

CHALLENGING DOGMAS

What is one dogma in glaucoma care—past or present—that you feel most committed to challenging?

DOGMA



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“That every patient with a narrow occludable angle needs to undergo laser peripheral iridotomy—as soon as possible or they will go blind from an attack of acute angle-closure glaucoma.”

DOGMA



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“That trabeculectomy is still the gold standard glaucoma surgery; I now consider it a 'third-world' treatment option.”

DOGMA



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“That glaucoma medications are much safer than glaucoma surgery—I have encountered several patients who have lost vision from noncompliance to glaucoma medications.”

DOGMA



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“That patients with narrow angles need laser peripheral iridotomy.”

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“That many patients with advanced glaucoma need IOPs lower than 12 mm Hg.”

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“That patients with glaucoma should be followed for years before undergoing surgical intervention—ophthalmologists can intervene early with MIGS, and exciting work on cellular biomarkers for glaucoma may lead to even earlier diagnosis and treatment.”