I. AXIAL LENGTH MEASUREMENT

The Ossoinig Immersion is proven to consistently produce an axial length measurement that is 0.26 mm longer than that using the application technique - that may indent the cornea, creating an artificially shorter reading. An 8 mHz non-focused transducer is recommended - can be attached to most US machines. An Ossoinig shell (cup) is placed between the lids and filled with Goniosol [cut 50% with Dacriose]. The probe is placed into the fluid and aimed in an axial direction. Optical biometry methods are easier and matched to equal Immersion. (See below)

   i. Prager Shell:  Order from: ESI, Inc.  www.ESI.com  763-473-2533  tab@eyesurgin.com

B. Direct read out of oscilloscope is optimal compared to “black box” readouts without scan. PO Rx affected by AL
C. Axiality determined by obtaining simultaneous maximum corneal and retinal spikes.
D. Always measure the axial length of both eyes [Standard of Care Issue].
E. Consider STAPHYLOMA in problem case with AL >25 mm, need B-scan or Optical biometer.

F. ULTRASOUND SPEED

In 1974,* I computed the average US speed of a Phakic eye = 1555 m/sec and an Aphakic eye = 1534 m/sec. BUT AL affects this: e.g. 20 mm Phakic = 1560 m/sec & 30 mm Phakic = 1550 m/sec. (Aphakic NOT affected by AL)
WHY? Short eyes are made up of smaller % of fluid axially (short AC, shorter vitreous, thicker lens), , Velocity faster.
1. How to correct for this: PHAKIC EYE: Measure all eyes at 1532 m/sec and add to it a CALF factor of + 0.37 mm.
   a. APHAKIC EYE: Measure at 1532 m/sec and only add + 0.05 mm
   b. PSEUDOPHAKIC Eye: Measure at 1532 m/sec and add CALF of:
      PMMA [+ 0.424*(TL) + 0.037]  Silicone [+ 0.563*(TL) +0.037]  Acrylic [+ 0.243*(TL) + 0.037]  TL = IOL Thickness
   c. OR use Average Velocities for 23.5 mm eye: PMMA 1556 m/sec  Silicone 1487 m/sec  Acrylic 1549 m/sec
   d. Piggyback Lens Eye: AL = ALs + T1 * (1-1532/V1) + T2 * (1-1532/V2) + 0.037  Where T1 and V1 are the thickness and velocity of one IOL and T2 and V2 are the thickness and velocity of the other.
2. If AL not measured at 1532 m/sec, AL can be converted by formula: Vmeasured/correction velocity = correct or new Velocity
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   AL_{corrected} = AL_{measured} \times \frac{V_{correct}}{V_{measured}}
   \]
   Basically divide old AL by old V and multiply by new V.
3. Scleral Buckle after RD: Use AL-1 mm for ACD prediction and AL for IOL power calculation, “Double-AL”
4. SILICONE OIL filled Eye
   a. FIRST PROBLEM: Almost impossible to measure with Ultrasound:  BEST: USE OPTICAL BIOMETER.
   b. SECOND PROBLEM: Refractive index of silicone acts like a minus lens was placed in the vitreous and will cause the eye to become hyperopic by 2-3 D (Plano-convex IOL) or 3-6 D (Biconvex IOL) [Concave IOL best].
      Therefore the IOL power must be increased if silicone will be left in.
   c. Due to 1 & 2 above, I recommend waiting and performing secondary IOL using Holladay Refraction Formula.
   d. Advise all retinal surgeons to routinely perform AL measurement prior to placing Silicone.

G. OPTICAL BIOMETERS

IOLMaster 1999
Lenstar 2009 Proven Equal
Aladdin 2013 Proven Equal
Nidek AL-Scan Proven Equal
Galilei G-6 2013 TBA
Tommy OA-2000, IOLMaster 700, Heidelberg TBA, Movu Argos All TBA

II. CORNEAL POWER  [K]

For every 1.00 D change in Rx must change IOL by 1.25 D. For every 1.00 D change in IOL, get 0.87 D change in RX.
A. The manual keratometer should be standardized often. This is done with steel calibration balls from manufacturer.
B. K reading errors = diopter for diopter error in IOL power. Hard CL’s must be kept out > 2 weeks (Lawsuit)
C. Average K reading is always used; Cylinder is ignored. It has NO effect on IOL power
D. Ignore surgical change in corneal power unless a study of your cases reveals a consistent trend.
E. PK: Do secondary IOL after corneal transplant heals when the true K reading is able to be obtained.

