Glaucoma Implant

- Manufactured as Ahmed Glaucoma Valve, Model M4 (New World Medical, Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, CA, USA)
- Porous plate may allow for lower postoperative bleb profile and reduced rate of bleb fibrosis



# Purpose

- To study the short-term safety and efficacy of porous plate valved glaucoma drainage implant (GDI) surgery in glaucomatous individuals.

# Methods

- This study was approved by the University of Illinois at Chicago institutional review board
- Retrospective medical record review of all patients undergoing porous plate valved GDI surgery at a single tertiary care eye center

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- Exclusion criteria: < 30 days follow-up, glaucoma surgery combined with keratoprosthesis implantation
- Primary outcome: Postoperative IOP
- Secondary outcomes: Visual acuity, use of supplemental medical therapy, complications, and incidence of hypertensive phase

# Results

- Thirty-two eyes underwent porous plate valved GDI surgery
- Nine eyes excluded due to inadequate follow-up (n=7) or combined keratoprosthesis surgery (n=2)

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- Mean follow-up time =  $82 \pm 38$  days

Outcome	Pre-operative	Post-operative	P-value
IOP (mm Hg)	$26.2 \pm 10.8$	$17 \pm 3.8$	<.001
# Meds	$2.9 \pm 1.2$	$1.3 \pm 1.4$	<.001



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- Four eyes (18%) with vision loss > 2 Snellen lines
- Eight eyes (36.3%) experienced hypertensive phase at  $74 \pm 26$  days postoperatively.
- Complications: hyphema (n=1), aqueous misdirection (n=1)

# Conclusions

- The porous plate valved glaucoma implant is effective in the short-term IOP-lowering of glaucomatous patients.
- The potential for a hypertensive phase requires close monitoring for possible re-institution of adjunctive medical therapy.

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