

One week after purchasing his first **optomap** device, Anthony Clark, OD of Triangle Vision in North Carolina, experienced how utilizing **optomap** technology can help save lives.

Clark recounts how his 42-year-old patient, Lynette, came in for an eye exam and, despite being overweight and on blood pressure medication, she was in relatively good health and asymptomatic. "Everything was fine until I looked at the **optomap** images," Clark explained. "They revealed bilateral, temporal, peripheral dot hemorrhages - worse in the left eye." As Clark reviewed the

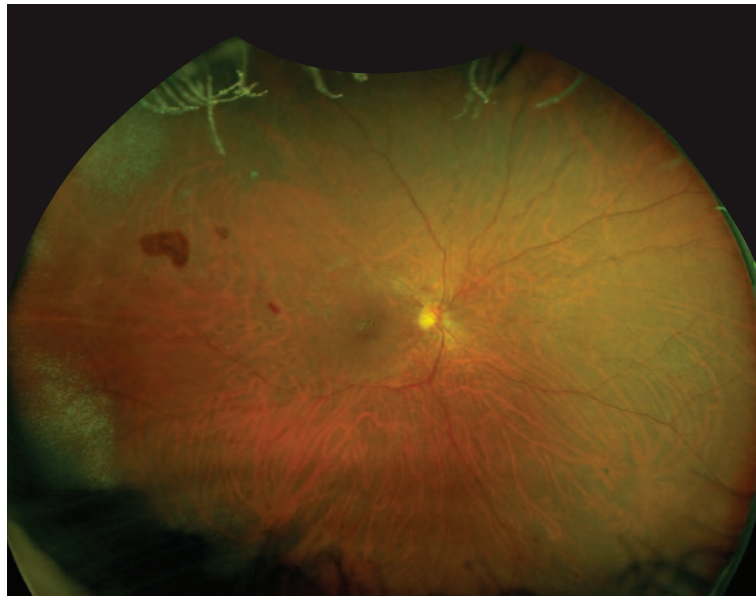
image with Lynette, he explained to her what they were seeing and how this could indicate cardiovascular issues. "Here is evidence of the power of **optomap** images in patient education. What I had seen in the image jumped out to me but more importantly it jumped out to her!" Clark explained how Lynette already had an appointment scheduled with her primary care provider, so he gave her a letter to accompany her to that appointment. Despite the fact that Clark's concerns were clearly outlined in that letter, the PCP reportedly dismissed the issue.

However, shortly thereafter Lynette saw a Public Service Announcement for free carotid arterial screenings. Remembering her **optomap** image, she responded to this opportunity at the local hospital and there they discovered from the screening that she was 95 percent occluded on the right side and 80 percent occluded on the left side. She was immediately admitted and as she was being prepped for surgery she recalls that the surgeon remarked, "I don't know who found this, but whoever it was, saved your life." Lynette credits Dr. Clark and the **optomap** image for alerting her to the life-threatening issue.

"I am excited for her," said Clark pointing out that Lynette is doing well following her treatment. "There is a dramatic improvement in her retinal appearance as well."

Clark emphasized, *"You see, we want to help people and this technology helps me to help my patients more effectively. Lynette's story is a great story with a great result and it is just one great example of why **optomap** is so incredibly valuable."*

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The **optomap** color image above, shows peripheral hemorrhages denoting a diagnosis of Retinal Vein Occlusion, similar to what the patient in this case, experienced.

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