G. Refractive Surgery Eyes

1. Over 30 methods to calculate K or fudge the IOL power
2. ARAMBERRI DOUBLE-K METHOD: Use Preop K to predict the ACD and PO calculated K for the IOL power.
3. IANCHULEV OR REFRACTION METHOD: WaveTec ORA microscope system proven accurate
   There are over 30 methods to estimate K or fudge IOL power for these eyes

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III. ANTERIOR CHAMBER DEPTH

A. All formulas require an AC depth (ACD) = Corneal thick + Endo to IOL surf dist + 10% TL (Pl-cvx) or 50% TL (Bicvx)]
B. ACD (ELP) is not the ultrasound pre-op anatomical AC depth reading; it is the axial position of the IOL.
C. ACD is individual to each IOL style and can be predicted by the formula or is the average of a PO series.

D. The A constant in SRK formulas and the Surgeon Factor (SF) in the Holladay formula are used to predict ELP.
E. Hoffer Q formula uses pACD and the Q formula to develop the predicted ELP for an individual eye.
F. Decrease IOL 1.00 D when shifting from bag to sulcus placement (0.50 to 1.50 D depending on power of IOL).
G. Expect ~ 1.25 D/mm shift in IOL Position.

IV. FORMULAS

   "SRK and SRK II formulas are outdated and are no longer recommended; use the SRK/T for IOL power." John Retzlaff, M.D. (coauthor of SRK); 1990.
C. Modern Theoretic:
   1. Holladay® [1988]: Basic theoretic formula which calculates the corneal height (1²_used by Olsen) added to the corneal thickness (0.56) and an IOL/surgeon specific constant (the SF), to calculate the ELP.
   2. SRK/T® [1990]: Basic theoretic formula using Olsen method for predicting ACV.
   3. Hoffer® Q [1992]: Basic Hoffer formula [1974]. Uses Q formula to predict ELP which is dependent upon AL and K, using a personalized ACD. As accurate as the Holladay 1 formula and superior in short eyes.

   My study: 317 eyes: Less accurate in eyes 22.0-26.0 mm, equal to Hoffer Q (<22 mm). Better in eyes <18 mm.

   5. Haigis® [2000] Uses a0, a1, a2 for ELP. Optimize only a0 = Hoffer Q. Better if optimize all 3, but need 350 PO eyes.

   6. Holladay® H® [2004] Holladay Log Factors of AL, K, CD, ACD, LT and Age: BEST in <22, 24.5-26, Highest % ±0.13D.


V. COMPUTER DATABASE PROGRAMS

1. Holladay® IOL Consultant. Uses Double-K only for Holladay 2 formula, not Hoffer Q Holladay 1 or SRK/T.

2. Haigis Website

3. Olsen PhacoOptics Olsen C-constant Ray Tracing

VI. BIFOCAL IOL POWER

AL has no effect on Add power, K has minimal but ACD has real effect on add power.5,6

VI. CLINICAL RULES

1. Be sure Surgeon knows more about lens calculation than the Technician.
2. Be wary of transcription errors, e.g. AL and K readings. Calculate an average K quickly and use it from then on.
3. If you are accurate, aim for emmetropia (I have for 35 years without regret). Don't make all patients -1.5 D myopes.

Ask the patient what they want. If they want other than your recommendation have them sign for it in the chart.
4. IOL power for a monocular cataract in a bilateral high myope: carefully discuss the options of monocular emmetropia and the necessity of wearing a contact lens on the other eye versus lifelong myopia.
5. 7 D error at 3 days is 7 D at 3 yrs:

   a. DO IOL EXCHANGE QUICKLY
   b. USE McReynolds Analyzer 217-223-1111

   c. IF YO NEED HELP FOR DIFFICULT CASES
   d. E-mail to: KHofferMD@AOL.com

   4. ------------ Lens Power Calculation for Multifocal IOL's, (Chapter 17) Current Concepts of Multifocal Intraocular Lenses, Maxwell A


   8. Holladay JT Standardizing constants for ultrasonic biometry, keratometry, and intraocular lens power calculation.


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