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Corneal melt around Boston type I keratoprosthesis

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Boston keratoprosthesis devices require regular monitoring to assess for the presence of <u>complications such as infection</u> and corneal melt. Anterior segment optical coherence tomography (OCT) is a useful study to assess for the presence of corneal thinning or melt. We regularly use OCT to monitor the status of the cornea around the device.

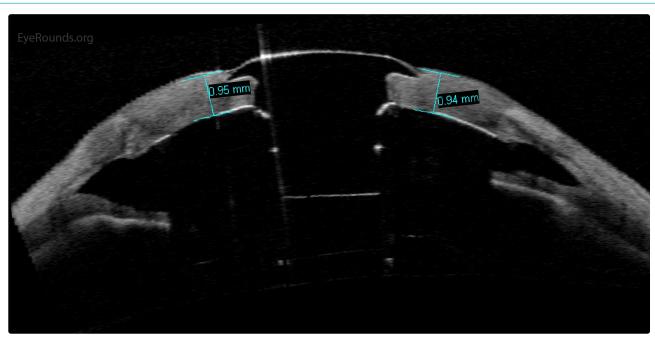


Figure 1: Normal appearance of Boston type I keratoprosthesis device on anterior segment OCT.



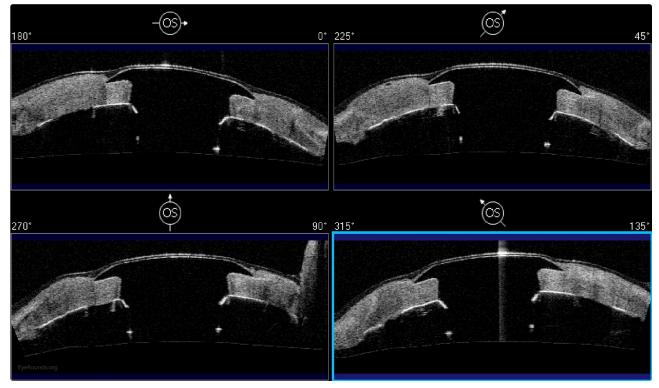


Figure 2: Anterior segment optical coherence tomography demonstrating the appearance of a Boston Type I Kpro with healthy corneal tissue surrounding the device



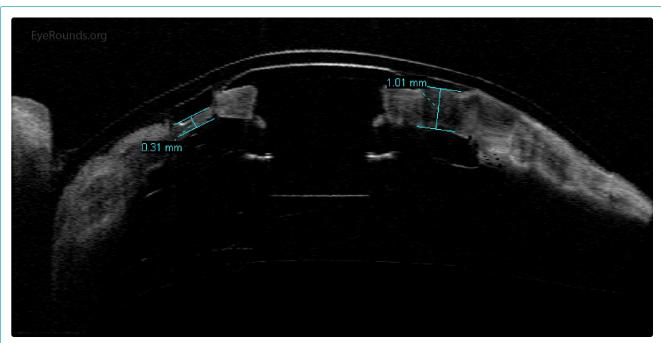


Figure 3: Corneal melt with thinning of the tissue surrounding the device stem.



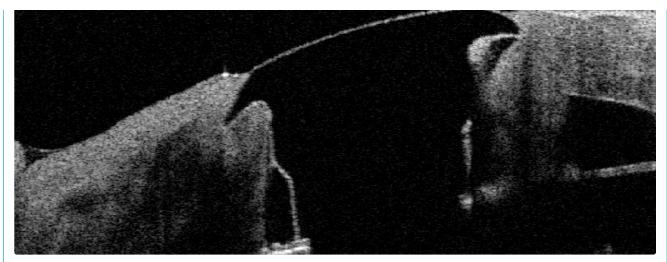


Figure 4: Corneal melt with tissue retraction away from the device stem (arrow).



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